



# Maynooth Summer Festival 2015

Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July

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## *Maynooth Town F.C.'s Rathcoffey Road facility hosts Academy Events*

The end of season Academy session was held in Maynooth Town's Rathcoffey Road facility on Saturday 13th June. Following the session and presentation of certificates the Academy members adjourned to McDonald's (Academy Sponsors) for some well earned refreshments. The Academy was launched in September 2013 with the view to providing a coaching service to players looking to do additional soccer training with an emphasis on individual player development rather than on specific team based training.

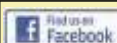
The Academy gear is Pro-Team and our main sponsor is McDonald's Maynooth and we are registered with the FAI Grassroot Program with McDonalds. The Academy works on the ethos of a ball per Player so from the moment a player arrives at training whether they are 4 or 14 they have their own ball to use for the session. This ethos maximises the development time for each player rather than standing waiting for a turn. All of the sessions put on by the coaches are based around multi directional exercises with a key focus point being players use both feet and play with their head up. These two points are drilled from the moment the warm up starts to the final moments of the sessions.

The Academy coaches & parents were very interested in the statistics of players on how many touches of the ball a player would have in a given session. Having recorded a standard session for a team a player would touch the ball between 60 & 90 times a session. Through our analysis we recorded on two different sessions, an Academy player touched the ball over 950 times in the 8-10 year old category in 1 hour and the 11 to 14 category a player touched the ball 1249 times within the hour. An average of 20 touches on the ball per minute. The ball never stops for an Academy session. In the warm up alone a player will touch the ball over 400 times as the emphasis of the warm up is on movement and change of direction using both feet. Specific drills are called to players as they dribble such as Sole Taps, Push Pull, Inside Taps, Drag & Tap, Cut, Inside Cut, U-Turn, Zidane, Cruyff Turn, Drag back, Double Drag Back & Step over. All ball mastery based skills that allow a player to change direction quickly to create space. The Academy Coaches use specific focus based tricks to encourage players to play with their head up and these are used for all ages from 4 to 14.

*For more information follow Maynooth Town FC Academy on Facebook. (Photos by John Boyd)*



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In Ireland around 400,000 dogs are microchipped. There are probably an equal number not microchipped. In the group microchipped there is a high percentage of dogs that are incorrectly registered, whether it is the wrong name of the owner, incorrect address or not registered at all.

Compulsory microchipping for pets has been passed into law by the Minister for Agriculture, Food & Marine Mr. Coveney. This law immediately applies to all dogs born after June 1<sup>st</sup>

2015 upon reaching 12 weeks of age. For all other age groups the legal date will be March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. For other animal groups identification has been there for years. In the bovine world all animals are tagged and registered and traceability can be carried out from farm to plate. In the horse kingdom all animals should be chipped and have a valid passport.



certificate of evidence. Owners of dogs that have already been microchipped pre September 2015 will also have responsibility to check that their details at the data base are correct and they will have to have a certificate of registration from the data base.

*For any advice on this new legal requirement you can ring us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 or Clane Veterinary Clinic 045 982763. It is always a good idea to have your pet scanned at any routine visit to the Clinic.*

From the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 all puppies have to be microchipped, have their correct details registered to an approved data base and have a certificate of proof from the data base.

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## Stagg Seeking to arrange Meeting between Maynooth University and Kildare Co. Council over Swimming Pool Closure

On foot of the announcement of the closure of the swimming pool at Maynooth University on 31st August and the devastating effect the closure would have for the local community and workers, Deputy Emmet Stagg is seeking a meeting between the Chief Executive of Kildare Co. Council Peter Carey and the President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan, to see if the closure can be avoided.

Two issues it would appear are at play here, the Capital Investment of €250,000 required to upgrade the Pool and the ongoing operational losses of the facility.

In seeking the meeting Deputy Stagg wants to explore any options for keeping the old pool opened until such time as the intended new University pool is developed. It is the University's intention to develop a new swimming pool with monies raised from a student levy and Deputy Stagg is aware that the University would be open to a joint venture with Kildare Co. Council or the State to ensure the local community would be served also should such a facility be provided. The critical thing now is how do we cover the intervening years to ensure we have Swimming Pool facilities in Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that his colleague Cllr. John McGinley already has a motion down for the next Co. Council Meeting on June 29th seeking the allocation of €250,000 from the €500,000 Development Contributions already accumulated for the North Kildare Swimming Pool in order to bring the Maynooth University within Health & Safety Guidelines and that the Council take out a lease on the University Pool until a new Public Swimming Pool is constructed in North Kildare. Before this money could be allocated a feasibility study would have to be carried out.

Deputy Stagg has now contacted the Chief Executive of Kildare Co. Council Peter Carey seeking to arrange a meeting with Professor Nolan to discuss this important issue. Deputy Stagg will also ask Professor Nolan to meet with SIPTU in relation to organising a meeting to seek a solution in relation to operational losses.

## Update on Repair to Damage at Carton Avenue Entrance

Residents will be aware that the steel balls at Carton Avenue entrance were damaged on at least two occasions. The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley, on 17 June, on repairs as follows:

*"We intend to replace all the broken units, replace the dislodged units and set back all so that the centre of the ball is 1.0m back from the kerb edge. This work will be done when the school is closed (early July)"*

## Update on Maynooth Pay Parking By-Laws

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report at the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting on 10 June:

*"The enforcement contract for Celbridge, Leixlip, Newbridge and Kildare commences 1st July 2015 and will include Maynooth in due course. The tender for the purchase and maintenance of pay parking machines will be advertised within the next three weeks. The Members will be kept updated on any progress."*

The Area Engineer advised Cllr. McGinley that the necessary re-surfacing works would be completed before October.

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for Support for "Let's Go Mental"

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council:  
"That this council supports Comhairle na nÓg's Let's Go Mental events throughout the county."

John was given the following reply:  
"The Kildare Comhairle Na Nog County Panel are planning their Let's Go Mental event which will/may take place on October 21st (provisional date). Kildare County Council will be working with the panel to give support where necessary. An update can be given when a detailed programme is agreed. In relation to the information you need on Let's Go Mental, this link has all the info you should need. <http://www.comhairlenanog.ie/lets-gomental/>  
Issued by: Ms. Ann Marie Conneely, Administrative Officer, Community and Culture"

## Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley Object to Planning Application for Houses at The Walk, Moyglare Hall

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged submission supporting the resident's objection to Mycetes Planning Application for 6 houses and a shop/apartment at the central "green area" at The Walk, Moyglare Hall.

Cllr. McGinley Makes Submission on Planning Application Ref: 15/263, at Celbridge Road, Maynooth, for 126 Houses

Cllr. McGinley has made the following submission on this Planning Application for 126 houses at the Celbridge Road, Maynooth (beside Educate Together School):

1. It should be a condition of Planning that the footpath on the Celbridge Road be extended from Rockfield to the site for the 126 houses.
2. The Maynooth Eastern Relief Road should be completed from the Celbridge Road to Blacklion as a Condition of Planning.

## Cllr. McGinley Asks for More Traffic Calming on Doctors Lane

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

*"That a ramp be installed on Doctors Lane, Maynooth, at the back of Elite Cafe, in order to make it safer for pedestrians exiting from McMahons.*

*(The distance between the 1st ramp and the 2nd ramp is 33m whereas the distance between the 2nd and 3rd ramp at Bradys is 49m, which means that cars speed up between the 2nd and 3rd ramps)*

Unfortunately, the Area Engineer would not agree with John's request. He stated that the new ramp at Oak Ally was adequate traffic calming.

## Cllr. McGinley Asks the Councils Strategic Policy Committee to Address the Serious Issue of Dog Dirt

John wrote to the members of the Committee as follows:  
"I would like the Committee to consider the following two issues:

1. Ask Government to make it illegal for dog walkers not to have poo bags with them.
2. That KCC fund the provision of MuttMitts (dispensers and bags) for Tidy Towns Committees throughout the county. Cork, Kerry, Clare, Tipperary, Offaly and Mayo County Councils have already done so. In the case of Maynooth, the Tidy Towns Committee believe that 10 dispensers would be sufficient.

Dispensers cost 200 euro plus VAT and 800 MuttMitt bags come in boxes of 800 and cost 80 euro plus VAT. The Dispensers are a once off cost and I believe that the Tidy Towns Committees could buy their own bags when they run out. Ciaran Sheehan is the contact person in MuttMitts. [ciaran@muttmitts.ie](mailto:ciaran@muttmitts.ie) or 087 2244039

## Proposed Traffic Calming Measures for Old Greenfield Have Gone on Public Display

The Council has asked the public for their views on the proposal to reposition the existing bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield Lane to outside house number 343A and to install three new traffic calming ramps at house numbers, 1 Private sites, 861 and 757.

The details are in the Public Library, the Council Offices at The Harbour or they can be viewed on the Council's website.

The public have until the 9 July to make their views known.

Cllr. John McGinley believes that the proposal is good for the following reasons:

1. It will mean less traffic exiting/entering at the Straffan Road as drivers will then have two ways in and out. It is very difficult getting out here at present.
2. The existing bollards were put in place prior to the opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road to stop drivers using The Lane as a "rat run". It will no longer be used as a "Rat Run" now that the Meadowbrook Link Road is in place.
3. The re-positioning of the bollards will greatly facilitate residents from the 700's down who want to go to the Newtown area or the College
4. The three proposed new traffic calming ramps at house numbers, 1 Private sites, 861 and 757 will also be a great help.

## Update on Band Hall Wall

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion to re-build the Band Hall wall and make it safe:  
*"Tenders are due back in mid-June. Start date to be obtained for works once a contractor is appointed."*

## Update on Replacing Rotten Wooden beams at The Square:

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion to replace the rotten wooden beams of the pergola at The Square:  
*"Replacement steel beams to be installed at the end of June."*

## Cllr. McGinley Welcomes Painting and Repairs to Beaufield Green Fence and Painting of the Low Fence along Meadowbrook Link Road.

Cllr. John McGinley has thanked the Area Engineer for agreeing to his request to Repair and Paint the Beaufield Green Fence and to the Painting of the Low Fence along Meadowbrook Link Road. This work is being done by the Gateway crews of the Council. Well done to them.

## Stagg Welcomes 11% Increase in Housing Adaptation Grants to Kildare Co. Council

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement of an increase of 11% in the level of Grants to Kildare County Council for Housing Grants for people with a disability, people with mobility issues and housing aid for the Elderly.

Deputy Stagg stated that the sum allocated to Kildare County Council was €2,429,000 which included a block

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grant from the Department of Environment of €960,200 and €1,468,800 from the Council's own resources.

