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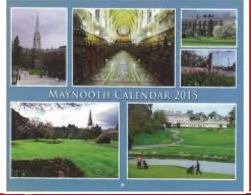
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Launch of Maynooth Calendar and the Kildare County Council County Award (See Maynooth Tidy T owns Notes on Page 4)







# Tis The Season to Shop Local

The festive season is fast approaching. Frosty mornings, shorter days and leaves on the ground signal the end of yet another year. Once Halloween is over, the preparations for Christmas really step up a gear. Advertisements on T.V., Jingle Bells a'jingling in department stores and carol singers on every corner remind us that the season of giving and receiving is nigh. This is the perfect opportunity to support our local shops in Maynooth.

In the run-up to Christmas, people are more inclined to spend money. This is good news for retailers and businesses who depend on important revenue from shoppers to keep the economy ticking over. In this regard, it is essential that we shop and buy local. Supporting local shops, department stores, restaurants, hotels and pubs has the knock-on effect of ensuring employment for many people. This is very good news for the community and the revenue generated by shoppers in local businesses will also go back into the local economy.

With multiple shops, stores and services to avail of in Maynooth why would you want to venture further than your own door-step! Shopping locally takes the stress-factor out of the annual search for all those important Christmas presents and supplies. Instead of rushing into a crowded city centre, why not saunter, at your leisure, around the local shops and stores in Maynooth. The quality and diversity of goods and services on offer can match any of the bigger brand-named stores in Dublin. So, all your needs and requirements for the perfect Christmas season can be met in one locality!

So, this Christmas, we would strongly recommend that you support our great community in Maynooth by choosing to shop local for all your festive needs. This, in turn, will help to invigorate the local economy and protect vital jobs in the process.

Happy Christmas Shopping!

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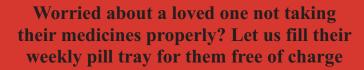






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# Silence

History... it made the day feel so long. As the class began to take their seats Mr. Gleeson stood up, as if about to make a long speech about someone in the past. But...NO, he began by saying welcome. "I'm happy to say that we have a double history lesson today. It will be two hours long." Amanda Greystone began chewing on her nails; she now dreading what had come out of the teacher's mouth. She began staring at Daragh..

Mr. Gleeson going into his tenth minute of this speech, talking about why the extra lesson. Amanda just beginning to listen to what Mr. Gleeson was droning on about... a pop quiz... to see what we have learnt today!

As the lesson nearly over; not one teenager was thinking about the test. But Mr. Gleeson was; he began handing out the tests. Feeling alert I stared at the paper. I usually know this stuff!

My classmates were finishing the test quite quickly. Mr. Gleeson strolled around and collected the tests. As he approached me I felt sickened. My first F this season. He began to ask why I wasn't finished... wait, not even started... SILENCE.

By Caoimhe Matthews:

Age 11





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# Pets at Christmas

All the staff in our veterinary clinics would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We would like to thank our loyal and valued clients for their continued support throughout 2014. It is always a great pleasure to look after the health and wellbeing of your pets. At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we very much enjoy both the challenges and rewards that our work brings. A special thanks to all of you who have visited our website throughout the year, we are delighted that you find it so informative. There are a few pet matters which Christmas brings every year and in this article I wish to outline the more serious matters:



# Pups as presents

Santa is often asked to bring a pup as a present and usually this can be a very difficult request for him to decline. However the novelty factor has to be given serious consideration. It is very important to remember the lifelong commitment that is being undertaken when a new pup arrives and all of the associated duties and costs involved. Unfortunately every year we see the aftermath of rejected Christmas pups and it is a very sad experience

to see the trauma that an unwanted pup can go through. If you visit maynoothyet.com, our October 2012 article is about choosing a pet.

At Christmas time, despite best intentions we all eat too much, as do our pets. Very often our dogs can be thoughtlessly turned into unwanted food disposal units. In our Maynooth, Clane and Edenderry Clinics we see the consequences of this pets present with vomiting, diarrhoea and often with serious symptoms of food poisoning. Owners will often say, 'he



likes turkey so we gave him some for his dinner'. Turkey is very high in protein and cannot be viewed as simply an oversized chicken. This will cause

your pet to have a digestive upset and can be very debilitating and unpleasant for him. Ham and sausage meat are also very rich foods which are often fed to excess over the Christmas period. Please ensure that your pet remains on his normal diet over the festive season as any sudden changes in diet are very difficult for pets to cope with.

Be sure to remind visitors that they are not doing your pet any good by giving him treats and that he will be fed as normal.

# Exercise



Here I have some conflicting advice, pups should never be brought out in public until one week after they have received their final vaccination. (you can visit our website maynoothvets.com for vaccination details). When they are ready to go out in public it is important that they receive the appropriate amount of exercise and that this is gradually increased in combination with a good quality

puppy food. Pups also require enormous amounts of rest and this should be catered for.

Mature dogs need their routine exercise and this should be continued over Christmas. Your dog can often be the focus of great interest for visiting youngsters – resist the temptation to stay in and watch Home Alone and instead take the opportunity to go out for a walk with your dog, family and

Once again a Happy Christmas to you all and please remember as ever we at Maynooth and Clane Veterinary Clinics have our own vet on call over the Christmas. This service is restricted to our registered clients. In the event of an emergency please phone either 01-6289467 or 045-982763 to speak with our on-call vet.

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# **Maynooth Tidy Towns**



Maynooth Tidy Towns received an invitation from Kildare County Council to the County Awards in the IONTAS Building in Maynooth University on Wednesday 5th November. A wonderful evening took place culminating with a presentation of a beautiful Bog Oak sculpture by the Mayor of Kildare Clr. Fiona O'Loughlin to mark Maynooth winning in 2014 Ireland's Best Kept Large Town competition. We also

received a Certificate for winning a Bronze Medal in the 2014 National Tidy Towns competition

Friday 7th November we had our annual "Thank You" evening sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel for our committee and volunteers who have been working from February last to the present day on projects around the town. John Byrne of Maynooth/University Book Shop also took the opportunity at this event of launching the 2015 Maynooth Calendar, post cards, greeting cards and notebooks. We are very grateful to John and Ursula for this initiative from which Maynooth Tidy Towns and St. Patrick's College "Raise the Roof Campaign" will benefit. Please support by buying Calendars and Cards in the Maynooth Book Shop, Main St. Maynooth and also available in the Maynooth University Book Shop.

As in previous years Jim Doyle will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Buckley's House adjacent to the Garda Station. After Christmas please recycle your tree in the Kildare County Council depot in Leinster St. Maynooth. The WEEE Ireland Collection of electrical goods and batteries will take place on 28th March 2015 in the Tesco Shopping Car Park.

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns we wish the staff and readers of Maynooth Newsletter and all who supported us a very Happy Christmas and litter free New Year.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns 087 3153189









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# Maynooth Parish Ball An Outstanding Success.

The purpose of the Parish Ball was to raise funds to refurbish St. Mary's Church. The Ball succeeded in this exercise as the community of Maynooth and beyond gave their full support. A hard working committee was ably assisted by parishoners who bought or sold tickets, making the Ball a sell-out event. They also secured sponsored items for the auction and raffle from local supporting businesses and organisations. The Ball itself was supported by the Mallaghan family and the champagne reception was sponsored by the Avenue Restaurant. Some parishoners who could not attend the function made private donations to the refurbishment fund.

However, it was as a social event that the Ball excelled and will be best remembered. The dark and dreary days of winter were forgotten as the guests began to arrive to the reception in the historic Carton House. The splendour of the reception rooms was complemented by the glamour of the ladies' fashion and the elegance of the gentlemen's attire. A complimentary photograph was offered to each guest by Mr. Thomas Mc Cormack of *Life is Beautiful Foto*. The music provided by Craobh Mhaigh Nuad of Ceoltas Ceoltóirí Éireann set the tone for a highly cultured evening.

The assembled guests were duly invited to the ballroom which was decorated specially for the event. A varied and delicious menu offering first class choices was enjoyed by the guests. The gifted items were duly sold in a banter filled auction by local professionals Mr. Eamon O' Flaherty and Mr. Willie Coonan. A lively and stimulating set of dance tunes was provided by Route 66 as we danced the night away. Others mingled from table to table catching up on old friendships and making new friends.

The raffle was conducted by Willie and Helen in a light and cheerful manner and some nice prizes were brought home by guests. Fr. Liam Rigney P.P. thanked the assembled guests for supporting the Ball and all who had helped out in any way. His words were only surpassed by Fr.Paul's spectacular dancing. A great night was had by all and we are delighted with the success to date of this aspect of our fundraising campaign. Some are already talking of The Maynooth Parish Ball 2015.

Beannachtaí na Nollag ar Mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad is gach rath don ath-bhliain. Colm, thar ceann an choiste.





On Friday the 19th December there will be a charity gig in Maynooth GAA club to raise funds for Pieta House. The gig will feature local group The Company, 8 local musicians who will be familiar to GAA patrons from the Sunday night session that has been a regular feature now for the last few years. Pieta house will also be familiar to local people as a charity that provides free therapeutic support to people who are suicidal and who are self-harming. This is a crucial resource in the community in the context of a continuing stigma suffered by those of us, of all ages and walks of life, for whom emotional distress has become unmanageable. It is clear that health services are unable to provide adequate support and so a community response such as Pieta House needs and deserves local support, especially during the Christmas season.

Though the members of *The Company* see this as a serious matter that deserves serious attention—they are keen too that this will be a fun night with lots of great music—folk, rock, trad,—that promises to be a great start to the Christmas celebrations. *The Company* are in good company on the night and will be supported by "Push for Porter"—a local trad group that will be known to many from their regular Newtown House spot on a Thursday night. Also another local group "Up She Flew", will make an appearance and are guaranteed to mesmerise with their distinctive guitar playing. And if that's not enough, Brian O Kane, a local man originally from Scotland, will display his considerable folk talents.

Tickets are a modest €5 and will be available in December from Maynooth GAA and from K n B music in the Square in Maynooth and there will also be a raffle on the night. Come along at 9.30 and make it your Christmas night out - it promises to be a fun night out for a very worthy and important

# "It's a Long Way to Tipperary – The Story, The Song, The Spin-offs"

Jack Judge was the son of an Irish Emigrant from near Ballyhaunis in County Mayo and who had settled in the Birmingham area of the UK. He became a Music Hall entertainer and penned many songs. He formed a partnership with Harry Williams who was wheelchair bound and who could write music.

After Harry Williams died in 1924 Jack Judge had claimed total authorship of "Tipperary" saying that he composed it in January 1912 for a bet in Stalybridge, outside Manchester. The Williams family hotly dispute this claim pointing out that the song originally started as "Off to Connemara" as a shared composition between the two men in 1909.

Two accidental events made "Tipperary" into the highest grossing song of all time.

In 1912 Captain Dryden of the Connaught Rangers heard a "Busker" in Galway City play an accordion and sing the lyrics. He thought the chorus would make a good marching tune for the Connaught Rangers ("the Devil's Own") as they had been stationed in Tipperary Town some year previously.

After war was declared George Curnock of the "Daily Mail" brought the song to the attention of the world following his report of the 13th August 1914 of the British Soldiers marching through Boulogne, France. Different regiments had their marching songs and he was very impressed by the marching song of the Connaught Rangers. He made enquiries and found it was "Tipperary". His report was syndicated world wide and other regiments in the British Army immediately began to adopt "Tipperary". The music publisher Bert Feldman, who had bought the song from Jack Jones and Harry Williams, could not keep up with the demand for the sheet music. In 1914 there was an estimated 3 million pianos in Britain. In today's language "Tipperary" went "viral". The great Irish Tenor, John McCormick recorded "Tipperary" in November 1914, and by December 1914 there was even a German version.

Jack Judge tended to have debt problems and in 1915 he sold his share in the song to Harry Williams. The Williams family still receive £30,000.00 annual royalties even though copyright expired after 70 years.

"Tipperary" became a world brand and the entertainment industry, particularly in the USA capitalised on this, coming up with songs like the following "I am a long way from Tipperary", "Tipperary Mary", "Tip Top Tipperary Mary", "There's a Typical Tipperary over here" and "It may be far to Tipperary, it's a longer way to Tennessee."

"Tipperary" featured on a series of war related post cards, tins of toffee, cushion covers, porcelain mugs and bedspreads.

"Tipperary" was always sung with great gusto at the many recruiting meeting throughout the UK particularly in 1914 and 1915.

As the horrors of the war began to unfold the song began to lose a certain appeal and was replaced over time by songs like "Keep the Home Fires Burning" and "Pack up your troubles" where the focus was on the safe return of the Soldiers.

The song made Harry Williams a rich man and enabled him to buy a pub for his parents.

Jack Judge continued to perform as a Music Hall Entertainer and to pen further songs. On the 28th August 1914, just after the song hit the "big time" he performed to a packed Tivoli Theatre in Dublin. When he performed in Dublin again in 1921 he was beaten up on his way back to his hotel, bundled into a car and threatened with a gun on the basis that he was totally identified with the British Army. He exhibited his "Irishness" by counting to ten in Irish and was released.

After "Tipperary" became a world hit a lady in the USA brought a claim for damages all the way to the US Supreme Court. She claimed that she had composed the actual melody which had been stolen from her. In 1920 the Supreme Court dismissed her case but she was shortly followed by another copyright case brought by Franz Lehar ("the Merry Widow").

"Tipperary" has featured in films and TV since notably in "Titanic" and the classic 1980's German TV Drama "Das Boot".

The music publisher, Bert Feldman, ensured the songs success in two ways: by inserting an extra "long" in one of the lines and by changing it into a marching tune rather than the earlier slow baritone song.

It is a comic song about a homesick Irishman, and since ringtones were invented the Williams Family will be assured of regular royalties.

Declan O'Connor Maynooth Local History Group

# Leading International Community Development and Human Rights Experts Call for Re-investment in Communities in Ireland (Dept of Applied Social Studies, Maynooth University)

Leading national and international community development and human rights experts meeting at Maynooth University have highlighted the need for a renewed emphasis on meaningful participation towards real democracy in Ireland, with specific emphasis on the participation and empowerment of those most marginalised in society.

The Rights, Re-structuring and Results: Global Reflections and Irish Realities conference discussed the importance of community development in addressing poverty, social exclusion and inequality in, and with, the most disadvantaged and marginalised communities in the country.

Recent public mobilization has highlighted growing frustrations across communities as public policy decisions are imposed without due consideration of the process, outcomes and impacts on the most marginalised.

Conference participants reflected on the impact of on-going Government plans for the restructuring of participation and representation at local government level at the expense of participatory and empowering collective processes, where communities come together to challenge poverty, social exclusion and inequality.

Opening the conference, Anastasia Crickley, Head of Maynooth University Department of Applied Social Studies, noted that "While inequality has increased over the past decade, women and minorities have been differentially affected. I call on the government to ensure women's groups, Traveller organisations and migrant and minority projects are adequately funded to independently continue their crucial work."

As the crisis of austerity continues to affect the most vulnerable, projects working to empower marginalised and disadvantaged groups are being re-structured and workers redeployed to focus on individual cases of unemployment.

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# Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2014 Headfort Golf Club 25/10/2014 Captain Gerry McTernan Prize Sponsored by MAOR Scaffolding

1st Prize	Liam Farrelly	41pts		
2nd Prize	Paul Farrelly	40pts		
3rd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	38pts		
4th Prize	Derek Murray	37pts		
5th Prize	John Saults	35pts B9		
6th Prize	Peter Finnan	35pts		
7th Prize	Terry Moore	35pts		
8th Prize	Darren Moran	35pts		
9th Prize	Sean Lennon	34pts		
10th Prize	Mick Flynn snr	33pts		
Front 9	Sean Farrelly	22pts		
Back 9	Mick Fahey	20pts		
Nearest the Pin	Paul Farrelly 8th hole			
Nearest the Pin	William Farrelly 14th hole			
2's Club	Paul Farrelly, Liam Farrelly, Tom Coffey			
Past Captain	Liam Farrelly			

Gerry McTernan's Captains Day was a fantastic success in every respect for Gerry and the Golf Society.

44 members played on the day, another high attendance for the society. Gerry drove straight down the middle of the fairway with his drive, even though he has been out of action for some months due to a hip replacement.

Headfort Golf Club was a very popular venue for the Captains day, the weather conditions were good for late October. The catering at the Captains dinner was excellent

You can see from the list of winners that it was a great day for the Farrelly family with winner Liam and his two sons William and Paul taking home many prizes on the day. Liam was the victor with a score of 41 points. Paul was in second place with 40 points. All other prize winners are listed above.

The prizes were presented by Captain Gerry McTernan to all of the winners at the Captain's dinner in Headfort. Everybody came home with a prize and enjoyed the craic on the bus journey home.

Thanks also to the Joey O'Riordan of MAOR scaffolding for sponsorship of this outing.

# Construction honour to Maynooth man

At a special ceremony at Stormont Buildings on Saturday 4th October David Tracey was bestowed with the title of Chartered Construction Manager from the Chartered Institute of Building.

David who is a son of Doreen and the late Sean Tracey of Greenfield is employed by John Sisk & Sons Ltd, Ireland's largest building contractor.

We extend our good wishes to David and his family and congratulate him on his achievement.

# **Community Council Notes**

### Footpath leading to Gaelscoil

There was typo error in last month's newsletter saying that the residents of Laurence Avenue accepted that there should be a footpath put in place when in fact it should have said they do not accept this. There was a special fence put up in the last week and that was damaged. It was said at the meeting that this is absolutely disgraceful behaviour and is leading a bad example to the School children. It was agreed to send a letter to all Maynooth school principals asking them to talk to the parents about putting a drop off pick up system in place in all

# The Square and future developments

The community council would like any persons or groups in the town to submit suggestions on what you would like the square to look like. Please address your views to Maynooth Community Council unit 5, Tesco shopping centre, Maynooth or email maynoothcc@eircom.net

### **Maynooth Scouts**

Tom McMullon Chairman of Maynooth Community Council congratulated the Scouts on the opening of the new hall and wished them all the luck in the future. Peter Garrad, scout leader, thanked everyone who made it possible. Anyone wishing to see the hall is more than welcome to visit. They would be delighted to show anyone around. It was also noted that the hall will be available to all groups wishing to use the hall and there will be a set of rates available to groups.

### **Maynooth Senior Citizens**

The annual Tony Smith walk which took place on 19th of October, organised by Maynooth Labour Branch, was a great success and it raised much needed funding for the senior citizens. The annual sale of work will take place on Sunday the 16th of November and they are hoping it will be bigger and better than last year.

### **Educate Together**

There was a new parents association formed at the AGM on 21st of October and the new chairperson is Una Philips. The spooky Halloween walk was a great success and Joe Byrne, author, gave very entertaining spooky stories in the college

# St Patrick's Day 2015

There will be a meeting held on Monday the 8th of December at 8pm before the Community Council meeting. Anyone, wishing to join the new committee are more than welcome to

# Maynooth Tidy Towns

Great work has been done at the mill wheel with the removal of rubbish and heading and the water is flowing more freely. They will take a break from their clean ups in 2 weeks' time and will return mid-January. Kildare County Council awarded Maynooth Tidy Towns with a bog oak trophy in recognition of winning Ireland's Best Kept Large Town. They also launched a calendar and postcards with all proceeds going towards Raise the Roof campaign. See the Tidy Town notes in this edition. Maynooth Community Council would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Andrew McMullon

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am absolutely astonished that the newly elected Councillors of Maynooth Municipal District prevented Cllr. John McGinley from allocating €37,000 for use on improvements in Maynooth Town Centre. He had proposed that the Discretionary Budget of €330,000 be divided equally among the nine Councillors and leave it up to each Councillor on how they would allocate their share. It is bad enough that the four Councillors who are not from Maynooth voted against Cllr. McGinley's proposal, but it is incredible that two of the Maynooth based Councillors would also vote against the proposal.

Also, the Council Officials recommended that €100,000 be allocated for town improvement schemes to benefit town centres, local business and the social fabric of the town, but, six of the Councillors ignored this recommendation. The availability of €37,000 each year for the next five years would set Maynooth Tidy Towns up for a Gold Medal in the near future.

I am appealing to the Councillors who voted against Cllr. McGinley's motion to have a re-think so that badly needed expenditure can be used for the good of Maynooth, which is after all, Ireland's only University Town.

Yours sincerely. Tom McMullon

Maynooth

### A Chara.

I would like to thank all those that either attended or donated to my coffee morning in September. It was the Annual National Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice Foundation. The final sum raised on the day was €2915.

Our family has been linked to the Hospice Foundation since 1999 and we have been fundraising since 2000. In the past 15 years with the help of local people and local businesses, we have raised just over €50,000, for which St. Brigids Hospice in The Curragh is most grateful.

There are too many to name individually so I hope this is acceptable as a token of gratitude to all concerned. I also hope I can count on your support again next year.

Remember, to die with dignity is a right, not a privilege.

Thank you,

May Daly Moyglare Rd



# **Editorial**

"What's another year" (as Johnny Logan sang), 2014 has come and gone but it would be wrong to describe 2014 as just another year. It was the year where water replaced the weather as the subject most discussed with strangers.

It was the year that people finally started to stand up for themselves in a way not seen since the tax marches of the early 1980s. It shows us that Irish people are fair and reasonable but when they have to carry the can for others they draw a line. Speaking of fairness one slow burner that also came to our attention in 2014 is the impact of property tax on the ability of residents associations in Maynooth to collect the fees for grass cutting.

Residents paying for grass seemed reasonable before property taxes. Checking with a number of residents associations reveals that there is increasing refusals by people to pay the fees for grass cutting stating that surely the cost of grass cutting should now be funded from the property tax paid to Kildare County Council. Residents associations are finding it more difficult to get volunteers and one estate is telling us that their committee has already reduced to just one member.

Volunteering to help in the community is still very strong in Maynooth and many groups are very successful because of their volunteers and long may it continue. If you find yourself with more time in 2015 why not volunteer with a local group. One such group that had much success in 2014 was Maynooth Tidy Towns. The selection of Maynooth as "Ireland's Best Large Town" a competition covering Ireland and Northern Ireland was due in no small way to the efforts of Maynooth Tidy Towns.

In 2015 we will have the Leinster Fleadh in Maynooth taking place in July. Events of this scale are welcome as we have already had events such as the Irish Open Golf. Let's hope that 2015 will be a good year for us all.

Paul Croghan

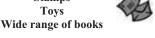
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# Christmas Fun

Why did the elf push his bed into the fireplace? He wanted to sleep like a log.

Why does Santa Claus go down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it 'soots him'.

Why does Santa have 3 gardens? So he can hoe-hoe-hoe!

2 Snowmen standing in a field, one says to the other "here, do you smell carrots?

Got my wife a wooden leg for Christmas Not her main present, it's just a stocking filler.

Why did the turkey join the band? Because it had the drumsticks!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!

What is the best Christmas present in the world? A broken drum, you just can't beat it!

Santa went to the Doctors with a problem. Doctor: What seems to be the problem?

Santa: I seem to have a mince pie stuck up my bottom! Doctor: Well you're in luck because I've got just the cream

What do you call a snowman in the summer? A puddle.

What did Santa say to Mrs. Claus when he looked out the window? Looks like rain. Dear!



# CHRISTMAS CRACKERS



# How to Cook a Turkey

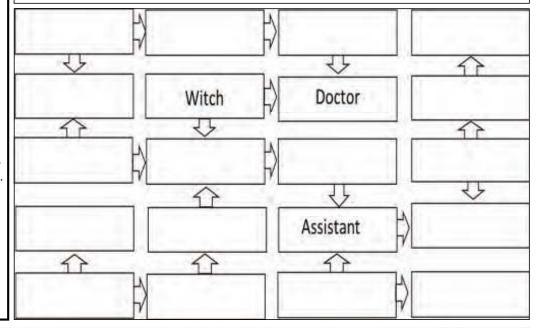
- 1) Buy a turkey.
- 2) Have a glass of wine.
- 3) Stuff the turkey.
- 4) Have a glass of wine.
- 5) Put the turkey in the oven.
- 6) Relax and have another few glasses of wine.
- 7) Turk the bastey.
- 8) Wine of glass another get.
- 9) Ponder the meat thermometer.
- 10) Glass yourself another pour of wine.
- 11) Bake the wine for 4 hours.
- 12) Take the oven out of the turkey.
- 13) Floor the turkey up off the pick.
- 14) Turk the carvey.
- 15) Get yourself another wottle of bine.
- 16) Tet the sable and pour yourself another glass of turkey.
- 17) Say Grace, throw-up and pass out.

# A Fun Quiz for all the Family Answers on page 12

Place a different word from the list into each square. Where squares are connected by an arrow the words in these squares will form a word combination, with the order of the words indicated by the direction of the arrow. For example the two words placed by each other in the grid

form the word combination WITCH DOCTOR

Word List: AIR - ASSISTANT - BOTTLE - BRUSH CAR - CARE - CRAFT - CRASH - DOCTOR - DUTY FREE - GREEN - HOUSE - LANDING - MANAGER SHOP - SHOWROOM - TRADE - WITCH - WORKER



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# ANDREWS ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS GUIDE TO THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS DINNER



Not everyone likes the prospect of preparing Christmas dinner but I hope these tips will help ease the pressure for a spectacular Christmas dinner and day. I like to start a to-do list now. This might sound like a hard task but believe me it will save you lots of time and also save you money as it saves you over-buying for Christmas.

A couple of weeks before Christmas, I itemise everything from the dishes I'm preparing to see what I need to make them.

Once I've drawn it up. I relax. I've made sure I share out tasks with family and friends. Then, on Christmas Day, the list comes off my kitchen door and goes on my work surface. Everyone can see what we should be doing. If people offer to help I am only too pleased to accept.
Start by writing down exactly how many people you will be entertaining over the festive period, so you are clear how much food you need. Maybe you will have five for Christmas Eve, eight for lunch on Christmas Day and six for supper.



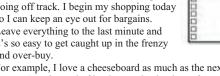
Go through your favourite recipes and plan your meals. Make a note of what others have offered to do - in our house, my dad takes charge of all the drink, boozy and soft, and my brother's wife brings the pudding. Once it's all written down, you'll

find you won't feel so panic-stricken.

# December 17th

It sounds obvious, but the best way to save money is not to over-buy. With so many tempting things in the shops, it can be hard not to. That's why I take a copy of my To-Do list with me when I shop.

Having a detailed list of the ingredients I need for the whole festive season stops me going off track. I begin my shopping today so I can keep an eye out for bargains. Leave everything to the last minute and it's so easy to get caught up in the frenzy and over-buy.



For example, I love a cheeseboard as much as the next person. But, instead of buying a selection box of cheeses, I just get two or three individual ones. Add grapes and crackers and you have a relatively inexpensive alternative dessert.

# December 18th

This is the day I like to start stockpiling meals. There's so much going on in those last exciting days before Christmas, I won't always have time to cook a fresh meal. This way I know I'm covered.

I make a couple of shepherds pies and a lasagne to pop in the freezer. My dad is in charge of the wine, so I'll be gently reminding him today to check we have everything bought!

# December 19th

We all need extra food, especially if unexpected guests turn up. A great way to always be prepared is to buy things now that won't spoil. That way you'll know your store cupboard is stocked.

Half-baked baguettes you can use to make sandwiches are a great standby saviour. I also keep tins of chickpeas and black-eyed beans so I can knock up a quick salad. Scones also make a fantastic standby and can be knocked up in minutes if you make sure you always have enough flour, butter and sugar in the larder. I also bake a nice tin of shortbread today. It's cheap, lasts past Christmas and I can have a treat whenever visitors arrive.

# December 20th

This is what I call a relaxed day. Put your feet up and watch a few movies on the TV before the mayhem begins.

# December 21st

Every year, I make my extra special ham. I buy a big bacon joint which I soak a few days before Christmas. This year, I'll be boiling it in

cider with a handful of peppercorns. When it's ready, I'll glaze it with a mixture of Dijon mustard and Demerara sugar, before browning it off in the oven. Divine. This

can be used for the dinner and it also makes a great sandwiches that night and a great dinner on St Stephens Day

# December 22nd

Not everyone likes Christmas pudding, so I always serve a trifle, which I like to make today. I also make brandy butter by combining unsalted butter with double its weight in icing sugar and a glug of brandy. It keeps beautifully for days.

The children love chocolate so I'll also be making my Yule log -a luxurious chocolate roll filled with double cream - which I freeze ready for defrosting on Christmas Eve to use on the big day.



# December 23rd

I am always determined to make this my last shopping day, so it's now that I buy all the ingredients that need to be really fresh. I select my fruit, vegetables and herbs. I also like to double-check my list, make sure everything is ticked off and I've made allowances for any updates. If you haven't already got your turkey, you will be wanting to buy it today, particularly if it's a frozen one which will need to defrost.

### Christmas Eve

I usually buy a fresh bird — normally a Kelly Bronze. They are delicious and cook quickly. However, frozen birds can taste just as good and are a lot cheaper.

To defrost, snip open the bag to let air circulate, put the turkey in a roasting tray and leave to thaw somewhere cool — like your garage — for 24 hours. Don't put the turkey in the fridge. It will take too long to thaw. And I always remove the giblets, which make a fantastic base for my gravy. I always prepare my potatoes and parsnips in advance, sometimes even roasting the lot on Christmas Eve if I have time.

King Edward, Maris Piper and Desiree are all great choices for roast potatoes. I cut them into even-sized pieces. I find eighths are better than quarters — more corners mean they get crunchier.

I parboil for five minutes, drain and then rough them up a little with a fork, so they absorb more oil. I prefer goose fat. You may also like to toss them in a little dried garlic chips to add extra crunch. When they are ready, I pour off the fat, store in the fridge overnight and then reheat in a hot oven on Christmas Day after the turkey is taken out. I also peel and chop my carrots and sprouts on Christmas Eve

The carrots can be kept in cold water overnight. Sprouts - like all green vegetables — shouldn't be put in water because they will lose their flavour. So I cut them in half to aid speedy cooking, and then pop them in a chill bag in the fridge.

# Gorgeous giblets

I boil my giblets into a stock today, ready to make gravy. Then on Christmas Day, all I have to do is strain off the turkey juices from the roasting tin and add them to the stock.

# Keep your supper simple

Christmas lunch is such a rich treat, so I like to keep the other meals much simpler. On Christmas Eve, I serve a good old-fashioned fish pie. It's light, easy to make, a great contrast to turkey — and economical too Don't worry about breakfast — let people look after

themselves. It helps that breakfast is a light affair in our house. If someone wants to set to and boil an egg, they can, but I don't do any cooking. Family and friends can get terribly upset if you don't let them help. They may not do things my way, but I'm always very happy to let them get on with it. My grandchildren love to get involved, so I get them to make name places for the table.

And remember, my To-Do list is always displayed on the worktop so everyone can see what needs doing. No

# To stuff or not to stuff?

There's something so luxurious about a beautifully stuffed turkey. Although I like making several other stuffings to serve up on the day, I always reserve a special one to put inside the turkey. Don't be scared that it'll stop the turkey cooking properly. Just ease it under the skin above the breast, rather than stuffing the cavity and it'll be fine.

This year, I'm making a lemon and thyme pork stuffing, and it's often the first task I undertake on the day. I'll also pop an onion and lemon peel in the cavity to add flavour. Then I'll make a separate dish of chestnut and apricot stuffing for any vegetarians.

# Christmas Day Dinner

The secret is to get it ready early. I have the turkey in the oven well before we go to church at 10am.

I start with a huge sheet of foil in my roasting tray. Then I smear butter over the breast, lift

the skin and push the stuffing inside the breast end.

Then I wrap the foil around the turkey so it's like a tent - giving room for steam to circulate. I cook

my turkey breast side up. It might sound obvious, but you'd be surprised! Cooking it upside down is a recipe for disaster, especially if you've had a tipple — it'll wobble all over the place and you risk splashing hot fat on the floor and slipping.

I start my bird off at 220c (200c in a fan oven, gas 7) until its pale golden, then reduce the heat to 160c (140c fan, gas 3) for the remainder.

Check it's ready by sticking a skewer in the thigh. If the juices run clear, it's done. Or pull the thigh away from the body. If it comes away easily, it's ready.

I then take the bird out and cover with clean towels. This way, the turkey can hold its heat and rest while you finish off the rest of the dinner.

Don't despair if you mistimed things and the turkey seems to be taking too long to cook - you can speed things up by removing the legs and roasting them separately. The breast always cooks quicker than the rest.



# Rescue the roasties

The secret to perfect roasties is getting your timing right. But don't worry. If they're cooked too early, there are remedies.

If, like me, you're just reheating them on the day, ten minutes in a very hot oven will be fine. But if you're starting from scratch, it's still very simple.

As I said, I cut my potatoes into small pieces and roast them in goose fat, which has to be sizzling hot before I add them. I roast the potatoes for about an hour at 220c (200c fan or gas 7). Î turn occasionally and add extra fat if needed. It's vital that once the potatoes are done, they come out of the oven.

But if the rest of your meal isn't ready, don't panic. Drain off the fat and leave the potatoes on the side. When the rest of the meal is done, reheat the spuds for five minutes. Don't just keep them warm, if you do they will go soggy.

# Jazz up your sprouts

While my other vegetables are cooking away, I give my sprouts a bit of wow with bacon. I start by cooking them in boiling water for five minutes. Meanwhile, I fry snipped-up streaky bacon in a pan. When the bacon's nicely crisp, I add the sprouts and toss for a few minutes. If you're short of space on the hob, you can fry the bacon in advance on Christmas Eve and reheat quickly before adding the sprouts.

# Pudding for all!

I adore Christmas pudding and always make my own a month or so ahead. But even if yours is shop bought, I suggest boiling rather than



microwaving as there's a danger of burning the fruit. Most cooked puddings will take three hours to steam or boil on Christmas Day. We always light the pudding. The key is to make sure the brandy and the spoon you use are both hot before you pour it on, otherwise the spirit won't light.

I also serve my sherry trifle for those who find pudding too heavy.

# AND THE BEST BIT OF ALL? THE LOVELY LEFTOVERS



# Christmas Day Supper

The wonderful thing about having all this glorious food is that you have delicious leftovers. Be prepared to experiment and nothing need go to waste. When I was little, my mother always

served up the cold turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce on open sandwiches for a late Christmas Day supper.

# **Boxing Day Delights**

I make cold turkey served with baked potatoes and a range of salads such as tomato and avocado, topped with asparagus. This is also the perfect day for my preprepared ham to come out.

And if there's anything left...

I use any remaining turkey to make my own Coronation Turkey. I mix up mayonnaise, mangos, banana, avocado, spring onions, lemon juice, curry powder and mango chutney and add the chopped turkey.

Take stock — a final treat

the final highlight is the turkey carcass. It makes wonderful stock. A few days after Christmas, when the bones are still fresh, I strip off the last bits of meat. Then I break the bones and put them in the largest pan I own with a peeled onion, bay leaves and herbs. Cover with water and simmer for four hours. I use some to make soup and freeze the rest.

Now for the times and temperatures:

Depending on what time you have your dinner at keep these times handy here is a chart of cooking times for your turkey.

# Approximate Roasting Times for Stuffed Turkey

Turkey Weight Hours 6 to 8 pounds 3 to 3-1/2 hours

8 to 12 pounds 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 hours 12 to 16 pounds 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 hours 16 to 20 pounds 5-1/2 to 6 hours 20 to 24 pounds 6 to 6-1/2 hours

# Approximate Roasting Times for Unstuffed Turkey

Turkey Weight Hours
6 to 8 pounds 2-1/2 to 3 hours
8 to 12 pounds 3 to 4 hours
12 to 16 pounds 4 to 5 hours
16 to 20 pounds 5 to 5-1/2 hours
20 to 24 pounds 5-1/2 to 6 hours



Here is a few cooking tips for your vegetables.

I find boiled carrots really boring and here is another ways of cooking them For 6 people you will need 750g of carrots 140g of butter and 2 teaspoons of caster sugar.

Peel carrots and cut them in thick diagonal pieces. You glaze them in a pot with the butter and sugar for 30 minutes and low host hofers finishing them off with a

glaze them in a pot with the butter and sugar for 30 minutes on a low heat before finishing them off with a few thyme leaves resulting in a sweet tasting vegetable. That goes beautifully with turkey.

### Lemon thyme and pork stuffing

This is a favourite family recipe, served every Christmas for as long as I can remember. This is the stuffing for the neck end of the turkey: do not put a meat stuffing in the body cavity of a bird. The quantities below make sufficient to stuff a 12lb turkey.

5g butter

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 450g pork sausage meat
- 50g fresh white breadcrumbs
- · salt and freshly ground black pepper
- finely grated zest and juice of ½ large lemon
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- leaves from 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and cook gently until soft, about 10 minutes.
- 2. Stir in the remaining ingredients and mix well together. Cool before stuffing the turkey.
- 3. This is now ready to stuff the neck end of the bird. TIP: Breadcrumbs are often used in recipes over Christmas. Some time in advance, whiz a whole loaf to breadcrumbs in the processor and keep in the freezer. You will then have them at the ready, and they defrost in minutes.
- PREPARING AHEAD Make the day before and use to stuff the neck end of the bird, providing it will fit in the fridge. The stuffing can also be made and frozen for up to a month in advance.
- SHERRY TRIFLE
- SERVES 6-8

 $1 \times 400 g$  can pears in natural juice or tined fruit



- 1 packet trifle sponges containing 8 sponges
- strawberry jam
- 75ml medium dry sherry
- about 10 ratafia biscuits, or broken almond biscuits such as macaroons

• 600ml bought good-quality fresh vanilla custard

- 300ml double cream
- 25g flaked almonds, lightly toasted (see Tip)
- Drain the pears, reserving the juice, then cut the fruit into small pieces. Split the trifle sponges in half and sandwich together with the strawberry jam. Measure the sherry into a jug and make up to 150ml with the reserved pear juice. If you don't wish to have sherry in your trifle then use all of the pear juice about 150ml.
- Put half the chopped pears into the base of a glass serving dish of about 20cm in diameter and 6cm deep. Arrange half the trifle sponges on top, then add the remaining pears and finally the remaining sponges. Scatter the ratafias on top and pour the sherry and pear juice mixture over evenly.
- Carefully pour the custard over the top. Lightly whip the cream until it just holds its shape and spoon carefully over the custard. Smooth or fluff the surface. Serve chilled. Sprinkle with the toasted flaked almonds just before serving

TIP - Flaked almonds can now be bought ready toasted but, if you do need to toast them yourself, put them in a dry pan over a medium heat on the hob. Move them around with a wooden spoon and watch them like a hawk as they can quickly burn. If you want add a glug of whiskey to make it that extra special

PREPARING AHEAD - This is an ideal dessert to make a day ahead as the flavours have time to mingle. Keep in the fridge. Scatter over the almonds just before serving. TURKEY GRAVY

• 25g plain flour

 600ml home-made giblet stock or good-quality turkey stock

• 150ml port

- 2 tbsp redcurrant jelly
- salt and freshly ground black pepper INTRODUCTION

The gravy is a very important part of the Christmas meal, so for best flavour ideally use good stock made from the giblets. If you haven't any port, use red wine instead.

INSTRUCTIONS

SERVES 8

- 1. Pour off the turkey juices into a bowl or jug. Spoon off 2 tbsp. of the turkey fat (which will be floating at the top). Spoon off the remaining fat from the juices and discard.
- 2. Put the tin over a medium heat and add the flour. Cook for about 1 minute, stirring any sediment from the tin. Gradually pour in the stock and port, and whisk well. Add the redcurrant jelly, bring to the boil, then simmer for 2-3 minutes.
- 3. Add the skimmed juices from the roast turkey and adjust the seasoning. Strain into a warmed gravy boat to serve.

TIP - Some families like a huge amount of gravy. If so, double this recipe. Any left over can be added to a soup made from the turkey bones.

PREPARING AHEAD - Make the gravy the day before, using 2 tbsp vegetable oil instead of the turkey fat. On the day, drain the fat from the roasting tin, add the gravy to the sediment in the tin and bring to the boil. Strain before serving.

GRAVY ISSUES - Lumpy gravy? Simply sieve it – or you could use a hand-held blender to destroy the lumps. If your gravy is too thin, add 1 tsp corn flour mixed with a little cold water or stock, then bring the gravy back to the boil to thicken. Adding the skimmed juices from the roasted turkey enhances the flavour of the gravy no end, but if yours still seems a little tasteless, check seasoning and then add a little Worcestershire sauce.

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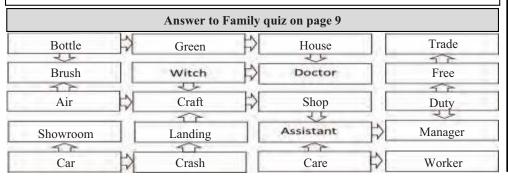
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# The ESA Follows a Wandering Star



What were you doing 10 years ago? On March 2, 2004 the European Space Agency launched a space probe designed to rendezvous with a comet and land a robot on it. Recently, on November 12, 2014 the spacecraft made history by successfully landing on the comet 67P/ Churyumov-Gerasimenko. The Rosetta probe and its robot lander Philae are making a splash worldwide both for the mission itself and for the social media coverage that they have received.

Astronomers have always been fascinated by comets, but they have proven difficult to study in detail. The ESA sent a probe during the 1986 passing of Halley's Comet which provided lots of interesting new data but left many of unanswered questions. This prompted a decades -long quest to develop new probes for a mission to study comets in greater depth. Originally NASA and the European Space Agency were working cooperatively to minimise the budget, but NASA scrapped their mission due to the cost, and the ESA continued with its own version of the two missions.

The spacecraft consists of two main elements: the Rosetta, which is the space probe designed to orbit the comet, and the Philae robotic lander, designed to land on of comets and is providing scientists with valuable the comet and study its composition. Their namesakes are the Rosetta Stone and the Philae Obelisk, two Egyptian artefacts that were key components in deciphering Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. The spacecraft was named after them to represent the hopes that they would similarly help us understand comets and the early solar system.



The Rosetta will orbit comet 67P for 17 months, performing the most detailed studies of a comet ever conducted. The Philae was to secure itself to the comet by firing two harpoons, but these failed to deploy, causing the lander to settle in an area with insufficient sunlight for its solar panels. Before it was placed into long-term hibernation, the robot was able to scan the comet and perform the majority of its intended studies, as well as send all the data it had collected back to the ESA. Among other revelations, this showed that the comet's surface was much harder than originally thought; ironically, if the deployment of harpoons had gone as intended, it could have had catastrophic results. The ESA is confident that after a few months of hibernation, Philae will be able to continue its mission when 67P is in a better position for its solar panels.

The data collected is already starting to change our view

information they could not have obtained without direct contact. Although the touchdown has gained the most publicity, the mission has already achieved other historical firsts. Rosetta was the first spacecraft to use solar cells as the power source to fly close to Jupiter's orbit. It also passed through the asteroid belt, becoming the first European spacecraft to have a close encounter with asteroids. Asteroids are a very primitive part of our solar system and provide a glimpse into its early formation.

More importantly for scientific studies, Rosetta is the first spacecraft to orbit a comet nucleus and the first spacecraft to fly alongside a comet as it heads towards the four terrestrial planets closest to the sun. 67P is estimated to be hard as ice, so Rosetta will be able to monitor how the nucleus responds as it gets closer to the warmth of the sun.

The mission has featured heavily in social media, with the spacecraft Rosetta and the lander Philae both being personified in Twitter accounts. The mission also had its own Facebook account, and a livestream of the control centre was set up. While the robot Philae may be asleep for now, the ESA predicts that sometime in the spring of 2015 the comet will have moved close enough into position for the Philae's solar panels to recharge, waking this lonely scholar once more.



# HOW TO RESEARCH AN ANCESTOR WHO FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR ONE 1914-1918

It depends on where you start. Most family research starts with self/family. You may have a full name, place and date of birth. A search is easier if you have military details: service number and regiment. If not, search to unearth any family papers: certificates, letters, postcards, photographs and items such as medals, death plaques and other associated paperwork. If you have a vital record such as a birth/marriage certificate, this will give you the correct name of the person you are researching and the place of birth/residence and accurate information of the names of parents.

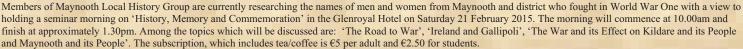
Another place to start is to search the Local Studies Department database of Kildare County Library at Newbridge – www.kildare.ie/library/ (NB neither this database nor the following are totally complete – they are being updated on a continual basis). Depending on the information found, the databases mentioned below can be searched in any order).

- Ireland's Memorial Records in Flanders Fields Museum http://imr.inflandersfields.be/ Search by name/military unit/place of birth (Ireland and the UK)/place of burial or commemoration (Belgium).
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- The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England is the principal keeper for British Military records http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war/ It has a new dedicated website which is superbly comprehensive. Among the most sought-after military collections are the Army's Service and Pension records. Those that survive (about 60 per cent of all army service records were lost during WW2 bombing) are now available online. Approximately two million 'Burnt Documents' series commencing WO363/ relate to non-commissioned officers/other ranks.

In addition to above there are c. 750,000 Service Records for soldiers who were discharged for medical reasons (illness/wounds). Service Records of Army and RFC Officers are in the series WO374/. These include soldiers who were in the Army before August 1914 and who were eligible for a pension because their term of service came to an end during or before 1920. This group of records, are known as the 'Unburnt Documents' – series WO364/. All records are in alphabetical order by surname.

There is a fee for all records viewed and downloaded. Photocopies of documents not available to download can be ordered and posted. Alternatively, all documents can be viewed for free at Kew where there is a small charge for photocopying. A reader's ticket is required. Other sites of interest include:

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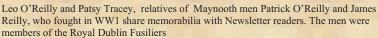
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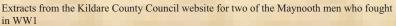








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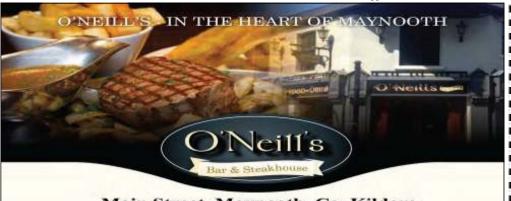
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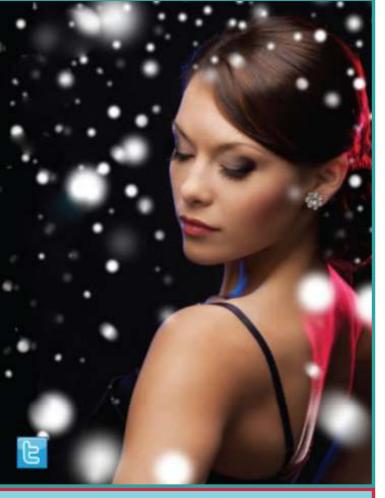
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The therapists in the Glenroyal Beauty Salon are professional, friendly and extremely good at everything they do. Lisa, a senior therapist with the salon since its opening, has almost a decade of experience in the beauty industry and is highly qualified in many areas, achieving the level of 'specialist' with the highly acclaimed Dermalogica skin care range. Aoife is another highly sought-after therapist with the salon and is also trained in a wide range of treatments. These girls form the backbone of the salon's continuing success.

Whether treating yourself to a luxurious treatment or just getting a little 'routine maintenance', the Glenroyal Beauty Salon has you covered. They offer everything you'd expect from a beauty salon – waxing, manicures, pedicures, facials & massage. However they also offer treatments that go beyond the routine and basic to the innovative and exciting. Enter the Minimi Body Wrap!

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Glenroyal Beauty Salon's skin care range is largely built upon the highly-respected Dermalogica brand. The therapists are very knowledgeable in this area and offer a free detailed analysis of your skin and personalised skincare recommendations.

Lycon wax is available for all your hair removal needs at the salon. It is marketed as 'the only wax worth taking your clothes off for' and this may very well be true. It can remove stubborn hair as short as 1mm, removing the need for longer regrowth time and thanks to the pre-wax oil that is applied to your skin, this clever wax shrink-wraps just the hair (and not your skin) making the whole experience almost pain-free.

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It's great to see a company which was set up in the midst of a recession thriving. This is largely due to the quality and range of treatments on offer, the professionalism and friendliness of the staff who receive on-going training to stay ahead of the trends and the great value for money on treatments which is only compounded by exciting special offers each month.

Glenroyal Beauty Salon is open late 6 nights a week. Find Glenroyal Beauty Salon on Facebook and follow them on Twitter for news, special offers and competitions. Don't forget, leisure club members get 10% discount on treatments.

# **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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



During these dark winter months, light becomes increasingly important to our daily lives. We spend a lot more time indoors, so our home lighting plays a bigger role. For many people, light is something that features in the background of our awareness, and concerns about wattage or which bulbs are the most environmentally friendly or cost effective are as far as our consideration extends. However, new technology is starting to change how we view and use electricity. One company - Royal Philips – has created a whole new range of lighting based on wi-fi enabled light bulbs.

Launched last year, Philips has made a splash in the tech world with Hue, its personal wireless lighting system. The basic setup consists of an app you access on a smartphone or tablet to control your lights, the special wireless LED light bulbs, and a bridge device that acts as the link between your app and the lights. Using the app, you can control your lights in a variety of ways from anywhere that you have internet access, even if you are traveling around the world.

While the setup is simple enough, the system is extremely versatile in its use and applications. Although it has many functions, it is called Hue because of the lights' signature colour-changing abilities. Hue lights can be set to a rainbow of colours on the spectrum and any level of brightness or dimness desired. Rather than

**Hearing through Light** 



One of the most fascinating aspects of technology is its ability to assist people in innovative ways. The deaf community is embracing new technology and using it to create new apps that help them 'hear' in a different way. One company has taken Royal Philips' pioneering light technology system Hue and created an app specifically for the deaf community.

Convo is a deaf-owned and operated company that provides video phone and translation services to the deaf community. Their app, Convo Lights, was developed for Philips' Hue lighting system. It uses the light to notify deaf people of incoming calls or other audible signals that they might otherwise miss. One advantage of the

Changing Winter Blues with Hue using wattage, different types of bulbs, or dimming switches to achieve varying light effects, Hue combines these abilities and enhances them. They can be set to pulse or flash under certain commands: as it is linked to the internet through your app, you can set the lights to flash or pulse a certain colour any time you get a new email or family contacts you.

> The colour selection for the bulbs is quite unique. You can use the app's custom palette to select any colour or specific shade of white that you want. However, the colour-picker option also works with your own library of photographs, allowing you to select a photograph on your phone and drag the colour-picker to the particular colour you want. You can save colour selections as 'scenes' that you can reuse, and there is even a Hue community for sharing unique user-created scenes such as sunsets.

> While Hue seems to sell itself primarily as an aesthetic technology designed for its versatile ambiance, it also advertises that the lights can be used for people's health and wellbeing, a particular concern during these dark winter months when natural light is in short supply. Hue's website touts how it allows people to take advantage of the 'biological benefits of light', suggesting that cool blue light is best used in the mornings and warm yellow light is better for evenings based on our biological responses to the day-night cycle.

Hue also contains several pre-sets centred upon this health and wellbeing concept. The 'Reading' setting claims to provide the perfect lighting for reading a book, while the 'Relax' setting has a more warm and glowing light. 'Concentrate' uses both colour and brightness, while 'Energise' is extra bright and vibrant light.

Hue also advertises its security benefits as you can control your home lighting from anywhere with internet access. People are familiar with the special plugs that allow you to program your lights to come on when you are not home or are on vacation, but Hue takes this a step further as lights can be controlled remotely and the program changed wherever and whenever you like. A big downside to the winter is coming home from work or

app is that it allows users to personalise their light ringtones so that they can identify incoming callers.

The app takes the Hue technology one step further as in addition to alerting deaf people to incoming calls, it then allows them to have a conversation via a sign language interpreter using the Video Relay Services that Convo provides. It has a setting specifically for adjusting the brightness in a room to make it easier to read sign language onscreen, and it provides a light alert system

The technology is being used to help deaf people create a more visual world within which they can feel comfortable and confident. For instance, Philips is collaborating with the developers to create advanced features, such as the lights being connected to the doorbell to alert people to visitors to their home, as well as to smoke alarms and other important danger signals.

These features make Convo Lights a genuinely meaningful app, which was the goal of Convo's chief executive Jarrod Musano. He wanted to create an app that would be a true innovation for deaf culture and help empower the community through creating a more visually beautiful and functional environment.

The app is also helping deaf business owners. Russ Stein, who owns a pizzeria in San Francisco, says that he

school in the dark to a dark house. Hue uses geofencing technology, which means that the lights can be set to turn on as soon as you walk up to your front door.

The lights can further be set as timers or alarms that will flash when dinner is finished cooking or a show is on television, or to wake you up by mimicking the sunrise in your bedroom or send you to bed at night by gradually dimming the lights.

The bridge of the system uses wi-fi to connect through your router and links the lights to the app so that you can control the system wirelessly from anywhere. It connects to up to 50 Hue lights or accessories at one time, and through its wi-fi access, can link your light system to the internet, your emails and newsfeeds, and anything else online. Because of its internet access, Hue is able to program functions such as changing the lights to indicate a change in the weather or to indicate weather alerts. The Hue community also lets users suggest what they call 'light recipes' for light programs and alerts like this.

The downside to this system is, like with many new technologies, the cost. Starter packs containing the bridge and a few bulbs can be found on sites like Amazon.uk and eBay for around €150-€200. However, during these dark, grey winter months, Hue offers a glimpse into a much brighter and more colourful world.



used to miss over 50% of his business calls. Now that he uses Convo Lights, he is able to stay on par with nondeaf businesses and has increased his profits.

Musano credits Philips for making Hue's API an open source platform, which allows third-party developers such as Convo to create their own apps for the system or to collaborate on new apps. Currently there are over 200 apps for Hue, though Convo Lights is the first developed specifically for the deaf community.



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# FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

# Film Review: Joyeux Noel (Merry Christmas) Director: Christian Carion



The mud-splattered trenches of the Western Front are the setting for the 2005 film, *Joyeux Noel*. It depicts the remarkable story of fraternisation among German, French and Scottish soldiers at the Front in the first Christmas of the 1914-1918 World War. Directed and written by Christian Carion, who grew up in Northern France, he relates how he was "surrounded by the permanent memory of the First World War". Although the characters and plot of *Joyeux Noel* are fictional, they are based on actual historical events. Carion's film depicts the endurance of the human spirit in the face of terrible adversity.



As befitting the subject matter, Carion has assembled an international cast to enact his drama of war-torn lives. The characters taking centre-stage in the ensuing drama include: Horstmayer (Daniel Bruhl), a German-Jewish Lieutenant; Audebert (Guillaume Canet), the French lieutenant; Gordon ( Alex Ferns), a Scottish Lieutenant; Palmer ( Gary Lewis), a Scottish priest and stretcherbearer; and Nikolaus Sprink (Benno Furmann), a German tenor and conscript.

At the beginning of *Joyeux Noel*, war comes to a small Scottish village. The response from two Scottish brothers is predictable excitement: One brother rushes into his local church where the priest, Palmer, and his younger brother are present. His cry - "this is it...at last, something's happening in our lives!" - reflects the hope of what war meant to men of his generation. The outbreak of war provided the opportunity for many to escape poverty and their mundane, joyless existence. They rushed in their thousands to join the war adventure. However, these young men had certainly no idea of what lay ahead of them and the horrors they would face in the fields of a foreign land, far from home.

Only the face of the priest, Palmer, (in telling close-up) reflects disquiet about what such a war could mean for his flock. As he lingers near the candles in his church, the imagery of lives being snuffed out readily springs to mind

Carion's film sets out to explore the widening chasm between the men on the frontline (officers and soldiers) and the Higher Command who dictate events from a safe distance. On the French side, Lieutenant Audebert tries to rally his men in the face of terrible odds. Our first glimpse of the compassionate Audebert sees him throwing up before he emerges from his bunker to face his men and the horrible reality of life in the trenches. He implores them to "do what you must and we'll all be home for Christmas".



Sprink, the singer and pacifist, is invited to sing for the vacuous Kronprinz. It is the bitter-sweet occasion of his re-union with his lover, Anna (Diane Kruger). The civility of music and this evening of upper-class excess contrasts starkly with the grim reality of the events unfolding on the Front. The German tenor is scornful of his superiors who he derides as "....fat, sated men parading, swilling champagne" while his comrades

endure unimaginable horrors in the trenches and on the battle-fields. It is a telling indictment of the ruling elite who sent millions of young men to their deaths.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of *Joyeux Noel* is the scenes involving the Christmas Truce of 1914. Historically, it was the Germans, steeped in a strong Christmas tradition, who initiated the singing of carols and playing of music in the trenches. In Carion's film, it is the Scots who kick-start the festivities on Christmas Eve with rousing renditions of songs from home. Palmer's playing of *I'm Dreaming of Home* on the bagpipes stirs not only his fellow Scots but also the home-sick Germans listening intently across 'no man's land'. This inspires the opera singer, Sprink, to sing the most famous Christmas carol of all – *Stille Nacht* (*Silent Night*).



In a symbolic gesture, Sprink elevates an illuminated Christmas tree on top of the German trench, followed by several more. Soon the line of trees resembles an extended, lit-up shrine. Amusingly, the French faction regards this action with suspicion, thinking it a diversionary tactic on the part of the Germans. The Scot, Palmer, provides an accompaniment to Sprink's *Silent Night* on the bagpipes. Still singing, and bearing a Christmas tree, Sprink climbs on to the forbidden territory of 'no man's land' to reach out to the soldiers on the opposing side. Following Sprink's example, the bemused officers from each regiment (Horstmayer, Gordon and Audebert) soon congregate on the snowy terrain to have a most unusual Christmas Eve meeting.



It is the Scottish Lieutenant, Gordon, who proffers a suspension of hostilities to the other officers - "I don't think anyone would criticise us for laying down our rifles on Christmas Eve". Like actors emerging from the wings, soldiers climb on to the stage of 'no man's land', a vast landscape of craters and frozen corpses, providing some of the film's most vibrant and poignant scenes. Gradually, we witness the remarkable sight of enemies mingling with each other - exchanging chocolates, champagne, cigarettes, stories and mementos of home. In these scenes, the director details touching moments of kindness, generosity, humour, friendship and reciprocity. The strict German officer, Horstmayer finds common ground with his French counterpart, Audebert. Tellingly, in other circumstances, they might almost have been friends.



Palmer, the Scottish priest, is seen as a force for good in Carion's film. As such, it is fitting that he should be at the centre of Joyeux Noel's most striking set-piece. An impromptu Latin Mass takes place on 'no man's land' in which all the warring soldiers participate, recognising the common bond which unites them - religious belief. Faith, not surprisingly, was a very important aspect of most soldiers' lives in that era.

Palmer comments later that the soldiers "were drawn to

that altar like it was a fire in the middle of winter....maybe just to forget the war". However, the Scottish officer, Gordon, reflects, with bitter irony, that "the war will not forget us". This is typified in one Scottish soldier's obsessive mourning for his dead brother. Guilt, remorse and terrible loss have irreversibly scarred him. His frantic attempts to retrieve the body of his slain brother from 'no man's land' provides the catalyst to allow all sides to bury their dead.

"Burying the dead on the day Christ was born" makes perfect 'sense' to Gordon. In a striking Christmas Day sequence, freshly dug graves and wooden crosses stand out in a bleak, glacial landscape. It is both an act of Remembrance and illustrative of the fragility of all men in war situations.

Joyeux Noel is an intimate film on many levels. In WW1, trenches sometimes were only yards apart: the soldiers could hear the voices of the enemy and, if they dared, they could stare directly into their adversary's eyes. In Carion's film, soldiers write letters home to loved ones and dream of the everyday rituals of their past lives.

Officers and their men form close bonds as they face the terrors of war. The relationship between Audebert and his barber, Private Ponchel (Dany Boon) is sensitively portrayed. Ponchel reminisces about times past and the simplicity of his life before the war. He yearns to see his mother again and sets his clock for 10am, every day, in remembrance of her custom of making coffee. Audebert, in his turn, dreams of his heavily pregnant wife. Commonplace actions, like setting a clock or smoking a cigarette take on added significance in the unnatural setting of war.

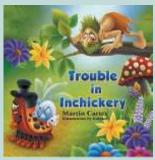


Christian Carion's film is dedicated to the ordinary men and officers who fraternised on Christmas 1914 in several places on the Western Front. Such actions resulted in punishment by a jingoistic hierarchy who feared rebellion in their ranks. However, *Joyeux Noel* stands as a great testament to hope and humanity in the face of utter futility and desolation. The men on the front lines quickly discovered they had more in common and felt closer to their supposed 'enemy' than the politicians and military elite who cared or understood little of what these men suffered.

One magical Christmas Eve in 1914, soldiers laid down arms to stretch out the hand of friendship across the divide of 'no man's land'. *Joyeux Noel* captures the unity, dignity and magnanimity of this remarkable moment in history. A celebration of the human spirit, the Christmas Truce of 1914 flickered all too briefly as a beacon of light against the absurdity of war. As such *Joyeux Noel* makes the perfect Christmas offering in this year of the hundredth anniversary of the 'War To End All Wars'.



# Magical Children's Book Pits Fairies Against Trolls! "Trouble in Inchickery" by Martin Carter



First-time author Martin Carter is from Inchicore, in Dublin and has worked in Larine Day Centre and in the community in Maynooth for the last four years. Martin works with people who experience mental health issues in their day to day life. "I love my job and what makes it easier is how welcoming and

understanding the people of Maynooth are when it comes to supporting our clients". Martin was inspired while on a walk in Donadea Woods with his godson. "He asked me a question when he was only three years of age. We were walking in the woods and passed by a little stream with lots of tiny little bugs milling around. My godson asked "what are the bugs doing flying on top of the water?" I told him they were not really bugs and when no one was around, they would turn into magical woodland fairies. The seed was planted and the story grew."

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Antoinette the proprietor and staff of Cut N' Style



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On Friday November 14th, Antoinette hosted an opening evening to recognise the hard-work of all involved in the running of the salon and the recent refurbishment. During the evening, Antoinette welcomed existing clients to see the changes that have been made to the salon as well as inviting friends and family to launch the new venture for Antoinette. On the evening Antoinette was quoted as saying, "Thanks to all my friends and family who have supported my new venture in hairdressing. A special thanks to the girls at Cut N' Style who have welcomed me over the last couple of weeks, and I look forward to your support in the future". All who were with Antoinette for the opening evening wished her continued success for the next 30 years of Cut N' Style!!

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Continue to remove fallen leaves from lawns before they block out light and moisture to the grass. Repair damaged lawn edges or patches with turves cut from other areas of garden. Avoid walking on lawns on frosty mornings. Watch your lawn for waterlogging. Protect newly planted trees, hedges and shrubs from cold winds and frosts. Thick dry mulches will protect the roots from cold and branches can be covered with fleece but for older plants wait until the ground freezes before adding the mulch as this will prevent rodents from nesting in the soil. To protect a few holly berries from the birds, for use in Christmas decorations you can use netting but leave some uncovered for winter wildlife.

Clear up weedy beds ready for spring mulching. Sow broad beans outdoors for an early crop. Plant onions and garlic as they will be ready to harvest in early spring. Tidy up your strawberry beds by removing runners, old leaves and developing weeds. Yes - weeds you can still get them this time of year! Work loads of compost into your vegetable patch for next year. If your soil is very heavy, fork over the bottom of the trench before adding the organic matter.

Tulip bulbs, can be planted right up to Christmas and will flower well in the following spring. Add some fertiliser to encourage bulb root development. Watch out for pale blotches and fuzzy grey mould on leaves of winter-flowering pansies, this is called downy mildew. Remove infected leaves as soon as possible and dispose of them. Give your roses a final check for mildew and if infected, spray them immediately. Tuck 1 - 2 slug pellets around your more precious plants, as slugs and snails are busy for most of the winter.

If you have an excess crop or some bruised apples or pears chop some in half for the birds, thrushes, tits and starlings will love them. Leave them on the bird table or spear them on a few twigs and watch them enjoy the feast.



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# ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND

November marked the highlight of the Band's year with the celebration of our annual Mass for deceased members on 9th November where families, relatives and friends of band members who have passed on come together to remember them with the music that they loved to play. It was a very special occasion with the carefully chosen musical pieces being really appreciated by the congregation who warmly applauded the Band at the end of the Mass. A special thank you to Fr. Paul who celebrated the Band Mass for the first time and whom we think was also hearing the Band for the first time.

The next big event for the Band is our Annual Christmas Concert which takes place on Friday 12th December in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8o'clock. Admission to the Concert is free and is the Band's way of thanking the people of Maynooth for their wonderful support throughout the year. This event will mark the first appearance of members of the new music classes which began last month.

The Band will again be taking part in the St. Mary's Church of Ireland Carol Service on Sunday 21st December. We have been involved with this event, which very much focuses on the children who work hard to present their own version of the Christmas story, for many years and is indeed a very enjoyable occasion with mulled wine and mince pies. The Band will also be seen around the town in the lead up to Christmas with their seasonal collections on 22nd, 23rd and 24th December so hopefully we will help to add to the Christmas spirit.

The Band will finish up their Christmas programme with a selection of Christmas Carols outside St. Mary's Catholic Church after 11.30 Mass on Christmas morning. This has been a tradition of the Band since it was reformed in 1931 which hopefully will continue for many years to come.

A new term of music classes gets under way in January and we would welcome anyone wanting to join the classes to mail their details to <a href="mailto:recruitment@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie">recruitment@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</a>. Indeed we welcome any musicians living in the area who would like to play with the Band to contact our Hon. Secretary Catherine Heslin by email at <a href="mailto:sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie">sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</a> or 087 9008554.

# **Maynooth Labour News**

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# Maynooth Traffic Management Plan Update

As advised in last Month's Notes Cllr. John McGinley asked the Maynooth Municipal District (MD)
Engineer to review the Draft Traffic Management
Plan as it was completely outdated. John raised this important issue again at the MD Meeting on 12
November and asked the MD Engineer how much the Review would cost and he replied that it would be €50,000 or €60,000 and that he would have to apply for funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA). Cllr. McGinley pointed out that while the cost appeared excessive a Review is required now and that if needs be that funding could be taken from the Councillors Discretionary Budget if funding is not forthcoming from the NTA. The Engineer agreed to come back to the next meeting with proposals.

# **Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield**

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD):

"That consideration be given to moving the bollards at the bottom of Greenfield Lane, Maynooth to between house numbers 343 and 343A in order to facilitate residents living in the area as well as emergency services."

The MD Engineer replied as follows:

"It should be noted that a proposal to remove bollards in Old Greenfield, Maynooth was discussed by the former Celbridge Area Committee in March and April 2011 but the Members agreed not to pursue the proposal. The Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Engineer reports that the suggestion has merit but would require public consultation in line with the requirements of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994. The Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Office is aware that residents and others would be resistant to opening up Greenfield Lane to through traffic. However, it would have the advantage of increasing traffic and, accordingly, passive surveillance through an area prone to anti-social behaviour. The changes could be undertaken in conjunction with general enhancements of the Old Greenfield". After a debate it was agreed unanimously to put the

After a debate it was agreed unanimously to put the Engineer's proposal on Public Display to get the views of residents.

# 'No Entry' signs to Back Lane and Pound Lane, Maynooth

The MD Engineer reported as follows on this issue: "The Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Engineer reports that there are no current plans to remove the "No Entry" signage on the back lanes on the North side of Maynooth Main Street. However, it is clear from the number of complaints and suggestions received in the Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Office that the existing network of lanes and traffic control measures are not working as efficiently as they could.

It is recommended that the network be reviewed, preferably by a third party, in consultation with all the users and residents of the lanes to determine if the network can be improved for all."

Cllr. John McGinley stated the existing arrangement was not working as there was no effective policing of the "No Entry" signs as it was not a priority issue for the Gardai. He stated that a resident counted 15 cars over a 25 minute period entering illegally. John proposed that Traffic Calming ramps be installed and his motion was seconded by Cllr.

O'Cearuil. However, as other Councillors stated that the residents were not in favour of traffic calming ramps he did not follow through with his motion. The MD Engineer's Report was adopted.

# Cllr. McGinley Asks That Cars be prevented from Parking on the footpaths outside the Post Primary School

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD):

"What steps can the council take to prevent cars from parking on the footpaths on both sides of the road outside Maynooth Post Primary School?"

The MD Engineer replied as follows:

"The Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Engineer reports that it is an offence to park on a footpath and that this issue is enforced by the Gardai. The Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Office is aware that Gardai issued a number of parking tickets to drivers who had parked on the footpath outside the school during a recent event. There are no plans to erect bollards along the footpath."

Cllr. McGinley asked Council Officials to write to the School Principal in order to get parents who park on the footpaths to desist from doing so.

### Report on Traffic Signals at the Roost Junction

The MD Engineer reported as follows on this issue: The traffic signals at Parsons Street/Main Street are operated by SCOOT, an urban traffic control system. The SCOOT system is an adaptive traffic control system that co-ordinates all the traffic movements within the town. All the junctions within the town are, effectively, linked. At peak hours most of the junctions within the town are operating at over capacity. The effect of altering the sequence at this junction may have a negative effect on other approaches within the town. The Traffic Management Section will monitor the junction in the coming weeks with a view to maximising the green time allocated to this approach without having a negative impact on the main flow of traffic within the town.

# Proposed Roundabout at Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Junction

The MD Engineer reported as follows on this issue: The Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District Engineer reports that cost was not a deciding issue for the preferred layout for this junction – it was based on design concerns.

This junction is currently a priority junction. Vehicles have trouble exiting from the side road onto Straffan Road especially when turning South towards the M4.

Vehicles wishing to turn right from the Straffan Road onto the Meadowbrook Link Road also have difficulty making this manoeuvre. There are no facilities for pedestrians and vulnerable road users crossing the Straffan Road and across the Meadowbrook Link Road approach. The type of junction considered most appropriate is to fully signalise the junction and link the signals to the junction of Lidl and Straffan Road. This linkage is important as the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 includes this junction as part of the "eastern side" of a Maynooth Relief Road. It is further considered that the opening of a link between the Lidl junction and the Celbridge Road may occur in the short to medium term. A roundabout at this location is not appropriate as it would not comply with good practice and Government policy expressed in The Department of Transport Design Manual for Urban

Roads and Streets (DMURS), The National Transport Authority (NTA) Cycle Design Manual and The National Transport Authority (NTA) Traffic Management Guidelines. The provision of traffic management schemes should be consistent. By providing a roundabout there would not be a consistent junction type at this area of Straffan Road. A roundabout would not facilitate safety at the junction as it would become a serious impediment to vulnerable road users crossing the Straffan Road. There is no balancing of needs for motorists or pedestrians at roundabouts – it is the priority of either but not of both. There are a number of Planning Permissions in this area which all include the provision of traffic signals at Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road junction. Traffic Impact Statements would have been prepared for these schemes and all used a signalised junction in their analysis.

# Cllr. McGinley Asks for Lollipop Person at Gael Scoil/Educate Together Schools

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the December meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD):

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

# Stagg Presents Case for North Kildare Gaelcholaiste to Minister

Deputy Emmet Stagg met with his colleague Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. on Thursday 23rd October and presented the submission by An Foras Patrunachta outlining the clear case there is for the provision of a North Kildare Gaelcholaiste. The submission, stated Deputy Stagg, was prepared given the review currently underway across the Country by the Department of Education of developments required in Post Primary Education from 2017. It is expected that this review will be completed by next April and will form the basis of the Departments Capital Plan 2015/2020.

Outlining the clear case for the provision of a North Kildare Gaelcholaiste, Deputy Stagg stated that Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan was originally intended to meet the needs of students for second level education through Irish for North Kildare and West Dublin but that places were effectively no longer available for the needs of North Kildare Students at Colaiste Cois Life, given that the school is now above its built capacity. Colaiste Cois Life has also changed its enrolment policy effectively disenfranchising students from North Kildare other than those who may qualify under the sibling route.

The Proposed Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare stated Deputy Stagg will also cover Gaelscoils in Edenderry and Dunboyne. Enrolments for 2014/2015 in Scoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth, Scoil Ui Riada in Kilcock and Scoil Ui Dhalaigh in Leixlip stand at 1,402 pupils with the total number of pupils including Edenderry and Dunboyne being 1,745. Based on previous enrolments into Colaiste Cois Life from the North Kildare Gaelscoils and estimated enrolments from Edenderry and Dunboyne more than 100 pupils would enrol each year if there was a North Kildare

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Gaelcolaiste. This means that there is sufficient demand for a 650 Pupil North Kildare Gaelcholaiste.

In relation to the Aonad in Maynooth, Deputy Stagg stated that the Department's statement that if a sustained level of support over a four year period for the Aonad could be shown, then consideration will be given to the establishment of an Independent Gaelcholaiste in the area was effectively severing the choice for students to continue their education fully immersed in Irish. This was wrong because the submission clearly shows already that the demand is there for a Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare.

Deputy Stagg thanked his colleague, Minister Jan O'Sullivan T.D. for meeting with him and indicated that he looked forward to a positive outcome following the review by the Department.

# Broadband Developments Will Transform Services in Towns in Kildare including Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed two developments announced in late October which will see fibre-to-the-home delivered to homes and businesses in major towns in Kildare. Eircom, stated Deputy Stagg, today announced their intention to commence the rollout of fibre-to-the-home services which will significantly increase broadband speeds currently available on its fibre broadband network by offering one gigabit (1,000 megabits per second) connectivity to homes and businesses in Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip, Maynooth and Naas. The superfast speeds will be underpinned by 'end to end' fibre connections through the use of fibre-to-the-home technology. Customer connections will be provided as demand for this connectivity

increases. Work will commence nationwide next month with all areas across the state, including in Co. Kildare, completed by November 2017.

Separately yesterday the ESB secured approval from the European Commission to proceed with a joint venture between ESB and Vodafone Ireland. Under this joint venture the ESB's distribution network will be used to deliver fibre-to-the-home services offering broadband speeds from 200 Megabits to 1,000 Megabits in the Towns of Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip, Maynooth, Naas, Johnstown and Sallins. The rollout of this service nationwide will commence in 2015 and will be completed by the end of 2018.

Deputy Stagg stated that both of these developments will give unprecedented broadband speeds and will transform the internet experience of small and medium businesses, remote workers and customers. Recent data from Comreg indicates that 43% of fixed broadband customers in Ireland receive speeds of less than 10 Megabits, so these announcements will transform Broadband in Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip, Maynooth, Naas, Johnstown and Sallins. In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated the announcements were good news in ensuring Regional Towns in Kildare could enjoy similar connectivity to our cities, benefitting local businesses and helping to attract investment.

€800m fund will kick-start lending to SMEs - Stagg Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement on 28th October last that €800 million has been secured for the new Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI), which has been set up to provide tailored loans to SMEs. This funding will be a welcome support for the thousands of small and medium enterprises across the country who urgently

need greater access to finance. It represents exactly the kind of innovative strategic investment that businesses in local communities have been crying out for to help them develop and grow into the future. 'This development has been made possible by the establishment of the new Strategic Banking Corporation, set up following our exit from the EU/ IMF programme last November. It marks the first step in a five-year process during which we will see the SBCI provide up to €5 billion in total to SMEs. The SBCI is designed to access lower cost funding and to pass these lower costs directly to SME's through lower interest rates on loans. The SCBI will use established institutions as on-lenders and thus provide funding more quickly and efficiently than if it developed its own direct lending organisation. This model of lending is in line with international best practice for State promotional entities'.

'The commitment to developing a Strategic Banking Fund formed a key part of Labour policy going into the Programme for Government. This was again reinforced in the Statement of Government Priorities published in July'.

I am pleased to see the SBCI finally come to fruition today and I have no doubt that it will have a real impact once SMEs can begin accessing its funds and new financial products towards the end of this year'. 'Small and medium enterprises are the lifeblood of our economy, accounting for 52% of all employment in the State. The move signals the real beginning of a process within Government to assist and support SMEs further so that we can continue with the hard work of creating sustainable jobs and getting people back into quality employment'.



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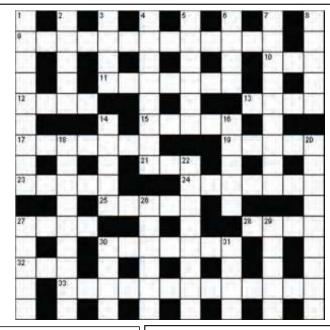
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# **Clues Down**

- 9. Shrove Sunday (13)
- 10. Sorrowful (3)
- 11. Trouble grievously (7)
- 12. Travel on (4)
- 13. Career golfers (4)
- 15. Urns (5)
- 17. Vast (7)
- 19. Meat and vegetables on a skewer (5)
- 21. Regret (3)
- 23. Furze (5)
- 24. Christmas log (4,3)
- 25. Lake in California (5)
- 27. Alcoholic drink of fermented honey (4)
- 28. Astound (4)
- 30. Pertaining to Turkey (7)
- 32. Born (3)
- 33. Automatic firearm (3-10)



- 1. Wriggly (9)
- 2. Demon (5)
- 3. Water (4)
- 4. Allergic rhinitis (3,5)
- 5. Exceptional intellect (6)
- 6. Daily fare of food (4)
- 7. Brother of Hannibal (9)
- 8. Abode of the dead (5)
- 14. Beginning (5)
- 16. Cranium (5)
- 18. City in W Morocco (9)
- 20. Act of starting (9)
- 22. Power of vision (8)
- 26. Consisting of herbs (6)
- 27. Musical note (5)
- 29. Forceps (5)
- 30. Baths (4)
- 31. Search thoroughly (4)

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# Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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# Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise shona

Maynooth Fianna Fáil and Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil would like to wish everybody in Maynooth a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Many thanks to the Maynooth Business Association for supplying and funding beautiful Christmas lights in our town once again.

# Congratulations to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on their Sale of Work

The Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee held a very successful Sale of Work once again this year in the Aula Maxima. This is still one of the biggest Sale of Works in the country and all monies raised go to help the older members of our community during the year. Please look out for any older neighbours this winter.

# Kildare Comhairle na nÓg

Naoise Ó Cearúil attended theKildare Comhairle na nÓg in the Westgrove Hotel. There were over 200 young people at the event in Clane from all over the county. The discussions were based on what young people need in terms of chill out areas, youth clubs and skate parks. Naoise got great personal satisfaction from the event as this is where his political journey started from when he was in Maynooth Post Primary.

### <u>Fianna Fáil</u>

The Maynooth Comhairle Ceantair held their AGM in Gregory's in Kilcock recently. The officer board for the year ahead is: Chair – Colm Ó Cearúil, Secretary – John Keogh, Treasurer – Helen Noonan, Youth Officer – Niamh Flynn. Former councillor Liam Doyle was also made Honorary President on the day.

The Ógra Fianna Fáil National Youth Conference took place in the Westgrove Hotel in Clane with 350 young people attending from all corners of the country. They debated various policy areas and had workshops on Mental Health and Voter Registration for next year's referendum.

# Maynooth Municipal District Motions and Ouestions raised by Cllr. Ó Cearúil

- 1) That the council installs safety barriers on the footpath along the R405, (Celbridge Road, Maynooth) as a matter of urgency to protect vulnerable pedestrians.
- The Council is now looking to build a footpath on the opposite side of the road instead of this provision. I asked that barriers would be installed as preventative measures which was not adopted.
- 2) Can we be furnished with details of the council's plans to install CCTV in conjunction with an Garda Síochána, on Maynooth's Main Street? It would be appreciated if members of this Municipal District were consulted regarding plans such as this in the future.
- The Council stated that they had no knowledge of this but was widely reported in the Liffey Champion.
- 3) With increased traffic in Maynooth, could we be furnished with the most recent traffic report on the town and are there any plans to improve traffic flow?
- This is one of the biggest concerns in Maynooth at the moment and is high on my agenda. There is no report available at present but one is to be compiled.
- 4) That the Council remove illegally dumped material on Old Greenfield Lane, Maynooth. It would also be advisable that the litter warden pursue any guilty parties upon sufficient evidence.
- This has been done.
- 5) That this municipal district will assist with funding Christmas lights in our towns and villages. Applications for funding will be sought from the relevant organising committees. - Agreed

That the "No Entry" signs to Back Lane and Pound Lane Maynooth are kept and that no effort will be made to remove them by the council - Agreed

8) Is this municipal district equipped for the predicted cold winter? Do we have enough supplies of salt for gritting roads? There is sufficient salt for our roads.

### <u>Kildare County Council Motions raised by Cllr. Ó</u> Cearúil

- 1) With the severe shortage of private rented accommodation in the county, the cost of renting has risen dramatically for individuals and families and taking this into consideration that this council will liaise with the Department of Social Protection to identify any and all solutions possible Passed
- 2) That this council supports the promotion of the Irish language through the establishment of an Irish language committee. The make-up of Coiste na Gaeilge will be as follows;
- Five members of the council
- The Irish Officer for the council
- Two members of the public

This motion was passed and is now being created.

3) That this council call on the Government and Irish Water to cease charging and instead concentrate efforts on dealing with leaks, investment in infrastructure and conservation measures, whilst also condemning bonus culture in Irish Water and seeking a commitment that Irish

# Representations

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

- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
  - Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Planning Objections
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# Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade Application Form

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

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

Do you wish	to do a demo	(2-3 mins)	at Reviewing Stand?	Yes	No

Name of Business:		
Organisation, Club o	r Band:	
Address:		
Telephone:	Contact Person:	

Entrance Fee:	<ul> <li>Bands ~ Free</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Commercial Float ~ €50</li> </ul>	Club/Organisation ~ €20

The Theme for the 2015 Parade will be "Camival"

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

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

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. By Friday 6th March or phone (office hours - 6285922 or Naoise O Cearuil – Mobile - 086-7280050

# Dec/Jan Diary Planner

# Irish Girl Guides

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

# Community Library

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Tuesdays & Thursdays
1pm to 8pm
Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm
& 2pm to 5pm
Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

# I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.

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# Arthritis Ireland

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

# Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

# Men's Sheds

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

# University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome Please contact Helen Phone: 01-6286592

# History Group

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Tesco Shopping Centre
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All Welcome

# Bridge Club

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Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

# Parent & Toddler Group

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10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
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Carton Park, Maynooth

# Maynooth Community Church

# MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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# **Christmas Houseplants**

### Christmas cactus

# Q How do I stop the flowers falling off?

A Christmas cacti do best at an even temperature of 13-15°C and the flowers should last about six weeks. Water sparingly, but don't let the compost dry out completely. Plants can be saved for next year, but let them rest for two months (keep cool and water rarely). Then stand them outside in summer in a shady spot.

# Q How can I get it to flower again next year?

A The Christmas cactus is a short-day plant so it will only flower as the days shorten. When you bring it inside at the end of summer, keep it in a room where it will not get artificial light until the flower buds develop, then it can be moved. Choose a room with a similar temperature, or shock may cause the buds to drop.

# Q My plant has rotted. What happened?

**A** The usual cause of root and base rot is overwatering. Although water is needed during the winter, the compost should be allowed to dry between waterings and kept only just damp. Discard the plant if the rot is well advanced, but you could try taking some cuttings from less affected parts.

# Q How do I get rid of the 'cotton wool' growths on it?

A This 'cotton wool' is the protective coating of mealy bugs. Adults and eggs are covered in tufts of white, waxy wool. These sap-feeding insects cluster around the joints in the leaf-like stems. A heavy attack can weaken the plant. A light infestation can be dealt with by hand. Pick off individuals with a paintbrush or similar implement. To clear a heavy infestation, use repeated sprays of a houseplant insecticide approved for use on cacti and succulents.

# Cyclamen

# Q Why has my plant wilted?

A Cyclamen wilt due to lack of water. To rehydrate a plant, stand the pot in a saucer of tepid water and let it soak up moisture from the base. After a couple of hours, tip out any water left in the saucer. In heated houses, wilting is often due to high temperatures. Keep them around  $5\text{-}10^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Cyclamen are prey to vine weevils. If the plant wilts for no obvious reason, these could be to blame. Check the corm to see if it is infested with white, maggot-like grubs which are about 9mm long. They can quickly eat their way through the corm, often severing the plant just below soil level.

Plants with severe damage are best discarded, along with the compost. If damage is restricted to a few roots, tease out the roots and wash them carefully to make sure no grubs remain. Repot in fresh compost. Keep an eye out for adult weevils and destroy them.

# **Q** Why has my cyclamen stopped flowering?

**A** This is probably due to lack of light and underfeeding. While flowering, they need good light and winter sunlight is weak. During the flowering period, give the plant a weekly liquid feed, or add a slow-release fertiliser to the compost.

# **Q** How do I keep my cyclamen for next year?

 ${\bf A}$  Once spring arrives and your cyclamen finishes flowering, stop watering to allow the corm to dry out. Store the dry corm until late summer when it will begin to show signs of growth. Repot using fresh

compost so the corms are just showing above the compost and start to water again.

# Poinsettia

**Q** Why has my poinsettia wilted and the 'flowers' faded?

**A** Poinsettias wilt when they get too hot and dry. They do best at a draught-free 15-21°C and should keep flowering for 12 weeks. To extend the flowering and keep the leaves in tip-top condition, place the pots on a pebble tray, mist the leaves and feed regularly. Put your plants in the brightest possible winter light to maintain the bract colour at its best.

Water the poinsettia from the top of the pot, allowing the compost to become completely dry before the next application. But if the leaves start to wilt, water thoroughly with tepid water.

Q How do I make my poinsettia 'flower' again next year?

 $\boldsymbol{A}$  You are unlikely to get your poinsettia to produce its colourful bracts again next year, as 'flowering' is triggered by a regime consisting of 14 hours a day of constant darkness at a temperature of 18-20°C, followed by ten hours of daylight every day for eight weeks.

If you'd like to have a go at creating these conditions, be prepared to provide light and dark in the sequence required starting in September. To provide adequate darkness, try putting the plant in a sealed cupboard or covering it with a thick, black polythene bag.

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# Christmas Leftovers & New Year Party Recipes

# **Turkey & Potato Curry**

# Ingredients

1 tbsp. sunflower oil

1 green pepper, deseeded and chopped

2 garlic cloves, crushed

300g leftover turkey, diced

2 tbsp. mango chutney rice or naan bread, to serve

1 large onion, thickly sliced

2 tbsp. curry paste (or gluten-free alternative)

400g can chopped tomatoes

300g leftover cooked potatoes (either boiled or roast), diced

small pack coriander, roughly chopped



### Method

Heat the oil in a large pan over a fairly high heat. Cook the onion and pepper for 3-4 mins until starting to soften and brown slightly. Stir in the curry paste and garlic, then cook for another 1-2 mins. Add the chopped tomatoes and 150ml water. Bring to the boil and bubble for 5 mins. Turn the heat down, stir in the turkey and potatoes, and cook for another 2-3 mins, then season and add the mango chutney. Scatter with coriander and serve with rice or naan.

# Christmas Pizza

# Ingredients

145g pizza base mix

6 tbsp. tomato pasta sauces

large handful (about 100g) leftover stuffing

large handful (about 100g) leftover cooked turkey, shredded

100g mozzarella, sliced

small pack sage, leaves picked

1 tbsp. olive oil

### Method

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Prepare the pizza base mix following pack instructions. Once rolled out, leave to rest for 10 mins, then top with the pasta sauce. Scatter over the stuffing and turkey, then top with the mozzarella. Toss the sage leaves with the oil, then scatter over the pizza, drizzling over any remaining oil. Bake for 10-12 mins until the crust is crisp and the cheese has melted.

# Creamy Ham and Potato Casserole

# Ingredients

3 cups frozen potatoes with onions and peppers (from 28-oz bag)

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1 1/2 cups cut green beans

1 1/2 cups finely chopped cooked ham

3/4 cup milk

1/2 cup shredded cheese (2 oz.)

1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup

# Method

Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 8-inch square (2-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix all ingredients; spoon into baking dish. Bake about 1 hour or until bubbly and hot. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

# **Party Bites**

Sausages with Mustard, Honey and Chopped Rosemary Combine 1 tablespoon mustard, 2 tablespoons honey and 1 teasp. chopped rosemary. Grill 500g sausages. When cooked toss in the mustard and honey mixture to coat. Smoked Salmon with Herbed Cream Cheese Spread some herbed cream cheese on blinis, top with smoked salmon. You can use brown soda bread or small pieces of toast.