"I am pleased that we have secured this increase," stated Deputy Stagg which will allow more elderly people and people with a disability to stay in their own Community. The Grants for people with a disability cover a range of measures such as downstairs extensions for bedroom/toilet facilities, access ramps, stairlifts, walk in showers, grab-rails, and in relation to the elderly cover structural repairs or improvements such as roofs/windows and rewiring.

In addition to these grants, the Council has also received €398,031 for adaptations to their own Housing Stock for people with a disability and €610,058 to make Council Houses more energy efficient.

Finally a sum of €517,000 has been allocated to the Council to refurbish 22 Council homes to enable them to be allocated to tenants.

In conclusion, Deputy Stagg stated that the grants were further good news for those requiring improvements to their homes, those seeking Council Housing, those seeking improved energy efficiency in their homes and for small building contractors working locally.

### Stagg Objects to Monstrous Maighne Wind Farm Proposal in North West Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged a strong submission with An Bord Pleanála objecting to the Monstrous proposal to provide 47 Wind Turbines up to 169 metres in height in 5 wind farm clusters in North West Kildare. In his submission Deputy Stagg described the proposal as one of the worst he had ever come across from a developer in his many years working as a Public Representative.

In one fell swoop the proposal would destroy utterly the landscape of North West Kildare and with it seriously reduce the amenities of the residents of the area.

He pointed out that the Turbine Heights proposed at 169 metres to the blade height are outlandish and stated that the Towers of the Wind Turbines would be 49 metres higher than Liberty Hall or 109 metres higher if you include the blade height.

Under no circumstances could this proposal be allowed to proceed as the price of Green Energy to the detriment of the Green Environment of the residents of North West Kildare.

Specific areas included in Deputy Stagg's submission were:

- \* The Landscape and Views protected under the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017.
- \* The fact that the application was premature pending the publication of the Revised Wind Energy Development Guidelines.
- \* The fact that Shadow Flicker has not been eliminated from the proposal.
- \* The Special protection afforded to the Equine Industry in the County Development Plan.
- \* The fact that Stringent Noise Limits are being exceeded.
- \* The Property Devaluation that the proposal would cause.
- \* The serious Health Impacts of the proposal.
- \* The dangers to Aviation arising from the proposal.
- \* The dangers to the Ecology of the area from indirect impacts of the proposal.
- \* The fact that proposal was detrimental to the character of Historical Monuments and Protected Structures in the area.
- \* The pathetic Public Consultation by the applicants.

In concluding Deputy Stagg stated that the Maighne Proposal was at variance with many of the Policies and Objectives of the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017, called for a Public Oral Hearing into the proposal and reiterated that the proposal had the capacity to destroy the rural landscape of North West Kildare and would seriously injure the amenities of residents living in the area.

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## Drama News An Nuadha Players Community Theatre

As the dust settles on our latest production "The Hostage", An Nuadha Players continued throughout June with Summer Readings in McMahon's Pub. Good fun was had, with lots of really good material submitted by members and friends which helps the group to decide what productions we can mount next: maybe a series of short plays in the Castle, maybe something upstairs in McMahon's Pub, who knows? Since the Hostage we have picked up a lot of extra young enthusiastic actors which gives the group a lot more scope for more varied productions. The world is our lobster, or is that oyster? Follow An Nuadha Players on Facebook for the latest information.

Regarding the Hostage I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who came, and, hopefully, enjoyed the show. Apologies to the many good folks we had to turn away. The response was a lot greater than we anticipated which makes us think we should have run it for 5 nights. And a very large thank you to the Presentation Girls School for the performance space, Maynooth Scouts at the Geraldine Hall, Maynooth Town F.C. and Maynooth University for giving us space to rehearse. With no permanent performance space An Nuadha are like strolling players looking for a suitable venue to tread the boards. As Blanche DuBois from "A Streetcar named Desire" would say "We rely on the kindness of strangers" Surely its time Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth has a Community Arts Centre for all the performance groups in these areas to enjoy and call home.

Great to see the Leinster Fleadh landing in Maynooth 6th to the 12th of July. Looking at the programme it's going to be a real treat. Lots of great music from a great range of musicians. Don't miss Goitse, a really good band. Great to see so many young people involved in Irish Music. Full marks to all involved.

Good luck to a new group in Celbridge called the Wholly Idle Film and Theatre Group who will present their production of Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw in the autumn. Written in 1912, Shaw deals with the way language separates people from different places and classes and even different parts of the same city. "We have a failure to communicate" he said so instead of screaming about it he wrote Pygmalion. This is a great choice of play and still relevant today, when we still have people who are judged by the way they speak or by their accent. Looking forward to the show.

Bloomsday the 16th of June, Joe Bergin of Leixlip parish, a man who loves his Joyce, decided to extract a piece from Ulysses and get some friends together and perform it in the Kildrought Inn, Celbridge. 8 of us appeared in the bar, all dressed in black to perform Jimmie Joyce's old book. We kicked off with Paddy Dignam's funeral in Glasnevin. Was he really dead? He had been seeing walking down Capel St the previous day. Well he was buried in Glasnevin Cemetery on the 16th June so that's that. After the funeral it's back to Barney Kiernan's pub where we are introduced to the Citizen, a man who is a Fenian and an anti-semitic. When he sees Bloom he throws an empty biscuit tin at him and calls him a Christ killer. This whole piece is very funny with a great array of colourful characters. It took about an hour to perform and was most enjoyable, giving us an insight into a book many people start but never finish. I went home and down loaded Ulysses on to my kindle for free.

It is my intention to see this through even if it kills me. Thank you Joe for a good night. Maybe Molly's soliloquy next year if you're up to it.

Good luck and mind the trams.

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## Proposal For Purple Flag Status For Maynooth

*At the Maynooth Municipal District meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Cllr. Naoise O'Cearuil (FF) proposed that the 'Purple Flag' award should be pursued to show that Maynooth meets the 'Gold Standard' for night time services and facilities.*

*The Purple Flag status is an internationally accredited award for excellence in the night life of a town or city. Mr O'Cearuil said 'the Purple Flag honours excellence in appeal and management of towns from 5pm to 5am from shopping to dining, pubs and entertainment. It shows that a town is vibrant and convivial and has everything a visitor would require. It helps to improve public image, business and lower crime and gives a more successful mixed use economy' he said 'it has been rolled out in a number of towns such as Sligo, Letterkenny, Waterford, Kilkenny and Mullingar and it would greatly benefit Maynooth. It fits in ideally with the type of town centre that Maynooth has become as it is a hive of activity with bars and restaurants. It would be a great boost to our reputation and economy.'*

*Cllr John McGinley (Lab) said that he 'supported Cllr O'Cearuil's Purple Flag pursuit 100% as Maynooth has come a hell of a long way in the last 10 years, especially with restaurants, and Maynooth is the education town centre for the country.' Cllr O'Cearuil received unanimous support for his proposal to pursue Purple Flag status for Maynooth. Administrative Officer, Anne Marie Conneely reported that the Community and Culture Department will examine the initiative and come back to the Municipal District councillors with a response.*

# Community Council Notes

## Minutes of Maynooth Community Council's Meeting 8th June

Present: Tom McMullon, John McGinley, Willie Saults, Paul Croghan, Paul Daly, Josie Moore, Colm O'Cearuil, Peter Garrard, Hilda Dunne, Naoise Ó Cearúil, Mattie Callahan, Angela Treacy, Johnny Dowling, Sean Treacy, Mary Murphy, Jacqueline Farrell,  
Apologies: Adrienne Flynn, Susan Durack, Richard Farrell and Andrew McMullon

Proposal of co-option of new members, Paul Daly & Jacqueline Farrell - Festival Committee.

Accepted by Naoise O'Cearuil, Seconded by John McGinley.

### Fleadh Update:

Programme of events to be confirmed by the end of the week Sean Treacy has been in discussions with Jonathon Dean, the County Engineer regarding road closure of the Main Street on the 11th and 12th of July, from 11am until 10.30pm. The matter was discussed by John McGinley and Naoise O'Cearuil as being a positive initiative, and noted that Dublin Bus diversions would need to be put in place. The Fleadh committee will inform the Community Council of further developments of any agreed road closures.

It was noted that the main stage for the Fleadh would be built on the Square and is being constructed in conjunction with Fleadh sponsors and the Kildare County Council. Maynooth University are contributing sound equipment and expertise.

### Matters Arising

A mention of gratitude to Maynooth University for hosting a beautiful memorial for Muireann Ni Bhrolchain.

Consideration is being given to an on-going annual event to commemorate her contributions to the community.

John McGinley brought up the matter of Community Council Elections and proposed that an advert be included in the next issue of the

Newsletter. Also an article on the work that the Community Council accomplishes. Naoise O'Cearuil suggested more social media campaigning for new members. The Scouts suggested that more youth groups could be targeted and represented on the Community Council.

It was proposed that a new date should be set for elections in October and a campaign plan put in place before then to attract new members and promote the Community Council.

An acknowledgment to Emmet Stagg for his support for the Community Council in helping to confirm with the DSP regarding the appointment of an Assistant Supervisor to the office.

### Local Matters

It was noted that the name in Irish Maigh Nuada at the train station is incorrect and that a letter be drafted from the Community Council to Irish Rail to have this corrected.

The concrete balls at Carton Avenue entrance and their destruction were brought up. Naoise O'Cearuil will be raising the issue at the next County Council meeting. He will propose to have the position of the kerbs moved to avoid further traffic accidents and the bollards replaced where damaged from vandalism. It was noted that the tarmacadam that currently patches the bollards that have been removed is temporary.

Tom McMullon asked John McGinley and Naoise O'Cearuil about a possible summer street cleaning from the County Council, in the absence of the student body. It was noted that the streets in the estates are cleaned on a regular basis.

### Festival.

Jacqueline Farrell and Paul Daly confirmed that plans for the Festival events were moving towards completion.

### Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan noted that work has been progressing

over the past 2 weeks towards tidy town competition for 2015. The Fleadh and Festival events are driving the work that is being completed. John McGinley has special congratulations on the Celbridge/Straffan Rd improvement. It was also noted that the hanging baskets are being installed during the following weeks. Noted also was the town clean up with the local businesses scheduled for Sunday 14th.

### Scouts

Peter Gerrard thanked the Tidy Towns for their donation of a water butt and a composting bin and confirmed a talk with Tidy Towns at the end of the summer.

Also confirmed were the cubs camping trips in June and a trip to Bray for the beavers. The scouts are also attending an event in Lough Keel in July

### Senior Citizens

Josie Moore reported that the Tea Dance for the Senior Citizens was a success and thanked the scouts for the use of the Geraldine Hall for yoga, arts and crafts and bingo.

Josie also confirmed that the 4th book is finished and will be published in June and will be available in News4U, the Bookshop, the Photoshop and Supervalu.

The annual respite to Cardiffstown will be in June. 20th of September will be an Ecumenical Service in the Geraldine Hall for the 50th anniversary of the tea dances and the official launch of the book will commence later in the evening in the Glenroyal.

### Historical Society

Hilda Dunne confirmed a talk re: "The Wrens of the Curragh" at 8pm on Monday 15th June in the Community Space .

### ICA

The ICA are introducing a course in weaving baskets from recycled materials. It was proposed that community groups might want to set up booths at events over the course of the festival to promote new membership and to show the community the work they accomplish.

## Editorial

The plan to permanently close the swimming pool in Maynooth University has surprised many people in the town. Financial reasons have been given for the sudden decision to close this iconic local building. The announcement is difficult for people to accept when it is understood that the community of Maynooth pump in over €300,000 annually to the cost of running and upkeep of the pool through the fees paid to the University by the estimated eight hundred children a week that take swimming lessons there. Failure to invest this income in upgrading the facility over a number of years is now the reason for the closure. Every effort must be made to keep the swimming pool open and strong public reaction is driving the support that the campaign has secured from both political and community leaders. Maynooth Community Council will support these

efforts in any way that it can.

The closure of the pool is also a significant loss to the university students and staff. While the population of the town probably stands at around 15,000 the university website states that *"with over 10,000 students we are Ireland's fastest-growing university, having doubled in size in the 15 years since 1999.* While the wider community many with little or no connection with the university give a welcome to students, the university website outlines an interesting perspective on the relationship between university and the town stating that *Maynooth University has a reputation for being a particularly friendly university. The community atmosphere around the town and campus is what our students love about the university. The gates of the university open onto the vibrant student town.*

There is a lot changing in Maynooth University at present and it is important that there is further development that keeps it relevant in the competitive world that is third level education. The

ongoing support of the local community is critical. Previously there were more formal connections with the wider community but these have been discontinued. If there was appropriate community participation in the university structures up to and including the Governing Body issues such as the closure of the swimming pool could be averted with the involvement of more stakeholders in the decision and actions taken to ensure that appropriate funding is in place to keep this facility open for all.

Maynooth Community Council's Annual Festival is taking place as usual this month. It is what it says on the tin - a community festival. In recent years the festival has gained a new vibrancy with more input and ideas from new people joining the organising committee. Of course there is even more activities this year with the Leinster Fleadh taking place in Maynooth as well. A big welcome to all our visitors. All we need now is the weather!!!

**Paul Croghan**



# Know Your Rights

## Selling a property and LPT

### Question

I'm selling my house. The asking price is a lot more than the valuation for Local Property Tax (LPT) on 1 May 2013. Will I be liable to pay the outstanding LPT if I sell it for the asking price or more?

### Answer

In general, if you declared a valuation band or valuation on your 2013 Return honestly and in line with Revenue guidelines, this valuation will continue to apply until 31 October 2016. When you are selling your house you (or your solicitor) can use the LPT online system to get clearance from Revenue to prove that there are no outstanding LPT issues with your property.

This is known as General Clearance. However, if the expected or agreed sales price is greater than the valuation band or valuation declared on the 2013 Return, you may need to get Written Clearance from Revenue, as well as General Clearance. If you meet any of the following conditions, you don't need to get Written Clearance:

- **The sales price falls within the allowable valuation margin:** In general, for houses that were valued up to €300,000 the sales price can fall into the next valuation band; for houses valued between €300,000 and €1 million the sale price can be up to 15% higher than the upper limit of the band declared and for houses over €1 million the sale price can be up to 15% higher than the declared chargeable value.
- **You carried out work that enhanced the value of the property.** You must have receipts and verification of how much was spent.
- **You based the original valuation on sales of comparable properties.** You must be able to show that you based the declared chargeable value on the valuation date on known and verifiable sale prices of comparable properties in the area.

You can read full details of the conditions in Revenue's guidelines on the sale of properties.

You will need to get Written Clearance from Revenue if none of the above conditions are met and your declared valuation was made in good faith and in line with Revenue guidelines. You apply for Written Clearance by completing Form LPT5 and including relevant supporting documentation. Revenue will review the basis for your declared valuation and determine whether clearance should issue.

## UK citizens and moving to live in Ireland

### Question

I am a UK citizen and I am thinking of moving to Ireland. Are there any restrictions on taking up residence?

### Answer

Citizens of the United Kingdom (UK) are entitled to live in Ireland without any conditions or restrictions. Unlike the citizens of other countries, they are not subject to the Aliens Act 1935 or to any orders made under it. This means that you, as a UK citizen, do not need a visa, any form of residence permit or employment permit to live in Ireland.

In general, while living in Ireland, UK citizens are entitled to avail of public services on the same basis as Irish citizens living in Ireland. For example, UK citizens who are resident in Ireland are entitled to health services in the same way as Irish citizens who are resident. UK

citizens resident in Ireland whose income is from a UK source and who do not have any income from Ireland may be entitled to a medical card regardless of their means.

Unlike other EU citizens, UK citizens may retire to Ireland without having to establish that they have sufficient resources or that they have private health insurance. UK citizens living in Ireland are eligible for social welfare payments in the same way as Irish citizens living in Ireland. However you need to meet the requirements of the habitual residence condition (in the same way as Irish citizens living in Ireland) to qualify for many means-tested social welfare payments. If you have recently moved to Ireland, you may find it more difficult to establish that your main centre of interest is in Ireland.

UK citizens living in Ireland are entitled to vote in Irish elections, with the exception of Presidential elections and referendums.

The UK government has published a short guide on [gov.co.uk](http://gov.co.uk) for UK citizens who are living in Ireland and travelling to Ireland.

## Back to Work Family Dividend

### Question

What is the new Back to Work Family Dividend?

### Answer

The Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD) scheme aims to help families to move from social welfare into employment. It gives extra financial support to people with qualified children who stop claiming a jobseeker's payment or a one-parent family payment because they have taken up employment or self-employment.

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

To qualify, you and all members of your family (including your adult dependent) must sign off all primary social welfare payments. However the Back to Work Family Dividend can be paid with Family Income Supplement (FIS) and is not taken into account in the means test for FIS. It can also be paid if your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant finds work, provided you are getting an Increase for a Qualified Adult on your payment for them. However, you must meet the conditions and the Back to Work Family Dividend will be paid to you (as the recipient of the social welfare payment).

BTWFD can be paid with some non-primary social welfare payments such as Child Benefit, Rent Supplement and Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (see [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie) for the full list). The habitual residence condition applies to BTWFD.

Applications for the scheme have been accepted since Monday 5 January 2015. **The scheme became fully operational on 5 May 2015.** All eligible claims are being backdated to the date of application.

## Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

### Question

I am getting Jobseeker's Allowance and my oldest child is starting school this year. Is there a payment to help with the costs of children going to school?

### Answer

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) helps you meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school. Your children must be aged between 4 and 22 on or before 30 September 2015. If they are aged between 18 and 22 they must be in full-time second-level education in a recognised school or college.

To qualify you must be getting a social welfare payment or taking part in a training, employment or adult education scheme. In general, you must be getting an Increase for a Qualified Child with your payment. People getting Family Income Supplement and the new Back to Work Family Dividend can qualify for BTSCFA. Also, your total family income must be below a certain level for your family size. The Allowance is €100 for eligible children aged between 4 and 11 and €200 for those aged between 12 and 22.

The scheme is open from 1 June to 30 September 2015. The Department of Social Protection pays BTSCFA automatically to many customers. This means that they do not have to apply for the payment. If you qualify automatically, you should get a letter stating when and how your Allowance will be paid. If you do not get an automatic payment you must apply for the Allowance. If any of your children are aged 18 or over you must apply for the Allowance for them and supply evidence that they are in second-level education (even if automatic payments have issued for other children in the family).

Application forms are available from June 2015 in all local social welfare offices and Intreo centres, and on the Department's website, [welfare.ie](http://welfare.ie). When a decision has been made on your application you will get a letter informing you of this and whether the Allowance has been awarded. If your application has been successful, you will also be told when and where you can collect the payment. If the Allowance is refused you can ask for a review of the decision.

**Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre, Maynooth.**

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**Information is also available online at [citizensinformation.ie](http://citizensinformation.ie) and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.**

## THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible. **R.D.**

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## Catherine Murphy Expresses Dismay at Extent of High Court Injunction

Speaking this evening in the wake of the High court's granting of an injunction to Denis O'Brien and IBRC, Independent TD Catherine Murphy said she is alarmed at the all-encompassing nature of the ruling.

"Obviously there is nothing I can say about the issues of the case because of the extremely wide-ranging injunction but what I can say is that there are very serious implications here for the freedom of the press and how we proceed on this matter is crucial for future reporting and democratic process in this country."

## Comments in Public Interest

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has issued the following comments in response to this evening's events regarding her statements made in the Dáil earlier today regarding IBRC governance.

"I am a public representative. Information came to me, from a number of reliable sources, that is, without doubt, in the public interest. I have a duty to put that information into the public domain & I fully intend to fulfill my democratic mandate."

"I will not be intimidated or distracted by libellous statements accusing me of wrongdoing."

## Catherine Murphy Reasserts Right of Parliament

Reacting to an interview given by Denis O'Brien's spokesman Mr James Morrissey, Independent TD Catherine Murphy said simply that she stands by her right, as an elected parliamentarian, to utilise her democratic mandate to put information that has come to her in the public interest into the public domain."

"The people that continue to accuse me of falsehoods refuse to provide evidence to refute any of the issues I've questioned in the Dáil. My entire line of questioning on this has been to ask the Minister to give us all the pertinent information so that we can be assured that citizens were not disenfranchised as a result of any deals that may have been done."

## Catherine Murphy Reacts to Court Clarification of Injunction

Catherine Murphy welcomed the clarification of the High Court ruling today & said it vindicates the rights of elected representatives to raise matters of public concern & for those issues to be fairly reported in our media. Deputy Murphy said it is vital for democracy that clarification was provided.

"The substance of my concerns has always been to have a full, competent & independent inquiry into the wider

governance issues in IBRC & I will continue to pursue that through the appropriate democratic channels available to me in the Oireachtas."