Tomato, Pesto and Goats' Cheese Crostini Using a small pastry cutter, if available, cut rounds from slices of white bread – you should get 4–5 rounds per slice. Alternatively thinly slice a French stick. Brush with a little olive oil and toast in a hot oven for a couple of minutes. Mix together some freshly chopped tomatoes, chopped scallions and coriander, seasoning and a little olive oil. Top each

round of toast with ½ teasp. pesto, a spoonful of the tomato mixture and some soft goats' cheese. **Twisty Cheese Straws** 100g cream cheese, 2 tbsp fresh pesto, 320g sheet puff pastry, 1 egg. Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Tip the cream cheese and pesto into a bowl and mix well. Unroll the pastry on a lightly floured surface and cut in half lengthways. Spread the pesto mix over one half, pop the other piece of pastry on top to create a sandwich, then cut in half lengthways to create 2 long rectangles. Divide each rectangle into short strips, about 1cm thick. Twist each pastry strip and place on a baking tray lined with parchment. Brush with egg and bake for 20-25 mins until risen and golden brown.

**Sweet Potato Stackers** 2 large sweet potatoes, peeled and each cut into 8 chunky discs, 1 tbsp olive oil, 2 tbsp mayonnaise, good squeeze lemon juice, 8 slices prosciutto, halved, few watercress sprigs, to serve. Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6, then toss the potato chunks with the oil and some seasoning on a baking sheet. Roast for 20-30 mins until golden and crisp on the outside, then leave to cool. To serve, mix the mayonnaise with the lemon juice. Pile a scrunched up piece of ham on each potato, then top with a blob of the lemony mayo. Arrange on a platter with the watercress, then serve.







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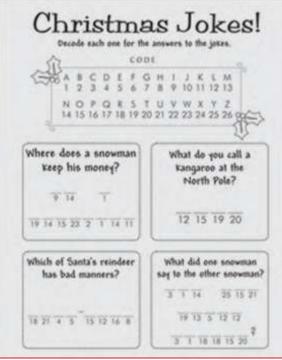
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# Happy Christmas



February 2015

# **Local News**

FREE

Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Tuesday 17th March 2015, Entry Form on Pg.24
Starting at Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11.00 am

# Fleadh Cheoil Laighean - Maigh Nuad 6th - 12th July 2015



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Tuilleadh eolais / Further information

Colm Ó hArgáin - Oifigeach Caidreamh Phoiblí / Public Relations Officer - cohargain@gmail.com



Information Night held in the Glenroyal



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

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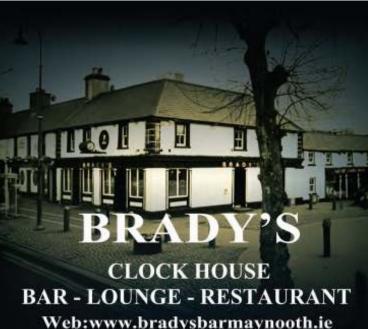
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# **Puppy Training**



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

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

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

the same command words and always be positive and consistent.

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

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

# **Microchipping**

The chip has a 15 digit code which is recorded on a National Data Base. The owner's

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









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# Ireland's Fiddlers Green Celebrate 30 Years On the Road Featuring Two Excellent Albums & The Songs of Ewan McColl

Thirty years ago this year Fiddlers Green became a professional folk band performing Nationwide, Great Britain, Mainland Europe, USA and Australia over the decades, and were part of the live folk scene in the 1980's and 90's. Lead singer Danny Carthy has decided that his Guitar and vocals still continue to play a very important part in his life for the forseeable future. The Loft, an excellent Lounge at McMahons Maynooth, will be the special venue that will resonate with folk songs and music being presented by Ireland's Fiddlers Green on Friday the 6th March and the first Friday of every month for the forseeable future, with tickets for sale @ 65 at McMahon's Bar.

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

The band will also feature two excellent Ireland's Fiddlers Green CD's released by Chart Label in 2013 titled - The Best of & Beautiful Bundoran – including quality songs like The Butcher Boy, My Own Dear Galway Bay, The Hills of Connemara, Step It Out Mary, Whiskey on a Sunday, Westering Home, Beautiful Bundoran and many more - and also featuring five of lead singer Danny Carthy's original songs – including Stand Look Around You, Carlingford, Punchestown Races. The song Carlingford has been very successful for Danny recorded by Sandy Kelly, and also translated and recorded by French singer Renaud in 2009 with sales in France in excess of 200.000 CD's.

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

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# **Community Council Notes**

# Maynooth Community Council Notes January 2015

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

### Leinster Fleadh

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

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

Tom Mc Mullon congratulated the President of the Maynooth Students' Union on the cleanup operation after the student Christmas celebrations. Richard Farrell agreed and noted the good turnout from students and the management staff from the University.

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

### Condolences

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

Condolences were expressed to the family of Maynooth University

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

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

### **CE Scheme**

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

# New eFibre Broadband for north of the town

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

### Flooding on Straffan Road

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

# **Tidy Towns**

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

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

### **Festival**

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

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

### **Educate Together**

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

# **Maynooth Local History Group**

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

### **Senior Citizens**

2014 finished off with Dinner, a shopping night in Supervalue and the Liam Flood Memorial Concert. The concert which featured Glen Hansard was a resounding success with proceeds going to the senior citizen.

The club resumes its meetings in the Unit for the month of January and then will meet in the Geraldine Hall once all health and safety issues have been dealt with. The next event will be the Valentine's Tea Dance. 2015 will be a very busy year with the celebration of Senior Citizens 50th anniversary.

### AOB

There was a reminder to people to make their submissions in relation to the redesign of the Square. There will be a Christian unity walk Sunday 18th from St. Mary's Church of Ireland to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Richard Farrell congratulated Maynooth Community Council on the new signage on the Community.

Maynooth Community Council on the new signage on the Community Space. It is great to see the space being well used by the community. Tom Mc Mullon wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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

# **Letters To The Editor**

# Maynooth Needs A Skatepark

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

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On behalf of MU's skatepark committee.

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

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

# THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for a special one (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it with your own broken Heart where your father sees it.

Then, in his merciful eyes it will become Your Favour not mine. Amen

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

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# **Council Taking Estates in Charge**

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

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

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

# **Update on Maynooth Traffic Management Plan**

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

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

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

### **Update on Back Lane and Pound Street**

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

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

### **Relocating Bollards Greenfield Lane**

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

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

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

# **Update on Traffic Signals Timing at Parsons Street/Main Street**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Can the council get Iarnród Éireann to erect a handrail on the path down to Maynooth Train Station from Bond Bridge in order to make it safer for commuters?" John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 10 December:

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

A written request has been sent to Iarnrod Eireann.

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

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

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

Development Control Officials agreed to investigate.

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

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

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

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

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

"That the flooding of the road at 1 Brookfield Avenue and at the Meadowbrook Road at the junction with Beaufield be attended to as a matter of urgency." John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 14 January:

"The Municipal District Office has cleared and jetted this gully but has detected a blockage in the downstream pipeline which it will need to excavate and repair." The MD engineer stated that as the road at Brookfield Avenue was still not in charge the Council could not attend to the flooding at house Number 1. Cllr. McGinley stated that it was his view that this road was in charge of the council as it was an extension of the Meadowbrook Road

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

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# Maynooth in July

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

"What steps have been taken to provide reasonable funding for Fleadh Cheoil Laighean, Maigh Nuad, July 6 to 12 2015, bearing in mind that Westmeath County Council gave 10,000 euro towards the Leinster Fleadh in Moate last year? John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 14 January:

"The Community Section of the Council will be in contact with the Comhairle Laighean Executive Committee regarding financial assistance options.'

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

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

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

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

"That consideration be given to providing a Skatepark as an extension to the playground facilities at the Harbour Field, Maynooth." John was given the following reply at the MD meeting on 14 January:

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

Committee in place and that they have a Facebook Page. The Committee of nine make the following case:

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# 24 Nursing Posts at Naas General Hospital to be filled

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A unique and unparalleled new book will now bring the manuscripts to the attention of medievalists worldwide. With the support and devotion of the Russell Library staff, scholars Angela and Peter Lucas (a retired senior lecturer in English at Maynooth University and emeritus professor of Old and Middle English at University College Dublin, respectively) painstakingly researched the Latin manuscripts in their book, 'The Medieval Manuscripts at Maynooth, Explorations in the Unknown.' The book includes the translated content and a detailed physical description of each manuscript, in addition to images. The descriptions of the manuscripts include details of the handwriting and binding, and full information on the contents of the manuscripts and their history as far as is known The manuscripts range in date from the 11th century to 1529

and almost all are associated with the Church. There are five which came from Liege and four from the Benedictine abbey of St Jacques, whose collections were auctioned in 1788. While they are essentially all written in Latin, some contain French, Italian and Dutch text. The collection grew over decades, mainly in the 19th century, and reflects the tastes of a succession of senior members of the college plus a few donors. Two of the manuscripts belonged to Laurence Renehan, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth (1845 – 1857), an enthusiastic collector of books and manuscripts. Speaking of the unveiling of the manuscripts and the launch of 'The Medieval Manuscripts at Maynooth, Explorations in the Unknown,' Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University said: "This book is unparalleled in the field of medieval research and will inspire other scholars, researchers and historians around the world to unearth further insights around these fascinating medieval manuscripts." Monsignor Hugh G Connolly, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, added: "We are delighted that the manuscripts are receiving the attention they deserve and congratulate the authors and all who played a part in making this unique publication and research project possible. This

magnificent publication together with the dedicated industry and skill of the Russell Library staff in curating our historical collection is a wonderful testimony to the excellent relationship between our two institutions.' The manuscripts are on view by appointment at Russell

Library at Maynooth University.

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

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### AIB Sale is More Smoke and Mirrors

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

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

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

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

# Gaelscoil Chaos in North Kildare

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

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

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

of promoting Irish language and culture."

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

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

# Climate Bill Without Targets is a Recipe for Disaster

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

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

"I, and many other interested parties, have at various stages over the past four years raised concerns about implementing a Climate Bill with no specific targets. I published my own Climate and Energy Security Bill in February 2013 which contained targets that would help us to reduce our emissions and encourage investment by companies increasingly interested in operating in a greener environment and reducing their carbon footprint. Today's Bill allows the Government to make vague long-term claims without actually committing to any real and meaningful action. Almost four years after the Government came to power, an area that was once described as a priority for the Labour Party has now become an afterthought. "
"The Bill published today does not require the

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

# Overcrowding & Understaffing at Naas General Hospital

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# **Quick Beef Stew**

# Ingredients

2lb beef - sliced

- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 450g button mushrooms, quartered
- 4 carrots, diced
- 225ml\8 fl oz red wine
- 450g new potatoes, diced
- 3 tbsp tomato purée
- 2 celery sticks, diced
- 11/4 pints beef stock
- 1 tbsp finely chopped thyme leaves
- 2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped



Season the beef with ½ tsp salt and pepper. Toss in the flour. Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat. Add the meat and cook, stirring often, for 4 mins until brown. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook 2-3 mins. Then add the wine and bring to the boil. Add the vegetables to the pan with 1 tsp salt, ½ tsp pepper, the stock, tomato purée and thyme. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 mins, until the vegetables are tender. Remove the lid and let simmer for 5 mins. Stir in the parsley. Add salt and pepper if necessary.

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### **Vegetable Stew with Couscous**

serves 4

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### Ingredients

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

# Method

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

# **Speedy Paella**

# serves 4

# Ingredients

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

Salt and pepper



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



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





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





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





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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# The Anatomy of the Internet: The Internet vs. the World Wide Web

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

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

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

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

# The History of the Internet and the Web

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

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



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

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

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



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

Internet Protocols are what allow computers to find and

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

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

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

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

One year later, in 1977, engineers joined these two networks to SATNET, the network of satellites. They communicate with each other across the many different networks that make up the Internet and are the most fundamental protocols needed for the Internet to function. Without them you would require a direct, physical connection with any computer with which you wished to communicate.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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# The Company & Pieta House

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

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

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

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

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



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

Two Committee meetings have been given over to planning and reviewing what the



Photo: Minister Damien English, Paul Rice of SuperValu presenting a Category F Bronze Medal Tidy Towns Award to Mattie Callaghan and Richard Farrell of Maynooth Tidy Towns, Failte Ireland Tidy Towns Awards, in Muintir na Tire Hall, Moynalty on 3rd December 2014. judges have been writing about Maynooth in the National Tidy Towns, Irelands' Best Kept Large Town and Irish Business against Litter reports over the past number of years.

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

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

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

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

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Town

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Terry Nealon



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# Art Exhibition JPII Library

Students and staff of Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College will hold an art exhibition in the foyer of the JPII Library from Monday 16 to Friday 27 February.

All Welcome



# **Maynooth Local History Group** Memorabilia Evening - January 21st 2015

The annual Memorabilia evening, hosted by the Maynooth Local History Group, was held in the Glenroyal on Wednesday evening last and, as in previous years, was a great success. Everybody attending early 20th century war materials. participated whole-heartily, contributing to a most interesting and late evening. Contributions were as

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tom Taff had a collection of curious, and interesting

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

For more history and aspects of World War 1 see opposite

# MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP 'History, Memory & Commemoration'

Aspects of World War One Ireland, Kildare & Maynooth



(Rosemary for Remembrance)

Glenroval Hotel, Maynooth Saturday 21 February 2015 9.30am - 1.30pm

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

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

Fee: €5.00 & €2.50 Students & Unwaged

Enquiries: ritaedwards@eircom.net



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# Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1,12,15,22

18-Jan

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

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

# Ó Cearúil calls IBAL results into question

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

# Overcrowding Crisis hits new high in Naas Hospital -Urgent Action must be taken – Ó Cearúil

 32 patients being treated on trolleys in A&E in Naas General Hospital-

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

Gina Folan - Tina & Tozzie - Mark Cooney

in Naas General Hospital.

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

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

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

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

Representations

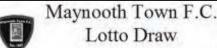
Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making representations on behalf of residents on a range of issues. If you have an issue or need advice please get in contact. Areas covered to date include;

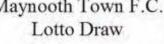
- · Local Issues
- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
- Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Medical Card Issues
- · Business Start Ups

# Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2014/5

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners		
12-Oct	7,8,10,21	€4,400	Colm Mc Elligott - Tony O Donnell - Jim's Shoe Repair		
19-0ct	12,21,23,24	€4,450	Paul Duffy - Pat Power - Conor Cleary		
26-Oct	5,16,25,27	€4,500	Siobhan Mc Myler - Mark Condon - Rachel Gill		
02-Nov	3,16,17,21	€4,550	Claudia Toderic - Amy Delsorro - Sean Durack		
09-Nov	3,18,21,28	€4,600	Three Pin - Philip Hynes - Sheila Ganly		
16-Nov	5,6,13,21	€4,650	Catherine Moore - Liam Walsh - Carmel Rochford		
23-Nov	13,21,25,27	€4,700	Rachel Gill - Pauline Mc Avinue - Denise Geoghegan		
30-Nov	13,14,24,25	€4,750	Mary Murry - Paula Donaldson - Mick Coyne		
07-Dec	3,7,10,28	€4,800	Ross Banahan - Eamonn Murphy - Stephen Connelly		
14-Dec	12,17,21,26	€4,850	Mary Mc Grath - Three Pin - John Gannon		
21-Dec			Special Xmas Draw		
11-Jan	6,7,25,27	€1,000	Peter Kiely - Carmel O Flaherty - John O Shea		

€1,050





Xmas Draw 2014 Results

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

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# **Sudoku Challenge \_**

(February 2015)

Entries must arrive before: (Tuesday 17th February)



# Congratulations to Dec/Jan Winner:

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

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

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

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

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

# The Glin archive now contains:

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

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

# Desmond FitzGerald,Knight of Glin

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

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

# Kepler Telescope Gets a Second Wind

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

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

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

# Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade Application Form

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

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

Do you wish to do a demo (2-3 mins) at Reviewing Stand? Yes No

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Organisation, Club or Band:

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The Theme for the 2015 Parade will be "Camival"

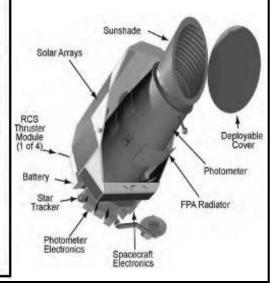
# The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

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

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. By Friday 6th March or phone (office hours - 6285922 or Naoise O Cearuil – Mobile - 086-7280050 However, a new mission, called K2, might give the famous telescope a new chance. The spacecraft's engineers refused to give up on the observatory and continued thinking of ways it could work with only two reaction wheels with which it could be stabilised. The engineers realised that they could utilise the solar wind coming from the sun to act as a sort of third wheel. It's not perfect, but the other two wheels will be powerful enough to correct for the gradual drift caused by the solar stream.

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

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



# **Clues Across**

# February 2015 Crossword - No: 432

# **Clues Down**

### Across

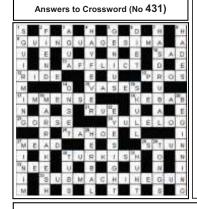
- 1. Branch of knowledge (7)
- 4. Vacuum flask (7)
- 8. Stealing from a shop (11)
- 12. Scheme (4)
- 13. Pitch (4)
- 14. Person who explores caves(5)
- 15. Revise (6)
- 17. Artificial waterway (5)
- 22. Donations to the poor (4)
- 23. Reprimand (5)
- **24. Encounter (4)**
- **25. Shoe ties (5)**
- 28. Zone (6)
- 30. Occur again (5)
- 32. Abound (4)
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- 5. Humble dwelling (3)
- 6. Rave (4)
- 7. Moon (9)
- 8. Having a sound mind (4)
- 9. Escaping fluid (4)
- 10. Combustible matter (4)
- 11. Woman's dress (4)
- 14. Crucifix (5)
- 16. Squander (5)
- 10. Squanuci (3)
- 18. Allow to enter (5)
- 19. Icy storm (9)
- 20. Female bovine (3)
- 21. Mammary gland in cows (5)
- 26. Ship's company (4)
- 27. 365 days (4)
- 28. Form of wrestling (4)
- 29. Was indebted to (4)
- 31. Unrefined (5)
- 33. Charts (4)
- **34.** Microbe (4)
- 36. Ovum (3)
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# Glasnevin Necropolis



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# By Cora Tolan



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# Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2014 Knockanally Golf Club 22/11/2014 Trevor Cassidy Memorial Cup Sponsored by The Cassidy Family

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### Answer:

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

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

# Taxation of social welfare pensions

# Question:

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

### Answer:

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

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

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

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

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

# The Youth Guarantee

### **Ouestion:**

What is the Youth Guarantee?

### Answer

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

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

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

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

organisations that have offered internships.

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

# Back to Work Family Dividend Ouestion:

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

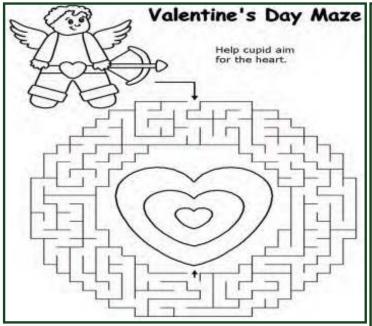
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of the joys of communication and leadership skills, we have a place for everyone, beginners, experienced and advanced all are welcome. For 2015 make the first step, come along as a guest and experience the warmth of Maynooth Toastmasters, you will be amazed how easily in a postive environment it is to overcome fears of speaking. Table Topics is one of the fun elements of the meeting in which a range of topics are given to the audience, anyone can speak and all contributions are valued. If you want any more details contact Peter for a friendly chat, must be honest the cake disappeared in less than 90 seconds, but the memory will live on for ever.

Peter Cuthbert PRO Maynooth
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# FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

# FILM REVIEW: ONE MILLION DUBLINERS DIRECTOR: AOIFE KELLEHER



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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY SPACE RECEIVES A FACELIFT



The new bright Maynooth Community Space has opened its doors this month after undergoing a complete makeover.

Situated at Unit 11/12, Maynooth Tesco Shopping Centre, Carton Park, the Space has been up & running on this site since 2013.

Supplied by Tesco as a community space under lease to Kildare County Council, it is managed on a day to day basis by Maynooth Community Council. Great credit is due to the Parents & Toddlers Group for the interior painting done during the Summer - greatly assisted by the Men's Shed

As it is community orientated, it serves many groups within the community on a weekly/daily basis. The Space is just part of the benefit to Maynooth from Maynooth Community Council's Community Employment Scheme. The CE scheme also maintains the Harbour area and canal paths from Jackson's Bridge to Pikes Bridge, supplies staff to maintain Maynooth Town F.C's facilities on the Rathcoffey Road and provide staff to both Accord and IECON in St Patrick's College. CE staff in the Community Council office in Carton Park also produce the monthly Maynooth Newsletter, assist in the organising of the St Patrick's Day Parade, Summer Festival and provide support for groups such as Maynooth Tidy Towns and The Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee.

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anything: slippers, carpets, skirting boards! This behaviour is due in part to the "teething" process as seen in babies and with time this behaviour should disappear.

Dental disease can affect up to 80% of dogs over 3 years of age. Dental plaque can turn into tartar, a crust deposited on teeth, this can lead to bacteria increase in the mouth and will cause tooth decay and "halitosis" otherwise known as bad breath. Bad breath is not natural for your dog or cat. Your dog's general health is directly affected by its dental health. Bacteria from your pet's mouth can be absorbed into the blood stream causing possible heart and kidney problems. In cats, feline leukaemia virus can alter the defence mechanism and can cause a severe gingivitis.

It is probably easier to detect dental problems in cats than in dogs. Cats will behave as if they want to eat, will go to their dish but will not be able to eat! They will show salivation (dribbling), rubbing their face against objects and will loose considerable weight. As a general rule it is hard to detect pain from a dog



and this is where a 6 month check-up in Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467) or Clane Veterinary Clinic (045 982763) can be very productive in treating and preventing dental disease.

Dental care can start early in a pup's life by getting it accustomed to having its teeth cleaned. A soft toothbrush can be used with a pet toothpaste.

Feeding your dog and cat dry food can help prevent dental tartar developing. In many cases problems have advanced too far and a dental scaling is necessary

for your dog or cat to reduce the plaque and dental bacteria. This entails an anaesthetic and the teeth are scaled and polished and sometimes extractions are necessary. In some of our older patients a pre-anaesthetic blood test is required to determine kidney and liver function.

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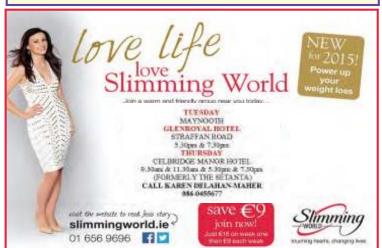
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# **Community Council Notes**

#### Local Matters

Lack of Garda Personnel in Maynooth: The Chair spoke of his recent worrying experience in trying to contact a garda in the local station during their stated opening times, when eventually referred to Leixlip was told that someone would get back to him which did not happen. It was not a pleasant experience. It was pointed out that North Kildare has the lowest gardaí population ratio. It was agreed to send a letter to the praise of the event. A great show Garda Commissioner.

Parking for daily Mass attendees: The chair raised concerns that were expressed to him about the lack of parking for daily mass goers. The elderly cannot be expected to walk a much distance, very often they do not like to use underground carparks. It was agreed to write to the Parish Priest about the matter. Naoise Ó Cearúil suggested that possible discussions could take place with Kairos. It was noted that the matter was also to be raised by the Parish Council in an upcoming meeting.

Graffiti around the town has increased: Richard Farrell suggested that all Residents Associations be contacted to make them aware of the issue and to be vigilant. There was a strong plea for Residents Associations to let the Community Council know of their contact details. This is especially relevant as Maynooth Community Council elections will a mini Fleadh in Manor Mills on be coming up in April.

North/South Corridor Consultation Process: This consultation process will be advertised in the Liffey Champion. It is very important that the public submit their ideas to this process. The first phase of the North/South corridor will begin at Maxol, to Glenroyal, to Harbour, to Leinster and Mill Street. This is a pilot scheme supporting a safe cycle and pedestrian lane. It is proposed to

include a pedestrian and emergency road from the harbour out on to the bottom of the bridge. roughly opposite Supervalu. The ICA Hall will not be affected. The Maynooth Fire Station will not move from its present location.

Congratulations expressed to **Maynooth Post Primary School** on their recent show Jesus Christ Superstar. Peter Garrard (Maynooth Scouts) was in full and wonderful to see it dedicated to Fr. David Boylan. Maynooth Community Council added there congratulations, it is a wonderful event in our community. Lots of community groups are invited to attend the musical. It was established that no representative of Maynooth Community Council receives an invitation. It was suggested that this should be brought up with the School.

New Road layout at Maxol queried. Mattie Callaghan reported that there has been 4 accidents in the last 7 months due to the new road layout at Maxol. He queried the sense of taking away the left lane to Celbridge. Now it is visually deceptive and the signage is very poor.

Maynooth Festival – planning on

St. Patricks Day Parade planning on-going. There will be the day. Sean Tracey, Naoise Ó Cearúil and Rita Doyle are working together on this.

Educate Together School - The school will be having their March Hare Day in Carton on 29th March. The school will also take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Maynooth Scouts - The Scouts will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. There will be a group camping event at Easter in Larchill. There will be a

ceremony later in the summer. The Scouts were delighted to take part in the "Walk of Unity" on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the Scouts will be unable to take part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade mainly due to family commitments which affects the number of available

#### 1916 Commemorative

**Ceremony** – Johnny Dowling highlighted the Commemorative Ceremony which will take place again this Easter. They will also be represented in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He noted that there are great plans for 2016 itself for the town of Maynooth, which will be great for the town.

**Tidy Towns** – Mattie Callaghan and Mary Jennings visited the Gaelscoil to speak on litter control, water management etc. They were very warmly received with teachers and pupils assembled in the Sports Hall and there was music. They were taken to see the school garden that the students attend also. Mattie and Mary were very impressed. Other schools will be visited in the coming weeks.

Maynooth Tidy Towns are organising a compost area near the Scouts Hall. Thanks to Kildare County Council for their help. Mulch from Christmas Trees (acidic) will help keep down

Upgrading of houses in Halting Site: John McGinley stressed that this work needs to be completed as a matter of urgency. Only one house has been done. The funding must be got. John McGinley has submitted a motion on the matter.

Reported: Two ground lights not lit in the Square.

Two flags in the Square need to be replaced – Naoise Ó Cearúil to contact Kildare County Council. It was suggested that one could be the replaced by the Canet-en-Rousillon flag.

## **Editorial**

March is here already but there are some matters exercising the community that would seem to be timeless as they come up again and again no matter what the month or the year. Parking for weekday daytime mass goers continues to be an issue as parishioners attending the morning 10am mass have no where to park their cars. The church car park is also the Boys' School playground so the question is how the same space can be used for two conflicting purposes at the same time.

Garda Station public office opening hours and the fact that Maynooth does not have a Community Garda are also concerning people. The low ratio of Gardai to the population in the area is the root of the problem and must be tackled. Public Art or Graffiti depending on your point of view has increased in the town since the beginning of the year. Is it time that we created some public space for people to share their artistic skills during the day with an appreciative audience rather than having to do it alone in the depths of night? There is honour among thieves as well as late night artists so if we facilitate space for artistic expression it could add to the many other unique features that we have in Maynooth.

March is not March without the St. Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth which is one of the biggest parades outside Dublin. For more years than he cares to remember John McGinley as the chief organiser ensured that we had a parade in Maynooth. Maynooth Community Council owes him a large debt of gratitude for his work. Naoise Ó Cearúil takes on the leadership to organise the 2015 parade and no doubt he will take the best of the past and bring new ideas for the parade and we wish him well with his new challenge.

Another new challenge for you if you want to run, jog or walk 5km in Maynooth takes place on Sunday March 29th with the inaugural "March Hare" fun run event organised by Maynooth Educate Together Parents Association. It will be an official timed event as well as facilitating everyone who wants to get out and enjoy the spring air. Events that supports community groups and encourages better health are worthy of support.

**Paul Croghan** 

#### **Letter To Our Readers**

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

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

#### Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2015

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
11-Jan	6,7,25,27	€1,000	Peter Kiely - Carmel O Flaherty - John O Shea
18-Jan	1,12,15,22	€1,050	Gina Folan - Tina & Tozzie - Mark Cooney
25-Jan	5,11,17,26	€1,100	Paul Curtis - Orla Wall - Adrian Kenny
01-Feb	11,17,26,28	€1,150	Mary Boyd - Alan O Regan - Pilar Garrido
08-Feb	23,25,27,28	€1,200	Ciaran Reynolds - Liam & Aisling - Fergal Barton
15-Feb	2,11,21,26	€1,250	Stepnen Finnegan - Jim's Shoe Repairs - Emma Gallagher

# **Know Your Rights**

#### **Freedom of Information**

#### **Question**

I believe you no longer have to pay fees when you make a Freedom of Information request. Are there any other changes?

#### Answer

A number of changes have been introduced to the Freedom of Information (FOI) scheme by the Freedom of Information Act 2014. The FOI scheme provides the following rights:

- A right to access information that is held by a body to which the FOI legislation applies
- A right to have official information relating to you amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading
- A right to obtain reasons for decisions affecting you

Previously, you had to pay an application fee of €15 when making a request for information. This application fee no longer applies. The application fees have been reduced for an internal review of a decision by a body on your request and for a review of the decision by the Office of the Information Commissioner. The new fees (which do not apply in the case of personal information) are as follows:

- Internal review, €30 (€10 for medical card holder)
- Review by Information Commissioner, €50 (€15 for medical card holder)

You may be charged for the time spent finding and retrieving records, and for any copying costs. You will not normally be charged for personal records.

Under the revised scheme, if the cost of search, retrieval and copying is  $\varepsilon 100$  or less, no charge is applied. If the cost exceeds  $\varepsilon 100$ , the full charge applies. You cannot be charged more than  $\varepsilon 500$ . If the estimated cost is more than  $\varepsilon 700$ , the body can refuse to process your request, unless you refine your request to bring the cost below this limit

The new FOI Act widens the scope of the scheme to all public bodies, unless specifically exempt. It also allows the Government to include other bodies that get significant public funds. Under the Act the bodies must publish a wider range of information about their activities than was previously required.

#### **Preparing for retirement**

#### Question

I will be retiring from work in 2015 when I reach 65. What do I need to know about pensions and other benefits in retirement?

#### Answei

When you retire at age 65 you can claim Jobseeker's Benefit, which is based on your Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contributions. If you do not qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit you can claim Jobseeker's Allowance, which is a means-tested payment.

At age 66, you may be entitled to the State Pension (Contributory). If you do not have enough PRSI contributions, you can apply for a State Pension (Non-Contributory), which is means-tested. You should apply for State pensions at least three months in advance.

You may have contributed to an occupational pension scheme during your working life or you may have a personal pension arrangement. You need to contact the pension provider to find out exactly what benefits your pension gives you.

If you move from employment to retirement in the course of the year, you should get a PAYE Balancing Statement (P21) from your local tax office at the end of the year. This will trigger a refund of any overpayment of tax you might have made.

Your Jobseeker's Benefit or State pension and any occupational pension are taxable. However, the tax exemption limits are much higher for people aged 65 or over and there are some extra tax credits.

At age 66 you will be exempt from paying PRSI. At age 70 you will pay a reduced Universal Social Charge if your annual income is  $\epsilon$ 60,000 or less.

At age 66 you will also be eligible for a Free Travel Pass and may be eligible for the Household Benefits Package, which consists of a free TV licence and an electricity or gas allowance.

For medical cards and GP Visit Cards, which are means tested, the income limits are higher for people aged 70 and over.

#### Income tax bands and rates

#### **Question**

What are the income tax bands and tax rates for 2015?

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The income tax bands and tax rates for 2015 were announced in Budget 2015.

Nearly all income is liable to tax. The amount of tax that you have to pay depends on your personal circumstances. There is a range of income tax reliefs available that can reduce the amount of tax that you have to pay

Tax is charged as a percentage of your income. The percentage that you pay depends on the amount of your income.

	2014	2015
Single person	€32,800	€33,800
Married couple/civil partners, one income	€41,800	€42,800
Married couple/civil partners, two incomes	€41,800 (1st income) €23,800 (2nd income)	€42,800 (1st income) €24,800 (2nd income)
One parent family	€36,800	€37,800

The first part of your income, up to a certain amount, is taxed at what is known as the standard rate of tax. The amount that it applies to is known as the standard-rate tax band. The remainder of your income is taxed at a higher rate of tax.

For 2015 the standard rate of tax remains at 20% but the standard-rate tax bands have been increased as follows:

The higher rate of tax that applies to the balance of your income has been reduced from 41% in 2014 to 40% for 2015

#### Consumer rights during sales

#### Question

What are my consumer rights when I buy something in the sales? Can I return sales items?

#### Answei

Your consumer rights during a sale are exactly the same as at any other time of the year.

Goods should be of merchantable quality, fit for their intended purpose and as described. If they are not, you

are entitled to a repair, replacement or refund. The legislation does not specify whether it is the retailer or the customer who decides which form of redress is offered.

If you have a problem with goods that you bought at full price and are now on sale at a reduced price, you are entitled to a refund of the full price (if the shop is willing to offer a refund).

However, you are not entitled to a refund because you change your mind about something you have bought in a shop, whether this is during the sales or at any other time of the year. Many shops do allow you to exchange goods that you have had second thoughts about, but this is at their discretion. It is a good idea to check the shop's refund policy before buying anything.

If you buy goods at full price but change your mind about them, and they are now on sale at a lower price, you may only be offered the reduced amount (if the shop is willing to offer a refund). You should always keep your receipts as proof of purchase and the price paid.

For more information, visit the website of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission at *consumerhelp.ie.* 

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000.

## WICKED YOUNG WR TERS'

Larkspur Woods

It was a late Thursday evening and Ella could hardly contain herself with excitement. Her class was chosen out of 50 other schools to participate in various sports. Tomorrow they were beginning with orienteering in Larkspur Forest. No matter how hard Ella tried to stay awake, she eventually fell into a deep & peaceful sleep.

Friday was bright and sunny, just like the weather forecast had planned. Straight after breakfast, Ella sped off in the direction of the woods ,with her she brought a bag filled with food, a coat, a first aid kit and a map of Larkspur.

Everyone was talking and playing when Ella arrived. Soon they were put into groups of three. Ella was in a group with her best friends Allanagh and Emilia. They began to follow the map until Allanagh pointed out "Er..... girls I think our map is upside-down". "Oh no we are lost" Emilia shrieked "heellIppp". Guys calm down we are not lost "Ella said sternly" now I bet if we follow the path we will be out of the woods in no time "OR WILL THEY?

By Kira Barry age 11 years.

# **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Cllr. McGinley Asks the Council to Prioritise Projects for National Transport Authority (NTA) in Future

The Council were advised by the NTA on 10 February 2015 of the Projects approved for funding in 2015. In all  $\ensuremath{\varepsilon1,230,000}$  was approved for 11 Projects throughout the county. Maynooth Municipal District got approval for only one Project and that was the one that was needed least of all, i.e.  $\ensuremath{\varepsilon300,000}$  for a cycle track along the Royal Canal from INTEL to Maynooth Harbour. It means that there are no funds this year for the footpath/cycle path to the Educate Together School/Gael Scoil, the North South Cycle Track and Footpath from Maxol to the Church, the extension of the 66 bus to Newtown, the review of Maynooth Traffic Management Plan and a footpath from Maynooth University to Laraghbryan Graveyard.

As a result of this fiasco Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Council:

"That the Council prioritises applications for National Transport Authority (NTA) funding and that this prioritising of Projects be done through the Municipal Districts in order to have informed decision making by the NTA and so avoid crazy decisions such as the only allocation for the Maynooth MD this year being 300,000 for a cycle path along the canal from INTEL to Maynooth, with nothing being given to the much needed footpath/cycle path to the Educate Together School and Gael Scoil Scoil at Celbridge Road, Maynooth."

#### Maynooth Performs Very Poorly in Councillors Allocation of Local Property Tax (LPT)

The nine Maynooth Municipal District (MD) Councillors have allocated only \$\instace 36,000\$ for Maynooth, out of the \$\instace 337,000\$ Local Property Tax (LPT) available to them. The \$\instace 36,000\$ will be used on footpath improvements at Dunboyne Road (Dillons Row) and Moyglare Road (at the Post Primary School). The extraordinary thing is that the Councillors allocated \$\instace 127,000\$ for unfinished housing estates even though the Council had allocated \$\instace 776,000\$ for such work in the Budget.

As Cllr. John McGinley pointed out at the Maynooth MD their decision means that there won't be any improvements to The Square or the Back Lanes this year.

## Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Timetable for the Implementation of Pay Parking in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Committee: That a timetable be given to the Municipal District committee for the implementation of the Maynooth Parking Bye-Laws which were agreed by council in December 2013.

John was given the following reply at the MD Meeting on 11 February:

"Work is ongoing to tender for the purchase and maintenance of the parking meter machines for Maynooth. The Pay Parking Enforcement Contract is also out to tender at the moment and Maynooth is included as part of the new contract. When these processes have been completed it will be possible to give the Members a definitive timeline for the implementation of the bye-laws. The Members will be kept apprised of progress in this regard"

Cllr. McGinley pointed that the reply was not a timetable and he demanded that a proper timetable be available for the next MD Meeting. The Council Officials agreed.

#### Proposals for the Maynooth Town North/South Corridor from Maxol on Straffan Road to Moyglare Hall Has Gone on Public Display

The proposals for improved cycle paths and footpaths have gone on public display. Submissions should be made to Ger Duff, Kildare County Council, Devoy Park, Naas, before 2 April. Cllr. McGinley has already pointed out that he is opposed to the removal of the right turning lanes into Silken Vale and Old Greenfield. This proposal makes no sense and John encourages members of the public to make their views known to the Council.

#### Council to Compulsorily Acquire Burnt Out House in Old Greenfield

The Director of Services in the Council has advised Cllr. John McGinley on 13 February that it is the intention of the Council to compulsorily acquire the burnt out house in Old Greenfield and to renovate/rebuild it. The relevant notices are in the course of preparation. The statutory process will take 2 months if there are no objections, otherwise it could take several months. Residents will be aware that it was burnt for a fourth time in the morning of the 13th February.

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Update on the Provision of Re-placement Public Lights at The Bandhall and at Old Greenfield (opposite 757)

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Committee:

"What progress has been made on installing replacement public lights at the Band Hall and at Old Greenfield, Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply at the MD Meeting on 11 February:

"Civil works are scheduled to commence on site at these locations on February 10th with electrical works to be completed at the band hall by 20th February and at Old Greenfield by 26th February."

## Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Update on the Provision of a "No Entry" at Cross Lane

Cllr John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Committee:

"When will the 'No Entry' sign be re-painted on the road at the junction of Dunboyne Road/Cross Lane?"

John was given the following reply at the MD Meeting on 11 February:

"The Municipal District Office has listed this work and it will be addressed as soon as the weather improves."

#### Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Houses at Blacklion Halting Site be Brought up to a Habitable Standard

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Committee: "That the seven other houses at Blacklion Halting Site, Maynooth be heated and ventilated as house number 1 so that they can be brought up to a habitable standard. John was given the following reply at the MD Meeting on 11 February:

"At present, there is no funding streams available to carry out works on occupied houses outside of the normal energy efficiency works programme. A number of units in Blacklion Halting site are vacant at present and consideration will be given for upgrading the houses under void management funding should suitable tenants be identified to occupy these units. The Housing Department are willing to work with tenants on addressing specific issues where they arise."

Cllr. McGinley rejected the reply completely and he

stated that in his view funds were available for such work. He pointed out that the problems with these houses has been on-going since 2007 and it was disgrace that the Council has not addressed them before now. He demanded action before the next MD Meeting on 11 March.

#### Stagg to Raise with Garda Commissioner Why there are No Community Gardai In Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has written to the Garda Commissioner to request an explanation as to the reason the Kildare Garda Division is the only Division in the State that has no Community Gardai.

In response to a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Justice Deputy Stagg was provided with the distribution of Community Gardai in each Division with the following community gardai in the Eastern Area:

WICKLOW DIVISION 14 LAOIS/OFFALY DIVISION 18 MEATH DIVISION 9 WESTMEATH DIVISION 9 LOUTH 16 WEXFORD DIVISION 14 DUBLIN WEST DIVISION 62 KILDARE DIVISION 0

### Deputy Stagg stated the Aims of Community Policing are:

- To provide the people in an area with their own dedicated Garda, someone with whom they can discuss everyday occurrences and build up a strong and supportive personal relationship.
- To help the residents of the area to prevent crime by supporting crime prevention initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch and Community Alert.
- To work with other social agencies in the area to help curb crime and vandalism.

In the Minister's response to Deputy Stagg she stated 'Community policing is the underpinning philosophy and ethos through which An Garda Siochana delivers a service across the Country'. Commenting on this assertion Deputy Stagg stated that if community policing is the underpinning philosophy then why has the Kildare Division no Community Gardai.

Given that the Commissioner is responsible for the distribution of Community Gardai, Deputy Stagg stated that he would now contact the Commissioner demanding Community Gardai for the Kildare Division given the critical role they play in interacting with the Community in reducing crime.

#### Tenders for Construction of Two New Maynooth Secondary Schools to be Invited By June

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the case for the construction of the two new Secondary Schools and shared sports facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road with the Minister for Education and he has now been advised that Tenders for the construction of both Schools and the Sports Facility will be invited by June 2015.

Deputy Stagg stated that both of the schools, the new Maynooth Community College and the replacement school for Maynooth Post Primary School, will cater for 1,000 pupils each. The Design Team are currently working on the completion of the Tender Documents and the Minister has advised that tendering will

commence by the second quarter of 2015. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that construction of the two new Secondary Schools and Sports Facility will commence in 2015 and that the schools will open for September 2017. Welcoming the progress Deputy Stagg stated that Maynooth will have State of the Art Secondary Schools and a Sports Facility for our Secondary pupils by September 2017 and he thanked his colleague Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. for securing the funding necessary for the Schools and Sports Facility.

#### 15% Fall in Live Register Figures for Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fall in the Live Register Figures published in early February which show a 15% fall in the Live Register Figures for Maynooth Labour Exchange when compared with January 2012. Overall stated Deputy Stagg the Live Register for Co. Kildare has fallen from 18,011 in January, 2012, to 15,520 in January, 2015. The further fall confirms the downward trend in unemployment stated Deputy Stagg but we cannot be complacent as unemployment is still far too high. Exiting the bailout and economic recovery will only be meaningful for people when they see real improvements in their lives and the most important way to achieve that is by creating more jobs which is the clear focus of the Government, The Government stated Deputy Stagg through its Action Plan on Jobs is committed to creating 40,000 additional jobs in 2015 and getting the Unemployment Rate below 10% from a high of 15.1% three years ago. We can deliver on this commitment given the fact that between January 2012 and September 2014 the numbers employed in the State rose from 1,825,000 to 1,927,000.

#### Stagg Calls for Additional Funding to End Nursing Home Waiting List

Deputy Emmet Stagg raised as a Topical Issue in the Dail on Wednesday 21st January the urgent need to remove the funding cap for the Fair Deal Scheme to ensure that it operates as a Demand Led Scheme, thus enabling qualifying people to access Nursing Homes in a timely manner and to ensure that people do not spend long periods of time in inappropriate hospital wards. Addressing the Dáil, Deputy Stagg stated 'I thank the Minister of State for coming into the House to deal with this issue. Her dedication to the task of providing world class services for the elderly is not in doubt.

How we treat the elderly is a fair mark of our society. They were the creators of the society and systems we now enjoy. They worked hard, often for low pay, paid their taxes and are now entitled to the best care that can be provided, if possible in their own homes and, where that is not possible, in available care facilities of high standard.

It is not acceptable that the elderly are left in acute hospital beds when what they need is nursing home care. It is not acceptable that they are left in their homes where they can no longer be adequately cared for. The fair deal scheme is just that - a good deal for those who need nursing home care.

This excellent scheme was intended to be - I emphasise this point - demand-led where the service would be provided when required. The current practice, inherited by the Minister of State, whereby the scheme is capped financially, leads to inevitable delays in the service being provided and real hardship for the elderly persons left waiting.

I am asking that the resources needed to provide a demand-led service be provided by the Government and that the waiting for essential care for long periods be ended. Senior citizens deserve no less'.

Responding to Deputy Stagg Minister of State Kathleen Lynch stated 'I thank Deputy Emmet Stagg for raising this issue which is very pertinent at this

time, given that we are in prolonged discussions with various Departments and desperately trying to do what they are asking for. As you rightly pointed out, the nursing homes support scheme provides financial support for those who require long-term nursing home care, with residents contributing a portion of the cost in accordance with their means, which is essential. It is a scheme which relieves families of potentially very onerous expense and even protects the greater part of the value of a participant's main residence. However, it is also expensive. The amount allocated to the scheme in 2015 is €948.8 million.