## Catherine Murphy Welcomes Government Plans to Scrap KPMG Review

Independent TD this evening welcomed the news that, at its Cabinet meeting this afternoon, the Government are dealing with proposals to scrap the current KPMG review and will instead initiate a full Commission of Investigation as repeatedly called for by Deputy Murphy.

"From the very outset I have said that the proposed KPMG review was fundamentally flawed by virtue of the conflicts of interest regarding the appointment of Kieran Wallace from KPMG to conduct the review. KPMG had specific involvement in the Siteserv deal and other transactions within the IBRC. I also had significant concerns regarding the relationship between Kieran Wallace and some of the senior debtors of IBRC and its impact on the independence of such a review."

"The information that is now in the public domain regarding the dysfunctional relationship between the Department of Finance and the IBRC senior management team; the irregular relationships between some senior managers of IBRC and senior debtors; and the circumstances of some large transactions within IBRC, has raised serious concerns in the public interest and there can be no doubt that a full, independent, and credible investigation is the only appropriate course of action. I am relieved that the Government have finally admitted their error of judgement and have accepted the point."

## M7 Upgrade Works Unlikely in the Near Future

Independent TD Catherine Murphy this week tabled questions to Transport Minister Paschal Donohoe to find out what the current situation is regarding the proposed M7 upgrade on the Naas to Newbridge by-pass.

In reply, Minister Donohoe appeared to suggest that while the project is on a list of priorities within his Department, he has concerns about committing to the project due to the extent of the funding requirements. Deputy Murphy pointed out the importance of this upgrade not just for County Kildare, but as a national artery connecting Dublin to two other main cities. The Minister acknowledged this point but still pointed to concerns about being able to fund the project in the long-term.

The Minister noted that the project is connected to other projects in the area and the total overall cost of the improvement scheme would be €110 million and he can only commit to a project if he is confident that it can be funded.

Catherine Murphy acknowledged the scale of the project but drew the Minister's attention to the new development of the Kerry Group in the area and the difficulties faced by those operating out of the Millennium Business Park. Another important factor is the impact that the traffic associated with Millennium Business Park is having on the communities living in this area. Deputy Murphy argues that the investment would be worth it in terms of the returns to the State.

"I would hope that the Minister can see the obvious benefits that would come from such an important upgrade on this key artery and that financial restraints will not hamper the ability of businesses in the area to trade and perhaps expand in a fashion that would ensure a return to the State on the investment needed."

## Government Water Amendments Hidden From Opposition

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has this morning strongly criticised Government for refusing to allow the opposition to see amendments it intends to table to the Environment (Miscellaneous) Provisions Bill.

It is an unusual move for Government not to have tabled these amendments at an earlier Committee Stage of the legislation and it is understood that some of the unseen amendments relate to water services but the full context is not known.

During the Committee Stage debate on May 26th of this year, Catherine Murphy challenged the Minister of State, Ann Phelan about the possibility of these amendments being brought forward by Government at a later stage. During that debate, the Minister said she "was not in a position to go into more detail about the amendments at this stage" but gave a firm commitment to Deputy Murphy that the amendments would be furnished to the opposition "in good time...so that Deputies will have time to consider them in advance of the debate on the floor of the House."

Speaking this morning, Catherine Murphy said "The deadline for amendments to be submitted is 11am this morning and a debate on these issues will happen in the Dáil next week – with late sittings likely. We have now had it confirmed that opposition will not get sight of the amendments that Government are submitting before the deadline passes. In effect, this ensures that opposition are denied the chance to table their own amendments to the Government proposals because we don't know what they are. The deadline for submitting our amendments will have passed yet we don't know what we are supposed to be amending. In what way is that proper democratic functioning of Parliament?"

## Getting Ready for Eircode

Ireland is introducing postcodes in 2015 and an outreach program is in place to ensure that no one is left behind. An Eircode is a smart location code for all Irish addresses. Unlike other countries, where postcodes define clusters or groups of addresses, an Eircode will identify an individual address – rural or urban – and help show exactly where it is located. This means every residential address and business will receive a unique Eircode.

There are numerous benefits of introducing Eircode. Not only will it make the delivery of services and goods to households easier, but in the case of a medical emergency, being able to accurately and quickly identify an address can save valuable minutes.

During the launch phase this summer, all residents and businesses will receive a letter notifying them of the

Eircode for their address. Addresses will not be changing; an Eircode will simply be added to current addresses.

## Eircode Outreach in Kildare

The Wheel, working closely with Irish Rural Link, are leading a nationwide effort to reach out to people who may get left behind when Eircodes are introduced, led by 23 'Outreach Champions' throughout the country. Muintir na Tire is leading the drive in Kildare, working with community and voluntary organizations to reach these people and offer them basic information and reassurance on the change. There may, for example, be some confusion or misunderstandings about Eircode.

Conor O'Leary, the Outreach Champion for Kildare, says he "I am particularly interested in ensuring that people reach out to people they know - their friends, their family and their neighbours - who they feel might

get left behind, particularly older people living alone. People may get confused when they get the letter, or might not know how to use Eircode. We can all help to ensure that they get the simple facts and the reassurance they need".

## How you can help

Conor O'Leary would be delighted to talk to people about how the programme can help. Conor can be reached at 086-6000753 or [conor@muintir.ie](mailto:conor@muintir.ie) and is particularly interested in hearing from people who might want to hear more themselves, or who might help to identify people in their area who might need assistance.

**Further information on the Outreach Program is available from [www.wheel.ie/eircode](http://www.wheel.ie/eircode) or [www.irishrurallink.ie/eircode](http://www.irishrurallink.ie/eircode)**  
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## *Benefits of Water Based Exercise*

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### **Benefits of Water-Based Activity For Adults:**

- ◆ Pain Management & Recovery: The pool provides an ideal place to work stiff muscles and sore joints, especially if you are recovering from an injury or suffer from arthritis. If the pool is heated, so much the better, as the warm water can help loosen stiff joints. In fact, people with rheumatoid arthritis receive greater benefits to their health after participating in hydrotherapy than with other activities.
- ◆ Toning Up: Swimming is a great way to increase muscular strength and tone. Pushing against the water, every kick and every arm stroke becomes a resistance exercise -- and it's well known that resistance exercises are the best way to build muscle tone and strength.
- ◆ Healthier Heart: Because swimming is an aerobic exercise, it serves to strengthen the heart making it more efficient in pumping -- which leads to better blood flow throughout your body.
- ◆ Weight Control: Swimming is now recognized as one of the biggest calorie burners around, and it's great for keeping weight under control.
- ◆ Stretching: People find it easier to stretch in water as the support of the water aids balance.

### **Benefits of Water-Based Activity For Children:**

- ◆ Water activities are highly challenging and fun.
- ◆ They increase self-esteem and reduce anxiety and stress
- ◆ The water resistance helps burn fat and build muscle tone with less effort.
- ◆ Water activities can correct and prevent childhood obesity, one of the major causes of illness in both children and adults
- ◆ Water activities also enhance hand/eye and large muscle coordination

### **Getting Started:**

**Walking in Water:** If you're just starting out in the water, the best way to begin is to just walk up and down the pool slowly with the aid of floats or a woggle. This will build up your water confidence and walking against the resistance of the water will help strengthen your muscles.

**Swimming Lessons:** If you are fairly confident in the water, the next step is to learn how to swim. The Glenroyal Leisure Club have Adult Swimming Lessons on Wednesday evenings which run for terms of 8 weeks and we have both beginner and intermediate levels.

**Aqua-Based Classes:** At the Glenroyal Leisure Club, we have Aqua Fit classes Monday to Friday and Aqua Zumba twice a week. Water-based classes are a fun way to work-out to upbeat music using the water as your resistance. Non-members are welcome.

**Swim Camps for Children:** During the Summer months, we run children's swim camps. This is a week-long intensive swim course taught in a fun and exciting way. It's great for building the child's water confidence and progressing their swimming ability.

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### Tiffin – your personal chef

A new business has opened up in Maynooth. Owner and chef Adrian Macholl is offering a daily food service. In India, “Tiffin” refers to a light meal eaten during lunch. Adrian’s philosophy is based on his understanding that people may not have time cook to food every day, and many workplaces do not have a canteen or even eating areas for workers. That’s why Tiffin’s homemade food service delivers hot meals to people’s doors 5 days a week. Tiffin’s new service is the only one that combines a delivery of healthy nutrition and tasty meals to subscriber’s door or workplace with a weekly or monthly subscription. They deliver all of their meals in tiffin boxes – special 3 tiered containers with a tasty dish in each one. They do this as it helps to keep the meals fresher and hotter for much longer. These boxes are stainless steel which makes them easy to clean, hygienic, and environmentally friendly.

### The Menu

Instead of a monotonous and stale menu, Tiffin offers subscribers different varieties in the week to ensure people do not get bored of eating the same kind of food. Every subscriber will have the option of selecting 5 dishes out of 10 each week. Each Tiffin meal consists of a soup of the day, a meat/fish dish, and a side order. Menus for the following week will be handed out to each subscriber every Monday on the first delivery, and people will have time until Thursday to choose which dishes they prefer. If this doesn’t suit, or they do not get a completed menu back, they will always provide subscribers with the special of the day, taking into account any special dietary requirements or preferences they know about. People can select their time of delivery.

### The Price

At Tiffin, they consider it their mission to offer competitive prices for the high-quality food they provide. Adrian works hard to purchase ingredients at aggressive prices so that subscribers can select from a variety of low cost meal packages. They offer a one week trial package for just €20 and are offering 20% off regular packages for the first 50 subscribers.

### Corporate Events and Work Parties

Tiffin also caters for corporate events and work parties. Their facilities are located in Maynooth GAA Club, and Tiffin’s Tavern can comfortably accommodate 100 people in the restaurant, dance floor, and bar. They have large off road car parking for patrons.



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### *Maynooth auctioneer takes over as new President of the Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers (IPAV)*



*Eamon O'Flaherty of Property Partners Bradys in Maynooth the new President of the IPAV*

A proposal to revitalise the country’s rural towns and villages was put forward by incoming Institute of Professional Auctioneers and Valuers (IPAV) president Eamon O’Flaherty at its annual conference at Carton House in Maynooth on Saturday, June 20th.

Up to 300 delegates attended the group’s “biggest ever” get together, which was opened by Minister of State for Finance Simon Harris. Mr O’Flaherty, a director of Property Partners Brady in Maynooth,

told auctioneers they must try to influence the sustainable development of towns and villages throughout Ireland.

“I’m originally from Longford and, like many areas around the country, I look at my home place and see the old grocery shop, butchers and other small shops which have long gone. These are now non-viable commercial buildings and will never be used as shops again, and there are examples of them all over Ireland, with the possible exception of Dublin.

“I’ll be proposing a tax relief to convert these buildings back into residential units for young families so that they can bring new life to towns and villages around the country. “You’re probably only talking about four or five properties in each area but you can buy these for anything from €50,000 and it would bring life back to the centre of a town. “Rural Ireland has been decimated in recent years, and the heart has been ripped out of it so this could be a win-win situation for all concerned.”

Ivan Yates was a facilitator for the debate at the conference, with Tom Parlon of the construction Industry Federation amongst the guest speakers.

## GLUTEN FREE RECIPES

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*Being gluten intolerant shouldn't mean missing out on tasty treats. Bear in mind when trying out these recipes that each individual with an intolerance should consult a Doctor or Dietician and be aware what foods are suitable to their particular needs. All ingredients in the recipes are readily available and purchased in local stores in the area. They have been tried and tested and are delicious. Enjoy.*

### FETA AND HERB LOAF

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- 200g polenta
- 100g rice flour
- 50g dried milk powder
- 7g sachet fast action dried yeast and a pinch of salt
- 2 teaspoons caster sugar
- 2 teaspoons xanthan gum
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mixed herbs
- 450ml tepid water
- 100g feta cheese, crumbled

Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin. Sift the polenta, flour, milk powder and salt into a large bowl and stir well to combine. Stir in the yeast, sugar and xanthan gum. Place the eggs, herbs and water in a bowl and mix together. Stir this mix into the dry ingredients and combine to form a soft dough. Beat for 5 minutes, then stir in the feta cheese.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin, cover with a clean damp tea-towel and leave in a warm place to rise for about 30 minutes. Place in a pre-heated oven at gas mark 4 for about 45 minutes until brown and hollow when tapped. Remove from the oven onto a wire rack to cool.

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### LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

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- 250g butter softened
- 250g caster sugar
- 250g rice flour
- 2 teaspoons gluten—free baking powder
- 4 eggs, beaten
- Grated rind and juice 1 lemon

*For the lemon drizzle*

- Grated rind and juice of 2 lemons
- 100g caster sugar

Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin. Place all the cake ingredients in a food processor and whiz until smooth, or you can beat in a large bowl.

Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and place in a preheated oven, gas mark 4 for 35—40 minutes until golden and firm to the touch. Remove the cake from the oven and transfer to a wire rack. Prick holes all over the sponge with a cocktail stick.

Place the drizzle ingredients in a bowl and mix together, then drizzle the liquid over the warm loaf. Leave until completely cold. Decorate with a twist of lemon rind if desired.

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### BAKEWELL SLICE

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#### PASTRY

- 75g polenta
- 75g rice flour
- 1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
- Grated rind 1 lemon
- 100g butter, cubed
- 1 tablespoon golden caster sugar
- 1 egg yolk beaten
- 4 tablespoons raspberry jam

Place the polenta, flour, xanthan gum, lemon rind, butter and sugar in a bowl and rub by hand until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the egg yolk and gently mix in using a knife, adding a little cold water if the mixture is too dry.

Place the pastry in a 28 x 18cm deep baking dish and press it out to line the tin. Spread the jam over the pastry.

Place all the ingredients except the flaked almonds in a bowl and beat until smooth. Spoon the mixture into the baking tray, and place in a preheated oven, gas mark 6 for 20—25 minutes until just firm and risen. Remove the tart from the oven and leave to cool.

Toast the almonds for a few minutes under a grill until brown and scatter them over the top.

Cut into 12 pieces and enjoy.

*For a really healthy alternative the caster sugar in the above recipes can be replaced with coconut palm sugar.*



## July Gardening

### Containers & Hanging Baskets



Without a doubt, container gardening is one of the greatest ways to add colour around our homes. Water is key. Since container plantings and hanging baskets are above ground, their roots dry out much faster than if they were planted. Never, let your soil become “bone” dry. When your soil dries to the point of being almost dry, water thoroughly. You know you watered correctly when some drains out the bottom of the pot. Plants are like people...they love food. The contained roots of these plants will not have the benefit of water

trickling in from all sides, as they would if planted in open ground, instead they live and die based on the amount of water dropped onto their limited soil surface. You will be repaid with loads of flowers and foliage if before watering you also dilute some liquid feed in your watering can, ensuring that your container plants are both fed and watered in one go. Dead head bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering. Many plants will benefit from a periodic trimming. While it may seem harsh, this is an excellent way to encourage new growth and blooms. On average, you should trim your containers 2-3 times per season.

### The Vegetable Garden

During dry spells in the vegetable garden you should take the opportunity to hoe off weeds, dry weather is the key, because if done in wet weather, the weeds are liable to re-root. Not got a hoe, well a sharpened spade angled towards the ground will tide you over. If you've sown a veg garden you will be reaping the rewards about now by harvesting spinach, peas, beets, carrots, salads, globe artichokes; even



early potatoes and shallots may be ready. If you're grinding your teeth reading this at the fact that you missed out on sowing any of these earlier in the season, put those gripes away now as you can still sow loads during the month of July. How about spring cabbage (harvesting in spring), carrots, turnips, chicory, fennel, and autumn/winter salads such as lamb's lettuce, rocket or Winter purslane.

### Lawns



Lawns may be growing well, spurred on by the more than adequate rain we received, but the grass may look a little off colour due to spring fertilisers being washed away. So as a pick me up, give the lawn a quick-acting summer fertiliser about now, select a feed containing weed killer granules as well to ensure the grass thickens and smothers weeds. Keep lawn mowing regularly, every five days if you can, except when the grass is wet or the ground is sodden.

### Houseplants

If you have plants growing in a conservatory or sunroom don't forget to ventilate them daily by opening a window or two. You may not venture into the conservatory during the day, but your poor plants will have to put up with its hothouse like conditions each time the sun is out. If you are heading away on holidays, it's worth getting a neighbour or friend to come over occasionally to vent the conservatory and check all the plants in the house for their watering needs. Houseplants are growing freely at this time of year and should not be allowed to dry out; watering in late evening will also avoid the risk of leaf scorch on hot days.



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Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

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Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 21st July 2015







# Maynooth Summer Festival 2015



Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July

FÉILE MAIGH NUADH 2015

## Friday 10th July 2015

### 10.30am - Kids Secret Cinema Club

A surprise screening for all the family. All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Maynooth Community Library to book your place. Phone: (01) 6285530

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### 11am - Tour of the Russell Library - St Patrick's College

Tour will last about 30mins

The Russell Library houses the historical collections of St Patrick's College, Maynooth which was founded in 1795 as a seminary for the education of Irish priests. The reading room was designed by renowned British architect and designer Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin (1812-1852) and completed in the year 1861. The Russell Library contains approximately 34,000 printed works dating from the 16th to the mid-19th century across a range of subjects including: theology, mathematics, science, geography and history. Other important collections include: cuneiform tablets, medieval and Gaelic manuscripts, archival material and incunabula (pre-1501 printing).

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### 6-7pm - Maynooth Festival Opening The Square

Music by Maynooth Brass & Reed Band

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### 7-10pm - Fleadh Gig Rig - The Square

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### 8pm - Maynooth University Iontas Theatre, North Campus Latest Musical Production from MPPS

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Times and Content of Festival May Vary

Please Note Events are Subject to Change Without Notice

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Festival Brochure designed by Colin Hanely - Swerve Design



## Saturday 11th July 2015

### 10.30am - 'Candle Decorating Workshop' with Susan Boyle.

For children aged 7+. Booking essential. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact Maynooth Community Library to book your place. Phone: (01) 6285530

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### 12-4pm - Carton Park (Tesco's) Tesco's Family Fun Day

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### 12-5pm - Harbour Field

"Get Informed, Get Active, Get involved Fun Day"

12pm - Football Blitz (Preliminary Rounds)  
Funfair Games, Golf Simulator, Pony Rides, Gravity Ball, Bouncy Castle throughout the day.

12-12.45pm - Big YOGA

1-1.30pm Big BOKWA

1-5pm - Get Informed - Clubs & Groups info stalls.

1-45-2.15pm - ZUMBA

2-5pm - ICA with Tea/Coffees & Craft Display.

2.30-3pm - FITSTEP QUICKSTEP

4pm - 'Oh Sit Down' Musical Chairs with a twist

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### 1.30 - 7pm - Maynooth Castle Historical Events & Displays with Poetry, Music & Dance

2-6pm Castle Keep Art Group Display

Irish Volunteer Group Display - Ongoing

1.30pm - Rita Doyle & Catherine Maher Schools' of Irish Dancing

2.30pm - Music with Tony Savino

3.30pm - Music with The Beermats

5.30pm - Music with Push for Porter

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### 3-5pm - St Mary's Church of Ireland

Poetry & Prose Readings

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### 3-10pm - Fleadh Gig Rig - The Square

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### PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This years festival will see the introduction of some new events, one of these is an online Photography Competition. Do you have a keen eye, have you the patience to wait for that perfect moment? We want to see your talent! Send us your photographs based on the theme 'My Maynooth'. Our email address is [maynoothfest15@gmail.com](mailto:maynoothfest15@gmail.com) or upload them to our facebook page in Album of same name and our judges, who are locals and have experience in photography and arts will award a prize for the best. Check [www.facebook.com/MaynoothFestival](http://www.facebook.com/MaynoothFestival) or @MaynoothFestival on twitter for more details and to keep up to date with what's on for the festival.

## Sunday 12th July 2015

### 1pm - Harbour Field Football Blitz (Finals)

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### 1pm - Biodiversity Walk & Talk

Meet at Castle Gates

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### 2-6pm - Maynooth University Science Museum

Entry Fee: €1

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2-7pm - Maynooth Castle Silverarm Session & Taste of Maynooth Music & Food/Craft Fair  
2-2.30pm - National Learning Network Choir  
2.40-3.20pm - Maynooth Gospel Choir  
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***SPIRASI needs all the support it can get and you can still support the students efforts by going to the SPIRASI website [www.spirasi.ie](http://www.spirasi.ie) to make a donation.***



All the transition-year students from St Mary's College, Rathmines who stayed overnight in Maynooth before continuing their marathon along the canal to Dublin.



Members of the Royal Canal Amenity waiting to greet the walkers at Maynooth Harbour L to R Matt Kennedy, John Nisbet, Gerry Fitzpatrick and Denis Murphy.