Again, demographic trends mean that the scheme is under pressure because of the increasing numbers of older people in the population. The number of the population over 65 years is growing by approximately 20,000 each year and the population over 80 years which has the greatest need in terms of utilisation of health services is growing by some 4% per annum. The scheme is demand-led but, as Deputy Emmet Stagg rightly pointed out, resource-capped. In the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 a provision was included in order to ring-fence the funding for the scheme and ensure it was used for the provision of financial support under the scheme. To manage the available funds through the year, the HSE operates a national placement list in order of when applications are approved, which is very important, and funding is released in strict chronological order as it becomes available.

As of 16 January, there are 1,313 people on the placement list, with an average waiting time of 11 weeks, down in some cases from 17 and 18 weeks. The budget for the scheme in 2015 is  $\epsilon$ 948.8 million, an increase of  $\epsilon$ 10 million on the figure for 2014. Some  $\epsilon$ 10 million allocated to the scheme related to the delayed discharges initiative.

I will forward this reply in full to Deputy Stagg, but I believe we need to talk about some other issues concerning the fair deal scheme. For example, the review of the scheme which I expect to receive in the next few weeks will tell us that it is unsustainable in its current financial make-up, given the demands on it. What it should tell us and what I would like it to tell us is that people will be able to access the fair deal scheme in the community, rather than having to avail of long-stay nursing home care, if that is their preference.

It is about preference and choice. I would hate to think that because I had reached a certain age and despite the fact I was capable of making these choices myself, my choices would be limited.

We also need to look seriously at the issue of capacity. Even if we could provide a fair deal scheme place for everybody in hospital who needed one, there are certain areas of the country where we do not have the capacity to move patients from hospitals. I am a great believer in identifying difficulties and finding solutions.

If the fair deal scheme was resource and demand-led, it would provide comfort for both the public and private sectors and deliver more of the beds we so desperately need. The fair deal scheme must be a combination of the two options. It must be about choices in the community and ensuring that if people are offered a bed, it is in an area close to where they live and those who might wish to visit them. For example, if the patient is in Naas or Kildare, the bed offered should not be in some place that is inaccessible to him or her such as in Waterford. We need a full and wider debate on this issue. We understand the difficulties, but we need to come up with perhaps different solutions'.

Responding to Minister Lynch Deputy Stagg stated 'I thank the Minister of State for coming to the House to deal with this issue. The medical card system which is far more expensive than the fair deal scheme is

entirely demand-led. If a person qualifies for a medical service, he or she receives that service, with no waiting time for access. Nobody says in November that all of the money is gone and that a service cannot be provided. The system should be similar to that for the fair deal scheme. If people qualify, the service should be provided when needed. I believe the Minister of State agrees with me on that point.

Has any calculation been made of the extra funding that would be required, over and above the current figure of €948 million, to fill the gap in order that the scheme would be demand-led and a service provided as required? Will the Minister of State also ensure the HIQA beds in the public sector are upgraded to the point where they would no longer be under threat? I understand there is a period of grace in which this could be done and that she is in the process of doing this. It is important that these beds are retained in the system in order that there will be no shortage of resources.

In her final response to Deputy Stagg Minister of State Lynch stated 'I could not agree more with the Deputy. I have made it clear that we cannot afford to lose any bed, private or public, for older people. In regard to the fair deal scheme, we also need to look at the issue of funding and the notion that if one lives in Dublin, X amount is paid per bed, while the rate is different if one lives in Wicklow or Galway. No account is taken of the needs of the person concerned. We need to look at this issue because the needs of some people are greater than those of others and they need more care and attention. We need to look seriously at the range of needs involved.

On the issue of cost, I am told that if we were to make the scheme resource and demand-led, it would cost an additional  $\epsilon$ 30 million a year. In some years the cost would be higher and in others lower. However, if we do not do this in a planned way and a way we can see what we will be doing six months down the road, the cost will be twice that figure or more. It is about planning and ensuring we know exactly where we will find capacity and how we will meet demand as it arises!

Commenting after the debate Deputy Stagg stated that additional funding of €30 Million should be provided to end the unacceptable waiting times encountered by elderly people in accessing nursing home care and he vowed to press the Government for the required additional resources.

### Stagg Congratulates INMO on 30 Additional Nursing Posts at Naas General Hospital

Deputy Emmet Stagg has congratulated the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation on the successful negotiations with the HSE at the Labour Relations Commission in relation to the overcrowding crisis which has resulted in the number of additional nursing posts approved for Naas General Hospital increasing to 30.

This stated Deputy Stagg is an increase from the 14 additional posts already sanctioned and resulted in the deferral of action by Nursing Staff at Naas General Hospital which was due to take place today. The additional posts now approved will assist in reducing the pressures posed by under-staffing at Naas General Hospital and should ease the serious pressure being experienced in the Accident and Emergency Department.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Derek Reilly (INMO Industrial Relations Officer Naas), Nursing Representative Therese Dixon from Naas General Hospital and the nursing staff at Naas General Hospital on the success of their campaign.

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#### **Clamping Bill Misses the Point**

Independent TD Catherine Murphy yesterday spoke in the Dáil on the Proposed Vehicle Clamping Bill 2015 and called on the Government to look at an overall parking strategy rather than the money-making exercise that is the current clamping regime.

"Clamping, as a general strategy is just not sufficient to address the problems associated with parking enforcement in towns and cities across Ireland. There is a place for clamping or removal in circumstances where there is an obvious obstruction on our main thoroughfares but there is most certainly no place for clamping in housing estates were management companies seek to use it as a revenue raising or management fee enforcing exercise. I also firmly believe that clamping, as a means of enforcement, should be outlawed in hospitals. Clamping has been misused in such ways and we should seek to implement a strategy that will change this."

"The type of parking available, the enforcement, and the access etc. has a bearing on the viability, or unviability in many cases, of many of our town centres. There are things we can do, practical things such as halving the fine for those who pay their penalties in a timely manner and therefore cutting down on the administrative costs, similar to the practice in Belfast where the fine is halved if paid within fourteen days. We could look at introducing methods to allow for partial reviews of existing bye-laws and thereby giving a greater control locally to allow for parking arrangements which are rarely a one-size-fits-all solution."

"I will be putting in amendments to the legislation at Committee Stage with a view to having changes made to the current wording to the legislation."

#### Latest Garda Figures Represent a Backward Step

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has reacted to the latest Garda Deployment figures, obtained via a Parliamentary reply, which show that rather than an improvement in policing levels for some areas, there has actually being a worsening of resource allocation.

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

"Whilst I understand that the deployment can never be entirely equal – some Garda divisions have specific crime issues and therefore require specific approaches – there must be a rethinking of how and why Garda resources are deployed. These figures show that in the period 2012-2015 only one Garda division in the entire country has actually increased its allocation and that is the

Roscommon/Longford division."

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

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

"I have requested a meeting with the Garda Commissioner seeking an assurance that no area will be allowed to fall below an acceptable policing threshold and highlighting the fact that Kildare is currently way below such a threshold."

## **Catherine Murphy Tables Motion Calling for European Debt Conference**

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has tabled a Private Members' Motion calling on the Irish Government to support calls for a European Debt Conference. The motion, which will be debated Tuesday and Wednesday night in the Dáil, was launched at a press conference in Dublin this morning. The Press Conference, chaired by Catherine Murphy TD, was addressed by TCD Finance Professor Brian Lucey, and Michael Taft, Research Officer with Unite the Union.

The panel called on the Irish Government to recognise the changing dynamic in Europe and to, at the very least participate in, if not lead, a European Debt Conference.

According to Michael Taft, "Ireland is a high-debt country with significant levels of interest payments that have a massive impact on the daily lives of citizens in Ireland. We need to talk about this and find the solutions. That is why a debt conference is an imperative."

Brian Lucey told the gathering that "you cannot dig yourself out of a hole. It's is time to put the moralising aside and start looking at solutions. From that perspective, a European Debt conference is a political, social, and economic no brainer."

Catherine Murphy agreed, saying "We are all aware of the impact such a debt burden has; the problems it causes including the lack of fiscal expansion and the lack of investment. Tonight's PMB is a call on the Government to recognise and endorse the call for a debt conference and to see it as a positive development."

#### **Cultural Institutions Must be Safeguarded**

Independent TD Catherine Murphy today tabled two priority questions to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht asking the Minster to clarify the plans in relation to making Births, Deaths and Marriage records available on the Department's irishgenealogy.ie site and also to specify the breakdown of the extra €2 million awarded to the cultural institutions in Budget 2015.

In response, the Minister told the Dáil that the National Genealogy Plan had been approved by Cabinet in December 2012 with the aim of bringing coherence to the area of genealogical research. When questioned by Deputy Murphy about whether or not it was planned to provide the records free of charge or via a pay model the Minister confirmed that the documents will be made available free on the website. Deputy Murphy welcomed that confirmation.

"This is a change to the current regime whereby the Births, Deaths and Marriage records are only available to personal callers at the GRO offices and a charge accrues for each record searched. I welcome the change and look forward to the records becoming available on www.irishgenealogy.ie"

Deputy Murphy further drew attention to the disproportionate level of cuts to the cultural sector in recent years; in some cases the cuts amounted to over 40% of the budget, and the Minister agreed that the sector had been severely affected. The Minister then specified the breakdown of the  $\ensuremath{\epsilon} 2$  million additional funding that will be allocated to the sector this year, the largest bulk of which (\$\epsilon 650,000\$) will go to the National Museum with the National Library of Ireland receiving \$\epsilon 600,000\$ for specific projects and a number of other institutions, including the National Archives, receiving \$\epsilon 100,000\$ each and \$\epsilon 150,000\$ being retained in the Department as a contingency fund.

Deputy Murphy welcomed the funding but drew attention to the relatively minor amounts in the grand scheme of things and highlighted the fact that many of the institutions were struggling to even maintain opening hours.

"While this funding is welcome, it must be noted that a lot of it relates to specific commemorations projects and therefore it is a kind of once-off funding. There must be an analysis done to ascertain what the minimum level of need is to ensure our national collections are maintained to international standards —many currently are not - and to protect the collections into the future."

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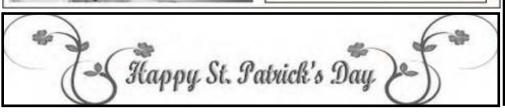


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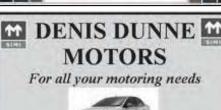
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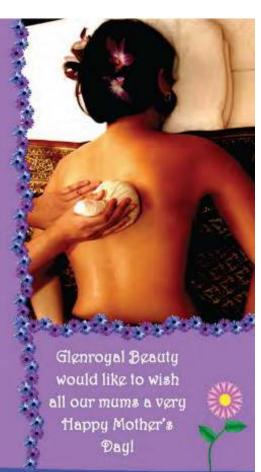
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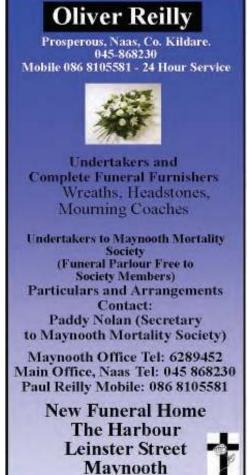


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#### **Smoked Haddock & Colcannon**

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#### **Ingredients**

2 smoked haddock fillets good splash milk 2 eggs 1kg potatoes, peeled 250g curly kale 100mls milk 100g butter Handful of chives Salt and black pepper



#### Method

Cook the potatoes in a covered pan of boiling salted water for 15-20mins until tender. Heat a knob of butter and 2 tbsp. of water. When the butter has melted, add the kale with a pinch of salt. Cook for 2mins and drain off any liquid and then season the kale with pepper. Drain the potatoes, add the milk and mash until smooth, beat in the kale and the remaining butter. Season to taste. Mix half the chives into the colcannon. Put the haddock in a shallow microwave dish and pour the milk over to half cover. Cover with cling film and microwave on high for 4-5mins until the haddock flesh flakes easily. Pouch the eggs for around 1-2 mins. Remove the fish. Top the colcannon with the haddock and egg and scatter with the remaining chives.

#### **Dublin Coddle**

#### Serves 4-6

#### Ingredients

2kg potatoes

2 large onions, peeled & sliced thickly

450g pork sausages

450g bacon, thick cut

500ml water

1 ham or beef or chicken stock cube

3-4 tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped

Salt & pepper



#### Method

Peel the potatoes. Cutting into 3/4 pieces. Finely chop the parsley. Boil the water and dissolve the stock cube. Grill the sausages and bacon long enough to colour them. Drain on paper towels. Chop the bacon into one-inch pieces and sausages into large pieces. Preheat the oven to 300F/150°C. Start layering the ingredients: onions, bacon, sausages, potatoes. Season each layer liberally with pepper and the chopped fresh parsley. Continue until all the ingredients are used up. Pour the stock over the top. On the stove, bring the liquid to a boil. Immediately turn the heat down and cover the pot. Put the covered pot in the oven and cook for at least 3-4 hours. At the 2 hour point, check the pot and add more water if necessary. You can add a little Guinness towards the end of the cooking time. Serve hot.

#### Roast Rack of Lamb with Crushed Potatoes

#### Serves 4

#### *Ingredients*

10 potatoes
1 handful cherry tomatoes
1 quality 6-bone rack of lamb
Olive oil
1 small handful garlic cloves
Sea salt & pepper
A few sprigs rosemary
2 lugs olive oil



#### Method

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Boil the potatoes until tender and squeeze the pips from the tomatoes. Put a large frying pan on a high heat, add a lug of olive oil and sear the lamb until golden. Remove and put to one side while you crush the drained potatoes in the frying pan, then fry for a couple of mins over a low to medium heat. Stir the tomatoes and olives into the potatoes with some seasoning, rosemary sprigs and the garlic cloves, drizzle with a little olive oil and place in a roasting tin. Place the lamb on top of the potatoes and cook. The lamb should take between 20-30 mins. When the lamb is cooked, slice it into chops and serve with crispy potatoes and a little salsa verde or an extra drizzle of olive oil.



# March Gardening



March is a busy time for gardeners... the list of jobs to be done gets a little longer as everything starts to come to life. Prepare seed beds. Clean out water butts: a bit of charcoal in the bottom will keep the water sweet. As soon as you see any weeds - pull them before they become a big problem. Continue to deadhead winter-flowering pansies and other winter bedding. Watch out for downy plant mildew and black spot on winter pansies. Also deadhead the flowers of daffodils but allow the foliage to die down naturally. Get your plant supports in place before your perennials start to grow. Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors and vents on warm days. Cut back ornamental grasses to make way for new growth. Check your containers and pots to see if they need watering. Pots and tubs benefit from topping up with fresh compost.





Early spring is an ideal time to plant herbaceous perennials including geranium, astrantia and oriental poppies. Prune back the stems of dogwoods, willows and buddleias to produce fresh new growth. Feed hedges, trees and shrubs with a general-purpose fertiliser, then mulch around their bases. Continue planting new trees, hedges, climbers, roses and planting lily bulbs. Cut back hedges before birds start to nest. Prune large-flowered clematis. Start to prune roses, removing dead and diseased stems. Divide large clumps of hostas before their leaves start to grow. Don't forget to deal with slugs now as things start to grow before they devour your plants. Prune winter jasmine after flowering. Plant summerflowering bulbs. Bush and standard roses can be pruned now as they start growing but before any leaves unfurl. Mow the lawn if the weather is mild and the grass shows signs of growth. Ensure the first cut is light, raising the blades higher than the usual cutting height. In late March apply a high nitrogen spring/ summer lawn fertiliser to encourage good, strong growth to help the lawn recover after the winter. Sow peas, broad beans, parsnips and carrots. Seed potatoes. Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries back to ground level. Prune fruit trees. Feed all your fruit trees, canes and bushes with some sulphate of potash. Divide clumps of chives. Plant lettuce, radishes, turnips, spinach and onions. Also broccoli, cabbage, brussels sprouts and cauliflower can be sown.





Start feeding the fish. Little and often is best. Frogs, toads and newts begin to spawn as the weather improves. Remove pool heaters when the weather starts to warm up. Clean out pond filters. Replace pumps, water features and lighting systems, after checking they are still in working order. Remove netting from over the pond. Divide marginal and bog garden plants if overcrowded. Contain vigorous plants by planting them in containers with a layer of gravel to prevent fish stirring up the compost. Check the algae in your pond. Providing shade using floating plants such as waterlilies. Other helpful tips including filling the pond with rain water rather than tap water, avoiding getting soil or compost in the pond and removing any plant debris from the water straight away.

Pot up houseplants if showing signs of being root-bound. Putting fresh compost into the pots. Don't forget to give greenhouse plants more room as they start to grow. This will help to prevent disease and to contain early pest infestations. Also check every few days to see if they need watering, although seedlings may need daily watering. Continue to prick out and pot new seedlings and cuttings. Harden off half-hardy bedding plants that you started off under cover. Gradually remove mulch from strawberries as the weather starts to warm up. Prune apple trees. Burn/destroy all the prunings to decrease insect or disease occurrence. Watch out for aphids as they begin to hatch on fruit trees as the buds begin to open. Spray peach trees with a fungicide for the control of peach leaf curl disease. Protect fruit trees and gooseberries with netting as birds could eat your entire crop. Set up nesting boxes for birds and continue to feed them.



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# Maynooth 10k 2015

#### Date for the 2015 Event is announced!

Speaking at the announcement that this year's Maynooth 10k will take place on Sunday 17th May at 10.30, the Chairperson of the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board, Cllr. Brendan Weld, thanked the people of Maynooth for their whole-hearted support for the 10k over the years.

He said that the playing fields could not have been developed without the funds raised and he praised the PTA for their hard work in organising the 10k. Also at the announcement Maynooth Post Primary Principal, Mr. Johnny Nevin, said that this year's 10k is being organised by the Maynooth Education Campus PTA, an amalgamation of the parent teacher associations from Maynooth Post Primary School and Maynooth Community College.

The Principal of Maynooth Community College, Ms. Siobhán McCauley predicted that with both schools working together, it will be the biggest Maynooth 10k so far. KWETB member Cllr. Teresa Murray said that the plans for this year's 10k are well

advanced. A publicity campaign will commence in the next few weeks and advertisements are being sought for the events newspaper, The 10k Times.



Members of the Board of Management (I-r) Gerry Quinn, Johnny Nevin, Andrew Dunne, Brendan Weld, Senan Griffin, Joan Donlon, Mary Gaffney, Teresa Murray, Seamus Burke (pic: G. Bermingham)



# Runners Joggers Walkers

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Check-in, parking and cloak room facilities for Maynooth 10k will be available at Maynooth Post Primary school from 8:00am on Sunday the 17th May. You can check-in on Saturday 16th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm.

#### Enter Online through www.maynooth10k.ie

We wish to thank St. Patrick's College and Carton House for the use of their grounds, our many sponsors, An Garda Siochana, Maynooth Newsletter, Maynooth Education Campus PTA and all who are volunteering their time to make the day a great success.

On behalf of Maynooth Education Campus, we would like to invite you to our prize giving ceremony on Sun at 12.30 at the school where refeshments will be served.

All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track and changing room in association with Maynooth GAA.

> Johnny Nevin, Principal, Maynooth Post Primary School Siobhán McCauley, Principal, Maynooth Community College

# Maynooth 10k 2015





# **Sun 17th May at 10.30**

Enter online at www.maynooth10k.ie





At the announcement of the Maynooth 10k 2015. (L-R) Johnny Nevin, Principal, Maynooth Post-Primary, Teresa Murray, KWETB and MPPS BOM, Brendan Weld, Chair, MPPS BOM and Chair, KWETB and Siobhán McCauley, Principal, Maynooth Community College.

# **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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

#### Is Your TV Spying on You?

Smart TVs are one of the newest popular gadgets on the market, but recently Samsung's privacy policy has come under scrutiny due to concerns that the TVs could be spying on people.

Smart TVs are television sets with integrated Internet capabilities, allowing users to connect to and use the Internet. The theory behind smart TV technology is good, but there are growing concerns about its implementation.

Smart TVs have built-in apps to take advantage of its Internet connectivity, making it easy to connect to Netflix or Youtube. They also have a web browser and apps to connect to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and other common sites. They make it easier to find what you want to watch, and they help consolidate all the devices you use to watch videos, browse the Internet, and even play games. They can stream music and movies from phones, tablets, and PCs onto a big screen. Newer models can use voice activation to show you your favourite TV shows on command or change the channel, as well as tell you when your remote batteries are low and other handy prompts.

While these are good ideas in theory, an increasing body of tech experts are highlighting the flaws in current smart TV technology and warning of potential privacy issues. In February, Samsung came under fire twice for what people consider an invasion of both their privacy and entertainment experience.

The first issue involves a concerning statement in Samsung's privacy policy. The policy states, "Samsung may collect and your device may capture voice commands and associated texts so that we can provide you with Voice Recognition features and evaluate and improve the features. Please be aware that if your spoken words include personal or other sensitive information, that information will be among the data captured and transmitted to a third party through the use of your Voice Recognition" (emphasis added)

This has many people wondering, if you can't talk about personal information in your house, where can you talk about it? The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EEF), a group that campaigns on digital rights issues, spoke out against the privacy policy, comparing it to George Orwell's novel 1984 where telescreens listen to what people say.

Samsung originally refused to comment, but after the news went viral, they released a statement emphasising that the

#### Facebook's New Privacy Policy Shares Your Data with Partners

Facebook's new privacy policy has now come into effect, and it is already drawing serious criticism for the changes they have implemented. Anyone who has logged into Facebook in the past month has already agreed to these new terms and conditions.

Facebook alerted users of the new privacy policy in November, which included changes giving the company the right to use information and images that users post for commercial purposes. Facebook already collects a vast amount of information on every user, including everything you shared voluntarily, your location, and who your friends and family are. The new privacy policy also allows monitoring of your Internet browsing habits and what you have bought online, as well as allowing Facebook to sell this data to third-party companies.

Johannes Caspar, the data and privacy regulator in Germany, has already questioned whether the new policy breaks German Law. The Dutch privacy regulator also opened a probe into the company in December, causing the implementation of the privacy policy to be delayed from the start of the year.

voice recognition software is only activated when users press the appropriate button on their remote control. However, another worrying part of the privacy policy states that not only are voice commands being transmitted, but also information about your device, including "device identifiers", will be sent to a third party "to the extent necessary to provide Voice Recognition features to you". Corynne McSherry, the intellectual property director at the EEF, said that qualifying language is worrying because of how broadly it could be interpreted.

The wording is reminiscent of another privacy issue brought up with a different smart TV manufacturer. In November of 2013, a UK IT consultant discovered that his LG smart TV was collecting information about what channels his family was watching and their use of other devices. This data was still being sent – unencrypted – to LG even when the user switched off the "collection of watching info" option, which was on by default. He found that the name of each media file stored on his television – including photos labelled with his children's names – had been sent to LG even after he switched off the data collection option. The public outcry against this invasion of privacy led to LG releasing a software update that allowed users to properly turn off data collection for users who did not want to share information.

These incidents highlight how vulnerable users of smart TVs are in relation to their private information. As technology changes rapidly, companies are able to get away with accessing more and more data about our lives. Instead of trying to design technology that users will enjoy, makers of smart TVs are currently more focused on finding more ways to squeeze money out of people. That is one of the biggest reasons why tech experts are coming to a growing consensus that in their current state, smart TVs aren't worth buying as they are designed with the advertiser in mind rather than the user.

The second time Samsung came under fire in February was directly related to these concerns. A Reddit post went viral after someone using a Samsung smart TV complained that ads were being inserted into his movies and shows. The TV was interrupting his connection while he was watching his own movies to play a commercial for Pepsi before returning to his show. This was happening because on newer TVs, ads were now enabled by default. After increasing bad publicity over the ads, Samsung apologised and claimed it was an error and the ads should have been opt-in rather than the default.

This excuse strikes many as suspicious, especially because

Caspar says that "it's problematic that Facebook wants to exchange user data between all of its various units, including WhatsApp and Instagram." He gave Facebook until the end of February to respond to questions on the data handling and has threatened a probe into the company if it fails to allay concerns.

Facebook has responded by claiming that the Germans are facing a legal clash over jurisdiction, as the Irish regulator currently has jurisdiction over any matters of privacy. In an emailed statement, Facebook said that "as a company with international headquarters in Dublin, we routinely review product and policy updates – including this one – with our regulator, the Irish Data Protection Commissioner, who oversees our compliance with the EU Data Protection Directive as implemented under Irish law." Caspar argues that he also has jurisdiction due to Facebook's Hamburg branch, which processes the data of German users.

Irish and German regulators have been fighting with Facebook for years over the implementation of European data-protection laws. In 2012, an Irish probe forced Facebook to delete data it had collected from its facial recognition software, as well as addressing a number of other security and privacy issues. In response to the German investigation, the Irish regulator has issued a statement that

this is not the first time Samsung has garnered negative publicity over inserted ads. Last year, a tech blogger noticed that his Samsung smart TV was suddenly displaying pop up ads. He detailed how he was unable to find an option under Settings to disable the pop ups and how he eventually had to search the store for a Sync Plus app to disable the ads. Samsung is not the only company to start inserting ads into their smart TV's. Owners of premium Panasonic smart TVs see an advertisement upon turning on their TV, and banner ads pop up on the bottom of the screen as the default option.

Another issue that concerns tech experts is the relatively poor technology that current smart TVs offer. They warn that existing smart TVs will become outdated far more rapidly than required, encouraging consumers to purchase a new TV every couple of years as opposed to the current average of once every ten. Considering how rapidly technology is advancing every year, the ability to update the software and operating systems of expensive, tech-heavy purchases is vital. However many "older" smart TV models are already incompatible with many of the newer video services available, and manufacturer updates are not forthcoming. It's far easier (and more profitable) for manufacturers to simply produce a new TV model than to provide updates for all of their older models, which is bad news for consumers.

User-focused progress in smart TV technology has been very slow, especially compared to other tech. Progress has been especially slow in the area of user experience, which contrasts sharply with the increasingly sophisticated advertisement delivery and user data collection capabilities. The latest NPD Connected Intelligence Application and Convergence report shows that only 10 percent of smart TV owners have used the web browser and only 15 percent have listened to music from online sources. The majority of owners only use video apps like Netflix and make very limited use of any other services their TVs offer. Given the poor user interface and lack up updates to functionality, this is not surprising. Smart TVs just aren't that smart right now.

The combination of these factors and the privacy scandals are causing more and more tech experts to speak out against the current smart TV offerings. Non-smart TVs are becoming increasingly difficult to find, but you shouldn't rush out to buy a TV based on its smart capabilities, or at least not yet. If you need to buy a new TV, you might want to consider turning off the smart features and using it as a regular television, especially if your privacy is a concern.

discussions with Facebook are ongoing.

If you are concerned about how much data Facebook is collecting about you, the only real way to avoid it is to delete your account. If you want to go this route, accounts can be deleted by visiting www.facebook.com/help/delete\_account and following the instructions.

If you do not want to delete your account altogether but are still concerned about what the company might know about you, previous actions by the Irish Data Protection Commissioner require Facebook to make this information available. You can view this while logged in by clicking the arrow on the top right of any page, selecting Settings, and then selecting "Download a copy of your Facebook data" from the General Account Settings section.





# Maynooth TidyTowns Caring for our advironment

#### Maynooth Tidy Towns

Wee Ireland will be in Tesco Car Park Maynooth on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 4pm. If you have any electrical goods (anything with a plug) and batteries for recycling bring them along on the day. Light bulbs can be recycled. Last year Maynooth recycled over 26 tonnes of electrical goods.

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The sustainable waste and resource management category is becoming more and more important each year in the National Tidy Towns competition, to increase awareness in our local schools. Maynooth Tidy Towns, Schools Officer Mary Jennings and Chairman Mattie Callaghan presented a Compost Bin and Water Butt to the Gael Scoil Ui Fhiaich in early February as part of our Green Schools and bio-diversity programme. The other local schools will receive their equipment in the near future.

Our first major clean up of 2015 will take place on Saturday 7th March meeting at Tesco Car park at  $10 \, \text{am}$ , we will be cleaning up along the Dublin Rd to Carton Gates near Pikes Bridge where we will meet our colleagues from Leixlip Tidy Towns who will be coming from Leixlip.

If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two on Saturdays or Sundays please contact us at mobile: 087 3153189.

National Spring Clean up will take place during the month of April, we would welcome any support from community groups and resident associations. Could you please text contact details to 087 3153189 or Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook page.

Maynooth Tidy Towns looking forward to seeing you all at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Richard Farrell - PRO - Maynooth Tidy Towns

#### The Maynooth 1916



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In memory of the

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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 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 from, 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.

While their service area is continually expanding, they currently carry out meal deliveries to the following areas: Maynooth - Kilcock - Leixlip if you are outside of this area, contact them.

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# Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

Contact Details - e-mail: naoiseocearuil@gmail.com

## Motions raised by Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil at Febuary Municipal District

1. That the yellow boxes on Mill Street, Maynooth and the Straffan Road, opposite Maxol, are re-painted and re-instated

The Municipal District Office replied that they will not be renewing the yellow box on Mill Street as there is no entry to Pound Lane at this point nor will it be renewing the yellow boxes on the Straffan Road opposite the Maxol station. The Office has received correspondence from the residents but is, unfortunately, not prepared to renew the yellow box.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil objected strongly to this report. He stated that residents on Pound Lane and Leinster cottages were unable to exit the street towards the Moyglare Road as vehicles were obstructing the way. This is also an issue for people using the car parks at AIB, the pharmacy and Coonan's. He stated that he was dissappointed with the response and demanded that something be done.

The same was the case on the Straffan Road, where residents cannot exit their properties and people leaving Maxol towards the town centre. He insisted that the yellow boxes be re-instated for common sense purposes.

That the speed limit of 80 km/h be reduced to 50 km/h on the Ballygoran Road, Maynooth.

The Municipal District Office responded that it will list this motion for consideration at the next speed limit review.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil welcomed this response. The Ballygoran Road is being used as an alternative route around the town but is densely populated. He stated that he would like to see other rural roads in the area that are heavily populated to have a reduced speed limit. This is in line with his calls to have the speed limit in housing estates reduced from 50km/h to 30km/h to protect children.

#### **Other Council Business**

#### **Bollards at Old Greenfield**

The Roads Design Department is currently preparing required drawing(s) to commence this process. Cllr. Ó Cearúil re-iterated his objection to the removal of these bollards in line with the wishes of local residents.

#### Traffic Flow in Maynooth

The Municipal District Office had discussed a specification with a consultant for a full traffic review of Maynooth. A fully costed specification and proposal has been received and is being reviewed by the Traffic Management Department.

#### Paid Parking

The tenders for the Paid Parking Licence for Kildare, which included Maynooth has been received. A decision on the operator will be made soon and work should commence in the coming months.

#### Maynooth Ring Road

Any potential ring road will need the co-operation of Meath County Council.

A letter requesting a meeting with Ratoath Municipal District has issued, however, no response has been received to date. Updates will be issued once this meeting is held.

#### **Community and festival Grants**

The Community Grants from Kildare County Council are now open again. All voluntary and local organisations are welcome to submit applications. The deadline for applications is the 18th of March. Applications are available from Cllr. Ó Cearúil upon request or online at www.kildarecoco.ie

#### **Public Participation Network**

The preparatory work in relation to creating a website and an ONLINE registration form for community and voluntary groups and organisations in the county, is now complete.

This is available at http://www.kildareppn.ie and we encourage any recognised local groups who work in the areas of community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental to register ONLINE. The website has all the detailed information and a Tab for Registration.

As part of the reform under Local Government Reform Act 2014, local authorities are required to establish Public Partnership Networks (PPN) in each local authority area. Membership is open to all community and voluntary groups and organisations active in Co Kildare.

# The PPN will be the main link through which the Council will connect with the local Community/Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environmental sectors.

All groups and organisations who currently get supports from the Council or who are on the Council various records through Sports Partnership, Heritage grants, Community Grants, or Co Kildare Community & Voluntary Forum are being informed over the coming days about this opportunity to be part of the County Kildare Public participation Network (PPN). Letters will issue over coming week.

Again if anyone is in contact with a local voluntary group, I would appreciate if you would mention the PPN and ask them to register Online.

The Open Session in Maynooth will take place in Maynooth Community Library on Tuesday 3rd March between 5.20pm and 7.30pm.

#### Fianna Fáil News

#### Comhairle Dáil Ceantair AGM

The AGM for the Kildare North CDC was held recently. The new committee is as follows; David Trost (Cathaoirleach), Carmel Kelly (Secretary), Michael Coleman (Treasurer), Dan Doolan (Leas-Cathaoirleach), Conor McGarry (PRO), Stephen Church (Youth Officer).

Local Maynooth man Michael Cadden was made Honorary President.

#### Policy Workshop

A policy workshop was held on the 26th of Febuary in the Westgrove Hotel, Clane focusing on Transport and Tourism. Deputy Timmy Dooley, Fianna Fáil spokeperson on the area chaired the meeting. Recommendations will be published soon.

#### **Cumann Meeting**

A Cumann meeting will be held at the end of March. Notification will be sent to existing members on exact time and date. If you would like to join or give your opinions on local and national matters please get in touch with Naoise Ó Cearúil on (086) 728 0050.

#### Fianna Fáil proposes legislation to avoid Property Tax timebomb

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has said the Government needs to provide reassurance to thousands of homeowners across the country who face major increases in their property tax when the revaluation date for properties falls due next year.

Under the Local Property Tax Act homeowners are required to revalue their properties in 2016 but house prices in Kildare alone have increased by up to 40% since the initial valuation in 2013.

"The rising property market is storing up a timebomb for homeowners based on the current property tax law unless the Government takes action," said Cllr. Ó Cearúil.

"Fianna Fáil is presenting legislation today that would remove the strict valuation date for 2016 from law and give the Oireachtas the discretion on revaluation. We said at the time the government introduced the legislation that it was extremely unfair and an anti-urban tax

"For most properties, the effect of moving up one valuation band is an extra &690 per year. However some homeowners in Kildare could see their home rise by three or four valuation bands, adding up to &6360 to their annual property tax bill.

"Fianna Fáil has put forward a common sense measure to stop this. The party is committed to a fundamental review of the property tax which takes account of people's ability to pay. We also want to repeal the revaluation in 2016.

"At the moment the property tax yields €495m from 1.6m households but there is huge unfairness is how the legislation is applied. Fianna Fáil believes this legislation being brought forward today will go some way provide reassurance for homeowners that they will not be facing huge increases in their property tax."

#### Representations

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

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

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#### **March 2015**

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#### Niamh Healy Leinster Park

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#### Fleadh Laighean Update

A Céilí was held in the North Kildare Club on Sunday, the 1st of February to raise funds for Fleadh Laighean. There was over 130 people in attendance from all corners of Leinster. Everybody enjoyed the variety of set dances as Frank Keenan kept everybody on their toes. There was a real buzz in the air, a wonderful atmosphere as people got into the Fleadh spirit. Old friendships were rekindled and new friendships forged. Rise the Dust Céilí Band produced energetic and lively music throughout.

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#### Parenting Talk in Maynooth Community Library

There is a series of talks organised by Kildare Library Service in partnership with HSE Primary Care Psychology Team and Mental Health Ireland and is funded by Kildare County Council. Attendance is free but please call the Library to book your place. The first talk in Maynooth Community Library is:

Happy Parents/Happy Child

Presented by Sheila O'Malley, Parenting Expert

Sheila will share practical tips and skills to deal with sibling rivalry, difficult behaviour, homework struggles and how to enjoy easier mornings and bedtimes.

Maynooth Community Wednesday 11th March 7pm



Maynooth Community Library,
Main Street,
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Co.Kildare
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http://www.kildare.ie/library/maynooth/





# Mayooth Welcomes Top Class Trad Concert

Ceardlann Earraigh is an annual event consisting of Master Workshops in Music and Song followed by a Grand Concert. Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year it provides students and followers of traditional Irish Music with the best of tuition and performance. This year's event, under the auspices of the Kildare County Board of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, takes place on March 28<sup>th</sup> with a lineup that can only whet the appetite of all. Among those taking part are 3 recipients of TG4's Ceoltóir Óg na Bliana, the current holder of Corn Uí Riada from Oireachtas na Samhna, a Kerry legend on the Bosca Ceoil and that's not all!

Artistes performing at the Ceardlann Earraigh Grand Concert in the **Glenroyal Hotel** include Breanndán Begley (accordion), Michelle Mulcahy (concertina), Louise Mulcahy (flute), Caoimhín Ó Fearghail (Uilleann Pipes), Nell Ní Chróinín (Ámhránaíocht Gaeilge agus Béarla), Donal McCague and Declan Folan (fiddle), Dave Sheridan and Noreen Gavin O'Sullivan (Tin Whistle), James Harvey (Banjo) and Junior Davey (Bodhrán).

The **Grand Concert** follows a full day of **Master Workshops** in Scoil na Mainistreach, Celbridge. The Workshops begin at 11am when students are graded and formal tuition starts at 11.30am with the above artistes. Lunch, **provided free of charge**, is at 2pm where lorry loads of sandwiches and brack, freshly made by the many volunteers, await all students. Classes resume at 2.30pm and continue to 4.30pm.

Beidh fáilte is fiche roimh gach éinne ag Ceardlann 2015. The committee look forward to welcoming old and new friends again this year to what has become a constant in the calendar of traditional music festivals.

Ceardlann Earraigh, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Bígí linn!!







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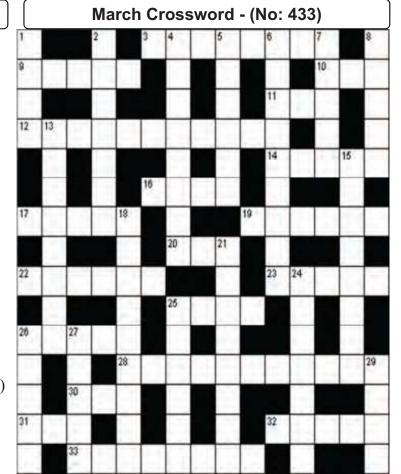


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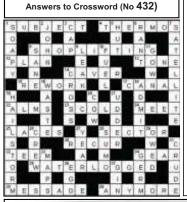
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- 9. Narrow street (5)
- 10. Acquire (3)
- 11. New Zealand parrot(3)
- 12. Defraud (5,6)
- 14. Meat (5)
- 16. Drama (4)
- 17. Summed (5)
- 19. God-like (6)
- 20. Drinking vessel (3)
- 22. Opera by Bizet (6)
- 23. Former Russian rulers (5)
- 25. Wind instrument (4)
- 26. Raw hides (5)
- 28. At once (11)
- 30. Storage container (3)
- 31. Ingot (3)
- 32. Eccentric (5)
- 33. Engrossed (8)



#### Clues Down

- 1. 24 hour periods (4)
- 2. Body of peers (7)
- 4. Universal in extent (8)
- 5. Of delicate beauty (6)
- 6. Temporary expedient(9)
- 7. Wide open (5)
- 8. Pile (5)
- 13. Made by hand (8)
- 15. Not normal (8)
- 18. Bandages (9)
- 21. Heaven (8)
- 24. Stopping place (7)
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### FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

#### Film Review: American Sniper Stars: Bradley Cooper **Director: Clint Eastwood**



After the lack-lustre Jersey Boys, American Sniper is Clint Eastwood's latest film offering in the director's seat. This Oscar nominated film is based on the autobiography of Chris Kyle, an American Navy SEAL and 'Hero'. He undertook four tours of duty in Iraq and built up an impressive record as a military killing machine. Kyle earned himself the nick-name, 'The Devil of Ramadi' as he became the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history. Eastwood's film sets out to record both the public and personal life and persona of this very American sniper.



Eastwood's film begins with Kyle, played by a beefed-up Bradley Cooper, right in the middle of war-torn Fallujah. His target is a potential female terrorist and her child. It's a tense opening scene and Kyle has to make the decision - does he fire or not? The film then abruptly backtracks to Kyle's childhood.

This Texan native grew up in the 'Bible Belt' of America, where his father (a preacher) taught him his philosophy of life: to fear God, love his country and to hunt well. The young Kyle is indoctrinated in the socalled 'virtues' required to be a man. For Kyle's father, there are three kinds of people: 'wolves', 'sheep' and 'sheep-dogs'. His son Chris really has only one option. He must emulate the 'sheep-dog' and be a protector of the weak and defenceless



As such, the adult Chris Kyle turns his hand first to the Rodeo Circuit and then enlists as a Navy SEAL recruit. In Kyle's worldview, courage is all and a black and white So is American Sniper a Western in a Fallujah setting? sense of right and wrong informs his every decision. The bombings of the US embassies in Dar-Es-Salaam and Nairobi in 1998 instil this Texas cowboy with patriotic fervour and a desire to fight the good fight against all American aggressors.

Kyle is the sort of man who 'doesn't quit'. When a recruiting officer for the Navy SEALs informs him that most men don't last the course, Chris Kyle retorts back "I'm not most men." True to form, the training of the soldiers is filmed by Eastwood in scenes reminiscent of a lot of other war films. It is a harsh and brutal boot-camp universe with the clear understanding that the army requires 'warriors' not wimps. Bradley Cooper's impressive bulk and swagger as the Texan native measures up.



Kyle quickly earns a reputation as a protector of his fellow SEALs in the soulless, no-man's-land of Iraqi streets. Targeting suspects and insurgents alike, he despatches Muslim men, women and children in a relentless and efficient manner. Momentary flickers of doubt are quickly overridden by the sure-fire certainty, in his view, of the validity and necessity of his killings. His sense of infallibility is nurtured by his fellow Marines who think him 'invincible' and a 'legend'. Kyle has

more kills than the combined number of his fellow snipers. The real-life Chris Kyle was credited officially with 160 kills and unofficially 255.



His courtship and marriage to Taya (Sienna Miller) provides a counterpoint to his other war-torn existence. Throughout Eastwood's film, the public and the personal life of Chris Kyle intersect very closely. Even on sniper duty, Kyle has the time to conduct the intimacies of a telephone call home. It is a bizarre collision of two



Sienna Miller's role as the wife appears to present a lone dissenting voice to Bradley Cooper's gung-ho narrative and approach as the American sniper. Taya is increasingly concerned about her husband's activities in Fallujah and his loyalty to his comrades. Despairingly, she chides him, "it's not about them...it's us...you have to make it back to us!" She believes that Kyle is decimating his family life on the altar of blood sacrifice in Fallujah.

Yet, Eastwood, the director, appears to be on the side of Cooper, the loner sharpshooter. Chris Kyle is a distant relation to the unsociable anti-heroes that Eastwood made a speciality of playing in various Sergio Leone Spaghetti Westerns (The Good, The Bad and The Ugly, The Man With No Name) in the 1960s and '70s.



Certainly the use of a Syrian sniper provides Cooper's Chris Kyle with an enemy equal to his status and brutality. A gun-fight of the OK Corral stand-off is inevitable. Curiously, the relentless pursuit of the Syrian (dubbed 'The Butcher') by the American sniper becomes the main focus of Eastwood's film. In Kyle's actual memoirs, the Syrian terrorist (second-in-command to al-Qaeda leader, al-Zarqawi) merited only a few lines.

American Sniper, on its release in 2014, was wildly successful at the U.S. Box Office. It has, however, also sparked controversy for its depiction of the Iraqi War. Eastwood has been criticised by some commentators for his lack of political and historical context behind the war.



The false premise for the American operation out there is never questioned or examined in the film. The simplified moral compass where Kyle and the rest of the Navy SEALs are depicted as defenders of God and their country against heathen 'savages' is a major flaw in American Sniper. Eastwood has been criticised for producing a piece of American jingoism. It's a criticism that's hard to dispute. Also, critics have slated Chris Kyle's 2013 autobiography with alleged inaccuracies and unsubstantiated events peppering his book.

Eastwood has defended his film on the basis that it is a character study which showcases the effects of war on the individual. He has called American Sniper "the biggest anti-war statement any film can make". Does the film achieve this? Well, Bradley Cooper is an excellent actor, but his role as Chris Kyle poses more questions than answers. Does Kyle, the person and family man, suffer any consequences in his role as a sniper?