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Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm  
Sat 9.30am to 1pm

### I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

### Arthritis Ireland

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### Men's Sheds

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### History Group

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# Clár na nImeachtaí

## Programme of Events



Monday, 6 July		
20:00	Official Opening of Fleadh Cheoil Laighean	Glenroyal Hotel
Tuesday, 7 July		
19:00	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trail!
Wednesday, 8 July		
10:00	Music Workshops	Maynooth Boy's National School
14:30	Russell Library Tour	Maynooth University South Campus
15:30	Russell Library Tour	Maynooth University South Campus
19:00	Lecture by Adrian Scahill - Music and Bands during the Early Years of Céilí	Glenroyal Hotel
20:00	Lecture by Brian Lawlor - The Golden Era of Céilí Music and Dance 1955 – 1970	Glenroyal Hotel
19:00	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trail!
Thursday, 9 July		
14:30	Historical Walk	Start at the Castle Gates
18:00	Tour of John Paul II Library	Maynooth University South Campus
18:30	Teresa Brayton Exhibition followed by Singing and Storytelling until 21:30	John Paul II Library MN University South Campus
18:30	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trail!
Friday, 10 July		
09:00-17:00	Teresa Brayton Exhibition	John Paul II Library MN University South Campus
17:00	Dancing Competitions	Maynooth Post Primary School
17:00	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
21:00	Céilí with the Long Note Céilí Band & Frank Keenan	Glenroyal Hotel
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trail!
21:00	Goitse on the Gig Rig	The Town Square
Saturday, 11 July		
10:00	Competitions	MN Post Primary & MN Boy's National Schools
15:00	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
17:30	Youth Session (Under 12 & fully supervised)	Scout's Den
20:00	Youth Session (Under 18 & fully supervised)	Scout's Den
19:00	Alfreann Traidisiúnta	College Chapel
21:00	Singing and Storytelling	McMahon's Pub (Loft Venue)
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trail!
21:00	Skipper's Alley on the Gig Rig	The Town Square
Sunday, 12 July		
10:00	Competitions	MN Post Primary & MN Boy's National Schools
15:00	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
20:00	Full Set on the Gig Rig	The Town Square
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trails



# Sudoku Challenge

**Difficult**

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**Donaghmore Cemetery Maintenance Committee**

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## Maynooth GAA Club

Looking to keep the kids entertained over the long Summer holidays? - Well here are the details for the 2015 Maynooth GAA Summer Football Camp.

Dates : Mon July 6th to Fri July 10th

Time : 09:00 - 13:00

For : Boys & Girls Ages 5 to 12

### Prices:

Members: 1 child €40, 2 children €75, 3 children €105

Non Members: 1 child €50, 2 children €95, 3 children €135

Online Registration Now Open at [www.maynoothgaa.com](http://www.maynoothgaa.com)

## Maynooth Golf Society

### Results Sheet 2015

#### Weekend Away

Roscrea Golf Club 22/05/15

Nenagh Golf Club 23/05/15

Christy Kenny Cup

Sponsored by Tess Kenny and Family

1st Prize	John Thompson	67pts
2nd Prize	Ken Donnelly	66pts
3rd Prize	Eamon Murphy	64pts
4th Prize	Mick Flynn Snr	64pts 18
5th Prize	Marty Maguire	62pts
Roscrea Day 1	Pat Connolly	36pts
Nenagh Day 2	Mick Fahey	32pts B9
Front 9 Day 1	Liam Farrelly	
Back 9 Day 1	Brendan Bean	
Front 9 Day 2	John Byrne	
Back 9 Day 2	Dave Weafer	
Nearest the Pin	Liam Farrelly	
Visitor	Cha Farrelly	
2's Club	Ken Donnelly	

Maynooth Golf Society's annual weekend away this year was to Nenagh staying at the Abbey Court Hotel, playing Roscrea Golf Club on Friday 22nd May on the way down and Nenagh Golf Club on Saturday 23rd May for the Christy Kenny Cup sponsored by Tess Kenny and Family.

John Thompson was the winner with a combined score of 67 points (35 points in the Roscrea and 32 points in Nenagh) just piping Ken Donnelly into second place with 66 points, Eamon Murphy was in 3rd place 64 points, closely followed by Mick Flynn and Marty Maguire both on 62 points. Liam Farrelly had the nearest to the pin, Ken Donnelly won the 2's club, Cha Farrelly won the visitors prize. 20+ members played on the weekend away, with some members playing on Saturday only. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented Captain David Weafer in Brady's Bar, our sponsors Tess, Sandra and Janette Kenny were thanked for their continued support of the golf society's annual weekend away for the Christy Kenny Cup.

Next Outing: Naas Friday 19th June 3 - 4.30pm

## MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

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Contact Hugh @: [packy@iol.ie](mailto:packy@iol.ie) or 0872456870

## Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2015

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
12-Apr	4,9,11,18	€1,600	Denis & Sheila O'Brien - Jim Moore - Denis Tracey
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26-Apr	3,9,24,26	€1,700	Brenda Carruthers - Siobhan Mc Nally - Jimmy Conheady
03-May			No Draw - Bank Holiday W/End
10-May	8,14,16,22	€1,750	Betty Brockhuizen - Peter Ryan - Paul Hartnett
17-May	4,9,22,28	€1,800	Pat Power - Kevin Galligan - Tony Byrne
24-May	8,13,23,27	€1,850	Emer O'Brien - Denis & Sheila O'Brien - Emma Gallagher
31-May	3,25,26,28	€1,900	Sarah Lane - Damien Bracken - "Three Pin"
07-Jun	13,14,26,28	€1,950	Peadar Murray - Kieran Finnegan - Mick McGovern
14-Jun	4,20,21,22	€2,000	Bernie Mooney - Aaron Tobin - Mark Nolan

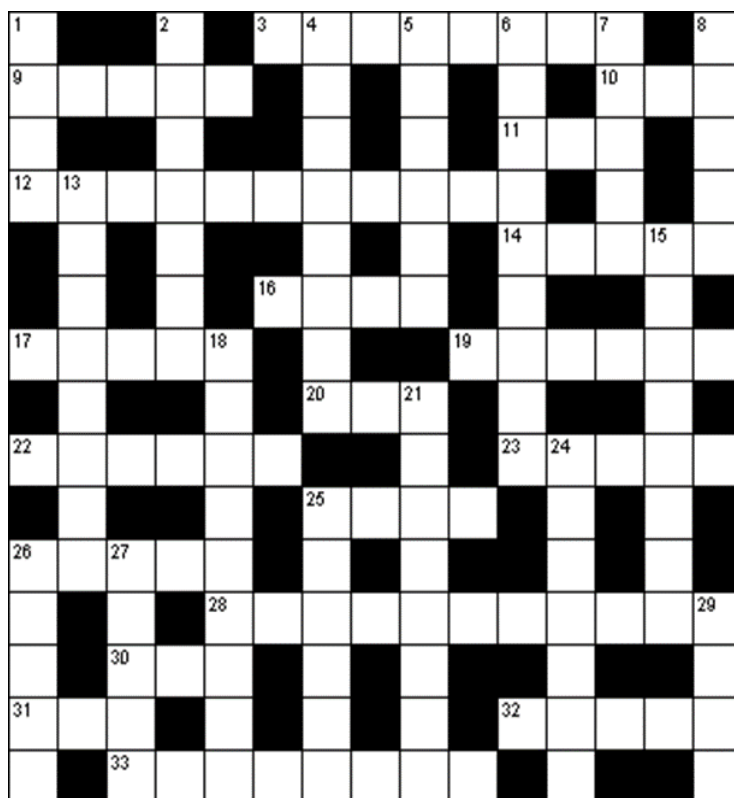


## Clues Across

3. Pet birds (8)
9. Pilsner (5)
10. Choose (3)
11. Mischievous person (3)
12. Goal of a journey (11)
14. Rubbish (5)
16. Second-hand (4)
17. Leers (5)
19. Move in haste (6)
20. Be seated (3)
22. Tank ship (6)
23. South American ruminant (5)
25. Cat sound (4)
26. Sumptuous meal (5)
28. Climber of mountains (11)
30. Shelter (3)
31. Sparse fluid (3)
32. Repairs (5)
33. Tied up (8)



## July Crossword - (No: 437)

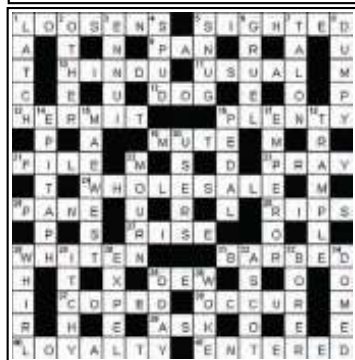


## Clues Down

1. Trudge (4)
2. Speech (7)
4. State of USA (8)
5. Joined by treaty (6)
6. Alike in every way (9)
7. Capital of Bulgaria (5)
8. Hiding place (5)
13. Move to another country (8)
15. Clamber (8)
18. Confection (9)
21. Strangle (8)
24. Person that lounges (7)
25. Spring suddenly (6)
26. Misty (5)
27. City in central Belgium (5)
29. Corrosion (4)



## Answers to Crossword No 436

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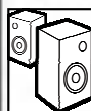
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# MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2015

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Maynooth Community Council is a Department of Social Protection sponsored Community Employment Scheme. Our purpose is to supply a monthly magazine (Maynooth Newsletter) to the local community, which is delivered to the major estates in Maynooth free of charge. It is also available in several locations around the town. The newsletter consists of local community news and political news relating to the area. We also post reports & photographs of local events. The Newsletter is happy to publish articles for local community groups.

The Community Council also organise the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Maynooth Summer Festival. They also provide staff to maintain the Harbour area of Maynooth, manage the Maynooth Community Space on behalf of Kildare County Council and provide Ground staff to Maynooth Town F.C. MCC established the twinning of Maynooth with Canet-en-Rousillon in the South of France and maintains a close relationship with them.

*Visit our website: [www.maynoothcc.com](http://www.maynoothcc.com) or  
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## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2015 NOMINATION FORM

Elections for the next Community Council will be held in October 2015.

Are you interested in making Maynooth a better place to live?

Do you want to contribute to the future of this town?

Nominations are invited from all Community/Voluntary Groups and Individuals representing Electoral Areas.

**We urge all groups to nominate a member for election to represent your group on Maynooth Community Council.**

**Nomination close: August 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

*Please cut out and complete the form below and send it to:*

Maynooth Community Council, Unit 5, Tesco S.C. Carton Park, Maynooth.



Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral area/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to act on the council if elected:

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral Area	# Houses	# Seats
Beaufield	159	3
Brookfield	78	2
Carton Court	110	2
Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court	80	2
Castlebridge	49	1
Castledawson	150	3
CastlePark	100	2
Celbridge Rd	10	1
Cluain Aoibhinn	90	2
College Green	80	2
Greenfield Estate (Straffan Way, Laurence Ave, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive)	230	5
Griffin Rath	200	4
Kilcock Rd	10	1
Kingsbry	246	5
Lyreen Park/ Pebble Hill	65	2
Meadowbrook	180	4
Moyglare Abbey	180	4
Moyglare Hall	400	8
Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village	190	4
Newtown	40	1
Newtown Court	72	2
Newtown Hall	100	2
Old Greenfield 2,3 & 4	190	4
Old Greenfield Lane	70	2
Old Railpark	30	1
O'Neill Park	20	1
Outlying Area A Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.		1
Outlying Area B Including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley & Ballygoran.		1
Outlying Area C Including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates, Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguclin, Derrystown, Donaghstown.		1
Outlying Area D Including Timard, Laraghbryan, East/West, The Maws, Ballycurragghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne		1
Parklands	250	5
Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court	65	1
Parson's Hall/Ashleigh Grove	60	2
Railpark Estate	110	2
Railpark/Straffan Road including the Crescent	40	1
Rockfield	215	5
Silken Vale	120	2
Straffan Wood	240	5
Town Centre - The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.	200	4
Woodlands	34	1



# Maynooth Cycling – Submission on North South Corridor

Maynooth Cycling welcomes the intention to improve facilities and quality of service for pedestrians and cyclists in Maynooth. In particular, we strongly welcome the proposals for a 30km/h zone in the town centre, the reconfiguration of Leinster Street as a shared used zone with pedestrian priority, and a new pedestrian bridge at Mill Street. However, we have a number of concerns about the proposal as presented, and find that it has some major deficiencies. Our concerns and suggestions for improvements are:

## 1. Traffic signal sequencing

The proposal does not consider the sequencing of traffic lights. Currently lights are sequenced to maximise motorised traffic creating a major impediment to walking and cycling. Pedestrians are subjected to excessive wait times, and cyclists are halted unnecessarily at a number of junctions (see below). A simple adjustment of signals to facilitate pedestrians and cyclists would improve existing provision and is essential to the utility of any upgrade works.

## 2. Straffan Road proposals.

The Straffan Road, at present, has an off-road cycle track which is well used. Whilst it has its limitations, it does have the benefit of segregation from traffic for most of its length. The proposed new track is largely on-road and for this reason is likely to reduce, rather than increase, cycling particularly among children. In addition, the treatment of junctions is poor and there is limited provision for cyclists to cross from one side of the road to the other. In particular:

- (a) At the junction with the Celbridge Road, cyclists travelling south to north should not be required to stop to allow cars to turn right from the Celbridge Road. They can continue on the cycle track without coming into contact with this traffic.
- (b) At the junction with the new link to Leinster Street, cyclists should be allowed to make a left turn onto the link road when the light for cars travelling north is red.
- (c) At the Glenroyal junction, there is no clear route for cyclists travelling in a southerly direction. This junction currently has barriers on the footpath and there is no indication that they will be removed.
- (d) The shared provision area north of the Glenroyal junction is of poor quality and there is no clear link between the route across the square (for which no works are proposed) and the shared cycle/footpath route. Further, it is unrealistic to expect that children travelling from the Straffan Road to the Girls School will cycle on-road and make a right turn in heavy traffic (which includes double decker buses) at the town square.
- (e) The partial cycle tracks at the junction with the Main Street are not continuous, and their use will impede pedestrians at a particularly busy junction.
- (f) A cyclist travelling south across the town, using Leinster Street, exiting from the new link route and wishing to proceed in a southerly direction must negotiate a difficult junction with no clear route. The current layout will require them to cross the footpath and dismount to cross the Straffan Road before proceeding. With current signalling priority, this will cause significant delay. Further, whilst waiting at the lights on the

west side of the Straffan Road, they will block the footpath. This is indicative of the poorly thought-out design of junctions throughout the scheme.

## 3. Leinster Street

The proposed shared space at Leinster Street is generally welcomed. However, it could be significantly improved. A 2m wide footpath is shown on the shared zone. This defeats the purpose and message of shared space and will emphasise the 'natural' division between cars and people. Strategically placed planters/trees, on the other hand, would slow traffic and emphasise the shared nature of the space. This is a standard design feature of shared space provision in other European countries. It should be possible for cyclists to turn left off Leinster Street towards the University, bypassing the traffic lights. At present, the short stretch of cycle track on the footpath is used for this purpose, creating potential conflicts with pedestrians. An upgraded cycle track or a separate traffic light is necessary.

## 4. Main Street/Mill Street/Parson Street Junction

The proposal for a diagonal crossing this junction makes no sense, since pedestrians cross diagonally during the all pedestrian stage in any event. Pedestrian flow at this junction could be accommodated with a green light for pedestrians crossing Leinster Street and Parsons Street and a right turn only for motorised traffic from Main Street for the majority of the traffic light cycle. Pedestrians largely ignore the red lights on these route in any event and the lights should be adjusted to reflect practice.

## 5. Main Street

We are seriously concerned about the proposal to remove the off road cycle track on the Main Street. Whilst the existing cycle track is not fit for purpose, and the 30km/hr speed limited will, in principle, make the street more cycle friendly, it is not realistic to expect school age children to cycle on this busy road. Further, the level of traffic (including double decker buses) and width of the road means that cyclists must cycle in the centre of the traffic lane. It is completely unreasonable to expect primary school age children to cycle with this level of confidence. If the scheme is intended to promote cycling by children, a good quality, segregated cycle track here is essential.

## 6. Mill Street

Cycle lanes on this street must be off-road or barrier segregated to accommodate the large number of children who could be expected to use them. On the section of Mill Street past Manor Mills, where the footpath on the west side is unacceptably and dangerously narrow, space should be taken from the development on the east side of the road to facilitate widening of the footpath. Retention of the slip lane at the junction with the Kilcock Road is completely unacceptable. This junction has a very high level of pedestrian traffic travelling to schools and the University. The slip lane is an additional barrier to pedestrians and very dangerous for cyclists proceeding northwards past the slip road. At peak times, there is inadequate space on the existing footpath and traffic island for

pedestrians waiting to cross. This junction should be reconfigured to give priority to pedestrians.

## 7. Moyglare Road

A segregated, off road, cycle track must be provided on the Moyglare Road. The new schools are expected, over-time, to accommodate 2000 students. Currently, the majority of second level students walk to and from school every day. The location of the new school buildings will add an additional 15 minute (walking) journey time for students living to the south. Travel time, walking, for students from estates on the Dunboyne Road and Straffan Roads is currently 20 – 45 minutes. Cycling is an obvious alternative to the chaos that will be generated by children being driven to school.

The proposed, two way shared facility is wholly inadequate and will require cyclists to proceed in single file, at walking pace. They will be required to halt regularly to give way to pedestrians going in the same direction and to cyclists and pedestrians coming toward them.

The Moyglare Road provides an opportunity to demonstrate international best practice in cycling facilities. If done properly, there is potential for more than 1000 children to cycle to and from school every day. This will improve health and reduce traffic congestion. Additional space can be obtained by acquiring land and minimising carriageway width. This would have the additional advantage of signalling the commencement of an urbanised area to motor traffic, leading to passive enforcement of (currently largely ignored) speed limits on the Moyglare Road.

## 8. General

We would be interested to know whether the consultants have produced an estimate of the impact of the scheme of cycling levels in Maynooth. In conclusion, whilst the intention of the proposed scheme is to be welcomed, the execution has significant limitations. We have highlighted only some of the major issues. In general, there seems to have been no attempt to imagine the experience of cycling, or walking, through Maynooth at peak traffic times. Maynooth is a compact town, is flat and has a large population of young people. It has the potential to become the gold standard for cycling provision in Ireland, an opportunity completely missed by the proposal.

The difficulties along the Moyglare Road have been created by the County Council's decision to allow a major development that will, without cycling provision, turn over 1000 pedestrian commuters into daily users of motorised transportation. The council therefore has a very particular obligation to produce proposals for a scheme that will actively encourage cycling.





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## Arts Festival on the Square

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This year's theme is "Stillness in the Noise".

**Arts Fest  
Schedule**

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**Evening Concert on the Square**  
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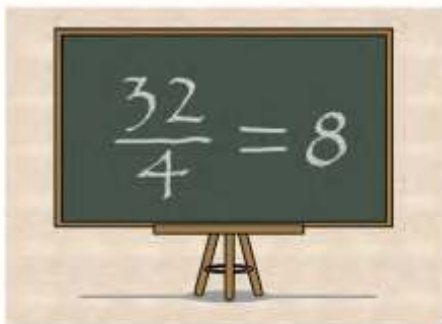
# AFTERSCHOOL CHILDMINDING CLUB IN MAYNOOTH

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- \* Limited to 8 children (4 places remaining)
- \* Suitable for 9 to 12 year-olds.
- \* Spacious family home 200 yards from Main Street.
- \* Area dedicated to club, including large secure garden.
- \* Supervision of homework, and recreation.
- \* Light refreshment and rest time.
- \* Up to 6.30 pm.
- \* Garda vetted and application of child protection policy.

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## Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes



We welcome all who are attending the Leinster Fleadh and Maynooth Summer Festival and wish the organisers every success. They, with our support, are trying to make these events clean and green.

Our second Bug Hotel at Manor Mills near the water wheel and the third Bug Hotel at The Tunnel River opposite the Larine House are open for business.

Laura Monaghan, Nicola Fitzsimons, Sarah Heaslip and Emma Dunne, four Students from Maynooth Post Primary School have started painting and decorating various utility boxes around the town. They are doing a great job as part of an intergenerational project for us.

Judging in the National Tidy Towns is ongoing during July and August. We thank all who have made an effort to improve their premises.

Three flower beds at Straffan Rd and Celbridge Rd are now completed.

Attention all dog owners Maynooth Tidy Towns have installed a number of Muttmitts units around the Town. Please avail of them to clean up after your dog.

Our thanks to Mary Molloy MTT who has obtained funding from Maynooth University and Maynooth Students Union towards this very important community initiative.

Congratulations to all concerned in the replacing of the beams in the arches of Courthouse Square. We have been actively seeking their replacement over the past number of years.

We wish to thank Ted Robinson and crew from the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth Ceoltas group and our Tidy Towns members for the clean up on Sunday 14th June.

Once again we appeal for volunteers to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Enjoy the Fleadh and the Festival.