Behind his sniper's gun, Cooper cuts a solitary and detached figure. We never get much beyond this hollow surface. His motivations for enduring four tours of Iraq appear simplistic and naive. His comrades, who he purports to protect and care about, are not properly fleshed out as individuals. They are interchangeable and blend into the background of the film. Therefore, it is hard to relate to characters that are not much more than plastic cardboard cut-outs.

A shadowy figure, rarely showing the effects and strain of war, Cooper's sniper remains as aloof as he is from his targets. Kyle's problems with blood pressure and commonplace noises back in civilian life (like his baby daughter crying) serve to highlight a slight chink in this sniper's otherwise cool demeanour. The only real sense of a melt-down for Kyle occurs when he attacks the family dog at a garden party. Even then it is sketchy and serves almost as a footnote at the end of the film. In particular, the scenes involving the recovery of the sniper seem hurried and contrived.



Where Clint Eastwood is successful is in conveying the sheer devastation and chaos of the Iraqi War. The veteran director's use of cinematography is striking. In aerial shots, he captures the vastness of the Iraqi cities and the sheer confusion and madness of it all. Rooftops constantly spew out fire and smoke like an erupting volcano.



The film rests on two performances only. Bradley Cooper is superb at portraying a deeply flawed 'hero' who, ironically, fails to elicit much sympathy. An unrecognisable Sienna Miller gives a strong performance as the loyal but despondent wife to the always in control

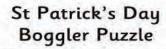
However, Eastwood's cool and precise direction never allows the film to become too involved, dramatic or heated. Granted, the action sequences have occasional grit but not enough tension to sustain a whole film. Ultimately, his lack of political insight and depiction of the Iraqi War and Arabs in a one-dimensional way makes for a less than satisfactory cinematic experience. Rather like his main character, the film rings a bit hollow.





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Hi to all you people who love the Arts as much as the members of An Nuadha Players Community Theatre. Welcome to the month of March which they say can come in like a lion. Of course, with global warming, this may no longer be the fact. What is a fact is that the first reading of The Hostage took place in McMahons Pub on Main St., Maynooth. An enthusiastic reading with enthusiastic actors, will make for a great show. Still some parts left to be cast. As the great actor, Sir Doris Day Lewis, once remarked there are no small parts, only small actors! It's important to note that The Hostage is about the capture of a British soldier by the IRA. It's not a prequel to 50 shades of gravy which is about bondage. It's important we get the correct audience for our production and not a rump of voyeurs! First produced in Irish in the Damer Hall, St. Stephen's Green. Behan gave a version in English to the great theatre producer and wife of Ewan McColl, Joan Littlewood... Between Behan and Littlewood they produced a bawdy romp set in a brothel with music, dance and lots of laughter. This makes for great entertainment.

The story has a darker side. A young British soldier is kidnapped by the IRA in retaliation for a republican awaiting execution in a Belfast Jail. He then falls in love with a young innocent girl from the country who works in the house. As in Romeo and Juliet the relationship is tragic and doomed.

The great thing about Behan is that he is not a blinkered republican. Although he despised the British Empire he had a lot of respect for English people, especially the Governor of the Borstal he served time in. This man recognised Brendan's talent and gave him all the encouragement and confidence required for him to become a great writer. It takes an open mind to make this distinction. The play will be staged in May 2015. Venue to be decided.

First reading of the Hostage in McMahons Pub. The news that Maynooth University's expansion over the next five years includes a cinema, theatre and sports centre is exactly what Maynooth needs. Dr Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, and his team deserve full marks for this adventurous project. This really puts the University up there with the best and makes Maynooth an even most desirable place to live. Remember a town without a theatre is like a eunuchlots of talk about it but it does not have the facility to perform!

A Nuadha had its annual table quiz in McMahons at the end of February. What a great night with Martin Higgins asking the tricky questions. Questions like, what is the meaning of life? He did not get the answer he was looking for. This will be included in every quiz till we find the answer. Thank you to all the quizzers who came along and added much needed money to the coffers for upcoming productions.

Look out for Insight Theatre Groups new production The Hunt for Red Willie directed by Michael Giblin. If you have not come across this play before, your are in for a real treat. Not to be missed. Switch off the wireless and head to the Kildrought Inn, Celbridge starting March 18th.

And last and certainly not least who will forget the latest offering from Maynooth Post Primary. Jesus Christ Superstar became Jesus Christ Super Show. The bar is raised again. Congratulations to the production team and the entire cast and crew. Jesus and his entire family would approve!!

Have a really peaceful St. Patrick's Day with maybe a glass of sherry before lunch with a loved one. If you have any aspects of the Arts you would like me to mention. Contact me at teriann@eircom.net *By Terry Nealon* 

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The organisation of the parade takes months of preparation and work, I would like to pay tribute and thank John Doogan, Susan Murphy and everybody in the Maynooth Community Council office for their hard work and help from the beginning to the end of the project. I would like to thank those who helped get the town ready for the parade, Pat Farrell, Andrew McMullon, John Doogan, Seán Stoll, Jamie Kelly and Marie Gleeson, all those who helped steward in Greenfield Shopping Centre and along the route. Also our photographers. Rory O Connor, John Boyd and Mark Colfer.

My thanks also to Tom McMullon, Chair of MCC for giving the opening speech, to Paul Croghan for acting as Master of Ceremonies, George O'Connor for providing barriers, Thornton's Recycling for providing the viewing stand, Willie Kiernan for the sound system, St. Mary's B.N.S. for providing chairs for the viewing stand. I would like to pay tribute to John McGinley who has organised the parade the past 29 years. I have learned that it is a big task and for someone to organise the parade for so long, really deserves recognition and credit. I thoroughly enjoyed this year's parade and was honoured to organise it, I hope that you did too and look forward to seeing you at the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2016.



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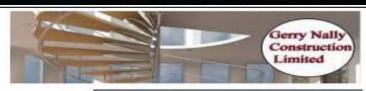
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If this ear condition is neglected it can progress into the middle and internal ear causing rupture of the ear drum and inner ear disease.



#### **Symptoms**

The dog can be presented shaking his head with a very red hot painful ear. It probably has been rubbing its ear on the ground or tilting its head to one side if only one ear affected. There may be a bad odour from the ears. In some cases violent flapping of the ears may have caused a "lump" to develop. This is an aural haematoma or burst blood vessel which bleeds under the skin of the ear due to damage caused by scratching. Infection of the inner ear can cause dogs to be incoordinated and loosing their balance with other neurological signs.

#### **Diagnosis**

Usually on first consultation diagnosis is made by clinical signs but, if condition is not responding a swab is taken from the ear and we look at the material collected under microscope for presence of bacteria, yeast and ear mites.

#### Treatment

The staff at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467) and Clane Veterinary clinic (045 982763), will show you how to apply the

medication correctly into the ear canal of your pet. This is important as a lot of cases do not respond for two reasons.

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- 2. The owner is not applying the medication for the required period, which can be as long as three weeks.











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## **Community Council Notes**

The Council welcomed Mary Murphy who was co-opted to the Council representing the Irish Country Women's Association

Parking around St. Mary's Church - There was a response from the Board of Management of the Boys' National School regarding request for parking for daily Mass goers which stated that the school playground is available for parking outside of school hours and school use. The parking situation will be raised at the next Municipal meeting.

**Graffiti** - There has been an increase in graffiti around the town. It was noted that Graffiti on the ESB boxes should be removed by the ESB. Tidy Towns will be looking into the matter and prepare a list of affected areas.

Twinning aspects - Colm Ó Cearúil (Twinning Committee) has written to the President of Maynooth University to encourage developments between the various university societies/groups with similar groups in Canet. The university will bring the matter to the attention of the Dean of International Graduate Studies who will investigate strategic possibilities in the South-East region of France. Maynooth could have a role if the programme is developed. Paul Croghan noted that successful twinning is sustained by family involvement. This needs to be encouraged. He reminded the meeting that Canet is a good holiday location. A Facebook page has been set up and if updated regularly is very effective in broadening contacts and events, tour guides, places to see etc. This should be showcased.

The Twinning Committee is looking for more volunteers to get involved. There will be a meeting at 8pm in the Glenroyal before the next MCC meeting.

#### **Local Matters**

Concern was expressed at the lack of gritting on the Moyglare Road and estates during frost. This is very worrying considering the high volume of traffic on the road.

It was noted that An Bord Pleanála recently went against their planners' advice. The public need to know why planning decisions are made. Transparency is crucial. The case in point refers to planning on the Moyglare Road. Permission was upheld for a vehicle access point beside the Eircom Exchange. This could become a rat road through Moyglare Hall and will have a significant impact on pedestrian safety. There is no right of appeal at this final stage. The decision has been made.

The position of the pedestrian crossing at the girls school was criticised. It is too near the girls school and cars are on top of it before they realise. The issue was raised at the Municipal meeting. KCC are to put up signage and road markings to alert drivers and pedestrians.

#### Men's Sheds

The Men's Sheds Tourism Brochure was launched in the Scouts Hall on 11th March. It was commercially funded by local businesses. Congratulations was expressed to Men's Sheds and Maynooth Business Community.

### Maynooth Community Council Elections call for Residents Associations to get involved

The MCC elections will take place in the coming months. It is important that all estates especially newly established estates be represented on the council. It is hoped to designate one person in the office to contact residents associations. There are 35 estates in Maynooth at present with only a few estates represented on the council. Notification of the election will be posted in the Newsletter. The Chair of MCC noted that it needs people who are interested in enhancing Maynooth as a community.

**Educate Together School** - Are busy organising the "March Hare" 5k Run Walk Jog for Sunday 29th March. There will be a children's 1k dash organised for Friday 27th. The event is in aid of a Sports Facility at the school. The children enjoyed World Book Day. The School will be taking part in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The present

temporary building is now 8 years old. A formal application for a permanent building is being prepared. The school would welcome the support of the MCC for the project.

#### **Tidy Towns**

Mattie Callaghan reported that a recent clean up with Tony O' Sullivan of Leixlip Tidy Towns collected 4 trailer loads of rubbish on the road from Maynooth to Leixlip. Maynooth Community Council and Maynooth Tidy Towns are writing to Kildare County Council to ask landowners to clear rubbish from any affected areas on their land. Thanks was expressed to Leixlip Tidy Towns. The Saturday morning clean ups have resumed. Water and compost bins have been given to the Gaelscoil and the Scouts. The WEEE collection will be on Saturday 28th March in TESCO from 10am to 4pm. Twenty-six tons of material was collected last year. Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County Council hope to get a window of opportunity to get the streets brushed in the town.

#### ICA

There will be a Daffodil Day on 27th March at TESCO, Supervalu, Aldi, and Manor Mills. Craft meetings are on Mondays and the usual monthly meetings are on the first Thursday of the month. All welcome.

#### **Senior Citizens**

Josephine Moore reported that Tuesday and Thursday morning meetings at the Community Unit have resumed. It is the first time since 1983 that they will not be moving back into the ICA Hall. Thanks were expressed on behalf of Senior Citizens to the ICA for their support over the years. There will be a Tea Dance on 15th February - people from Palmerstown, Kilcock and Summerhill will attend. The March Tea Dance will take place on 15th and the Easter dance will take place on 19th April. The annual church gate collection will take place 21/22 March. A presentation of €9,543 was made to Senior Citizens from the proceeds of the Liam Flood Memorial Concert which was held in St. Mary's Catholic Church. Glen Hansard was the main attraction and ensured a great attendance. It was a terrific night. The concert marked a tribute to Liam's generous support of Maynooth Senior Citizens. Thanks were expressed to Gerry Flood and the Flood family for this very welcome boost to the Senior Citizens finances and not least for their support of the Senior Citizens over the

Maynooth Festival – plans are progressing.

St. Patrick's Day – planning ongoing, sponsorship, invitations, sound, chairs etc. all in hand. More stewards required. Paul Croghan will be MC on the day. The only change is that the presentation of prizes will be awarded at Manor Mills. (See photos inside)

#### AOB

Richard Farrell informed the meeting that the First Pieta House "Walk into Light" will take place on 9th May at 4.15am in Maynooth College.

Naoise Ó Cearúil reminded the meeting that the closing date for Arts Grants is March 19th.

New Curriculum Maynooth University - Colm Ó Cearúil spoke about the New Curriculum which was launched in Maynooth University recently. The initiative has been facilitated by a €150m investment from the European Investment Bank. It is an innovative development and will mean more people will attend university. The barriers between disciplines will be removed which means students will be able to combine subjects in new ways across the arts and sciences. There will be more emphasis on learning a modern language. There will be a greater emphasis on work placements and volunteering/civic engagement, and study abroad. At present Maynooth University is establishing links with County Kildare twinned town Lexington US to attract further international students. These developments could have significant positive impact on the town.

## **Editorial**

Many of you will hear the radio ad for "National Spring Clean" during April encouraging you to go out and do a clean up in your area. While one does not doubt the power of radio advertising, this particular ad does not seem to strike a chord with the majority of people anywhere in Ireland. Yes, there are the few who take pride in the area that they live in, but many active residents' associations will tell you the stories of the people that they always observe looking out the windows at others doing the work. If you have been the one looking out the window before, why not take the lead this month and show that you too have pride in the place where you live.

It is great to see the Maynooth Men's Shed group proudly taking part in the St.Patrick's day parade and to hear that they now have a permanent home beside the garden centre on the Leixlip Road. A group like this is really important for Maynooth and with successful projects in launching a tourism brochure for Maynooth and manufacturing ramps for people with conditions such as Cerebral Palsy and Motor Neurone disease so that they can play Boccia (a game like lawn bowls) they can clearly embrace new members no matter what your interest is. While one would have thought that it would be difficult to have a successful men only group, it seems that there are bigger challenges in trying to sustain active groups for younger people and this is an issue that we as a community must try harder to achieve.

Despite our belief that everything had changed utterly in the past seven years and that as a consequence of the property crash costing all of us dearly, we would see a new era in better planning for communities. While new planning legislation is planned it is still likely that somebody in the planning system can make a significant decision but not be accountable to anybody for it. Take the recent decision by An Bord Pleanala to allow a new access road to Moyglare Hall estate from the Moyglare Road at a point opposite Maynooth GAA Club. In making this decision An Bord Pleanala over ruled a decision that they made ten years ago not to allow a vehicular entrance at this point, but instead a pedestrian and cycle access only. In making the recent change An Bord Pleanala over ruled the recent advice of the An Bord Pleanala's own professional planner. What is most concerning about a decision made in these circumstances is that no explanation is given as to why An Bord Pleanala did not accept the decision of their own planner. Surely the days of anybody making decision without having to explain it no matter how independent they are in any matter is over. People should have a right to have an explanation - will this be in the new planning legislation. I doubt it.

#### Paul Croghan

#### Novena

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many

favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention favour). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your father sees it, then it will become your favour not mine. Say this prayer for three days and promise publication and favour will be granted.

# **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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

#### Mercedes' Self-Driving Car of the Future

The Mercedes-Benz F015 is a self-driving car concept that seems to come straight out of science fiction. This futuristic, almost alien-looking machine was recently seen driving around San Francisco, likely as part of promotion for Mercedes' self-driving car concepts.



The F015 is known as the "Luxury in Motion", and the design of the car reveals that Mercedes is looking towards a new future in driving. Automated computer systems are becoming more common in modern cars, and several self-driving cars have already been tested.

There are major differences with the F015, however, in both fundamental design and mechanics.

Mechanically, it lacks the spinning LIDAR system that is common to most self-driving cars. In keeping with Mercedes' sense of style, there are no visible cameras or radars. Due to the design, it's impossible to see if there is a human in the car during these demo drives, and it's unclear how the car senses the world around it.

The mechanics may currently be shrouded in mystery, but it's the design elements that really show how the car company is envisioning an entirely new style of travel in the future. Mercedes is clearly looking towards a future where computers are better drivers than humans, and once that occurs, the company feels that the fundamental design of cars can change to accommodate this new reality.

If a car is autonomous, the entire interior design can change. People no longer need to be locked into forward facing seats with the traditional setup of mirrors and pedals. The F015 reflects that with free-spinning seats, allowing the driver to turn around and chat with

passengers in the backseat. The car was unveiled in January as a "mobile living space" where everything is controlled through hand gestures, eye tracking, and touchscreens. The head of Daimler stated, "The car is growing beyond its role as a mere means of transport".

It will be quite a while before the F015 hits the market as a consumer vehicle, but Mercedes plans to have cars with some autonomous capabilities on the markets by 2020. They won't quite be mobile living spaces, but a new future of car and computer technology may be dawning



#### A (Virtual) World of Possibilities for Healing

Virtual reality has always been an intriguing concept in popular culture. In media depictions, its main purpose is almost always entertainment, but some researchers and companies are seeing new possibilities in using virtual reality as a tool for healing.

The goal of virtual reality is to create a completely immersive, computer-simulated environment that can recreate sensory experiences and let someone experience an imaginary world or situation. Its possibilities have fascinated people since the dawn of the computer age. Back in the 1990s, virtual reality was so over-hyped that people thought we were on the verge of breakthrough in technology, fuelled by credible magazines like Computer Gaming World stating that there would be "affordable virtual reality by 1994". The big breakthrough never came, and most of the hype died down. Recently, however, the virtual buzz is back and showing tangible results that will be accessible to the general public for the first time.

Much of the current excitement is being generated by the Oculus Rift, a virtual reality headset for video games. It's designed to provide an immersive gaming experience through its finely-tuned head tracking and stereoscopic 3D view. In 2012, it brought virtual reality back to the real world in a major way when a Kickstarter campaign to fund its development raised \$2.4 million, over 10 times the amount sought in the campaign.

The consumer version of the Rift is set to be released during 2015, though developers have been able to purchase a kit for \$300 each since late 2012. The kits were so popular that Oculus struggled to keep up with demand and actually ran out of the kits in March of 2014, having sold 60,000 already. Facebook stirred up even more publicity around virtual reality when they purchased Oculus for \$2 billion last March.

The Oculus Rift isn't the only virtual reality headset on the market, either: Samsung has already shipped its Gear headset, and Sony is expected to release its Project Morpheus in 2015 as well. This is good news for gaming enthusiasts, but the increasing accessibility of virtual reality has much wider implications outside of entertainment.

Though it may have vanished from the public eye,

virtual reality never truly disappeared after the 90s. For years, this technology has been used in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder and phobias, as well as being used in pain management therapy for burn victims. A growing body of research is pointing to virtual reality as having enormous potential as therapeutic technology. As the cost of the tech drops while the sophistication advances, greater numbers of people will have access to its medical possibilities.

Several companies and medical researchers have been offering people virtual reality simulations as a type of exposure therapy. Exposure therapy is an approach to treaty anxiety disorders – such as PTSD and phobias – where the idea is to gradually expose someone to the source of their fear in a safe setting. By confronting their fear and overcoming it in a controlled setting, they are better equipped to handle their fear in a real world situation. Studies have found virtual reality to be more effective at treating phobias than traditional methods such as visualisation or using photographs.

Mike Rothenberg of Rothenberg Ventures envisions a blossoming future for virtual reality as therapeutic tech. He thinks that someday, psychiatrists will be able to help people with a variety of problems using virtual reality and that paraplegics and others crippled by age or illness will be able to roam virtual worlds without the need to leave their physical beds. To get to this point, he believes it will require people investing capital into virtual reality companies that will build new hardware and software. With this in mind, he has launched a new startup incubator named River. River will provide \$100,000 in seed funding to 10 different companies, as well as office space in San Francisco.

Psious is a River company that specialises in virtual reality exposure therapy simulators. The exciting thing about companies like Psious is the accessibility of the technology they are producing. Historically, virtual reality systems cost tens of thousands of euro. Psious is selling a hardware bundle – which includes a Homido headset, a smart phone, and a haptic feedback device – for its simulator therapy for \$300.

Howard Rose is another contributing to Rothenberg's dream. He has been designing virtual worlds for medical researchers since the 1990s. His company Firsthand helped develop SpiderWorld, designed to treat arachnophobia, and IraqWorld, designed to treat PTSD

in war veterans. His company's biggest project, though, is SnowWorld, a first person action game designed to help burn victims manage their pain. The game helps distract burn victims from their pain and has been in use for over a decade. As many as 75% of patients reported a large reduction in pain while using SnowWorld.

Now Rose has a new River-backed startup company called Deepstream VR, whose focus is entirely on the use of virtual reality for pain management. Functional MRI scans show what happens in the brain when virtual reality is used to help manage pain. The fMRI images reveal significantly less pain-related activity in the brain when using virtual reality simulators, giving Deepstream the idea for a new kind of 'neuro-gaming'. The idea behind it is to use the technology for pain relief, wellness, and to increase resilience.

Rose feels that devices like Oculus Rift are exciting primarily because they are driving down the cost of virtual reality tech. Previously, most of the money for research and development of this technology went straight into the military, whose flight simulators are probably one of the most well-known examples of virtual technology. Because most of the money was in military applications rather than consumer ones, there has been little incentive to make more affordable tech until recently.

Rose points to the rising popularity of smartphones as another big factor in the increasing accessibility of virtual tech. The mainstream marketing of smartphones and the competition for lower prices has drastically lowered the cost of components such as gyroscopes and accelerometers. Four years ago, he was using \$4,000 sensor networks, but sensors are now commonplace. Also due to smartphone technology, displays have become much better and smaller.

He notes that most of the new crop of virtual reality hardware is simply a smartphone placed in a pair of goggles. The goggles use the phone's internal sensors to detect the user's head position and then display a stereoscopic image on the screen. It's not as flawlessly immersive as the virtual reality of pop culture fantasy, but for therapeutic purposes, it can work wonders for people who are suffering. With the cost already being brought down to a few hundred euro, doctors and researchers will be able to use virtual reality tech to help more people worldwide.

## **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Cllr.McGinley Demands Action on Major Maynooth Projects

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) Committee:

"That the Director of Services outlines how the following Projects can be delivered in Maynooth this year now that NTA Funding is not available:

- Footpath/Cycle path to the Educate Together school/Gael Scoil
- Traffic Signals at Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction
- 66 Bus extension to Newtown
- Review of Traffic Management Plan
- Back Lane issues with No Entry signs etc
- North South Corridor"

John was given the following response at the Municipal District (MD) meeting on 11 March: "The Roads Department funds works from its own resources and from grants received from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport and the National Transport Authority (NTA). All of the projects detailed by Councillor McGinley were included in an application for funding to the National Transport Authority (NTA). However, the Council did not receive grant aid for these projects in 2015. There is no alternative funding source for these works in 2015."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the response to his motion was completely unacceptable and that the Council must fund these Projects if the NTA are not going to do so. He said that it was ridiculous that the NTA would provide €300,000 for a cycle path along the canal from INTEL to The Harbour and fail to provide €40,000 for a footpath to the Educate Together School on the Celbridge Road.

The MD Engineer stated that there might be funds left over to start the North South Corridor. Cllr. McGinley stated that the funds would be better used on a footpath to the Educate Together School.

#### Update on Maynooth By Laws-Pay Parking

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on the implementation of Pay Parking in Maynooth at the Municipal District Meeting on 11 March:

"Following the recent tender for the enforcement of Pay Parking (including the town of Maynooth) it is proposed that the contract will be signed before the end of March 2015.

Tenders for (a) the purchase and maintenance of pay parking machines and (b) cash collections are in draft form and will be advertised in the coming weeks. The Roads Department is currently undertaking site visits in Maynooth so that working drawings for signs and lines can be prepared. Once the tenders for the purchase and maintenance of machines and for cash collections have been awarded and the working drawings have been prepared a date can be determined for the commencement of the bye-laws. The Members will be informed on progress."

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for Unnecessary Poles to be removed from Main Street

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD

"That all unnecessary poles be removed from the streets of Maynooth and the other towns in the Maynooth Municipal District."

John was given the following response at the Municipal District (MD) meeting on 11 March: "Last year the Municipal District Office was in contact with Tidy Towns representatives who have been very proactive and helpful on this issue of removal of redundant poles. A number of poles have since been removed but a number are still in place on the Main Street footpaths due to the current presence of the cycle lanes along those footpaths. The Office would hope that this situation will resolve itself in the near future and, hence, further poles may be removed"

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for an Explanation on the Taxi Stand Advert

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Committee:

"Why has the Council Advertised for "Draft Appointed Taxi Stand By Laws for Maynooth?" John was given the following response at the Municipal District (MD) meeting on 11 March: "The location for a taxi stand was approved by the Municipal District in the adoption of the Pay Parking Bye Laws for Maynooth. However, to provide the taxi stand and to enable enforcement the Local Authority must make Appointed Taxi Stand Bye Laws. This is a reserved function and will be submitted to the Members for consideration following the public consultation process."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was crazy that the Council had to go through such an expensive process for one taxi stand at Manor Mills when this was already covered in the Parking By-Laws.

#### **Cllr. McGinley Raises Safety Issue with Blacklion Halting Site**

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Committee:

"When will a key for the barrier at Blacklion Halting Site be located there so that emergency vehicles can gain entry?"

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on the implementation of Pay Parking in Maynooth at the Municipal District Meeting on 11 March:

"During the normal course of events, a caretaker is available to allow larger vehicles access to the site. While a key has been made available to certain emergency services, the emergency services will normally cut the barrier to gain access to the site. It is not normal practice to provide keys to residents of any halting site under the control of any local authority as it is the experience of local authorities that there is a high risk that residents holding keys will be intimidated by unscrupulous persons attempting to gain unauthorised access to the site."

Cllr. McGinley replied saying that he wanted the Council to review the policy of not having a key for the barrier on the site as an ambulance would not have cutting gear and lives were being put at risk. He said that it was nonsense to say that residents would admit "unscrupulous persons".

#### Maynooth Town North South Corridor is on Public Display

The Scheme extends from the Celbridge Road junction with the Straffan Road to the entrance to Moyglare Hall. The closing date for submissions is 12 May 2015. The main aspects of it are as follows:

- Footpath widths will be increased from 1.75m to 2m generally.
- Where possible the cycle track and footpath will be separate, with a landscape section provided.
- The cycle track will be increased to 2m
- The road lane width will be reduced from 3.5m to 3.25m

- The right turning lanes at Rail Park and Parklands/Castlebridge will be kept, but they will be removed at Old Greenfields, Silken Vale and Railway Station junctions.
- The speed limit from the Glenroyal through Main Street will be 30Km/hr
- The cycle lanes on Main Street footpaths will be removed.
- There will be a diagonal pedestrian crossing at the Roost junction
- There will be a 4m wide pedestrian and cycle link from the Glenroyal to Leinster Street at the bottom of the Harbour Field. Also for emergency vehicles. Leinster Street will have a new surface with a shared space between cyclists and vehicles. There will be a new footpath on the west side.
- There will be a new pedestrian 3.5m wide footbridge to the west of William Bridge (at Dunnes) on Mill Street. The cycle lanes on Mill Street will be increased from 1.4m to 1.8m
- The wall at the Boys School will be set back to give a right turning lane from Moyglare Road to Kilcock Road. (subject to agreement with the Boys School Authorities)
- There will be a 4m wide shared cycle/ pedestrian link to the east of Moyglare as far as Moyglare Hall with an upgraded footpath on the west side.
- The width of Moyglare Road will be reduced from 7m to 6m

The Reports and Drawings can be viewed in the Maynooth Library or on the Council web site.

#### Cllr. McGinley Gets Four New Public Lights at Straffan Road Junctions

Following representations for Cllr. McGinley three new public lights have been erected at the Straffan Road/Celbridge Road junction and one new light has been erected at the Greenfield Shopping Centre junction.

#### Traffic Signals on Palmerstown Junction on N4 to be controlled by computer

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to raise the issue of the long delays for commuters because of the traffic signals in Palmerstown with South Dublin County Council.

South Dublin County Council have advised Deputy Stagg that within the coming month they will be commissioning a SCOOTS Urban Traffic Control Computer system on the Traffic Signals at Palmerstown which will they say have the effect of co-ordinating the traffic signals at both locations in a much more efficient and reactive manner thereby helping to reduce traffic delays at peak times. Hopefully this new SCOOTS system will work stated Deputy Stagg but ultimately the real solution is the provision of an Interchange or Underpass at Palmerstown Village to allow for free flow of traffic on the N4.

Worryingly, South Dublin County Council advised Deputy Stagg that whilst they examined the Junction in 2008 along with the NRA, that examination was not completed due to the reduction in capital funding for roads. The dual carriageway at Palmerstown is also no longer part of the National Roads Network but is now classified as a Regional Road, thus putting it outside of funding from the NRA when eventually Capital Funding is increased again.

Deputy Stagg has contacted South Dublin Co. Council further asking who decided that the main Western Route into the Capital City was no longer part of the

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National Roads Network. We await a response.

## $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}5,261,\!600$ Allocated To Kildare for Leader Element of Rural Development Programme

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Environment Alan Kelly T.D. and the Minister of State for Rural Affairs Anne Phelan T.D. of the allocation of €5,261,600 to Co. Kildare for the Leader Elements of the Rural Development Programme for the period 2015 to 2020.

The funding stated Deputy Stagg will be used to support sustainable economic development projects for rural communities ranging from tourism, agri-food and other business activities. The funding will be targeted at tackling social inclusion, rural isolation as well as increasing the capacity of rural communities to participate in economic development. The exact nature of the projects will be based on ideas that emerge from local communities.

Deputy Stagg stated that Leader funding is a vital lifeline for many rural communities and will support the continued sustainable development of rural communities in Kildare and throughout the Country in the coming years.

#### Stagg Encourages Kildare Sports Clubs to Apply for Funding

Deputy Emmet Stagg is encouraging local sports clubs in Kildare to apply for funding following the announcement that the 2015 round of the Sports Capital Programme is now open.

The provision of an additional €40 million under this new round is key to facilitating participation in sport among local communities and will provide for improved facilities and equipment for sporting organisations across the country.

Deputy Stagg stated: "These grants will be allocated later this year, and will be used

for the development of vital sports infrastructure". "This is the third round of Sports Capital funding that has been made available under this Government, following years of neglect in this area by the previous administration. In the last two rounds over €1.6 Million was allocated to Kildare Sports Organisations. "The Programme, which is open from today, will facilitate successful applicants in carrying out essential works on pitches and facilities such as clubhouses and dressing rooms. Sport has a positive impact on communities and the individual from both a physical and a social perspective. "I would encourage all those who are interested to ensure that they are registered on the online system before 5pm, Friday, 10 April 2015 (if not already registered) and to get their applications in online at www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie before 5pm on Friday, 24

#### **Asking**

Ask winds where they want to blow ask stiff-arched branches still resisting their ways ask toast-colour fences why branches pinch like arguments on a morning bus let's ask Mr.Ryan may we now have our ball back please ask why ambulance lights are medicinally blue spotlighting the warp of the fence, and middle-aged women asking which one found him in a

huddled foetal heap

By John Doyle

April 2015."

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## April Diary Planner

#### Irish Girl Guides

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

#### Community Library

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

#### I.C.A.

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

#### Arthritis Ireland

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

## Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

#### Men's Sheds

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

## University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome Please contact Helen Phone: 01-6286592

#### History Group

Meetings every last
Thursday of the month in
Maynooth Community
Council Office
Tesco Shopping Centre
at 8.00pm.
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#### Have Ministers Howlin and Burton Failed to Find Common Ground on Water Resources?

Independent TD Catherine Murphy last week tabled a Parliamentary Question to the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection Joan Burton regarding the resources that would be required by her Department to administer the annual water 'conservation' grant. Recently, documents made available to RTÉ through FOI revealed that her Department had serious concerns about their capacity to administer the grant within available resources.

In the reply to the Question, dated the 26th of February, Minister Burton confirmed that her Department, in conjunction with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, are considering the "staffing and funding needed to administer the water conservation grant" and that they are currently "carrying out a scoping exercise".

However, speaking to RTE's This Week programme on Sunday the 1st of March- just three days after the parliamentary reply to Catherine Murphy from Minister Burton, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin, confirmed that the Government will not provide any extra resources to Minister Burton's Department to administer the grant and that they would have to work within their existing administrative budget.

Speaking in the wake of Minister Howlin's comments Catherine Murphy noted the timing between the 'ongoing' scoping exercise referred to in Minister Burton's response and the definitive statement by Minister Howlin regarding the lack of extra resources.

"It is curious how just last Thursday, Minister Burton confirmed to me that her Department was involved in an exercise with Minister's Howlin's Department in order to "explore the most effective and efficient approach to its implementation" – and the reply goes on to detail the workload in estimating resources required and the ongoing administration of the grant, yet just 3 days later, Minister Howlin was on RTÉ effectively telling us that the matter has been put to bed and Minister Burton will have to make do with what she has."

"Given that Minister Burton's Department had expressed such concerns about the burden that would be placed on it, it is surprising that there appears to be a divergence of opinion amongst the Departments as to whether or not extra resources are needed and how and when that decision will be reached or indeed has been reached."

#### IBRC, Siteserv and Millington Timetable Raises Questions for Minister

A series of PQ replies to Independent TD Catherine Murphy has revealed the curious timing that existed regarding the controversial IBRC sale of Siteserv to the Denis O'Brien owned Millington whose subsidiary, Sierra, went onto become a part of the successful bid for the Irish Water metering contracts.

Catherine Murphy had questioned why IBRC accepted the Millington bid of  $645.4 \mathrm{million}$  for Siteserv despite Siteserv owing 6150 million to the State owned IBRC. The sale resulted in a loss to the State of just over 6100 million and Millington was permitted to purchase Siteserv with no outstanding liabilities. In aPQ reply on the 26th of February this year, the Minister confirmed that any transaction which resulted in an adverse impact on total regulatory capital of the Bank of greater than 6100 million would require interaction between the Minister and the IBRC.

Deputy Murphy questioned why, if the Governing protocols of IBRC required Minister Interaction for transactions exceeding  $\varepsilon 100 \mathrm{million}$ , had he not been involved in the discussions regarding the Millington / Siteserv deal. In a PQ reply received this evening, the Minister stated that Relationship Framework and Operational Protocol between the Minister and the IBRC only came into effect on the 29th March 2012 – days after the Millington / Siteserv deal had been completed

Interestingly, the previous Relationship Framework that had been in place since July 2009 required the Board of IBRC to engage with the Minister on certain key issues including "any material disposals...or other transactions other than in the ordinary course of Anglo Irish Bank's banking business."

Speaking this evening Catherine Murphy said she was dismayed to see the convenient timing issues that seemed to dominate the decisions surrounding the decision of IBRC to accept what was reportedly the lowest bid for Siteserv.

"I'm not surprised by the replies which confirm what I and others have long suspected – that the background to this deal and the eventual awarding of the metering contract is mired in convenient circumstances that all amount to something which leaves a very bad taste in the mouth of most right minded citizens."

#### **QUESTION NO: 220**

DAIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Finance (Deputy Michael Noonan) by Deputy Catherine Murphy for WRITTEN ANSWER on 16/12/2014

To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation, in its disposal of a company (details supplied) in March 2012, acted in the best financial interest of the State; if his attention has been drawn to the company being sold to a much lower bid; if so, if he sought a satisfactory answer as to the reason; the reason the company was not put into examinership or receivership; if he has questioned the reason the same legal representatives acted for both the company in question and the purchaser; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### REPLY

Notwithstanding the State s ownership of the bank at the time, Irish Bank Resolution Corporation operated at an arm s length capacity from the State in relation to commercial issues. It was a matter for the board and management to determine and implement such policy in their organisation.

Therefore, commercial decisions in relation to IBRC were solely a decision for the bank. I am aware that KPMG Corporate Finance and Davy Corporate Finance ran a joint sales process to sell Siteserv which was in severe financial difficulties and was unable to service or pay back its loans to IBRC. The sale process was initiated by Siteserv and overseen by a subcommittee of the Siteserv Board. The sale process involved two stages and IBRC was briefed after each stage. The Board of Siteserv, as advised by KPMG Corporate Finance and Davy Corporate Finance, recommended the successful bid as representing the best return for IBRC. I am advised that the Board of the bank at that time were satisfied that this was the case.

#### QUESTION NO: 75

DAIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Finance (Deputy Michael Noonan) by Deputy Catherine Murphy for WRITTEN ANSWER on 04/03/2015

To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 30 of 4 February 2015, the reason he stated in his reply that the sale of an entity by Irish Bank Resolution Corporation prior to its liquidation (details supplied), which resulted in a net loss to IBRC of approximately €105 million, did not meet the financial thresholds which trigger mandatory consultation with the State under Paragraph 4 of the Operational Protocol for the Relationship Framework which governed interactions between himself as Minister and IBRC, even though those thresholds clearly state that any adverse impact on the total capital of IBRC of €100m or more should do so; if he will account for the reason no such consultation took place in this instance; if he received any representations regarding this sale from any of the parties involved; if so, if he will provide the dates and names of parties concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### REPLY.

The Relationship Framework and Operational Protocol dated 29th March 2012 between the Minister for Finance and Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (IBRC), referred to in my answer to Parliamentary Question No. 30 of 4th February 2015, came into effect after the sale of the company referred to in the question.

A previous Relationship Framework dated 8th July 2009 was in effect at the time the Board of IBRC approved the sale of the company referred to in the question on 15th March 2012. Under this previous Relationship Framework, the Board were required to engage with the Minister for Finance on

certain key issues which included "Any material acquisitions, disposals, investments, realisations or other transactions, other than in the ordinary course of Anglo Irish Bank's banking business."

It should be noted that this previous Relationship Framework did not include any specific monetary thresholds which would trigger mandatory consultation with the Minister for Finance. It should also be noted, that at that time, the ordinary course of the Bank's business was to conduct an orderly run-down and ultimate liquidation of the Bank. As such, IBRC's efforts, as a secured lender, to maximise the recovery on its loans to the company referred to in the question was considered to be in the ordinary course of business. For that reason, and under the Relationship Framework in place at that time, IBRC were not required to consult with the Minister for Finance on this matter in advance of making a decision.

It should be noted that the Relationship Framework and Operational Protocol put in place on 29th March 2012 contained specific financial thresholds which would, from that date on, trigger mandatory consultation with the Minister for Finance for qualifying transactions.

#### **QUESTION NO: 79**

DAIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Finance (Deputy Michael Noonan) by Deputy Catherine Murphy for WRITTEN ANSWER on 26/02/2015

To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of the Relationship Framework, which governed the interactions between his Department and the former management and board of the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation, prior to its liquidation; if he will indicate the precise financial thresholds under the framework, which would have triggered mandatory consultation in advance of a transaction, and/or disposal; if he will provide a list of all instances, where such consultation took place, and the sums involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### REPLY.

A copy of the Relationship Framework (including the Operational Protocol), which governed interactions between I, as Minister for Finance, and Irish Bank Resolution Corporation can be found on the Department of Finance website through the below link:

http://www.finance.gov.ie/sites/default/files/Relationship% 20Framework%20incorporating%20Operational% 20Protocol.pdf

Paragraph 4 of the Operational Protocol for the Relationship Framework in respect of Irish Bank Resolution Corporation contains the consent/consultation procedure between the Bank and I. as Minister for Finance.

Paragraph 4 of the Operational Protocol states that, "For the purposes of paragraph 14 of the Relationship Framework, the Bank shall consult with the Minister in accordance with the Consent/Consultation Procedure in respect of any proposed decision or action that is within the Ordinary Course of Business but which:

- 4.1 is likely to have an adverse impact on total regulatory capital of the Bank of greater than €100 million; 4.2 is an actual or potential acquisition, investment or disposal (or series of related transactions) and the total purchase price, investment or proceeds individually or in aggregate could exceed €100 million; or
- 4.3 is a realisation, reorganisation, restructuring or other transaction or event and it is likely to have an adverse impact on the total equity of the Bank of greater than  $\in 100$  million."

The Relationship Framework outlines the instances in which Irish Bank Resolution Corporation were required to gain consent from me or consult with me, as Minister for Finance, and these instances went beyond individual transactions and/or disposals; they also included consent for board approvals, management appointments and litigation matters. In total, there were 29 instances where the Bank required Ministerial consent or consultation but given customer confidentiality in certain instances and on-going litigation in other instances, I am unable to provide further detail on the individual instances where Ministerial consent or consideration was required.



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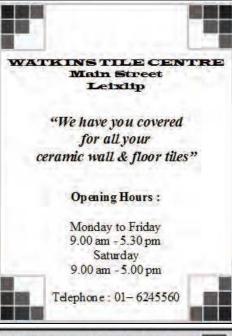
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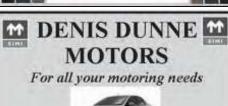
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## Maynooth 10k and 5k Family Run formally launched at Carton House.

The fifth annual Maynooth 10k was formally launched at Carton House recently. The event will take place on Sunday 17th May next at 10.30am.

Speaking at the launch, event organiser Gerry Quinn said that this year it's been decided to have a "family friendly" 5k event in tandem with the 10k. This is due to popular demand by those who were keen to support us but felt that 10k was too much of a commitment. The committee is hoping for a big turn-out to clear the final payment for phase one of the playing field development.

The committee are particularly grateful to elite athletes Paul Robinson and John O'Regan who were present to help launch this years event along with the principals from both schools and Monica O'Byrn from Carton House.

Paul Robinson is a 1500m runner with St. Cocas club and has run several sub-four minute miles. Paul is looking forward to going to Rio next year for the Olympics and his "Road to Rio" campaign can be followed on Facebook.

John O'Regan is an Extreme athlete who took up running at age 31 competing in his first 5k. He has since taken part in some of the toughest and most gruelling events around the world including The North Pole. Sahara Desert and Mount Ever-

Keep in touch with the Maynooth 10k and 5k event through the website www.maynooth10k.ie, Facebook, Twitter and here in the Maynooth Newsletter.

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#### Enter Online through www.maynooth10k.ie

We wish to thank St. Patrick's College and Carton House for the use of their grounds, our many sponsors, An Garda Siochana, Maynooth Newsletter, Maynooth Education Campus PTA and all who are volunteering their time to make the day a great success.

On behalf of Maynooth Education Campus, we would like to invite you to our prize giving ceremony on Sun at 12.30 at the school where refeshments will be served.

All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track and changing room in association with Maynooth GAA.

#### **EASTER RECIPES**

Easter marks the onset of spring and is a lovely time to share a relaxed meal with family and friends. With a bit of imagination you can turn any meal into a feast and the following are some recipes using traditional fare tweaked to add a little bit of flare. The Gelato is made in advance, the cake can be made a day ahead and the bacon can be boiled ready for glazing on Easter morning ensuring your Sunday is laid back and you can enjoy donning the apron without any pressure. Enjoy!!

#### GLAZED LOIN OF BACON WITH PARSLEY SAUCE OVEN BAKED POTATOES AND ASPARAGUS AMANDINE



- \* 1.5kg piece of bacon skin on
- \* 1 litre sweet cider
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- \* 100g caster sugar

Turn oven to preheat 200c or gas mark 6. Place the bacon in a saucepan with a tight fitting lid and cover with cider. Simmer for 1 hour. Remove from cider leaving 100mls of the liquid. Remove the skin from the bacon leaving a little fat and score with a sharp knife. Place the bacon in an ovenproof dish fat side up and cover with the 100mls of liquid then sprinkle with sugar. Bake for 10/15 minutes.



- \* 500ml milk
- ₹ 50g butter
- \* 50g plain flour
- \* 1 onion peeled
- \* Bunch of chopped parsley (keep stalks)

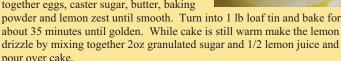
Heat milk, onion and parsley stalks in a pot then in a separate pan melt the butter, add the flour and cook stirring continuously for a couple of minutes making a roux. Remove the onion and stalks from the warm milk and add the roux whisking until it thickens. Add some roughly chopped parsley and season well.

Peel some potatoes and cut almost all the way through with a sharp knife. Cover with olive oil, butter and some sea salt and bake in a preheated oven 220c for 40 minutes. When potatoes are almost cooked boil some fresh asparagus till tender then plunge into cold water. Set aside and in a skillet melt 2 tablespoons of butter and add 1/4 cup sliced almonds tossing to saute, then add 2 tablespoons of diced red pepper and add the asparagus for another 2 minutes. Sprinkle with lemon juice salt and pepper and you have a real crowd pleaser for a gathering that includes young and old.

#### LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE WITH DEBBIE'S GELATO

- \* 3oz self raising flour
- \* 3oz caster sugar
- \* 3oz softened butter

Finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon Preheat oven to gas mark4 180c and beat together eggs, caster sugar, butter, baking



- \* 500ml double cream
- \* 1 can condensed milk
- \* 2 teaspoons of vanilla essence

Pour all ingredients into a large bowl and whisk until soft peaks form. Pour into a fairly shallow container and place in the freezer for at least 5 hours or overnight if possible.

Serve on the side of your warm lemon drizzle cake to finish off your Easter feast in style.

Flavourings can be added to the Gelato by introducing wet (alcohol) at mixing stage or if you prefer fruit or chocolate you can add half way through the freezing stage.



Spring weather is definitely hitting our shores, and that means there's plenty to keep you busy in the garden this month. While there will be a lot of growth, especially during mild spells, be careful for frosts and always protect new and vulnerable plants and seedlings during cold weather. Wait until later in the month to put out tender bedding plants and be prepared to protect them if the weather

The soil is starting to warm up now, so lots of things will start experiencing vibrant growth. Now is the time to get mulch down before everything is covered in new spring growth. Add general purpose fertiliser before covering with mulch, especially in borders and fruit and vegetable plots and containers. If you already added mulch earlier in the year, try drawing it back a little, teasing the soil, adding fertiliser, and then replacing the mulch. Clean your garden tools and mow the grass fortnightly, more during mild periods of high growth. Gradually lower the cutting height of the blade to avoid scalping.



Continue with spring cleaning. Don't let weeds take hold, or they'll become increasingly difficult to deal with as the year continues. Annual weeds such as bitter cress and groundsel are a nightmare to remove once they seed, so keep them under control. Remove moss and weeds from paths and drives. Hoe your borders and attack ground elder when it's dry. Early

spring is a great time to dig up dandelions before they can seed. Slugs and snails will be out in force and hungry for tender new plants. Use pet-friendly slug pellets around tulips, delphiniums and hostas as well as any sprouting vegetables. Birds will use any decorative flat stones in your garden to catch and eat snails, so keeping your garden wildlife-friendly will also help keep it pest-free. Check for aphid infestations, especially when the weather is mild.

Birds will be nesting, so continue feeding them.



If you have a sunny area with poor soil, plant nasturtiums for a colourful show. Too much water and fertiliser reduces the number of flowers they produce. Cut flower stalks back on daffodils, hyacinths, and other spring flowering bulbs. Do not cut the foliage until it dies naturally as the leaves are necessary to create strong bulbs capable of reflowering the next year. Prune spring-blooming shrubs such as forsythia and spirea after they have finished flowering. Transplant any trees or large shrubs by the middle of the month. Scatter annual poppy seeds in borders of flower beds. The seeds are so fine that they need no covering, and they will add early summer colour to your garden. Prune the flowered shoots of



hydrangeas and winter jasmine. Dose acid-loving rhododendrons and camellias with sequestered iron. Start fertilising roses.

First early potatoes should be planted from mid-March to early April. Second earlies are planted in early April, and maincrop potatoes should be planted from mid-April onwards. If you have limited space, consider focusing primarily on early varieties. They are also less vulnerable to pests and

diseases. Potatoes can be

grown in nearly any container as long as it has drainage, so you can try new varieties while making use of any old buckets, barrels, boxes or bags you have lying around. Sow peas, broad beans, brassicas, leeks, root veg, spinach, salads, chard, and hardy herbs. Start tender-veg and half-hardy annuals under cover.



Clear out debris and muck from the bottom of ponds and add it to your compost heap. Water lilies are

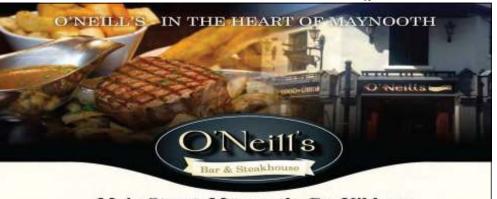
hungry plants; these and other large plants can be fed with slow-release fertiliser tablets placed under the soil level. Start feeding fish when water temperatures reach 10C or the fish become active again.

Give your indoor plants a spring cleaning as well – dust off leaves (clean leaves allow the plant to breathe) and remove spent flowers and dead or yellowing leaves. Watch African Violets for leaf scorch as daylight increases. Pinch back the tips of foliage plants to stimulate new growth.



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Branches. The presentation of prizes will take place after the meal.

This promises to be a great event and we look forward to seeing you there in support of the Fleadh Cheoil Laighean, Maynooth 2015.

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The details for the Session Trail are:

- Saturday, 14th March @9:30 – McMahon's
- Saturday, 21st March @9:30 - Newtown Inn
- Saturday, 18th April @9:30 – Brady's
- Saturday, 9th May @9:30 – Maynooth GAA Club
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St. Patrick`s Day Parade was a great success so a big thank you to Naoise and team.



On Saturday 7th March Maynooth Tidy Towns met up with Leixlip Tidy Towns to clean along the Dublin Road, so between



the two of us we collected 4 trailer loads of discarded material. Also our thanks to Leixlip Tidy Towns who provided a picnic

after we were finished at Pikes Bridge.
National Spring Clean month is April and
we will be doing this on Saturday 16th
April if you wish to come along and help
for an hour or two. Our contact details

Maynooth Tidy Town are continuing their Saturday morning clean ups @ 10am and Sunday morning clean ups @ 7.45am, we meet in the Square if you have some time to spare so please help us to keep Maynooth clean and tidy.

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## Motions raised by Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil at March Municipal District

<u>Motion 1</u> - That the litter warden investigate continuous dumping at Blacklion, Maynooth and that appropriate action be taken thereafter in terms of clean-up and prosecution of perpetrators.

<u>Motion 2</u> - Can the area office carry out a review of road conditions in Laragh and see if a solution to the setup ration of roads can be found?

<u>Motion 3</u> - Can we have clarity in relation to road markings and parking outside Divine Word Missionaries, on the Moyglare Road Maynooth?

#### Update re. Moyglare Hall Planning Issue:

An Bord Pleanála ruled on the appeals they received from residents in Moyglare and Moyglare Hall in relation to planning concerns. The following was the outcome:

- The apartment block at the Walk has had permission revoked. This was the biggest concern for most residents.
- 2. The Vehicular Access Point on the Moyglare Road has been granted.
- 3. All other aspects of the permission, which were uncontested, have been upheld.

#### Fianna Fáil News

#### Selection Convention for General Election

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The selection convention for the general election was held in the Westgrove Hotel Clane on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. The candidates were Cllr. James Lawless and Cllr. Frank O'Rourke. At time of going to print the convention had

not taken place yet.

Local councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil has decided not to contest convention and instead focus on improving local issues in Maynooth.

## Minister must explain over-inflated housing strategy – Cowen

- Govt spin culture seeps into civil service Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Environment
Barry Cowen TD has hit out at Minister Alan Kelly for
knowingly overstating the number of homes the
Government plans to build under its housing
strategy. Emails between the Departments of
Environment and Finance admit that the Government has
been "spinning" the figures.

Deputy Cowen commented, "This government has been obsessed with spin since they were elected in 2011. Now this culture appears to be seeping into the civil service. This is a very serious development and needs to be addressed at Secretary General level. There has always been a proud history within the Irish civil service of being apolitical and this should not be allowed to change under this government.

"Reports today confirm an email was sent from one senior civil servant to another in Minister Alan Kelly's department. It states "we have been spinning" that there is sufficient land with planning permission for 46,000 units across Dublin, before revealing that "the reality" is that the real figure is closer to 30,000 units.

"There is no doubt that Minister Kelly is under pressure to deliver on this housing strategy as the

number of families in emergency accommodation has risen steadily despite promises to address the crisis. One of the cornerstones of that plan was the construction of tens of thousands of additional housing units. Now we learn that those figures have been overinflated, and that there is not even planning permission for many of the proposed builds.

"The Environment Minister needs to explain why he promised 46,000 units for Dublin when there was only planning permission for 30,000 units. Was he trying to deliberately mislead the public, or was it a case that he was not given the proper information by civil servants in his department?

"This is an extremely serious issue, not only because it appears as if the Minister was overinflating the figures to curry favour with the public, but also because the civil service appears to have been used to fudge the numbers. The Minister must clarify the issue without delay".

#### Representations

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

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

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#### Beauty and the Beast by Leixlip Musical and Variety Group

Earlier this year I decided to go and see the Pantomime in Leixlip which was performed by the Leixlip Musical and Variety Group. The show started at 8pm and it was a full 2 hours of laughter and entertainment. The story began in the north side of storybook-land where Belle a beautiful young lady lives. Her best friend is Bubbles who is a bit of a Ditz but will do anything for Belle. Bubbles lives with his mother Polly, she's sweet but tough, and Bubbles takes a good battering from her throughout the show.

Now there is this guy Gaston who comes from the Southside of storybook-land and is totally in love with Belle and will do anything to marry her but Belle can't stand him. Gaston has a brother who is called Cop-on and the two of them are complete and utter twits. When Belle runs into the woods she comes across the castle belonging to the Beast, also Pots, Pans and Plates live there who are all mad in their own individual way, but very loveable people. And of course Belle falls in love with the Beast and they all live happily ever after.

I must say as a spectator it was an absolutely fantastic production. Having helped out with the production the amount of work that goes into a show is unreal and I must give credit to all involved. Leixlip Musical Variety Group is staging the musical Grease on April 21st and it will be well worth going to see.

The cast for Beauty and the Beast were:

Belle – Elaine Burnton - Bubbles – Dylan McQuaid - Polly – Dave Miller
Gaston – Brian Tighe - Pots – Aoife Masterson - Pans – Brain Philips – Plates
Jack Flanagan - Cop-on – John Dennehy - Beast – Jordan Donnelly
Also the Dancers who did a brilliant job and of course the ever brilliant Sean Duffy who had at least 10 costume changes.





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#### MAYNOOTH MEN'S SHED NOTES



Launch of Tourist Brochure by Maynooth Men's Shed



On Wednesday 11th March 2015 Maynooth Men's Shed officially launched a Tourist Brochure for Maynooth. The ceremony was performed by Micheal O'Muircheartaigh in the New Scout Den, Geraldine Hall. Over 2 years ago the Men's Shed group looked around for a project that would benefit the local community. They discovered there was no tourist brochure in the town, despite the huge historical interest associated with Maynooth.

With help from several local people and organisations, in particular the History Group, a very presentable document was compiled. A special

thank you is due here to John Doogan and staff of the Newsletter. The brochures will now be distributed throughout the town, including the College and Hotels. A supply will also be sent to our twin town, Canet.

In addition to those who supplied information, Men's Shed wish to thank, those who sponsored the publication, namely Maynooth Campus and Accommodation and the Proprietor,

Management and Staff of the Glenroyal Hotel, Carton House and the K Club.



#### Men's Shed - Handover of premises and Boccia Ramp Project



Having waited over 2 years, Men's Shed finally have a place of our own, thanks to Vincent Flood who handed over keys to the Out Office, Garden Centre, Dublin Road at a ceremony on 20th February, 2015. We had first come in contact with Vincent last year when we entered a joint float in the St Patrick's day parade. He agreed to lease the premises rent free for two years. Up to this we had been moving between various locations. With these premises we can plan for a greater variety of projects.

Also present was Patrick( Padge) Kelly, who suffers from Motor

Neurone disease. He had contacted us recently to produce a ramp for use by disabled people to play the game of Boccia, which is similar to lawn bowls. Padge, himself has qualified for the European Continental Cup in Barcelona next month. Padge's parents, Paddy and Joan were present, together with Brenda O'Donnell, Cerebral Palsy Sport Ireland.

Also on hand were members of the Maynooth/Kilcock Lions. Their President, Arthur O'Hara said he was delighted to be in a position to support Maynooth Men's Shed towards the cost of producing the Boccia ramps and will continue to do so into the future.

#### **FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON** FILM REVIEW: FIFTY SHADES OF GREY STARS: JAMIE DORNAN & DAKOTA JOHNSON



Unless you have been living under a rock in outer Mongolia in recent months, you can't have failed to notice a slight commotion about a certain film called 50Shades of Grey. Based on E.L. James' sensational and phenomenally successful trilogy of books, the bigscreen adaptation has been the most hyped and hotlyanticipated film of the past year. Its first sneak preview online clocked up a staggering 93 million views, making it the most watched trailer of 2014.

This erotic romance, directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson, hit cinema screens worldwide on, appropriately enough, Valentine's weekend. It details the complicated, bizarre and sensual relationship between a naive English Literature student, Anastasia Steele, and a worldly billionaire entrepreneur called Christian Grey. Ana (played by Dakota Johnson) first encounters the mysterious Grey (Jamie Dornan) when she interviews the Seattle businessman for her college magazine.



The initial meeting between Ana and Christian is awkward, tense and uncomfortable even. Still, enough sparks fly to ensure this will not be a one-off. For some reason, Anastasia's hesitant, clumsy (she literally falls into his office) ingénue attracts the attention of the very attractive, smart, but intimidating CEO. Christian, in his bespoke grey suit, glowers and pouts his perfectlyformed lips at the impressionable young girl as he chides her for her intrusive line of questioning - "I exercise control in all things Miss Steele".

Ana escapes from Grey and the offices of Grey Building into the grey Seattle skyline to wonder what the heck that was all about. There's a lot of grey in 50 Shades! Christian, in turn, proceeds to pursue a not unwilling Ana and even turns up, out-of-the-blue, at the hardware store where she works part-time.



However, here's the catch: Christian Grey's interest in Ana stretches far beyond the boundaries of a normal romance. As she soon discovers, Christian doesn't do "hearts and flowers". He has something completely different in mind for the inexperienced Anastasia. By way of explanation, he tells the blue-eyed undergraduate that his "tastes are very singular". Even a warning from the young billionaire – "you should steer clear of me" - doesn't frighten away the clearly enamoured student.

Her infatuation (spurred on, no doubt, by his impressive display of pecs!) is matched in intensity by Christian's, and he's soon introducing her to his 'playroom' and those - ahem - 'tastes'. Ana quickly finds herself out of her depth and wading through contractual and emotional complications as she becomes ever more deeply involved with the strange but charismatic Christian Grey.



50 Shades of Grey began life as Twilight fan fiction. Under the pseudonym of SnowQueens Icedragon,

James penned her Masters of the Universe tribute to Stephenie Meyer's books online. The pale-faced Bella was transformed into the unsophisticated Anastasia, and Marcel coaxes out the latent humour in the situations vampire Edward Cullen's thirst for blood was replaced with Christian Grey's appetite for BDSM practices.

Relative newcomers Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan share a sizzling chemistry onscreen. Johnson is freshfaced with the kind of unpolished natural beauty of a Charlotte Gainsbourg. As the college girl, the actress exudes vulnerability, dignity, feistiness and humour in equal measure. We chart Ana's progress from wideeyed innocence to womanly confidence in her unusual relationship with the damaged but fascinating Grey.



Northern-Irish actor Jamie Dornan is a perfect match for However, director Taylor-Johnson struggles to keep this the character of Christian Grey as written by E.L. James. With his tousled dark-copper coloured locks, striking grey eyes and model looks, he easily incarnates the fantasy male figure beloved of millions of women. Dornan is most recognisable for his role as the serial killer, Paul Spector, in the BBC series The Fall. The actor seems to be cornering the market in playing sexy psychopaths who tie women up! Dornan's Christian is somewhat aloof, imperious, stand-offish, controlling and tormented by turns but has enough smouldering presence to light up both Ana and the screen



So what is the attraction of 50 Shades of Grey apart from the Dornan factor? With a female audience patently in mind, the book is essentially a Mills and Boons love story, albeit with the added bite of kinky subversion. Although literary purists would balk at this comparison, E.L. James has clearly been influenced by the troubled relationships of classic Romance novels such as Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights. Grey-dark, brooding and tortured - is a modern-day equivalent to a Rochester or Heathcliff. His guilty secret, though, is not of the 'mad woman in the attic' variety but rather, as Ana terms it, involves a "red room of pain".



Perhaps the most interesting thing about 50 Shades of Grey is the off-screen antics which surrounded the making of the film. E.L. James retained an extraordinary amount of control over her novel and characters once the film rights were snapped up by Universal Studios. For this very reason, director Sam Taylor-Johnson and E.L. James shared an acrimonious and, according to some commentators, 'toxic' relationship on set.

The two women continually locked horns in how they envisioned the 50 Shades of Grey story playing out. Taylor-Johnson's background as an artist saw her pushing for a more imaginative, classier screen interpretation of the novel. She pictured 50 Shades of Grey as a 'dark fairy-tale' while E.L. James wanted to please her fans by retaining the veracity of the book's numerous depictions of carnality.

Script writer Kelly Marcel was brought in to punch some shape into E.L. James's notoriously lumbering and repetitive prose. Anastasia's 'Inner Goddess'

monologues and a dizzying number of 'double craps' have been dispensed with for the film version! Instead involving Ana and Christian.



As Christian does a spot of shopping for cable ties, rope and masking tape (billionaires can't get the staff these days!) in Ana's place of work, she quips - "You're the complete serial killer!" A boardroom meeting with a difference witnesses a hard-bargaining Ana and a frisky Christian teasing out the implications of a Dominant/ Submissive relationship. Their interaction here is funny, playful and mischievous with Ana expertly turning the tables on a flustered Christian.

early momentum going throughout the film. Inevitably, she is unable to deliver on the huge expectations of such an albatross as 50 Shades of Grey. Disappointment in all its shades is the end result. Fans of the book may despair at the exclusion of favourite scenes and of the scenes left in, some seem so rushed as to be pointless and unsatisfactory. There's also a lot more warmth and cheeky banter between the book's Christian and Ana than this film will allow. People not acquainted with E.L. James may just wonder what all the fuss is about!



Still, there are some pleasures to be had. Christian Grey does a nice line in silk grey ties, riding crops, helicopters, cars and gliders! The production values in the film are as high, sleek and gorgeous to look at as his designer glass-covered penthouse. The soundtrack is exquisite and Beyoncé's slowed-down version of 'Crazy in Love' is used to mesmerising effect in one crucial scene between Dakota Johnson and Jamie



Grey has fashioned a stylish if decidedly conservative take on James' source novel. It is Cinderella meets The Dark Knight. The emphasis is squarely on the love story between the two key characters, and the renowned explicit scenes of James's novel have been pared right back to make the film acceptable to a mainstream audience Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan's couplings on screen might push a few boundaries but are tastefully, sensually executed and in little danger of shocking your maiden aunt or the horses! As Ana attempts to bring her Mr 50 Shades into the light, the film ends on an abrupt, unexpected note. Don't worry, a sequel is on its way - Laters Baby!

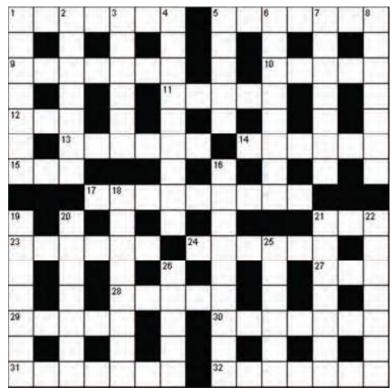


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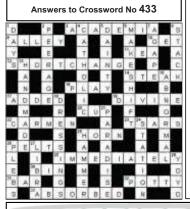
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- 5. Objects (7)
- 9. Petroleum well (3,4)
- 10. Land measures (5)
- 11. Foe (5)
- 12. A container (3)
- 13. Settle in a camp (6)
- 14. Forgiveness (6)
- 15. Slender bar (3)
- 17. Elated (9)
- 21. Silent (3)
- 23. Hang loosely (6)
- 24. Sucking fish (6)
- 27. Fish (3)
- 28. Overhead (5)
- 29. Small tree (5)
- 30. Ailment (7)
- 31. Breeding place of rooks (7)
- 32. Room for infants(7)



- 1. Drool (7)
- 2. Informal (7)
- 3. Conciliatory (6)
- 4. Town near Oswestry (9)
- 5. Possessed (5)
- 6. Companion of a child(8)
- 7. Burial clothes (7)
- 8. Postpone (7)
- 16. Monarch (9)
- 18. Having considerable worth (8)
- 19. Counsellor (7)
- 20. Experience (7)
- 21. Sword-like knife (7)
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#### Maynooth World War One Dead

On 21 February 2015, Maynooth Local History Group hosted a series of talks and an exhibition in the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth on 'History, Memory & Commemoration – Aspects of World War One, Ireland, Kildare & Maynooth'. The purpose of the event was to remember, or as one historian has put it, 'to rediscover' the men and women who fought in World War One.

During the last ten years, in addition to the study of the course of the war itself, increased emphasis has been placed on individuals and groups and the part they played in the major events that took place in Ireland, Europe and elsewhere between the years 1914 and 1918. This has added a further dimension to the conflict – that of human experience.

Irish history, similar to the history of many other countries, is a nuanced and complex subject. Family histories are also nuanced and complex in that there can be many opposing opinions and many legitimate points of view

In 1901, James Kent, a retired member of the Royal Irish Constabulary and an Irish speaker, was living with his daughter and four of his sons at Fairview Avenue in Clontarf, Dublin. One of his sons, Edward Thomas, then aged 19, worked as a clerk in Dublin Corporation. Another son, William, had joined the British Army and had taken part in the Boer War in South Africa.

A search of the 1911 Census failed to locate Edward Thomas Kent. Then with a bit of lateral thinking, he was found. In 1911 Éamonn Ceannt is 'Pósta' (married) and is living in Kilmainham with his wife Áine (bean Éamonn Ceannt) and his son, Rónán aged 4, and is still working as a 'cléireach' (clerk). The census form is clearly written in beautiful Gaelic script. James Kent had passed on the love of the Irish language to his son.

As is now well known, Edward Kent became politically active and as Éamonn Ceannt, Commandant, 4th Battalion of the Irish Volunteers, was one of the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation and was executed after the Rising. He was 34 years of age. He is remembered on the Memorial at Arbour Hill Cemetery in Dublin.

Sgt William Kent served with the 1st Battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in World War One. He was killed at Arras in northern France on 24 April 1917 – one year to the date after the Rising in Dublin. His age is not recorded. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial in Pas de Calais in France.

Irishmen, from the Middle Ages to the Vietnam War and to the present day have enlisted in overseas armies. Their motivation for doing so has been documented elsewhere. What may be less well-known is that in the final three months of World War One, from August to November 1918, c. 10,000 Irishmen voluntarily enlisted in the British Army. This was at a time (and almost two years after the Easter Rising of 1916) when the horrors attributed to an all-out 'industrial war' on a scale that had never before been experienced were well-known. What was their motivation?

With regard to World War One, when one examines the overall scale of deaths and casualties, numbers become meaningless. However, on a local scale, every town and village in Ireland was affected by the war. It is estimated that c. 600 from the county of Kildare died either during the war or afterwards from the effects of war. It is further estimated that c. twenty came from the town of Maynooth and surrounding area. They came from the town itself, including Parson's Street, Greenfield and

Buckley's Lane. They came from Moyglare, Crewhill, Carton and Grangewilliam. These are the men who died. It is much more difficult to trace the names of those who survived.

The majority of those who died were young men in their 20s – young men without family responsibilities. This is evident from the fact that in the 'Informal Wills' that survive and which are available to view online at the National Archives in Dublin, many of the young wrote, in pencil, "In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother ..."

Where are these young men remembered? When the war was over they were, of course, remembered by their families, friends and neighbours. If we are to take a conservative figure of 35,000 Irish war dead, this means that after 1918 at least 500,000 people in Ireland were in deep mourning for the loss of a loved one, and some families lost more than one member. Their loss was compounded by the circumstances in which the men died and the fact that in the short term, families had no body to mourn over and in the long term, many had no known grave.

Today, the Maynooth war dead are remembered in various cemeteries and on various memorials that are scattered throughout Europe and the Middle East and elsewhere.

They are remembered in Prowse Point Military Cemetery and at the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium. They are remembered in Bailleul Communal Cemetery, in St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, at the Loos Memorial, in Calais Southern Cemetery, in Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery, in Quarry Cemetery, Montauban, at the Thiepval Memorial, and in the Villiers-Faucon Communal Cemetery – all in France. They are remembered at V Beach Cemetery on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey and at the Jerusalem Memorial in what was then Palestine – now Israel.

A few (who survived the war, but died a few years later)



are remembered in Ireland, at the Glasnevin Memorial in Dublin, in Moyglare Church of Ireland Churchyard at Moyglare and in Maynooth (Lady's Chapel) Graveyard at Maynooth.

We know of one young man from Maynooth who survived the war. He worked as a barman and enlisted in the Royal Navy in June 1915 when he was 18 years of

age. He served as a stoker on various depot ships including the HMS Titania which was a depot ship for submarines. Titania was described as a floating power station that provided power to submarines that moored alongside her. She also operated a powerful wireless transmitter acting as a 24-hour navigational aid to submarines and other vessels off the coast in the North Sea. This young man was honourably discharged in

We know of one young woman from Maynooth who in January 1918 at 21 years of age applied to join the newly established Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACS). Her motivation for applying may have had something to do with the fact that she had lost a brother, aged 20, who was killed 'going over the top' on the first day of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July, 1916. She was to lose a second brother (age not given) who was killed in action, also in France on 21 March, 1918.



With heavy losses on the Western Front in 1916, the British Army became concerned by its reduced number of fighting soldiers. It was suggested to the War Office that far too many men were doing what they called 'soft jobs'. After talks with the government it was decided to use women to replace men doing certain administrative jobs in Britain and in France. These men could then be sent to the front. Over 57,000 women from Britain and Ireland served in the WAACs between January 1917 and November 1918 – with a number of them serving in France. The corps was disbanded in September 1921.

The last word goes to a soldier who took part in the Battle of Nablus (19-25 Sept 1918) on the northern West Bank in Palestine during the final months of the campaign: "Dead men and animals, torn with ruthless bombs, swollen and distorted, stank fearfully. Many of the animals still lived in speechless agony, and some of the wretched wounded were in many cases pinned down by carrion, but there was no time to stop and help them. That was for others who came behind. War is hell, and looks well only in a picture show." (C G Powles & Wilkie, 1922).

#### Rita Edwards

#### Maynooth Local History Group

#### 16 March 2015

Maynooth Local History Group would like to acknowledge the support of Kildare County Council Library & Arts Services towards the hosting of the above mentioned event. Further details regarding the Maynooth War Dead may be accessed on request from the Reference Library at Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth.

## **Know Your Rights**

## Rent-a-room relief **Question**

I heard that I can get a tax exemption if I rent out a room in my home. How does this work?

#### Answer

If you rent out a room or rooms in your home as residential accommodation, the income you earn is exempt from tax, provided the total paid by the tenant (s) is not more than €12,000 in a tax year (this was €10,000 from 2008 to 2014) and you satisfy the qualifying conditions for the relief (for example, the relief does not apply to rent payable by your child). This is called <u>rent-a-room relief.</u> It applies to a room or rooms in your home – which can include a self-contained unit such as a basement flat or a converted garage. The relief does not apply to rooms that are not attached to your home.

You must live in your home as your sole or main residence during the tax year for which you are claiming the relief. You do not have to own the property – you could be a tenant and be sub-letting to someone else. (In such cases, you would have to check with your own landlord that sub-letting is allowed.) Your tenant(s) must be using the room as residential accommodation. For example, you can claim relief if you are renting a room to a student for the academic year, but not if you are taking in short-term guests.

Renting a room in your home is not covered by landlord and tenant legislation so you do not have to register as a landlord with the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB), provide a rent book to the tenant or ensure that the accommodation meets any minimum physical standards. The gross income you receive cannot be more than the relevant limit for the year in question. This includes sums that the tenant pays to you for food, utilities, laundry or similar goods and services. When you are working out whether the gross income is more than the limit, you cannot deduct any costs you incurred in earning that income. If your income from rent and other services is over the limit, the profits from the entire income (not just the amount over the limit) are taxable. If you qualify for rent-a-room relief, the income is not liable to PRSI, the Universal Social Charge or income tax. Claiming rent-a-room relief does not affect your mortgage interest relief or your exemption from Capital Gains Tax (CGT) if you sell your home. You do not have to claim rent-a-room relief as it applies automatically. However, if you are submitting an annual tax return you must record the amount of the exempt income on the return.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below and from <u>revenue.ie</u>.

#### **Changes to the One-Parent Family Payment**

#### Question

getting a One-Parent Family Payment. I know that the age limits for the payment will be changing in July. What's happening and how will it affect me?

#### Answei

On 2 July 2015 the age limit for the One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) will reduce to 7 years for most claimants. This means that a large number of people will no longer qualify for OFP from July 2015 because their youngest child will be over the age limit. If your youngest child is aged under 7 you can continue to qualify for OFP. (There are exemptions to

the age limit for people parenting alone who are getting a Domiciliary Care Allowance or who have been recently bereaved.)

If your payment is ending in July 2015 the Department of Social Protection (DSP) will write to tell you the date your payment ends. You may also be requested to attend an information seminar. At this seminar you will get information about the other social welfare payments that may be available to you and help with applying for these. It is very important that you attend the seminar so you fully understand your options and so that you are not left without a payment when your OFP ends in July.

If you are getting Family Income Supplement or a carer's payment this payment will automatically be adjusted when your OFP ends and you will not be invited to a seminar.

You may also qualify for the new Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD). If you are getting FIS and your OFP is ending in July 2015, you will be sent an application form for the BTWFD along with the letter explaining the changes to your OFP payment.

If you were getting a One-Parent Family Payment in the last 3 years and your youngest child is aged under 14 you may qualify for the Jobseeker's Allowance transitional arrangement. This arrangement allows you to work part-time and still receive a partial payment.

You can get more information and advice on these changes at your social welfare local office or Intreo centre or your nearest Citizens Information Centre.

#### Getting married abroad

#### Question

My partner and I are getting married next year. We are planning to travel abroad for the ceremony. What do we need to do?

#### Answer

If either your or your partner are Irish citizens and you are thinking of getting married outside Ireland, the legal validity of your marriage is governed, in part, by the laws of the country in which you marry. In most, if not all cases, the legal formalities abroad are very different to those in Ireland. For example, a church marriage abroad is usually a purely religious ceremony with no legal effect. Because it is not recognised in law in the country in which it takes place, it cannot be regarded as a legal marriage in Ireland. This is the case even though a marriage in the same church or denomination in Ireland is legally binding. This is because the religious ceremony is recognised in Ireland as a civil contract.

It is very important, therefore, that you make sure to meet all the legal requirements of the country you are marrying in. You should contact the civil registration office in that country to find out what is required. You may decide to have a civil marriage in Ireland followed by a religious ceremony abroad.

Although you must meet the foreign requirements, you are still bound by Irish law as far as the capacity to marry is concerned. For example, your marriage abroad will not be recognised under Irish law if one or both of you was ordinarily resident in Ireland and one or both of you was aged under 18 at the time of the marriage and did not have a Court Exemption Order.

Marriages that take place outside the State are not normally registered in Ireland. They are usually registered in the country where they occur. Your foreign marriage certificate will usually be accepted for official purposes in Ireland if you need to show evidence that you are married. If the certificate is in a foreign language, you must provide an official translation or a translation from a recognised translation agency.

You may require a Certificate of Freedom to Marry to get married in some foreign countries. This may also be called "Certificate de Coutume" or "Certificate of Nulla Osta". You apply online to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a Certificate of Freedom to Marry.

#### Medical card holders and prescription charges

#### **Ouestion**

I am a medical card holder. I have just realised that I am paying more than the monthly cap of €25 for our family's prescriptions. Why did this happen and can I get a refund?

#### Answer

If you have a medical card, you are charged  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 2.50 for each prescription item you receive. Usually your pharmacy keeps records of how much you have paid and makes sure that you do not pay more than  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 5 each month on prescription charges. However, you may use different pharmacies in the same month or your family members may not have the same medical card number (for example, if a different doctor is used) and you may end up paying more than the cap of  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 25 per family per month.

If a person or family pays more than €25 in a month, the Health Service Executive (HSE) will issue a refund at the end of the quarter, without you needing to apply. This is done on the basis of the information received from your pharmacy.

However, if you think that you have not received the refund due you can also claim directly from the HSE using claim form PC1 (which you can download from medicalcard.ie, collect at your Local Health Office or get by phoning 1890 252 919 (Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm).)

You can set your family up as a family group on medicalcard.ie and print off a family certificate to give to your pharmacist. This will show all of the members of your family so that the pharmacy will not collect charges above the monthly limit. Your family is defined as you, your spouse or partner, any children under 16 years of age and any children between 16 and 21 years of age who are in full time education.

If you do not have access to the internet you can ask your Local Health Office to help with setting up a family group. You can also call 1890 252 919 or your local pharmacist may be able to help you. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Maynooth CIC, Dublin Road, Maynooth Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidental service to the public. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service: 0761 07 4000.



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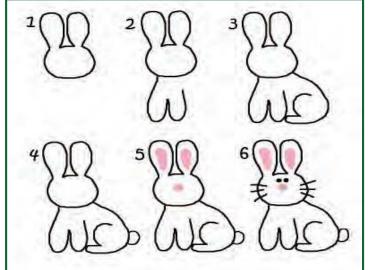
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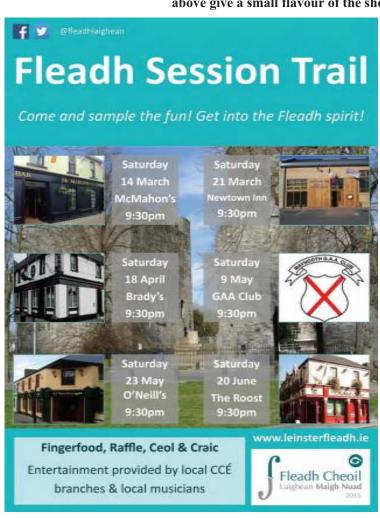


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Maynooth Post Primary School performed their 21st annual musical extravaganza "Jesus Christ Superstar" to awesome acclaim in early February. The efforts of Teachers, Pupils and all thoses involved was evident in the quality of the production. The annual musical production has become one of the highlights of the enterainment scene throughout the year. The photo's above give a small flavour of the show. Congratulations to all involved.





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And we got a few bob from Bord Failite too--

The above was a satirical look at a festival which was introduced to celebrate all things Irish. It consisted of parades, sporting events, chess championships, music, ballet and theatre.

The name of the festival was An Tostal. Hands up who remembers this very ambitious event. The idea was to celebrate the best of all things Irish and in turn attract lots of tourists to our green and pleasant land. The success of this would show that Ireland could hold its own in Europe and further afield as a tourist destination. An Tostal means Pageant or as some people called it "Ireland at home" The Festival, which was opened by President Sean T O'Kelly, took place all over Ireland from 1953 to 1958. It's still celebrated today in Drumshambo.

As a permanent fixture to remember the festival, a large copper bowl was placed on O'Connell Bridge, called the Bowl of Light. Surrounded by flowers this represented a new modern Ireland. Unfortunately not everyone liked it. A controversy over the design and what it stood for caused a bit of a stir. In 1958, a Trinity student, who was apparently offended by the installation, dumped it into Anna Livia. I wonder if that student's grandson is the student who leaves empty bottles on my front wall every Thursday night! The festival ended in 1958 but it proved to be a good sound idea for attracting tourists. The festival was helped along with the release in 1952 of the film The Quite Man. This was also seen as a great asset to tourism.

An Tostal was responsible for the formation of some aspects of Irish life which still have an impact today. Firstly the Tidy Towns and we don't have to look any further than outside our lovely town of Maynooth to know and see just what an asset this is - a big thank you to all involved. And secondly the All Ireland Drama Festival which started in 1953 as a result of a grant from Board Failte as part of the An Tostal festival. This festival is now sponsored by RTE and is held each year in Athlone. It represents the best of Irish amateur drama. The standard gets higher every year and the spirit of An Tostal lives on.

The most memorable event of An Tostal was performed in Croke Park in 1955. It was called The Pageant of St. Patrick and was to celebrate the life of Patrick. Nearly every professional actor in Ireland was employed with hundreds of extras. People marvel at Cecil B DeMill when he filmed his epic Ben Hur. Sorry Cecil, but Ben was only in the halfpenny place compared to this! Even by today's standards, this was a logistical miracle. It starred Anew McMaster as St. Patrick and was scripted by his brother in law, Michael MacLiammoir and directed by Hilton Edwards. Not only did Hilton Edwards have to direct actors he had to contend with sheep, horses, wolfhounds, fireworks, Red Branch Knights, ravens and 800 extras from the parish of Drimnagh. These young people were from youth sodalities and confraternities. It ran for 10 nights with great success and it brought lots of people into the world of amateur and professional drama. It got the international coverage the festival was designed to get. Pearse himself would surely have approved of this Celtic Pageantry young men and women of Ireland running free round Croke Park! I'm sure President O'Kelly and the Government were more than happy with the result.

The 50s in Ireland were not all in black and white . At times there were bursts of glorious colour.

There are lots of great stories connected with An Tostal which we will revisit again.

And now, a large round of applause to Insight Theatre Group Celbridge and their production of "The Hunt for Red Willie" which ran from the 18th to 28th March. A great night's entertainment from Michael Giblin and his crew. Happy Easter.

By Terry Nealon

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#### Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary, Maynooth Community Council R.I.P.

As the Editor of the "Maynooth Newsletter" for many years, the late Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin was well known to readers and it is impossible to fully capture her contribution to this monthly publication and her wider involvement in Maynooth Community Council without a more lengthy narrative, but this maybe for another time. For now we remain stunned at her sudden passing and are united in shock and grief with her family and friends.

Maynooth Community Council owes Muireann a huge debt for her unselfish support over the past thirty years. There was no role that she has not filled over the years, including all of the officer roles, director and sponsor of the various Community Employment projects, editor of the "Maynooth Newsletter" and active participant in many subcommittees including the St. Patrick's Day parade and the annual festival.

At her funeral service this involvement was described as Muireann's contribution in trying to influence the type of society that she lived in and wanting to build a community for all of Maynooth. Her influence stretched into other parts of Irish life both social and political. Many readers will have known her for different things – an academic, a writer, actress, traditional singer, a community activist, environmentalist with a strong interest in history and heritage and being politically active in the Labour Party. Most importantly she was a partner, mother and recently a grandmother.

Her funeral service at Glasnevin Crematorium was a celebration of her life and was attended by President Michael D. Higgins and Mrs Higgins who were known personally to Muireann.

The Tánaiste Joan Burton, Deputy Emmet Stagg, Deputy Bernard Durkan and other members of the Oireachtas, Kildare County Council and the Labour Party were in attendance as well as colleagues from Maynooth University and colleagues from Maynooth Community Council and representatives of both local and national organisations and the community of Maynooth. Muireann had a short period of illness and her untimely death is a sad loss in all our lives.

Paul Croghan

(on behalf of the Members and Staff of Maynooth Community Council)



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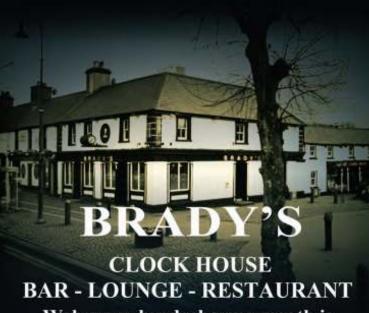
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## Leptospirosis



Leptospirosis is a very serious bacterial disease that can affect the liver and kidney. Incidence of this disease has decreased over the years in the dog world through a vaccination programme but we still see it sporadically. It has about

10% mortality rate in young dogs. Severe infection can lead to renal failure. Two types of Leptospirosis are most prevalent, Leptospira Canicola affecting the kidney and Leptospira Icterhaemorrhagicae affecting the liver and causing jaundice. This latter type is similar to the disease

known as "Weils" in humans. In the cattle population this same disease can cause abortion, reduced milk yield, fertility problems and kidney disease. Through annual vaccination and



management protocol this disease can be contained on the farm. These Leptospirac bacteria are carried by rats and they

shed them in their urine onto the grass. Dogs can become infected by either eating this same grass as dogs do or, by urine of other dogs. Also these bacteria have a cork-screw shape and can penetrate damaged skin.

Last week in Maynooth Veterinary Clinic a 5 year old dog,



not vaccinated, was presented showing a vague illness for a few days. The dog was very weak, not eating, vomiting, with a high temperature. After hospitilisation he developed jaundice. His gums, whites of his eyes and skin became

yellow. With intensive treatment, antibiotics and intravenous fludids, he responded but in future will have to have continous blood tests to monitor his kidney and liver function which are carried out in our Clinic.

If you are worried about this disease or are unsure of your dog's vaccination history do not hesitate to ring us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 and Clane Veterinary Clinic 045 982763 and we will be only too happy to give you proper advice on the correct vaccination procedure.

## **Maynooth Community Council Elections 2015**



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Maynooth Community Council was established in 1984 by Democratic Elections, (non-political, non-denominational), as a voluntary body to represent the local community and to respond to issues and the needs of the town.

The MCC elections will take place in the coming months. It is important that all **Residents Associations** especially in newly established estates be represented on the council. Nominations will also be sought from other Maynooth based Community Groups/Clubs.

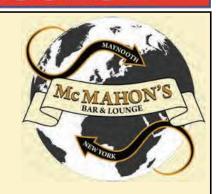
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## Local Maynooth Guide leaders 'an inspiration to the next generation'



Members of Irish Girl Guides' Eastern Region, including leaders from Maynooth, pictured at their national conference held recently in the Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport.

Local Guide leaders were among 220 members of the Irish Girl Guides (IGG) who received praise at their national conference at the weekend [21st & 22nd March 2015] for the significant impact they make not only to their local communities in Ireland, but also to global development.

Addressing the delegates, who included Guide leaders from Maynooth, the Chair of necessary). To fi the board of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), tel: 01 6683898. Nicola Grinstead, said: "Every day our movement is powered by you – highly-skilled, incredibly dedicated and inspirational volunteers who enjoy the fun, friendship and challenge of the movement and who are, in turn, an inspiration to the next generation of girls and young leaders."

Ms Grinstead went on to describe IGG as "a driving force" in the global Guiding movement. "Through representation in global

Leadership roles, through participation in key advocacy and influencing events,

through participation in our global programmes, working with partners on projects around the world and your tireless efforts to contribute to activities well beyond your own borders, the impact you make is significant," she said.

Ms Grinstead said that, in a world of ever-increasing connectivity, the opportunities presented by being part of the world's largest organization for girls and young women, were significant. "We each have a responsibility to ensure that girls are given every possible opportunity to fulfill their potential regardless of who they are and where they come from," she said.

Ms Grinstead said that a recent survey carried out by WAGGGS in 70 countries revealed that 45% of people believe girls are held back from taking leadership positions because of lack of confidence in their appearance. The Free Being Me body confidence programme for girls, which was developed by WAGGGS in partnership with the Dove Self-Esteem Project and which has recently been adopted by IGG, was expected to reach 16,000 girls in Ireland and 3.5 million girls worldwide by 2016.

Gillian Finan, Regional Development Officer for IGG's Eastern Region, said: "Guiding provides a safe space for girls to grow in confidence and to develop life-skills by taking part in a wide range of games, activities and challenges in a fun and non-competitive atmosphere. Leaders from our region are always delighted to attend IGG's national conference to upskill and keep up-to-date with best practice in youth work. There's always a great buzz at the event and we all come home re-energised and bursting with new ideas for our weekly meetings with Guides, Brownies and Ladybirds."

Irish Girl Guides welcomes new members from age 5+, young leaders from age 15 and adult volunteer leaders from age 18 (no previous Guiding experience is necessary). To find out more about Irish Girl Guides, see www.irishgirlguides.ie or tel: 01 6683898.

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## Six Nations champion Orla Fitzsimons helps launch Pieta House Darkness Into Light fundraising and awareness event in Kildare



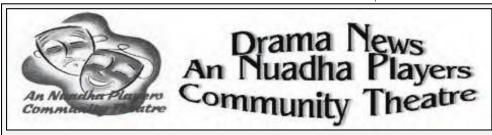
More than 50 people came to the Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth on Monday, April 13th as Pieta House launched Kildare's Darkness Into Light events with Electric Ireland. Taking place on Saturday, May 9th, Darkness Into Light is a unique, early morning experience which begins in darkness at 4.15am as thousands of people walk or run a 5km route while dawn is breaking. Oliver Skehan, Digital Coordinator of Pieta House was joined by a number of supporters including Orla Fitzsimons, member of the rugby squad that recently won the Triple Crown and Six Nations titles for Ireland, Bryan Rodgers from Electric Ireland, representatives from Pieta House and volunteers from the Naas and Maynooth Darkness Into Light committees.