**Richard Farrell**

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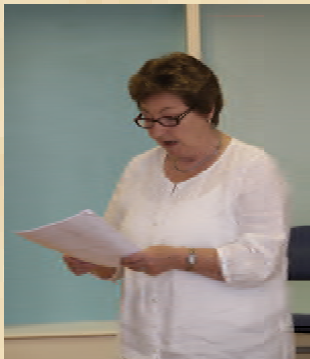
## Maynooth Town Football Club Blitz



Maynooth Town FC held their end of season Blitz on the 6th & 7th June. With 272 players of all ages up to 16 taking part the event was deemed a massive success.

The event is played off in a World Cup format with the emphasis on fun. Thanks to Donovan's Food Store of Greenfield who supplied goodies for the kids. A big thank you to the following without whom the event would not have been such a great success: Our referees for the tournament: Aibhinn Conway, Dave McMahon, Michael Doyle, Keith Farrell, Peter Egan, Paul Hartnett, Peter Henrick, TJ Byrne, Eamon Fagan & Liam Walsh, our Managers (you were ALL brilliant), the Tuck shop volunteers & Chicago Town Pizza team, the parents who supported the teams and a special words of thanks to Maynooth Community Council's CES ground staff for their work in getting the pitches ready and the clean up after the event. To the players you were all great and a special shout out to Darragh who broke his arm (you were so brave) get well soon. Finally to Keith & Peter thanks for organising such a successful blitz.

## Maynooth Local History Group



Maynooth Local History Group hosted two talks in Maynooth Community Space, Carton Park, Maynooth on Monday 15 June last. The first talk was given by group member Rita Edwards. Her subject was 'Bliain an Air 1740-41 (year of the slaughter) – famine in Ireland & Katherine Conolly's relief works.' An outline of this talk has been given in a previous edition of the Maynooth Newsletter'.

The main talk of the evening was given by group member Jennifer Walsh who spoke on 'The Curragh "Wrens" – camp-followers and outcasts – lives of destitute women in post-Famine Ireland'. These women came from all over the country. Some, for various family reasons had followed soldiers from different stations, while others came to make a living.

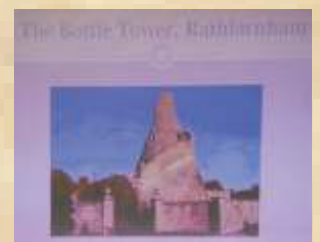
The soldiers called them 'wrens' because their homes looked like 'nests' each one stitched into a dense strip of gorse. 'They lived, received their families, gave birth and died in the "nests", said a 'Pall Mall Gazette' correspondent of the time. 'All the takings of a "nest" were pooled and used to purchase potatoes, bread and milk on those days when the "wrens" were permitted to visit the market in the camp. An army wagon

ensured they had a regular supply of water'.

While the hospital in the Curragh Camp catered for the soldiers, there was no medical aid for the women. In time, a positive attempt was made to alleviate their suffering in the building of the Lock Hospital on land leased forever from the Duke of Leinster at Kildare in 1868. On a ten-week visit to the Curragh in September 1861, Edward, Prince of Wales and eldest son to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, and the future Edward VII was much taken with a 'wren' named Nellie Clifden. When his dalliance became known, he was immediately sent to Germany to meet his future wife – Princess Alexandra of Denmark!

Thanks to Maynooth Community Council for the use of Community Space which is a great venue for local gatherings.

(Photo's by John Boyd)





# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

## Far from the Madding Crowd

**Starring: Carey Mulligan & Matthias Schoenaerts**



*Far from the Madding Crowd* is English novelist Thomas Hardy's classic tale of rural passions and class divisions in an imaginary Wessex setting. Since its publication in 1874, there have been numerous stage, screen and TV adaptations of Hardy's novel. Most notably, there was John Schlesinger's 1967 epic all-starrer with Julie Christie, Terence Stamp and Peter Finch. The latest offering to grace a cinema screen is Danish director Thomas Vinterberg's stylish and lush take on Hardy's bucolic masterpiece.

The plot, adapted by screenwriter David Nicholls, will be familiar to students of English literature and lovers of classic fiction alike. Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan) is the 19<sup>th</sup> century heroine defying the constraints of her time and inspiring passion in three very different men. Fiercely independent she attempts to negotiate her way through a man's world on her own terms. Hardy's determined, spirited, and headstrong central character is the (riding, shooting) gung-ho early feminist of her era.



At the beginning of the film, Bathsheba comes to work on her aunt's farm and soon draws the attention of the ruggedly handsome, local farmer, Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts). His attraction to her beauty and spirit leads to the gifting of a lamb and then a somewhat hasty marriage proposal. Gabriel's bargaining tools to win the affections of the ambitious Bathsheba involves his newly acquired land and 200 sheep. In Victorian England, marriage with property and material assets was a desirable goal for any young lady.

However, despite an obvious connection between them, Bathsheba gently rebuffs Oak's offer of marriage stating categorically that she has "no need for a husband". Bathsheba is not content to be relegated to the status of "some man's property". This early feminist is "too wild" to be constricted by social convention. She throws down the gauntlet to the soulful shepherd telling him she needs "taming".



The lady's head is not for turning. Not yet anyway. A recurring theme in Hardy's novels is reversals of fortune, capricious luck, fate or destiny. Both Bathsheba and Oak experience extreme changes in their fortunes early on. Bathsheba inherits her uncle's farm making her a prosperous woman, while Gabriel loses everything he owns when a young sheepdog disastrously leads his entire herd over a cliff top to their deaths. On such a flip of the coin are destinies decided in the Hardy universe.

The muscular and sensitive Oak isn't the only man to pursue Bathsheba. Seemingly there is a dearth of women for the men folk in *Far from the Madding Crowd*! Carey Mulligan's impulsive Bathsheba is instrumental in eliciting a second offer of marriage from the proud, wealthy, landowner William Boldwood (Michael Sheen). His initial indifference and slighting of her at a corn market meeting spurs the mischievous Bathsheba on to light revenge. On a whim, she sends the middle-aged and reserved bachelor a Valentine's Card, igniting in him an

unexpected, and unlooked for, passion that ultimately drives him to despair.



When Bathsheba is not busy turning male heads, she goes about the daily business of running her newly inherited farm. She can muck out and get down and dirty (bathing sheep, hoeing the ground) with the best of them! This is no shrinking violet but an assured business woman whose clear intention is to "astonish" her staff and all on comers. In an ironic twist, Bathsheba's rejected suitor, Gabriel Oak becomes the newest addition to her staff. The only constant in her life, the gentle shepherd is the wilful Bathsheba's guardian angel, a patient, loyal, solid and protective presence throughout the many vicissitudes of Hardy's story. He also suffers in silence as Bathsheba's love life becomes ever more entangled. Like a faithful sheepdog, he stays close by guarding and watching out for Bathsheba.

Rising Belgian star Matthias Schoenaerts is quietly effective in this role. A man of few words, he resembles a young Gerard Depardieu in his powerful physicality. His Gabriel is a virile, charismatic, honourable, and hard-working foil to Mulligan's headstrong, lively and desirable Bathsheba. Their onscreen chemistry is intense and wonderfully palpable.



With their fortunes changed, Bathsheba increasingly confides in and seeks advice from the yearning Gabriel. Although the feisty young woman attempts to keep the shepherd at arm's length, his subdued and sensual advances towards her are tellingly choreographed for the viewer.

Bathsheba's third and least appealing suitor comes in the shape of the wildly attractive but arrogant soldier, Sergeant Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge). Troy is a charming cad who seduces Bathsheba with an impressive display of his thrusting swordsmanship! In the 1967 *Far from the Madding Crowd*, Terence Stamp (resplendent in a red uniform) was a brooding screen presence, toying and parrying with an inflamed Julie Christie's affections. Sturridge, though, impressive in his own right, can't quite efface memories of Stamp's iconic performance.



Whereas Bathsheba has proved impervious to offers of material comfort and security, Troy appeals to a baser, more carnal instinct. It is very symbolic that his uniform is scarlet. His dangerous sexuality speaks to her untapped desires. Bathsheba succumbs to what she has previously despised in other young women – the flattery of a good-looking man. The volatile soldier, in this regard, represents the first discernible threat to Bathsheba's confidence and sense of self. He shakes her to the very core of her being.

Carey Mulligan is magnetic in the pivotal role of a Victorian Siren (befitting her Old Testament name) who wreaks havoc in the hearts of men. While Julie Christie's beautiful Bathsheba seemed more flirtatious and girly in Schlesinger's film, Mulligan has steel and fire in her veins. In her wildness and leather riding jacket, her Bathsheba is more akin to a modern Katniss

in *The Hunger Games*. Indeed the author Suzanne Collins borrowed Bathsheba's last name for her 21<sup>st</sup> century heroine.

With the mere flicker of an eyebrow, a knowing look or smile Mulligan conveys so much. There are layers of depth, intelligence and understanding behind those piercing eyes. She can also be luminous and girlish, when required, with figure-hugging costumes and an array of stylish hats! Mulligan's Bathsheba is tough, gutsy, energetic, passionate, self-aware, flawed and vulnerable in equal measure. She attempts to forge a path for herself in a society where the language is created by and for men. It is interesting to note that Thomas Hardy had a peculiar identification with all his female characters because of his own position as 'other' in his working-class upbringing.



The other stand-out performance in *Far from the Madding Crowd* comes from Michael Sheen. He is hugely sympathetic in a restrained performance as the lovesick Boldwood. Sheen excels in his interactions with Mulligan and Schoenaerts. His moving singing duet with Carey Mulligan in the harvest dinner sequence is a particular highlight of the film. When Boldwood and Gabriel Oak strike up an unlikely friendship, they bond over their shared unrequited longing for Bathsheba. Sheen conveys the sheer torment of a man lost to an all-consuming love with devastating effect.



Director Vinterberg's period romance is simply gorgeous to look at. He has created a painterly canvass in which to display the colours and hues of a rustic English landscape. Hardy's speciality was matching landscapes to mood in the novel. Vinterberg and his cinematographer, Charlotte Bruus Christensen, attempt to replicate this effect in his film. So we get sun-drenched vistas of rolling verdant hilltops, dusky purple-tinged twilights and ominous rain storms as a backdrop to the seething passions of the characters.



David Nicholls moving script is a truncated version of Hardy's original. The emphasis is firmly on the love story and Hardy's other theme of class divides is a subordinate element to this. Nonetheless the spirit of *Far from the Madding Crowd* is intact. Vinterberg, with the help of stunning visuals, gorgeous costumes, and an achingly beautiful score succeeds in producing a sumptuous, romantic and passionate film. Above all the film benefits greatly from two captivating leads. Schoenaerts smoulders as the devoted shepherd while Mulligan is thrilling as a woman ahead of her time.



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