Darkness Into Light is now in its seventh year and last year's event attracted 80,000 participants in 39 locations across Ireland, including in London and Sydney. With the number of locations doubling this year, organisers are expecting over 100,000 people to take part. 80 venues will host the event on the island of Ireland and abroad including in Australia, Canada, England, Scotland and the USA.

"Darkness Into Light is a people's event organised by local committees all over the country. Although the number of people walking has never been greater, neither has the need. With two venues set to host the event in Kildare this year, including Maynooth for the first time, it's an example of how Darkness Into Light is uniting people across the globe in solidarity with those who suffer" Oliver Skehan said. He added "While suicide is a devastating tragedy, we must not forget that there is hope, there is help, and Pieta House will be there to provide both."

While Darkness Into Light raises much needed funds, it is also about awareness, solidarity and local communities. This year, Pieta House is asking those taking part to connect with others at the event. Walkers/runners are encouraged to speak to the person beside them, tell a story or simply say hello, connect and acknowledge one another. Make your presence known. No one should walk alone.

Online registration and further details are available now at www.darknessintolight.ie. For more information on Darkness Into Light in Kildare contact Marie Peelo on 01 6770630.



Hi to all the followers of good community theatre, and you will not get better than An Nuadha Players latest production, 'The Hostage' by Brendan Behan which will land into the Girls Presentation School from Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> to Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> of June

The whole play is set in a brothel in the inner city of Dublin. For a start let me say this play is not suitable for youngsters. If you have a sensitive Granny it might be better to leave her at home watching reruns of Live at 3. This is a working brothel with a colourful array of prostitutes, men dressed as woman who are not sure who or what they are, all working hard to make a few shillings. People with names like Princess Grace, Rio Rita, Monsewer, a man born in England who thinks he's an Irishman and plays the bagpipes to prove it. Monsieur thinks its 1916 and he is fighting in the post office. The rest of the house guests go along with him because they are as mad as he is. As all this madness is taking place the I.R.A take over the brothel and use it as a safe house to keep a British soldier whom they have kidnapped. This is in response to an IRA lad who is in prison in a Belfast jail. If he is executed, the British solider is next.

The play contains singing and dancing, crude music hall humour and it's all very very funny. But this is just part of the story. Behan has written a play about the futility of war, an eye for an eye leaving no winners, just lots of sad people and some old men who think something glorious happened but they can't remember what is was. The play is every bit as relevant as it was when first performed by the Theatre Workshop under the direction of Joan Littlewood who adapted it from the Irish version 'An Giall'. This is a great opportunity to see one of our great Irish writers in action. We hope a whole new audience will discover him 50 years after his death. Contact 086-8068068 for more information.

All road lead to Athlone and the Dean Croke Theatre for the RTE All Ireland Festival. It got started Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> and continues to Sat May 9<sup>th</sup>. After 35 regional heats 9 finalists emerged who will battle it out to lift the trophy and be the best they can possibly be. This festival is the result of drama groups all over Ireland beavering away for the whole year since the last Festival: the excitement of picking a play the group feel could be in with a chance, the casting by the director to ensure that exactly the right person gets each part (bad casting can give a director nightmares), the rehearsals throughout the year, breaking for holidays, returning refreshed to tackle the task ahead with gusto and a firm belief that you can win this time. Then there are the men and women and their kids who help build the sets and the endless cups of tea and the occasional apple cake. All make an equal contribution to get the baby from infancy to a fully formed production. "Never again" is a term you hear during preparation but we all know come the next production we are up and ready to go. Amateur drama is addictive with no known cure. Good luck to all involved.

And now to end on a sorry note. Windmill Lane Studios who put Ireland on the international stage, was demolished last week. The iconic studio in Ringsend with the famous graffiti is no more. U2,

Van the man, REM, Elvis Costello, The Stones and many many more all recorded and had worldwide hits from this very special place. The studio has moved elsewhere. The original site is in the hands of the developers. Who would dare close the Cavern or the Sun Studios in Memphis? Unthinkable - they recognise musical culture. In fairness the government have a lot more pressing things to worry other than culture. They are busy trying to get us to vote a pimply 21 year old into the Aras.

Good Luck and mind the Trams.

By Terry Nealon

#### Acknowledgment

#### Harry Leavey Jnr. - 05/03/91 - 21/05/14 1st Anniversary

We, the Leavey family would like to take this opportunity to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of St. James Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown for their valient effort to try and save our beloved son Harry's life.

To the priests and committee of the parish for their empathy and the lovely mass they provided for Harry.

Lastly we would profoundly like to thank all the people of Maynooth and beyond, young and old for their love, support, letters, mass cards and kind words and love towards Harry. It meant so much to us.

From Clodagh(daughter), Harry, Janet, Ciara, Aisling, Elliott, Nanny Leavey and his best friend Amy and family.

Harry's 1st Anniversary Mass: 17th May 2015 at 6pm in Maynooth Church.

Selina's 5th Anniversary Mass: 20th September 2015 at 6pm in Maynooth Church.

#### **Letter To Our Readers**

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

Community Council & Newsletter Staff

#### Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2015
Portarlington Golf Club 11/04/2015
|John Tierney Cup
Sponsored by Brenadan Leigh
Maynooth Windows and Conservatories

1st Prize	Liam Farrelly	38pts		
2nd Prize	Brian Sheils	37pts B9		
3rd Prize	Danny Finnan	37pts		
4th Prize	Niall Farrell	36pts B9		
5th Prize	Barry Doyle	36pts		
6th Prize	Darren Moran	36pts		
7th Prize	Terry Moore	35pts		
Front 9	Marty Maguire	19pts		
Back 9	Sam Feeney	19pts		
Nearest the Pin	Joey Edwards			
Over 50's	Norman Kavanagh			
2's Club	Danny Finnan, Niall Murphy, Joey Edwards			

Maynooth Golf Society's outing to Portarlington Golf Club was for the annual John Tiernan Memorial Cup which was kindly sponsored by Brendan Leigh of Maynooth Windows and Conservatories. 41 members played at this tight inland course adjacent

41 members played at this tight inland course adjacer to the river Barrow in pleasant conditions.

First prize was presented by the sponsor Brendan Leigh to Liam Farrelly who won on the day with a score of 38 points, second place was Brien Sheils with a score of 37 points, third place also with a score of 37 points was Danny Finnan who also shared the 2's club with Niall Murphy, Joey Edwards, fourth place Niall Farrell with a score of 36 points. All other prize winners are listed on the results sheet.

The prizes were presented to all winners in Bradys by the sponsor Brendan Leigh and Norman Kavanagh. Brendan thanked all the members who played on the day in memory of John Tiernan former President of the society. He also thanked Declan Kennedy of Bradys Bar who provided finger food to all who attended the prize giving on the night.

Our next outing is Millicent on 9th May Followed by Week End Away to Roscrea/Nenagh on 22nd/23rd May.

#### Skimming Stones

New circle mates with shimmering partner under-ripe grass poke embankment

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downed in grumpy catchments of underwhelmed muck lock-gate latitude

heaving

tips of skimmed stones slicing sharp mementos from gilded duck's beak

By John Doyle

## **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Cllr. McGinley Demands Prioritising of Projects for Funding from the National Transport Authority (NTA)

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council:

"That the council prioritises applications for National Transport Authority (NTA) funding and that this prioritising of projects be done through the municipal districts in order to have informed decision making by the NTA and so avoid crazy decisions such as the only allocation for the Maynooth Municipal District this year being €300,000 for a cycle path along the canal from INTEL to Maynooth, with nothing being given to the much needed footpath/cycle path to the Educate Together School and Gael Scoil at Celbridge Road, Maynooth. "

John was given the following reply by Council Management:

"The Acting Director of Services would agree with the sentiment of the motion that there should be some opportunity for the Council to inform the process by which projects are prioritised for funding by the National Transport."

Cllr. McGinley stated he was not interested in Management agreeing with the sentiment of his motion and that he wanted it adopted full stop. John went on to say: "The National Transport Authority (NTA) cannot objectively make decisions on Projects submitted to them by County Councils because they simply don't have the staff or the expertise to select from such a large number of Projects.

The Maynooth Municipal District (MD) submitted 18 Projects for funding from the NTA in 2015. They were not prioritised and neither were those submitted by the 4 other MD's in the county.

As a result Maynooth MD got approval for only one Project i.e. €300,000 for a cycle path along the Royal Canal from INTEL to The Harbour in Maynooth. Of the 6 Projects submitted for Maynooth town itself this cyclepath would be the last of my priorities. The following would be well ahead:

- A badly needed footpath to the Educate Together School at a cost of €40,000.
   Kildare County Council saw this footpath as a priority way back before the school was built because it was included as a Planning Condition for the school.
- We also have been asking for traffic signals at the Strafan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road junction for the past 6 years.
- The North South Corridor footpath/cyclepath through the town to the two new schools at Moglare Hall is also a priority as is the review of the Traffic Management Plan.

Of the 90 Projects submitted to the NTA by this Council only 11 were approved. It is anyone's guess how they selected those 11 as by their own admission the NTA "is a small organisation based in Dublin with very limited staffing resources."

The Council agreed unanimously with Cllr. McGinley's motion and it was also agreed to put the issue to the Head of the NTA when she attends the April Meeting of the Council.

#### Council Chief Executives Approves Funding for Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Following extensive representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Councils Chief Executive has approved funding for the much needed Maynooth Traffic Management Plan. When the Draft is ready it will go Public Display for comments/amendments.

#### Proposal for Traffic Signals at Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction Sent to NRA

The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that the Councils proposal for traffic signals at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road junction has been submitted to the National Roads Authority (NRA) for approval.

#### Cllr. McGinley Makes Submission on North South Corridor

Cllr. McGinley made the following submission to the Council:

The right turning lanes at Silken Vale, Old Greenfield and Railway Station access must be kept as it makes no sense removing them. If they are removed it will result in traffic tailbacks to Main Street.

The turnstile at the Harbour Field wall (Straffan Road side) should be kept in place when the new 4m wide pedestrian & cycle link is put in place from the Glenroyal junction to Leinster Street.

Members of the public have until 12 May to make their views known to the Council.

#### Clir. McGinley Looks for Safety Measures at Woodlands Crossing of Newtown Road:

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

"That steps be taken to improve safety for pedestrians crossing the Newtown Road from Beaufield to Woodlands."

John was given the following reply:

"Certain improvements have been undertaken at this crossing point but the Municipal District Office is aware of the continuing dissatisfaction of residents of Woodlands. The Office would be willing to meet representatives on site to examine how this issue can be progressed."

Cllr. McGinley met the Area Engineer, Jonathan Deane, on site at 10 am on 15 April. Jonathan agreed to create another crossing point at the bend itself with flattened kerb and tarmacking of the green piece on the road side of Woodlands Fence to create a path. He will also add new signage. On another Woodlands issue Eircom repaired the hole at their access box at house 28 following representations from Cllr. McGinley.

	Approved for Residents' Associations Grants were approved as follows at the Maynooth MD r	neeting on 8 Apr	il:
30	Lyreen Park Residents Association	Maynooth	€135
34	Brookfield Avenue Residents Association	Maynooth	€185
34	Woodlands Residents Association	Maynooth	€135
43	Meadowbrook Crescent Residents Association	Maynooth	€235
51	Parsons Hall Residents Association	Maynooth	€275
67	College Green Residents Association	Maynooth	€285
74	Newtown Court Residents Associaton	Maynooth	€285
78	Cluain Aoibhinn Residents Association	Maynooth	€385
86	Carton Square Residents Association	Maynooth	€285
112	Rail Park Residents Association	Maynooth	€800
123	Castle Dawson Residents Associaton	Maynooth	€385
130	Silken Vale/ The Arches Residents Association	Maynooth	€335
140	Meadowbrook Avenue Residents Association	Maynooth	€385
164	Beaufield Area Residents Association	Maynooth	€335
168	Moyglare Abbey Residents Association	Maynooth	€335
200	Straffan Wood Residents Association	Maynooth	€235
215	Rockfield Residents Association	Maynooth	€635
232	Greenfield Estates Residents Association	Maynooth	€735
253	Kingsbry Residents Association	Maynooth	€435
254	Parklands Residents Association	Maynooth	€600
270	Old Greenfield	Maynooth	€1,200

#### Cllr. McGinley Makes a Submission on Planning Application Ref: 15/200, Keltson Properties Ltd. at Carton Court/Greenfield Drive, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley made the following submission on this Planning Application on 16 April:

"Dear Director,

I wish to make the following submission on this Planning Application:

- 1. The land adjacent to Maynooth Park and Greenfield Drive floods every year. (See attached photo) Also, the land in the centre of the public Open Space, opposite House No.74, becomes a lake at heavy rain times. Construction of the new dwellings will add seriously to this flooding. It is therefore imperative that site attenuation of surface water be a condition of planning in order to counter destructive storm water charges.
- 2. That a wall and railing be erected between Greenfield Drive and the public open space and that the "Key cycle & Pedestrian Connection" between Greenfield Drive and the public open space be REMOVED.
- 3. That the 2.2ha Public Open Space be handed over to Kildare County Council when it has been landscaped.
- 4. That the existing wall between Carton Court and the Public Open Space (From house 16 to house 74) be rebuilt, rendered and capped as it is unsafe, having already fallen three times since it was built.
- 5. That a 2m rendered and capped wall be built between the site and house numbers 57 to 74 Carton Court.
- 6. That house 201 be removed as it is too close to the houses at Carton Court.
- 7. That it be made a condition of Planning that the Distributor Road from Straffan Road to Griffin Rath/Celbridge Road be fully completed and handed over to Kildare

County Council before any dwellings are occupied.

8. That all spoil from the site be used to create a mound between the houses and the 91m Motorway Exclusion Zone in order to act as a noise barrier. Also, a forest of evergreen trees should be planted here to help reduce traffic noise and in order to prevent it from becoming an overgrown wilderness.

## Cllr. McGinley Asks for Parapet Stones to be Replaced at the Walls at Bond Bridge

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

"Can the council replace the parapet stones that were removed from the walls at Bond Bridge in order to discourage more stones from being stolen?" John was given the following reply:

"This work will be assigned to the Overseer for action."

#### €86,858,105 Allocated To Kildare For Housing

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement on April 1st by the Minister for Environment Alan Kelly T.D. of an allocation to Kildare Co. Council of £86,858,105 which will see the delivery of 1,283 Social Housing Units in Co. Kildare between now and the end of 2017. The investment stated Deputy Stagg gives hope of a home to those on Kildare Co. Council's Housing Waiting List with the first real Council Building Programme since the Recession. Overall £1.5 Billion is being invested by the Government throughout the State. The Housing Programme will be a combination of direct building, purchasing and leasing.

Labour stated Deputy Stagg secured a major victory in Budget 2015 when we secured this investment in Council Housing. Providing every citizen with good quality housing suited to their needs has always been a core policy of Labour and as a former Housing Minister I am delighted at the announcement.

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#### **Community Council Notes**

#### **Community Council Notes April 2015**

It was agreed to suspend the AGM standing orders until the MCC Elections in June. The meeting continued with local matters and reports from affiliates and subcommittees

#### **Assistant Supervisor position**

The Chairman outlined that further efforts would have to be undertaken to secure the appointment of the assistant supervisor to the office. The Department of Social protection appear to be changing the conditions of the original agreement. This is unacceptable. The executive will meet with the Department of Social Protection representative as soon as possible.

#### **New members to the Council**

MCC would encourage people to come and join the Council. The Chair reiterated that we needed people who are interested in their community and not just one off issues. MCC appeals to representatives from Maynooth's 39 estates to elect representatives to the Council.

Advertisements have been placed in the Newsletter.

**Senior Citizens** – (See report in Newsletter page 24)

Maynooth Community Church – Successful Breakfast Launch for St. Patrick's Day with awards going to Pieta House and Genil. Next year Maynooth Community Church hope to have a free St. Patrick's Breakfast and will be asking the Council for their ideas and support.

Maynooth Festival - Delighted to announce

three new members to the committee. Next meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in MCC office.

**Teen Space** - Last event held for the summer. There was discussion about the importance of having a group to represent the youth of Maynooth. This needs to be addressed by the Council.

Maynooth Local History – Programme being finalised, there will be a talk in May and a visit to Collins Barracks or Curragh.

Educate Together – The March Hare run was very successful. The Gardaí were very helpful. The school won the best school prize in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Families loved getting involved. Thanks was expressed to Naoise Ó Cearúil for the organisation of the Parade.

North/South Corridor plans on display. It was strongly encouraged that Maynooth Community Council look at the plans and to make submissions. While most of the plan appears to be good, it is proposed that the right turning lanes off the main road into Silken Vale and Train Station are to be eliminated. This seems a ridiculous decision. Submissions have to be in by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Twinning /Canet-en-Rousillon** – There was a recent twinning committee meeting. A letter was drafted inviting Canet visitors to the Festival. The 5<sup>th</sup> exchange of students from the MPP took place. It is hoped to get students to write an article for the Newsletter about their exchange experiences.



#### Parents First Aid

No parent wants to be in a position where they can't help their child in a medical emergency.

Peter Finnegan lives in Dublin and is a father of two young boys. Last October over a family meal, Peter and his wife Helen found themselves in this exact situation when their two-year-old son Robbie, began choking on a piece of dried fruit.

Peter explained, "When the incident happened and Robbie was gasping for breath, I just froze and went into a complete state of panic.

Only the previous week, my wife Helen had been watching a television programme relating to children choking and as a result, she reacted immediately and employed the correct technique to unblock the trapped piece of fruit. Luckily for us it worked. After Robbie coughed up the fruit and started breathing, I swore I would never be caught in that terrifying position again."

Peter subsequently looked to enrol himself in a suitable First Aid course and after much searching, took the decision with his wife Helen to set up Parent First Aid as they found that there was nothing on offer locally or at a convenient time. Parent First Aid was established to offer medical emergency instruction at local level and at times that suit busy lives. The courses are run by highly qualified First Aid trainers such as Jeff Kennedy, who is also an active member of the Fire Fighter / Paramedic services. Jeff regularly sees real life infant and toddler medical emergencies and is delighted to support and deliver training for Parent First Aid.

The take-up rate on Parent First Aid courses has been phenomenal and feedback has been extremely positive with comments that include: "The best investment I could make in my family. I discovered that what I thought would be the right way to react in an emergency could have actually had disastrous consequences."

The two-hour course has been specially designed for busy parents, companies and carers of children who don't have time for a full day of training. The course focuses on the following critical subjects:

- Baby/Toddler CPR
- Baby/Toddler Choking
- Burns/Scalds
- Meningitis
- Seizures ...plus other critical areas.



Parent First Aid is currently running courses across Leinster and the course fee is only €30 per person. Full details of current course and location dates can be found on the website www.parentfirstaidireland.com. Peter Finnegan can also be contacted on 087 245 3387 or emailed on parentfirstaid@gmail.com

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#### **Further Revelations From Minister on** Sitesery/IBRC Sale

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has this evening received further PQ replies from the Minister for Finance which expand on what is known so far in relation to the controversial IBRC/Millington sale.

In a series of responses to questions tabled by Deputy Murphy, the Minister has now confirmed that following the IBRC's decision to select the Denis O'Brien owned Millington as the successful bidder for Sitesery, representations where made to his Department from one of the unsuccessful bidders in the process. The bidder in question raised concerns about the way in which the bidding and sale process had been handled.

It has previously been reported that the Millington bid was not the highest bid and that higher (non-binding) bids, with due diligence requirements, were rejected by the Board of Sitesery & the IBRC. The successful Millington bid totalled €45million with €5 million of that amount going as a cash payment to the shareholders of Sitesery including the CEO. The remaining €40 million was paid to the IBRC in respect of debts totalling €150million. The remaining balance - over €100 million was wiped off at a loss to the

Deputy Murphy had requested from the Minister any minutes and/or documentation that existed in relation to the review process that the Department of Finance had undertaken on foot of the representations to his department expressing concerns about the transaction. In response this evening the Minister confirmed that these records are currently the subject of Freedom of Information requests and that they will not be released until a Deciding Officer issues a decision in this regard.

The Minister further confirmed that following an initial meeting between officials from his Department and the IBRC in May 2012 to review the transaction, serious concerns were raised regarding the quality of some of the decisions taken regarding the transaction. This led to a series of meetings culminating in a meeting between Minister Noonan and senior management at IBRC in July 2012. The Minister says that it was at this meeting that he was assured that all decisions taken had been managed in the best manner possible.

Speaking this evening Catherine Murphy had this to say: "It would appear to me that many people who delved a bit deeper into the handling of this transaction have or had concerns about the curious way the tendering, bidding and eventual sale process was handled. I feel the only way we can be satisfied that these questions are answered and reassured that things were handled 'in the best manner possible' is for the Minister to ensure the records in relation to the review of this transaction are put into the public domain as quickly as possible so that people can judge for

\* To ask the Minister for Finance if records were kept of the meeting or meetings he or officials of his Department held with the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation in respect of a sale (details supplied); if so, if he will include these records in his response; if not, the reason; if not, the questions he raised in respect of payment to directors of the company, in view of the large debt that was being written down, and the answers he received; the questions he raised in respect of the number of tenders considered; the reason the bid was more advantageous to the State; the questions he raised in respect of those who were involved in the tender process, in the various entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

#### For WRITTEN answer on Thursday, 26 March, 2015.

\* To ask the Minister for Finance if the former Irish Bank Resolution Corporation extended a 10 million credit facility to an entity which was already heavily indebted to it (details supplied), at any point between 2010 and it's sale in 2012; if he will confirm that all due diligence procedures has invited any explanation as to what end such a rush was were followed in advance of the forwarding of this line of credit; if this |10 million or outstanding portion thereof was specifically recovered through the sale of the entity concerned or if the money was written down entirely at that REPLY. point; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy T.D.

#### For WRITTEN answer on Thursday, 26 March, 2015.

As way of background on the transaction referred to in the question, following a meeting between officials from my Department and senior management of IBRC held on 31 May 2012 it was agreed that my Department would review this transaction to better understand the decisions taken by IBRC. This review took place, by way of a meeting between officials from my Department and senior management of IBRC, on 11 June 2012. Following this review, a further meeting was held on 25 July 2012, which I attended along with officials from my Department and senior management from IBRC. At this meeting, the transaction referred to in the question was discussed further, along with a number of other topics. A further meeting between the former Secretary General of the Department of Finance, John Moran, and the then CEO of IBRC took place in August 2012 at which this matter was further discussed.

The file notes, minutes and other records regarding these meetings are currently the subject of Freedom of Information requests and will be released in due course as part of these Freedom of Information requests should officials in my Department consider their full release to be appropriate. The Deciding Officer will make the materials released under these Freedom of Information requests available to you upon their release.

Until those decisions are made by the Deciding Officer, I can confirm that at the meeting which I attended on 25 July 2012, it was put to senior management of IBRC that officials in my Department had concerns with a number of decisions taken by IBRC in relation to the sale of the company referred to in the question including the decision to allow the sale process to be led by advisors of the company referred to in the question, the decision to exclude trade buyers, the timing of exclusivity and the payment to shareholders. Senior management of IBRC confirmed to me at this meeting that the transaction involving the company referred to in the question was thoroughly assessed by the Board of IBRC prior to them approving it and that the transaction was managed in the best manner possible to achieve the best result for the State

In relation to the Deputy's query on a |10 million credit facility extended to the company referred to in the question between 2010 and the sale of the company in 2012, I am advised that it would not have been typical for decisions around credit facilities to be disclosed or discussed with Department of Finance officials unless required under the Relationship Framework which governed interactions between the Bank and the Department of Finance as these activities typically would have been within the ordinary course of business for the Bank.

Officials in my Department have also contacted the Special Liquidators but they are unable to comment on individual cases as the information requested is confidential and it would not be appropriate for them to release such information.

To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm the recent media reports which state that the board of the Irish Bank Resolution Corporation turned down a reportedly higher offer for an entity (details supplied) because one element of that proposal included a mandatory eight-week due diligence exercise; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that had the board chosen this reported bid, the new framework agreement would have been in place once the said eight-week period had expired; if he has considered that the sale of the entity was rushed in that respect; if he

undertaken for; and if he will make a statement on the

As part of parliamentary question 97 which was answered on 12 March 2015, the Deputy is aware of the process which was undertaken to introduce a revised Relationship Framework for IBRC and the reasons behind this

In relation to the sale of the company referred to in the question, it was after representations made by an unsuccessful bidder in the process and subsequent meetings between that party and officials in my Department that my officials met with IBRC and undertook a review of this transaction. Following this review, my officials were made aware that the transaction involving the sale of the company referred to in the question was run by the company referred to in the question along with its advisors. This review raised concerns with the quality of some of the decisions taken in respect of this transaction, including, among others, that a higher bid for the company referred to in the question was received after entering into an exclusivity agreement with the ultimate winning bidder.

In light of concerns stemming from the review of the transaction by officials in my Department, I subsequently met with IBRC's Chairman and CEO to discuss this transaction. The Chairman and CEO confirmed to me that the transaction process and its terms had been thoroughly assessed by the IBRC Board and that the transaction was managed in the best manner possible to achieve the best result for the State.

The file notes, minutes and other records regarding the review of this transaction by my officials are currently the subject of Freedom of Information requests and will be released in due course as part of these Freedom of Information requests should the Deciding Officer consider their full release to be appropriate. The Deciding Officer will make the materials released under these Freedom of Information requests available to you upon their release.

#### St Catherine's Park Reinstatement Works Leave a Lot to be Desired

Independent TD Catherine Murphy has highlighted concerns surrounding the poor quality of the reinstatement works carried out in St Catherine's Park following extensive sewerage and piping works.

The area of the park affected has gone from being a lush green space to a patchy, weeded area that is incomparable to the area before these works were undertaken and this is evident in before and after photos of the area.

"I have spoken to the Council on this on a number of occasions and impressed upon them the urgency of undertaking remedial works as a matter of urgency. Both the neighbours of this park and the many people who use its fantastic facilities were disrupted to facilitate these works so the very least they should expect is to have the space returned to the standard it was previously.

"The Council originally told me they would give the contractors 12 months to rectify the situation but in the past few days they have advise me that they have no taken more urgent steps to solve this problem and to that end they intend to issue the contractor with a fixed period, most likely of 1 month, to rectify matters and reinstate the park to its former standard. If the contractor does not comply, the Council intends to invoke a clause on the contract allowing them to hire another firm to complete the works."

"I have had many people contact my office regarding this situation and I am pleased to see the Council taking this seriously. I will most certainly be following up on this issue to ensure the remediation works are carried out as a matter of urgency St Catherine's Park is such a wonderful local amenity and it cannot be compromised by shoddy work leaving it in an unfit state.'



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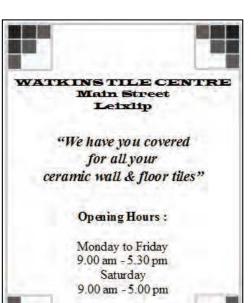
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#### Time For A Change?

Do you need an entire body and lifestyle transformation? Are you tired of looking in the mirror and not being happy with what you see? Could you stand to lose a few pounds or tone up a little? Lots of people feel this way. Have you ever tried a new diet and/or exercise plan hoping that this one will work but found that after the first few weeks, when the initial burst of motivation has worn off, you find yourself back to square one? Old habits return before you know it and you're back to where you started. This is more common than you think. Below is a plan that will help you start and stick to your commitment this time.

#### De-clutter:

Get rid of that old bikini, pair of jeans, top or dress you've been holding on to 'just incase' you magically lose weight overnight and it suddenly fits. Forget what you used to look like. Holding on to the past will only serve to keep you there. Today is a fresh start. It's time to make some new memories.

#### Preparation, Preparation, Preparation:

The saying "Fail to Prepare, Prepare to Fail" is very true in this instance. Schedule your workout and plan your meals as you would, say, a doctor's appointment. You wouldn't cancel on the doctor, so don't cancel on yourself. Make yourself a priority and no matter what happens during your day, get your workout in before you settle for the night. People find it easier to get their workout done early in the morning before work or college or life in general starts for the day. Lay your exercise clothes out the night before. Plan your meals the night before too - if there's only fresh, healthy food prepared, that's what you'll eat!

It's very easy when starting a new exercise plan to overdo it in the early days. You're very motivated and enthusiastic. You push it that bit harder hoping to see results sooner. This almost always leads to failure because you either get injured or too sore and are unable to train consistently. Before you know it, you've missed 3 days in a row and your new habit is already broken! When starting out, do a little less than you are able. Finish your workout with a little 'left in the tank'. That way, you're more likely to return to it the next day

#### The More The Merrier:

Get your family and friends involved in your new healthy habits. Try a jog/walk while your child cycles beside you. Bring a friend to the gym with you – workout buddies keep you interested. Ask your significant other to promise you a treat when you've stuck with your exercise & healthy eating plan for a specified number of weeks – it could be that they clean the house, take you on a weekend away, give you a foot rub....the possibilities are endless! Getting others involved will keep you on track.

Having a target in mind will help keep you focused and motivated. Why not sign up for a 5k run/walk? Or plan to go hill walking/ hiking? On the days when you feel discouraged, think about the feeling of accomplishment you will have when you complete it. Wallow in your greatness and be proud of yourself.

There will be days when you don't feel like working out. You'll be tired or stressed or busy. The best tip to combat this is to bully yourself to just get to the gym/workout class. Just focus on getting there, not thinking about what will happen when you do. Once you're there, it'd be a waste not to do some exercise. Those are the days that count. Also, as exercise releases endorphins, you'll feel much better than you did.

#### **Have FUN!:**

The best way to keep you on track with your 'new you' plan is to have fun and keep it interesting. Change up your routine - one day go for a walk/jog, the next, try an aqua aerobics class, the next day go to the gym, the next day try some swimming, the next day take a Yogalates class... the possibilities are endless. The goal is to get yourself more active but to have fun while doing it!

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#### 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 from, 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 Castle Keep Art Group 17th Annual Art Exhibition

Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group held a very successful Exhibition from 10 to 12 April in the Maynooth Post Primary School. We would like to thank Maynooth Post Primary School and Kildare Vocational Educational

Committee for their support.

Thanks to Mr. Thomas Ashe our patron and to Eamon Burke of the Abbey Art Group Celbridge for opening the exhibition.

The Group was delighted to see so many people attend exhibition over the weekend.

We hope to have another exhibition during the Maynooth Festival in July. New members welcome from next September – please contact Susan at 0877974582 for more information.



Castle Keep Art Group L/R: Susan Durack, Susan Carr, Toni Read, Veronica Brady, Lorna O'Connell and Anja Kruger.









#### **CINCO DE MAYO**

Cinco de Mayo is Mexico's national holiday. It symbolises the Military victory in 1862 against the French forces of Napoleon 111. There are parades, festivals and of course wonderful food to celebrate the day. Here are some easy recipes to treat your Family and friends to a taste of Mexico this May.

#### SALSAS AND SALADS



- \* 3 jalapeno peppers
- \* 1 medium onion, quartered
- \* 1 garlic clove, halved
- \* 2 cans whole tomatoes drained (42oz)
- \* 4 fresh coriander sprigs & 1/2 tsp salt

Heat a small cast iron skillet over a high heat. With a sharp knife, pierce jalapenos, add to hot skillet and cook for 15/20 minutes until Peppers are blistered, turning occasionally. Immediately place the peppers in a small bowl, cover and let stand for 20 minutes. Peel off

Charred skins, remove stems and seeds. Place onion and garlic in a food processor, cover and pulse four times. Add the tomatoes, coriander, salt and jalapenos. Process until you have desired

Consistency. Chill until serving.

ALAMBRES are a mixture of meat, vegetables and cheese and you can use any variation that suits your personal taste. A simple one is made with small pieces of steak, slices of green pepper and some chopped bacon. Fry the bacon, add the Steak frying until tender, add the green pepper then a grated cheese of your choice. Cover until cheese has melted and serve on a corn tortilla with a generous helping Of salsa and a guacamole salad.

#### **GUACAMOLE SALAD**

- \* 1/2 small red onion
- \* 4 avocados peeled, pitted and sliced
- \* 2 tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- \* 1/2 cucumber, sliced
- \* 1 fresh small jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced
- \* 1 can sweet corn drained (15oz)
- \* 1/2 tsp garlic salt, salt and black pepper
- \* Juice of 1 fresh lime and 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

Lightly toss avocados, tomatoes, red onion, cucumber, jalapeno and Corn in a salad bowl until well mixed. Sprinkle with garlic salt, Salt and black pepper. Mix lime juice with olive oil and pour over salad.



- \* 1 cup chopped onion
- \* 11b chicken breast sliced
- \* 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- \* 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- \* 1 chopped fresh green chilli
- \* 1/2 cup of fresh salsa (recipe above)
- \* 1/2 cup sour cream, 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- \* 2 cups grated cheddar and 1 pkt corn tortillas

Heat a skillet over a medium heat and sauté onions until translucent. Stir in the Chicken and chillies and continue cooking until chicken is tender. Add a spoon of The salsa and sprinkle in chilli powder. Mix thoroughly. Remove from heat and Spoon a little of the chicken mixture onto a corn tortilla. Add small amounts of Salsa, cheddar cheese, sour cream and chopped green onion and serve.

#### MARGARITA

Complete your Cinco de Mayo feast with a Mexican margarita. Place salt in a shallow dish to rim the glass, then moisten the top of the glass and dip in the salt.

Fill the glass with ice and add 1 1/2 oz of tequila blanco, 1oz freshly squeezed

Lime juice and 1/2 oz Cointreau.

Stir until chilled and serve immediately.



## The month of May is named for the ancient Roman goddess Maia, who embodied the concept of growth and oversaw the grow fauna. Everything will be starting to experience their summer gro

Maia, who embodied the concept of growth and oversaw the growth of plants and fauna. Everything will be starting to experience their summer growth, so you should be prepared for increasing amounts of work this month. We've seen some glorious patches of weather, but don't be fooled by any treacherous late frosts. Hold off on putting out any tender new bedding plants until the middle to the end of the month, and even then be prepared to cover if necessary.

Summer is approaching: bulbs will be fading while herbaceous borders really start to come into season. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of spring-flowering bulbs. Grass will begin growing more quickly now, but still time your cuttings so that you are not removing more than one-third the length of grass blades at any cutting. Keep your mowing blade sharpened to avoid tearing the grass and creating entry points for disease. Lawns maintained at the correct height are less likely to have disease and weed infestation. Use a strimmer to freshen lawn edges and along planting beds and paths.

Lettuce and other greens tend to grow particularly well in the still somewhat cool weather of May. If pests are a problem, try growing your lettuce in containers. It's easy to plant seeds or seedlings into shallow pots. Place containers in a location that receives half-sun. You can plant lettuce more tightly than recommended; when seedlings start to crowd

each other, you can eat the thinned seedlings. Maximise harvests by only picking the outer leaves from young plants. As they mature, cut off every other leaf, leaving a one inch stub. Fertilise again after harvest, and the stubs will resprout. Wait to put heat-loving vegetables out – such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, and okra – until the danger of frost has passed.



Use an evergreen or rhododendron type plant food for acid-loving plants such as azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, and junipers. Feed roses, deciduous shrubs and trees. Be sure to water the fertiliser in after applying it. After early flowering deciduous shrubs such as forsythia, weigela and spirea have bloomed, prune them back by cutting a third of the oldest canes to ground level, then cut back one third of the remaining branches by one third of their

height. Work lime in the soil around hydrangeas for pink flowers or aluminium sulphate for blue flowers. Lilacs should be lightly pruned and fertilised after they finish blooming. Dahlias, gladiolas, lilies, cannas, and other summer flowering bulbs can be planted this month. Delphiniums, phlox, daylilies, carnations, aubrietia, candytuft, primroses, coral bells and other summer-flowering perennials may be planted this month. Pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, petunias, geraniums, and fuschias should be ready to plant by mid to late May.

Although you will still need to wage war against snails and slugs, watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs this month. Vine weevil larvae are a serious pest of container plants and also become active this month. Inspect the rootball of suspect plants for creamy, orange-headed maggots that curl up into a C shape. Aphids will multiply rapidly in good weather. Don't let weeds get out of control. Keep at them while they are still young and growing. Pull up dandelions before they can seed. Weeds pull the easiest when the soil is wet.





Many beautiful plants enjoy a damp spot, such as the *Iris ensata*. You can still plant new aquatic plants this month. Plant vigorous specimens in aquatic baskets to contain their growth. Topping the surface with a layer of gravel prevents fish from stirring up the compost. Avoid introducing goldfish to wildlife ponds. They will eat the frogspawn and upset the natural balance of a pond.

The growth rate of your houseplants will change with the seasons, so you'll need to feed them more, though overuse of fertiliser can cause root and foliage burn. Mist plants regularly. This keeps leaves clean and prevents spider mites.



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## **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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

### 3D Printing Pilot Program

3D printing has been around since the 1980s, but the last several years has seen a boom in the technology. It's an exciting new field that in just 30 years has graduated from a technology in its infancy to a fully-fledged field used in various industrial and hobbyist areas. Ireland is now being caught up in the 3D printing boom, and Maynooth University is at the forefront of this.

3D printing is also known as additive manufacturing because the creation of 3D objects is achieved using additive processes rather than subtractive processes as in most other manufacturing. Objects are created by laying down successive layers of materials until the entire object is created. A digital model is used to construct the object, and a computer is used to control the additive processing.

3D-modelling is used to make a virtual design of an object, or a 3D scanner is used to make a 3D digital copy of an object and put it into a 3D-modelling program. To prepare the object for printing, the software slices the object into hundreds or thousands of horizontal layers. This layered file is then uploaded to the 3D printer, which creates the object layer by layer. The 3D printer reads every 2D layer and creates the model by blending each layer together.



Maynooth University Library's new 3D printer and examples of student and staff projects

Since the early 1980s, 3D printing technologies were patented and limited to a few companies. This made them extremely expensive and fairly limited in scope. The patents have recently expired, leading to a surge in growth since the 2010s. Now there are many small and growing companies producing their own 3D printers for both industrial and home hobbyist use as well as experimenting with the technology behind it. This has caused the price of the machines to drop substantially, allowing wider access to the technology.

3D printing has a vast and growing range of applications. It is used in rapid prototyping, manufacturing, construction, architecture, aerospace, military applications, engineering, the automotive industry, medical and dental industries, bio-technology (human tissue replacement), fashion and jewellry, footwear, confectionary and the food industry, and many other fields. There is also a growing mass market and home hobbyist field as well.

A concern held by some regarding 3D printing is that it allows for the creation of unregulated, homemade weapons. In 2012, US group Defense Distributed disclosed their plan to release a model for a 3D plastic gun that could be downloaded and created by anyone with a home printer. In May of 2013 they released the blueprints, and shortly after release the United States Department of State demanded that they remove the

Maynooth University Library Unveils blueprints from their website. The design subsequently became and informs you how much material your design will take, so a heavily pirated item, especially in European countries with tight gun control laws.

> However, most of its uses are proving to have exciting possibilities in wide-ranging areas of human interest. 3D printing is being used in the construction field to help build housing in poor and developing areas of the world. It's also being investigated for the possibility of building off-Earth habitats, such as a lunar base. The International Space Station already has its own 3D printer. This technology will allow them to create their own tools and replacement parts in the future, rather than relying on rockets to send up necessary

The medical field is making enormous use of 3D printing technology. Prosthetics for children with missing limbs used to be prohibitively expensive due to how quickly kids grow, but 3D printers are allowing cheaper custom models to be produced as a child matures. Bio-print replacements for people who have lost tissue due to arthritis and other diseases or who need joint replacements is a growing field. Bio-printing is one of the most exciting areas of research. In 2013 Chinese scientists began using special 3D bio-printers that print with a matrix of living tissue instead of plastic to successfully print ears, livers and kidneys. Researchers predict that fully functional printed organs may be possible in less than 2 decades. Animals are also benefiting - only one year since the technology came out, over 10,000 dogs across Europe and the US have had 3D printed titanium knee implants.

3D-modeling allow for designs to be created or changed relatively easily and quickly compared to other manufacturing processes. This allows it to be used for rapid prototyping and gives it greater flexibility when it comes to customising objects. Footwear has become popular with 3D printing as shoes can be designed to fit an individual's feet. There is a growing 3D fashion industry as well since clothes can be designed for someone's specific body. The vast variety of printing materials and processes possible with 3D printing allow people great possibility as they can print in chocolate and other foods, sand, various metals or plastics, and a variety of other mediums.

3D printing is also becoming an important technology in the classroom. Students are able to create cheap prototypes of objects they are studying without the expensive processing and tooling used in subtractive manufacturing. Many universities have department-specific 3D printers, and Maynooth University is no exception. The Design and Innovation program and the Computer Science Department each have industrial 3D printers, while Experimental Physics and Engineering have constructed their own.

However, Maynooth University Library has also recently purchased their own 3D printer for use by the student body at large. This makes Maynooth University the first university in Ireland to offer 3D printing as part of student-wide library services.

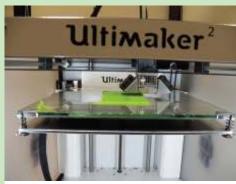
Michael Leigh, who works in Library IT Development, is very excited that Maynooth University Library is able to offer this service to the student body. The library purchased the printer for €2000 in January of 2015 and rolled out the service to students in mid-March. The pilot program has been fully operational since the beginning of April and has proven very successful. The service has seen such high demand that the library is currently seeking funding to purchase a second printer to alleviate the backlog of student projects.

The printer is an Ultimaker<sup>2</sup>, a European brand desktop model. It uses extrusion technology, which is slightly less popular than Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) printers that use lasers to fuse small particles into the desired shape. The benefit of extrusion technology is that it is more economical and user-friendly. The library printer uses PLA, a type of plastic that is made out of

Leigh advises that PLA is considered the entry level plastic because it is the most forgiving to work with, making it ideal for starting a pilot program for the student body. The plastic costs about €30 for 90m, and a small 1" figurine takes less than 1/2m. The software that comes with the printer is very helpful

you know how much it will cost.

Students do not access the printer directly, instead submitting their designs via a webform they can access on the library website. Any student, staff, or faculty member can submit a model, and it operates on a first come, first serve basis with priority being given for academic work over hobby work. It is sufficiently adaptable that it can build projects with interlocking pieces and moveable parts with no assembly required. However, it's a very slow process as it can take 40 minutes to make a 1" figurine.



An Engineering student's project being printed

Leigh thinks the technology is going to continue to grow, but it does have some problems to work out. "The biggest downside is time. The cost and the time - they need to nail that down, but I see that happening in the years to come.'

This is why student access to technology like this is so important. It offers big benefits to students. The library service is able to get a Design and Innovation student's prototype to them in two days. If a student is struggling with chemistry, they can have a physical model printed of a molecule to help them understand it better through tactile learning.

Many public libraries are desperate to draw people back in, and Leigh feels that offering access to technology like this is one way to do that, pointing to Copenhagen public libraries which are becoming world famous for their makerspaces. A makerspace (sometimes called a hackerspace) is a place where people gather to share resources and knowledge, provide tools and build projects. Libraries are proving to be a great community resource for these spaces. The idea is of a collaborative space for creative endeavours, especially in the area of technology.

Leigh views the Maynooth University Library as having an important role in bringing this new technology to the student population at large. "It's all about making something, building something, creating something, making that connection. The library is a great hub. It's central to all departments. I'd hope we could bring in more technology like this, maybe get a makerspace here. Technology is great, but it does need to fulfil

Another use for the technology is to make rare artefacts more widely accessible. Leigh notes that the Russell Library has some precious Babylonian cuneiform tablets which are not available to the general student body due to their condition and rarity. They can't be handed out to the public, but there is an upcoming project to get 3D models made of the tablets which can be handed out to people. They won't feel like the originals since they'll be made out of plastic, but Leigh feels that in a few years, the ability to print in ceramic might have decreased in cost enough to make printing realistic 3D relics a viable option for the university.

3D printing technology is really starting to grow, so Maynooth University Library's pilot program is an exciting and unique opportunity for students. This technology is quickly finding uses across all industries and is set to become an important part of our lives. As Leigh comments, "It's going to get bigger. It's going to get better.

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## RELAND'S COLOURFUL HISTORY



#### A Tricolour Story

The striking colours of green, white and orange are seen throughout Ireland, but nowhere more important than in our national flag. The story of its creation is steeped in revolution, but it carries with it a dream of peace and deep respect for the people of this country.

Initially, a green flag with a golden harp was the symbol of Ireland. This dates back to 1642 in Confederate Ireland when Owen Roe O'Neill, the most famous of the O'Neill dynasty in Ulster, used this flag during the Wars of the Three Kingdoms. It was later adopted by the Irish Volunteers and the United Irishmen.

The Society of United Irishmen launched the Irish Rebellion of 1798 with the green harp flag as the symbol of the nation. The rival organisation was the Orange Order, founded in 1795 in memory of King William III and the 'glorious revolution of 1689' and was exclusively Protestant. It seemed like nothing would ever be able to bridge the divide and represent the entire population at one time.

Thomas Francis Meagher believed in an undivided populace, and we have him to thank for our tricolour flag today. He was born on August 23, 1823 to a wealthy and respectable family and could have chosen to lead an easy gentleman's life. However, he was heavily influenced by the revolution in France and joined the Repeal Association in 1844, which was established to repeal the 1800 Act of Union. He quickly became a popular and well-known speaker who often moved crowds with his eloquence.

He became frustrated with the lack of action over time, though. Daniel O'Connell rancorously called Meagher and his other associates the 'Young Irelanders', which became the epithet for a group of young men who sought complete independence from Great Britain and led to changes in Irish nationalism. A division started growing between O'Connell's followers and the Young Irelanders within the Repeal movement. The issue came to a head when Meagher was giving a speech defending the use of physical force to secure national freedom, and O'Connell's son John interrupted Meagher to state the one of them needed to leave the hall. The meeting ended with the Young Irelanders leaving both the meeting and the group.

In January of 1847, Meagher and several of his Young Irelander associates formed the Irish Confederation, a new repeal body. He then ran in (and barely lost) a byelection. On his election speech on February 19, 1848, Meagher said, 'What strength have I to beat my way towards that bold headland upon which I have sworn to plant the flag I have rescued from the wreck?' In April of 1848, he travelled to France to study the revolution there to gain insight into Ireland's revolution, and he returned with the new flag of Ireland.

He created the new flag to symbolise the hope and peace he had outlined in his election speech. He wanted to rescue the 'wreck' that was the old sectarian Ireland. The green variously symbolises Irish republicanism and the Society of United Irishmen, the old Gaelic and Anglo-Norman roots, and the primarily Catholic portion

of the population. The orange symbolises the supporters of King William the III of the House of Orange, or the primarily Protestant planter population of Ireland. As Meagher himself said, 'The white in the centre signifies a lasting truce between the 'Orange' and the 'Green' and I trust that beneath its folds the hands of the Irish Protestant and the Irish Catholic may be clasped in heroic brotherhood'.

Having spent time in France studying the revolution, the flag was based on the French tricolour with its peaceful white centre. It was gifted to Meagher by a small group of Frenchwomen who were sympathetic to the cause of Irish freedom. After returning to Ireland, Meagher returned to his home town of Waterford. The flag was flown for the first time from Wolfe Tone Confederate Club on the 7th of March, 1848.

Meagher presented it to a Dublin meeting, and John Mitchel said, 'I hope to see that flag one day waving, as our national banner'. That day would have to wait, though, as the green harp flag continued to be used throughout the 19th and start of the 20th century. It wasn't until the Easter Rising of 1916 – when the flag was raised above the General Post Office in Dublin that it became regarded as the national flag.

The tricolour was subsequently adopted by the Irish Republic during the Irish War for Independence. In 1922, the Irish Free State continued its use. In 1937, the tricolour was given official status in the Constitution of Ireland under Article 7, which states, 'The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange'.

#### Wearing the Green - Or Should It Be Blue?

If asked what Ireland's national colour is, most people would not hesitate to respond with green. Worldwide Ireland is associated with the colour green. Around St. Patrick's Day, many of us may even find ourselves and merriment takes over the country. However, is green truly the national colour of Ireland?

The short answer is that, officially, Ireland does not have a national colour. The long answer is that while green might be more nationally and internationally recognised, blue has just as much of a historical claim to be our national colour as green does, and it still appears in many important places.

It could easily be argued that Ireland's first 'national colour' was blue, not green. Ireland's history with this colour goes back all the way to Flaitheas Éireann, the mythological embodiment of sovereignty in Ireland, who was represented as a woman wearing a blue robe.

The first formal use of blue appeared when Ireland was turned into a kingdom in 1542 during the reign of King Henry VIII. Ireland came under the domain of the Pope, but the Catholic Church gave power to the Catholic monarchs to rule over the Island while upholding Catholic values. King Henry changed all of this when he split with the Catholic Church to create the Church of England. He was Lord of Ireland at the time, so he declared it a separate kingdom. This meant it was granted its own coat of arms – a golden harp on a blue background.

In 1783, King George III created a new order of chivalry for Ireland, which required a new colour to go with it. England's Order of the Garter used a dark blue, and Scotland's Order of the Thistle used green, so a lighter blue was chosen for the Order of St. Patrick.

'St. Patrick's blue' is the name given to the various shades of blue associated with St. Patrick and Ireland. While there is much debate over the term, some historians consider that blue, rather than green, is more

closely related to St. Patrick. One speculation is that St. Patrick's blue comes from the 'woad-stain' used by Celts. Constance Markievicz incorporated St. Patrick's blue into the regalia of the Irish Citizen Army, giving the Starry Plough – the ICA banner – a blue field.

In modern times, St. Patrick's blue is found in a variety over-saturated with the hue as a flurry of national pride of places. In 1910, University College Dublin adopted 'St. Patrick's Blue and Saffron' as their official sporting colours. This light blue colour is also commonly called 'Dublin blue' due to its adoption by the Dublin GAA county teams.

> Outside of sports, St. Patrick's blue also features in the Irish academic world. The National University of Ireland's faculty of Science and the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland both wear this blue for their academical dress, while NUI's faculty of Veterinary Medicine wears a darker 'Celtic Blue'

> St. Patrick's blue also appears on official state regalia. Douglas Hyde served as the first president of Ireland from 1938-1945. At the end of his term, the Standard of the President of Ireland was adopted – a gold Irish harp with silver strings on a blue background that contemporary news reports described as St. Patrick's blue. The coat of arms of Ireland, which matches the Standard, was granted on the 9th of November, 1945 by the Chief Herald of Ireland. This also flies as a flag over Áras an Uachtaráin.

The President is regarded as the owner of horses at the Irish National Stud, so they are entitled to wear the President's colours when they race. The colours are 'St. Patrick's blue with gold sleeves, and a St. Patrick's blue cap with gold tassel'.

The printed edition of the Constitution of Ireland also has a blue cover, and the carpets in the Dáil and the Seanad are a deep blue as well.

While green may be the most recognised colour in Ireland, blue definitely has its place in the national picture.

#### Flag Facts

- \*What is the difference between the National Colours and the National Flag?
  - The National Colours is trimmed on three sides with golden fringe
- \*No flag or pennant should be flown above the Flag
- \*The National Flag should always be in the place of honour when among other flags
- \*Only one National Flag should be displayed in each group of flags
- \*When being displayed on a platform, the National Flag should be above and behind the speaker
- \*The National Flag should not be used to cover the speaker's desk or draped over the platform
- \*When raising or lowering the National Flag, it should not be allowed to touch the ground
- \*If the National Flag becomes frayed or worn, it should be replaced as it is no longer fit for display and should not be used in a manner implying disrespect
- \*The National Flag should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset
- \*The National Flag may be displayed, day and night, for the duration of a funeral
- National Flag is frequently flown at half-mast on the death of a national or international figure
- Where the National Flag is flown at half-mast, no other flag should be half-masted
- The National Flag should never be defaced by placing slogans, logos, lettering, or pictures of any kind on it, for example at sporting events
- \*The National Flag should not be draped on cars or other modes of transport
- \*The National Flag should not be carried flat but should always be carried aloft and free, except when it is used to drape a coffin
- \*Care should be taken at all times to ensure that the National Flag does not touch the ground, trail in water, or become entangled in obstacles
- \*While being carried, the National Flag should not be dipped by way of salute or compliment For these and other flag facts, please refer to the guidelines of the Department of An Taoiseach at www.taoiseach.gov.ie

## Leinster Fleadh Cheoil Notes



#### **Golf Classic**

A very successful Golf Classic was held in Craddockstown Golf Course on the 10th of April with teams out on the course early in the morning, right throughout the day. The golfers were then wined and dined and the presentation of prizes took place. There was music long into the night in the Clubhouse as Kildare musicians came together to celebrate a very successful day. Fleadh Cheoil Laighean wish to thank everybody who contributed on the day - golfers, sponsors & the team in Craddockstown Golf Course who made the day very enjoyable.



#### 50km Cycle Fundraiser

A 50km Cycle Fundraiser for Fleadh Cheoil Laighean will be taking place on the 9th of May. We hope to have up to 200 cyclists taking part on the day. The day will be rounded off with a session in the GAA Club that night at 9:30 and everybody is invited to attend and relax after the day's activities.

Route: Maynooth - Dunboyne -Summerhill - Kilcock - Maynooth Register: 8:30am (Maynooth GAA Club – Moyglare Road) Start: 9:30am (Maynooth GAA Club – Moyglare Road) Fee: €25



#### Irish TV

Local Kildare musicians recently played on and were interviewed by Irish TV in the Glenroyal Hotel. The programme was aired on Saturday, April 25th at 9pm.

The 3rd session of the Session Trail took place on Saturday, the 18th of April in Brady's. There was tunes long into the night, finger food and the customary raffle!! Thanks to Brady's for facilitating the event and to everybody who participated. The nex stop on the Session Trail is on the 9th of Ma in the GAA Club at 9:30pm. Bígí Linn!!



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Maynooth Tidy Towns extend our deepest sympathies to Don, Eithne,

Rachel and extended family on the death of our friend and community colleague Muireann Ni Bhrolchain. Muireann was a great supporter and advocate for Maynooth Tidy Towns.

National Spring Clean Up in Maynooth was held on Saturday 18th April. Many thanks to all who took part on projects throughout Maynooth. We thank all who brought electrical items for recycling on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. It resulted in over 24.1 tonnes collected

in Maynooth, thanks to Mattie Callaghan, Vinny Mulready, John Kavanagh and Richard Farrell who helped on the day. This is one of the biggest collections in Ireland according to WEEE Ireland.

John and Ursula from Maynooth and University Book Shops presented Maynooth Tidy Towns with a Cheque for €300 as a result of the Calendars sales, thanks to all who purchased same. Greeting cards and postcards are available in both shops.

At time of writing we are working on our National Tidy Towns application for 2015 which is to be completed by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual collection takes place from Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th May in various locations.

We have recommenced our Wednesday night clean ups @ 7.30pm, on Saturday mornings @ 10am and also Sunday mornings @ 7.45am meeting in the Courthouse Square. If you require any further information please contact: Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns - 087 3153189 and Find us on



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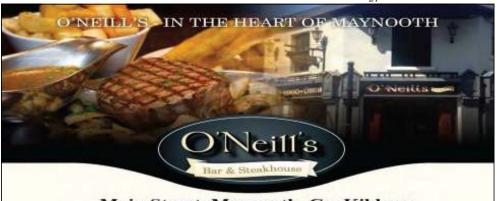


Sheila O'Leary the daughter of Tom Byrne (one of the Maynooth 15) laying the wreath in memory of the volunteers from Maynooth.





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#### Farewell Irene



We here at Maynooth Newsletter are sad to loose a valued member of staff to retirement. For the past six years Irene Matthews has been an integral part of our office and has played a vital role in putting together the Newsletter. She has shown great dedication and service to Maynooth Community Council and the wider community over the years, but most of all she has brought much laughter and joy to those of us who have worked with her. Irene you will be deeply missed but we wish you all the best with your retirement and in your future endeavours.

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**Please note:** The M4 Motor way is not affected by the diversions. Your cooperation with An Garda Siochana and the stewards would be appreciated.

#### Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee Notes

Allow me to bring you up to speed on what we have been doing in 2015. Our morning club reopened in January after our Christmas break. We had a most exiting Valentine's Tea-dance on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and while there were lots of prizes to be had the most coveted prize was won by Jean Sweeney and Noel O'Neill for the most romantic couple. The music for the afternoon was provided by Brian Mc Dermott who never fails to please. We celebrated St. Patrick's weekend with a very "green" afternoon and what a display we had. Well done to all who entered into the spirit of the occasion and we all danced the evening away to the music of the very aptly named "Footsteps".

We held our annual collection on the following weekend and raised €2,055. Many thanks to all who supported our collection and to Fr. Liam who facilitates us each year. It's gratifying to know that this community never fail us, even in a recession. You are just the gift that keeps on giving.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> we finally moved to our new home in the Geraldine Hall. Many thanks to the 8<sup>th</sup> Kildare Scouts for their tenacity in making it all happen. I also take this opportunity to thank the ICA who facilitated our club for the past twenty nine years and Margaret Merrick in the HSE Community Care Unit who gave us refuge when we needed it most.

As we have plenty of space now in the Geraldine Hall we hope to expand our club mornings with not just bingo but cards and yoga etc. Do come along on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and tell us what you would like. For more information you can phone 087 9002296 or 087 7661116.

Our Easter Tea-Dance took place on April 19<sup>th</sup> with a huge crowd from all the surrounding areas. This was a very enjoyable afternoon with Music by "Harmony" and the top prize in the Easter Bonnet competition was won by Phylomena Clinton.

Our next Tea-dance will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate" Bealtaine" with a display of arts, crafts, paintings etc. So shake the dust off your paint brushes, needles and cameras and rise to the occasion.

By the time this edition of the Newsletter comes out we hope to be putting the finishing touches to our fourth book. This will be an illustration of the past fifty years to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. So a busy and exciting year ahead.

Finally I have to end on a sad note. We lost one of our former committee members in April. Imelda Delaney passed away having spent most of her life in Maynooth. She contributed hugely to this town and was part of many organisations. She was almost twenty years a member of the Senior Citizens Committee and was Chairperson for seven. We were all the richer for having known Imelda. On behalf of our Senior Citizens and Committee I extend our sympathy to the Delaney and Foley Families.

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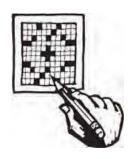
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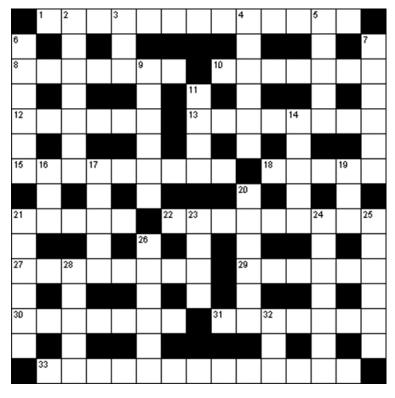
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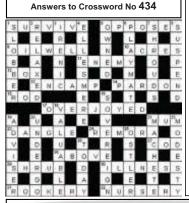
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- 10. Nightgown (7)
- 12. Cambridgeshire village (6)
- 13. Italian bread (8)
- 15. Heard by accident (9)
- 18. Lightweight overgarment (5)
- 21. Finished (5)
- 22. Bath crystals (4,5)
- 27. State in the E United States (8)
- 29. Ten-pound note (6)
- 30. Tough person (7)
- 31. Companion (7)
- 33. Vicinity (13)





#### **Clues Down**

- 2. Avenge (7)
- 3. Racket (3)
- 4. Jerk rapidly (6)
- 5. Loft (5)
- 6. Speedometer (6)
- 7. Comment (6)
- 9. Person who fishes (6)
- 11. From a distance (4)
- 14. Punctuation mark (5)
- 16. Covered vehicle (3)
- 17. Full of reeds (5)
- 19. Portable bed (3)
- 20. Slum area inhabited by a minority group (6)
- 21. Animosity (6)
- 23. Increases (4)
- 24. Pertaining to the distant past (4,3)
- 25. Fruit ice (6)
- 26. Pertaining to Denmark (6)
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You can also buy Peter Clarke's Book "Walking the Royal Canal-5 Walks from Dublin to Maynooth" at the Maynooth Book Shop.

We plan some activities for the Weekend of the Leinster Fleadh Cheoil in Maynooth on the weekend of the 11th/12th July next.

In September 1971 the first issue of "Royal Canal News" was published, and the following is an extract under the heading "Maynooth and Leixlip":

"Work parties, organised by the Maynooth Development Association and the Kildare Association of An Taisce have been busy on this stretch of the canal.... In April, 94 canoes took part in a race from Maynooth. Two miles down the canal there was portage round the 13th Lock and at the Rye Aqueduct the contestants carried their canoes to the river, 100 feet below, to complete the race to Leixlip. The event may become a regular fixture...."

Here are some return walking distances:

Maynooth Harbour to Jackson's Bridge (Lock 14) is 2.7 miles (4.4kms) and Maynooth Harbour to Pike Bridge and Carton Harbour is 2.9 miles (4.6kms).

Check out on U-tube Dick Warner's 6 Part 2011 series ... "Waterways the Royal Canal", and particularly "The Deep Sinking", which covers the canal journey from Blanchardstown to Maynooth.

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## **Know Your Rights**

#### Jobseeker's Allowance transitional arrangement

#### Question

I've been getting a One-Parent Family Payment but I will no longer qualify when my youngest child turns seven. What is the Jobseeker's Allowance transitional arrangement and how do I qualify?

#### **Answer**

If you no longer qualify for a One-Parent Family Payment because your youngest child is over the age limit, you may be eligible for the Jobseeker's Allowance transitional arrangement (often called JST). This is a social welfare payment that aims to support you into the workforce while also acknowledging that you are parenting alone and caring for young children aged between 7 and 13. JST allows you to work parttime and still receive a partial payment (depending on your earnings).

The rules that apply to Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) and JST are very similar. The means test is similar and the maximum weekly rate of payment is the same. The main differences between JA and JST are that on JST:

- You do not have to be available for and genuinely seeking full-time work. This is to allow you to meet your caring responsibilities. There are childcare supports available if you do find work.
- You must be capable of work but you do not have to be fully unemployed for 4 out of 7 days. This means that you could work part-time for 5 days and still receive a payment (subject to the means test). For example, you could work mornings only while your children are in school. Income from work is assessed with a  $\in$ 20 earnings disregard per day of employment (up to a maximum of  $\in$ 60 per week). Any earnings above that are assessed at 60%.
- You cannot cohabit with another person while you are getting JST. You must continue to parent alone. When you start getting JST you will be scheduled to attend an activation meeting with a case officer. The purpose of this meeting is to identify and access supports (such as education, training and employment schemes) that will prepare you for full-time employment. If you do not participate in this process, you may be paid a reduced rate of JST (a penalty rate) or you may be disqualified from your JST payment. If you were getting a Fuel Allowance with your OFP you can keep this when you go onto JST. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

#### **Employment services**

#### **Ouestion**

I am signing for unemployment credits but I don't qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance because my partner's income is over the limits. What supports are there to help me back into the workforce?

#### Answer

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) provides employment support and advice to jobseekers nationwide. Jobseekers include people who are getting a jobseeker's payment, people who are signing for credits and people who are unemployed but not eligible for a payment. In general, DSP employment services focus on people getting social welfare payments. However, there are a range of supports for people who are not getting a social welfare payment.

You can avail of upskilling opportunities, for example, through Further Education and Training (FET) courses provided by the Education and Training Boards (ETBs). Day courses and evening courses are available. Although people signing for credits do not

get an allowance during the course, you may receive some support for expenses on travel, meals and accommodation.

If you have been signing for credits (for three or nine months depending on the course) you can take part in the Back to Education Allowance scheme. You do not get the allowance but you can apply for a student grant (both the fee and maintenance component of the grant).

If you have been signing for credits for six months, or more you can take part in the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) run by the ETBs (subject to availability). You do not get a training allowance but you may get travel and lunch allowances. If you have been signing for credits for 12 months or longer in the previous 18 months you can take part in Momentum courses. However, you will not receive any payment.

Springboard and Skillnets courses are also open to many people who may not be eligible for a social welfare payment – such as people signing for credits and unemployed graduates. If you have been signing for credits for three months (78 days) in the last six months, you are eligible for the JobBridge programme (and a payment of  $\in$ 50 a week).

Other employment services, such as advice on jobseeking and online job search tools, are available to people who register with DSP employment services regardless of their social welfare status. In general you apply for courses and JobBridge through your local Intreo centre or social welfare local office.

#### Health insurance and lifetime community rating

#### Question

I don't have health insurance and I've been told it will be more expensive for me after 1 May because of my age. Can you explain what is changing?

Answer

Up to now, the cost of an inpatient health insurance policy has been the same for everyone regardless of age. This is known as community rating. From 1 May 2015 a system of lifetime community rating will apply, which means that people may be charged more if they are older when they first take out health insurance. This change will not affect you if you already have health insurance before 1 May 2015 and continue to be insured.

If you are taking out health insurance after this date and you are 35 years of age or older, your annual premium will increase depending on the age you are when you start – by 2% for each year over 34. This increase is called a loading. So, for example, if you are aged 35 there will be a 2% loading, but if you start health insurance at 39 there will be a 10% loading. The maximum loading will be 70%.

If you previously had health insurance but let it lapse, the period for which you had health insurance will be taken into account to reduce the loading that applies.

An allowance (of up to three years) can also be made if you gave up health insurance since the start of 2008 because of unemployment.

People who move to Ireland from another country after 1 May 2015 can avoid having a loading applied if they take out health insurance within 9 months and continue to be insured.

If you have health insurance, you can change your health insurance policy or change your insurer without affecting your loading. A gap in insurance of up to 13 weeks is allowed.

#### Voting in the referendums

#### Ouestion

I want to vote in the referendums in May but I may be abroad at that time. Will I be able to vote?

#### Answer

In order to vote in the referendums on 22 May 2015 you must be an Irish citizen and registered to vote. Every local authority is responsible for compiling and publishing a list of voters in its area. This is called the Register of Electors or the electoral register.

If you are an Irish citizen living abroad you cannot be entered on the Register of Electors. This means that you cannot vote in the referendums. The only exception to this is in the case of Irish officials on duty abroad (and their spouses) who may register on the postal voters list.

The Register of Electors is published every year on 1 February. You can check if you are on the register at checktheregister.ie or at your local authority, Garda station, post office or public library.

If you are not listed on the register, you can apply to be added to the supplement to the Register up to the closing date of 5 May 2015. You apply to be added to the supplement using a form called RFA2 which is available online at checktheregister.ie or from your local authority, post office or public library.

You are normally required to vote in person at an official voting centre but you may be eligible for a postal vote. Local authorities prepare a postal voters list as part of the Register of Electors. You can only apply for registration as a postal voter if you are not able to vote at a polling station because of your occupation, illness or disability, being in prison, or if you are studying full-time in Ireland but away from the address where you are registered to vote.

You can apply to be added to the supplement to the postal voters list up to 25 April 2015. The application form for inclusion in the supplement to the postal voters list is available from your local authority.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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

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it will become Your favour not mine. Amer Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

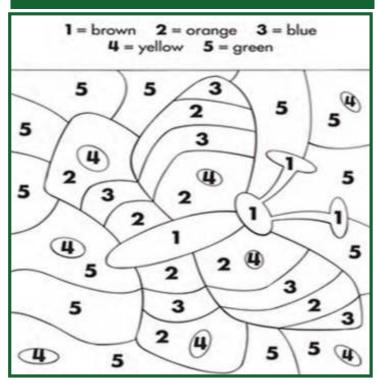
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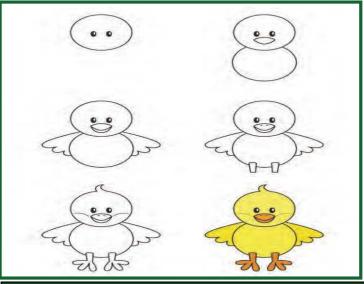
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#### I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm.in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

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This Easter Monday 2015 gone in glorious sunshine the Centenary Committee organised a Parade from the College gates to the Town Square, where they had a Wreath Laying Ceremony, a Reading of the Proclamation, the Blessing of the Wreath, followed by one minute silence the Last Post and Hoisting of the National Flag to full mast and a Reveille followed by The National Anthem, it was indeed a glorious occasion.

After the Ceremony concluded there was a display of Irish Military Vehicles (IMVG) in the Town Square for everyone to admire and enjoy' upstairs in Brady's Clockhouse there was a display by the Irish Volunteers Dublin Brigade and the Collins 22 society.



The Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee would like to extend their thaks to: St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, Maynooth, The 8th Kildare Scouts, The Maynooth Local History Group, The Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen and Women Ireland (ONE), The Irish United Nations Veterans Association (I.U.N.V.A), The 5th Infantry Batalion Association, Fr. John Nevin, Carraig Florists, Brady's Clockhouse, Ms. Doreen Mc Cormack.







## FILM MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON FILM REVIEW: THE SOUND OF MUSIC STARRING: JULIE ANDREWS & CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER



The recent Jameson's *Dublin International Film Festival* was graced by the presence of veteran English actress/singer Julie Andrews. The latter was in town to herald the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a musical classic, *The Sound of Music*. This hugely familiar and much-loved tale of an Austrian family of singers, nuns and Nazis has a unique and enduring appeal that has lasted half a century. Directed by Robert Wise (*West Side Story*), *The Sound of Music* first burst on to cinema screens in glorious Technicolor in 1965.

Easily one of the most popular musicals of all time, the story hardly needs retelling, but for the sake of those few still unacquainted with or new to its workings, a quick re -cap might be in order!



The Sound of Music is loosely based on the memoir - The Story of the Trapp Family Singers - of Maria Von Trapp. Julie Andrews plays Maria, a young trainee novice in the convent of Nonnberg Abbey, in 1930's Salzburg. Her youthful enthusiasm, love of music and lack of self-discipline proves problematic for her fellow nuns. The avuncular Mother Abbess (played by Peggy Wood) suggests a solution to the 'problem' of Maria. A sabbatical break away from the convent and new duties as governess to a widowed naval captain's seven children seems the perfect compromise.



A reluctant, nervous Maria sets forth into the real world and an unknown future. Mustering all the confidence she can, the gauche nun, musical instrument in hand, arrives at the palatial villa of Captain Georg Von Trapp. Encountering the Van Trapp children's icy version of a welcome routine, Maria wonders if she has made a big mistake coming to the Villa. The entry of Christopher Plummer's whistle-blowing and strict disciplinarian head of the Von-Trapp family only serves to consolidate first impressions for Maria.



However, from this most unpromising of starts, Maria gradually succeeds in gaining the trust and winning over the nanny-phobic and spider-loving Von Trapp children! Maria's rescuing of the children from a thunderstorm by reminding them of their 'favourite things', designing new play clothes (to replace their regimented attire) and teaching them to sing on various excursions around Salzburg aids the resourceful and determined nanny in her task. However, the cold, wary and aloof Captain Von Trapp is a trickier proposition for the singing governess. When the Captain brings wealthy, beautiful Baroness Elsa (Eleanor Parker) back to his Villa from Vienna, added emotional and romantic complications ensue...

With Maria's heartfelt plea for the Captain to get closer

to his children and a gradual thaw in his forbidding demeanour (encouraged by hearing his children sing for the Baroness), Von Trapp finds himself warming to the governess - 'You brought music back into the house'. Despite the presence of the jealous Baroness, the Captain is soon falling passionately in love with Maria. Parker's Elsa gradually admits defeat in the romantic stakes and Maria and Von Trapp are free to declare their love and marry. However, more sinister complications lie ahead in the form of the *Anschluss*. Von Trapp (like his real-life counterpart) is fervently anti-Nazi and the clouds of Nazi occupied Austria threaten to dampen his new-found happiness with Maria.



Despite the potential for saccharine overload, director Robert Wise (used to grittier film projects) keeps his film firmly on course and largely avoids overt sentimentality. No mean feat with a cast which included children and singing nuns! Wise, both producer and director, assembled a wonderful cast to enact this most Austrian of tales. Julie Andrews, fresh from her Oscar winning turn as *Mary Poppins*, is perfectly cast as the shy aspirant nun finding her real vocation in the worldly love of a man and his family.

Andrews' first appearance on screen is one of the most memorable in cinema history. As the camera soars and swoops over the glorious mountains of Salzburg, the distant and solitary figure of the star gradually pans into view. Her magnificent voice reverberates through the screen setting up the impressive opening sequence to *The Sound of Music*.



The handsome Christopher Plummer brings brooding presence to his role as the austere, stiff and domineering Captain Von Trapp. His performance wasn't much of a stretch for the Canadian thespian as he apparently loathed his involvement in the film. Plummer infamously dubbed the film 'The Sound of Mucus' and consoled himself off set by getting acquainted with Alpine beer on a regular basis!



Possibly to the delight of the film's detractors, his Captain Von Trapp is a subversive presence in *The Sound of Music*. In the early part of the film the actor's snarling, grumpy and cynical navy officer provides a stark contrast to the upbeat mood of the film in general. Maybe this is Wise's trump card, not allowing the film to get too schmaltzy for its own good.

The Sound of Music really has stood the test of time and is absolutely gorgeous to look at. The film itself could be a travelogue for the stunning city of Salzburg. Nearly all the outdoor location shooting took place in Mozart's birthplace, and its picturesque scenery is used to maximum effect in the film. The 'Do-Re-Mi' song fest,

which features Julie Andrews' Maria and the Von Trapp children cavorting all over Salzburg, utilises two key locations: the imposing Untersberg Mountain and the famous Mirabell Palace Gardens (with its beautiful fountains and steps). These sequences are expertly choreographed to the rousing melody of 'Do-Re-Mi' providing one of the film's several highlights.



The genius partnership of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein (Oklahoma, Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I) produced some of the finest songs ever composed for a musical in The Sound of Music. How could they fail with their track record? Every number in the film was a hit, but Sixteen Going on Seventeen, My Favourite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Edelweiss, Climb Every Mountain and the title track are the stand-out contributions to the Rodgers and Hammerstein score. In particular, the scenes involving the Captain's rendition of Edelweiss (Plummer's voice was actually dubbed) are quite poignant and speak to the larger sense of loss associated with the impending Nazi incursion into his homeland.



There isn't a false note in the supporting cast. All the child actors are uniformly excellent as the Von Trapp clan. Charmian Carr is particularly effective and graceful as the eldest daughter, Liesl. She has her big moment in the famous Gazebo sequence (Sixteen Going on Seventeen) in the film. Eleanor Parker's blonde Baroness is sexy, coolly calculating but ultimately sympathetic. The superb Richard Hayden provides comic relief as Von Trapp's friend, Max Detweiler.

The Sound of Music is now half a century old. Love it or loathe it, you can't deny its irrepressible force and sheer *joie de vivre*. Expertly directed by Wise (a near three-hour running time rarely drags), it boasts a clever screenplay by Ernest Lehman (who expands mightily on the original stage musical), gorgeous cinematography and Rodgers and Hammerstein's best ever score.



Ultimately, though, this is Julie Andrews' film, and she is its central beating heart. Her vocal virtuosity and panache in the role of Maria has rarely been surpassed. *The Sound of Music* rightly deserves its place in the cinematic canon of classic films. It is, without doubt, the greatest screen adaptation of a musical ever. Here's to the next 50 years of Austrian magic, edelweiss, weiner schnitzel and singing nuns!



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#### Maynooth Education Campus presents a new HP ProDesk Computer to Maynooth Community Council's **Community Employment Scheme**



Mr Johnny Nevin said Maynooth Education Campus were delighted to support the Community Employment Scheme and thanked Maynooth Community Council and the staff of the Maynooth Newsletter for their advice and technical assistance in producing the Maynooth 10k Times (The event newspaper). The Maynooth 10k & 5k Family Run were held on Sunday 17th May starting in St. Patrick's and finishing in Carton Avenue. The 3k Student Run on Friday 15th May was held in St. Patrick's College.

Photo L to R: Gerry Quinn Maynooth 10k, Johnny Nevin (Maynooth Post Primary), John Doogan (Supervisor MCC CES) and Siobhan Mc Cauley, (Maynooth Community College)

#### Maynooth 10K A Great Success

Speaking to the Maynooth Newsletter Gerry Quinn (event organiser) said the 10k, 5k & 3k (run on Friday) attracted over 1,100 participants and raised almost €25,000. He thanked An Garda Síochána, Kildare County Council, St Patrick's College, Carton House, the Business Community, Maynooth Community Council and the people of Maynooth for their generosity and support. He praised and thanked the Maynooth Education Campus PTA and all those who worked hard to make the events a great success. All funds raised are used for the development of multi-purpose playing fields, a walking/running track for school and Community use.

(See photos on page 16)

Below an aerial photo of St. Patricks College, courtesy of Joe and Mick at Drone Craft, taken on the day of the 10K





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the temperature rises, some of you when petting your dogs and cats will notice skin tag attached to your dogs skin. These on closer inspection will be identified as ticks. .

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These ticks can harm their hosts by causing infection at the site of their bite, by sucking blood or by transmitting viruses, bacteria or protozoa to the animal they have bitten.

In the bovine population these ticks can transmit a protozoa called Babesia. This then causes a serious and sometimes fatal disease called 'Redwater'. The greatest infection rate is seen in young animals 6 to 12 months of age and is uncommon in



As we approach the Summer months and animals over 5 years. This is called reverse age resistance. These infected animals show signs of anaemia as the urine will be dark red in colour. They have very high respiratory and heart rates. The animals something like a very large black bulging that survive after possibly been given a blood transfusion are immune

> Lyme disease, although initially a disease of north America is now being diagnosed in dogs in Britain. This disease is caused by a bacteria transmitted by a bite of a tick. This condition can be quite difficult to diagnose.



In the dog and cat population it is important to apply the correct 'Spot Ons' to prevent these tick bites. Also, keeping your dog on a lead when walking through woodland, the habitat of the tick, is a good idea.

It is advisable to remove these ticks as quick as possible when they are noticed. They can be removed with a tweezers or a special tick hook pulling upwards and away from the skin.



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## **Community Council Notes**

Tributes to Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary, Maynooth Community Council who passed on April 18th 2015

Standing orders were suspended.

A minute silence was observed in Muireann's memory

Two letters of condolence from the Maynooth Parish Pastoral Council and Educate Together School were read. Other messages of condolence were received by the MCC Offices over the past number of weeks.

Tom McMullon: Spoke of his shock on hearing of Muireann's passing. Muireann was the rock at the back of the MCC. There were times when MCC would have folded over the years but didn't because of Muireann. She was a leading example of one who wished to make Maynooth a better place. MCC has done a lot of good work since its inception all those years ago and Muireann was central to that

Paul Croghan: Paid tribute to Muireann's commitment to MCC. As a member of the Labour Party she was able to separate her political views from those of MCC which has no political affiliation. She recognised people who would work well for Maynooth and to that end it did not matter what their political affiliations were. She was also instrumental in obtaining the Community Space. Muireann was able to make hard choices and she was willing to put her name to such. It will be difficult to find her replacement.

Gabriel Martin: Paid tribute to Muireann for her dedication to MCC. He played a recording of Muireann singing a traditional Irish song *Dónall Óg* which she sang when she was twenty-one on Seán Bán's programme on RTÉ Radio na Gaeltachta in 1977. Gabriel related the story of how Muireann was in the company of a well know sean nós singer and when asked to sing his reply was why on earth he would be chosen to sing when Muireann was there.

John McGinley: I knew Muireann since 1984 when she was a fantastic political activist. She loved canvassing. She canvassed for me, for Emmet Stagg, for Mary Robinson and for Michael D. Higgins. She was great company and there was many a late night in Kilcar, Co Donegal with music and song. She was active on the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

I had many a run-in with Muireann but it was all forgotten about the next day. The office training scheme was of the highest standard which she oversaw. Don and her girls will miss her and when she heard of her fate her regret was that she would miss seeing her granddaughter grow up. She is sadly missed by the Labour Party and community. One doesn't appreciate someone until they are gone. Muireann will be a very hard person to replace on the council. She will be sadly missed.

Dominic Nyland: I have known Muireann since 1984. We were thrown in at the deep end at the beginning. We went through some scrapes together. I think I can say that I never had a row with her, we saw things in the same way and we read people in the same way. We had a good working relationship. She defended the office through turbulent times and when it was almost on its knees she stood up to the powers that be to ensure its future. She and I set up many a late night proofing John Drennan's *Cannonballs and Croziers*. It is with amusement that I recall having to renegotiate for the rent for the office along with Muireann. Trevor came for the discussion and when he saw Muireann he said there was just no point. I was shocked when I heard

of her passing. It was a pleasure to know her and we had some good times and those will be my abiding memories of her

Willie Saults: I recall the sponsored swim in the Canal for the MCC. Muireann and I took part. Someone was to feed the swans at the other end of the canal to keep them away from the swimmers, but that did not work out. An anxious pen took after Muireann and myself and there was nothing to do but head for the nearest bank and just in the nick of time. As already mentioned Muireann loved canvassing.

One time she canvassed with my sister in Timard, they were back in the house in 15 minutes. Dogs put an early end to that evening's canvassing. On the other hand Muireann had a great admiration for cats.

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Peter Garrard: I notally 100% behin totally 100% behin

Mieke Saunders: I did not know Muireann very well and I was so shocked to hear of her illness and passing. She was a person that was full of life. As a Christian I would like to say to the group that that through belief in God there is hope even in death.

Josie Moore: I knew of Muireann since the 1980s when her children were involved in the Summer Projects. The Senior Citizens are now producing their fourth book and it was the first one *Recollections: memories by senior citizens of Maynooth celebrating Active Age Week and European Year of Older People 1993* which I was compiling in which Muireann was very helpful. I was introduced to Muireann by Nora McDermott, the then MCC office manager. It was through that meeting that Muireann offered guidance on the publication. She would check in regularly with Nora to see how the publication was going. She was extremely patient and helpful and guided me in the right direction.

Naoise Ó Cearúil: The first time I knew of Muireann was when I was about 6 years of age and she was having an argument with my father in Irish about the setting up of the Gaeilscoil. She was a formidable woman in my eyes at that time. I used to do the colouring competitions in the Newsletter. I went to the office to drop it in and she greeted me with a hug and a smile. That changed my mind set. Later I came to know about her through the MCC and the work she carried out as a community activist. As a former student of Maynooth University I witnessed how she was very well liked and respected by her students.

Hilda Dunne: I didn't know Muireann very well personally. She was supportive to the Maynooth Local History Group and was always encouraging to what was going on. She will be sadly missed.

Adrienne Flynn: Muireann told me a while ago that it is the community groups and individuals who can make their place a better and that is why she got involved. She believed in volunteering to make your own place. She and I did the canvassing for the "Taste of Maynooth Raffle" for the Festival. We received great support from all the local restaurants. She was supportive and generous with her talent

Mattie Callaghan: Muireann would always thank Maynooth Tidy Towns for the work they were doing. She was instrumental in helping them through difficult periods. She was a member of Greenfield Residence Association and was there in 1986 when we won the Tidiest Estate and she was involved in Maynooth Community Games. She will be sadly missed.

Richard Farrell: Muireann was there in the early days of Greenfield Residence Association and she and John McGinley concerned themselves with the in many different situations that arose for the association at the time. She was always interested and encouraging, telling us to keep going even through difficult times of our own FAS Scheme in the Harbour. I have to say that the most recent transition to the current community employment scheme has been one of the most seamless thanks to Muireann.

Keith McCrory: My first encounter with Muireann was when she stood outside my door canvassing. We spent almost an hour talking. She had a warm personality and a sharp mind and it is clear that she made a great contribution to the community.

Peter Garrard: I never knew Muireann as a friend. She was totally 100% behind the Scouts/Geraldine Hall Project. She was always very encouraging and supportive. Muireann's support of our project has helped the Scouts survive for the next long number of years.

Susan Durack: Muireann was a founding member of MCC. She was one of its original sponsors and later a director, a post that carried a responsibility for the governance of the Community Employment Scheme, which she saw through some turbulent times down through the years. She carried out her role of Secretary efficiently and professionally.

Muireann was very proud of the *Maynooth Newsletter* which she transformed. She was responsible for changing the format of the publication making it a free newsletter which is widely delivered to our homes in Maynooth today. It became the main source of income for the office.

She took the initiative to digitise back issues of the *Newsletter* starting from the first issue in 1975. It is thanks to her foresight that we now have a digitised open access archive which is a valuable asset to the people of Maynooth at home and abroad. It is a valuable legacy for the town of Maynooth.

Not only was she editor of the *Newsletter* but she also contributed articles. Muireann played a key role in the Maynooth Festival and St. Patrick's Day Parade down through the years. She took an active part in fundraising and we could always count on her energy, ideas and support. She gave of her talents, skills, time freely and generously and was very encouraging to people.

She was a wonderful campaigner for the MCC and up to recently was endeavouring to secure a much needed additional post for the office.

She was a writer of teenage fiction in the Irish language and she was a scriptwriter for the Irish TV soap, Ros na Rún which she enjoyed tremendously. As we witnessed earlier she was a wonderful singer and by all accounts was a fine actress in her day. In her academic life she was a member of Maynooth University Governing Authority. As a senior lecturer she was well liked and respected by her students, she was a natural teacher. Muireann was also heavily involved in the Save Tara Campaign.

Muireann was a mother and more recently a grandmother and role which she loved. When we think of Muireann we think of her- leadership, dedication, loyalty, fairness, kindness, generosity, passion and spirit. For me personally I got to know her more through working with her on the editorial board of the *Newsletter* and on the Festival Committee, she was an inspirational lady and her passing leaves a deep void. Our thoughts and condolences are with her partner Don, daughters Eithne and Rachel and grand-daughter Cara. Aireoimid go mór uainn thú.

## **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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

#### **Phishing for Trouble**

If you have ever worked with or around computers, you have likely been informed of the dangers of clicking suspicious links in emails. Anyone with an email address has at some point received not only spam but also attempts to gain access to their computer and information. It's a common but serious problem, and scammers are getting more creative and advanced in their ability to target their victims.

One of the most common types of emails scams is phishing: the attempt to trick users into installing malware onto their computer or providing illegal access to private information such as usernames, passwords, credit card details, address books, or other sensitive information. Phishing emails are designed to trick you into clicking on a malicious link or visiting a malicious site. The websites can be extremely sophisticated and appear to be legitimate, but they install malware and collect information that can be used in credit card scams or even full-blown identity theft.

A lot of malicious Internet traffic can be prevented from entering vulnerable ports with security products, firewalls, and other such measures. However, email is generally considered to be trusted traffic and allowed to enter networks. This is the main reason why 91% of all hacking attempts originate from email. Email filters can catch many phishing attempts, but they will never catch all attempts, especially as scammers become more adept at finding ways around them.

While we'd all like to imagine that we would never be fooled by a suspicious email, phishing attempts succeed at an alarming rate and have even fooled very powerful and security -conscious companies. Even companies whose entire business is Internet security have been fooled by phishing emails.



RSA Security is one of the biggest Internet security firms in the world. They are responsible for one of the first practical public key cryptography systems which is widely used today for secure data transmission. They provide several notable security products, including a SecurID two-factor authentication system. In March of 2011, attackers sent two different targeted phishing emails to 4 employees. The email contained a malicious attachment with the name '2011 Recruitment Plan.xls' and tricked one of the recipients into opening the attachment. It contained a zero-day exploit that used a vulnerability in Adobe Flash Player to install a backdoor on the victim's computer. The backdoor allowed attackers to map out the more valuable areas of the RSA network and eventually steal sensitive information relating to the company's SecurID two-factor authentication system.

Initially, RSA said that none of their customers could be at risk from the data obtained. Later, they had to replace most of their security tokens after multiple defence contractors discovered hackers accessing their network using RSA keys. A Finnish security company investigated the attack and discovered that neither the phishing email nor the malicious backdoor were very advanced. Hacking a security giant like RSA was accomplished with little sophistication but had enormous consequences.

RSA is far from the only surprising victim of successful phishing attacks. The Oak Ridge National Library – a national science and technology laboratory for the US Department of Energy – was also hacked in 2011 due to a phishing email. One of the lab's main focuses is on national security, and it is home to several of the world's top supercomputers. A phishing email that appeared to come from the Human Resources Department contained a link to a webpage that downloaded

malware onto victim's computers. Of the 530 lab employees targeted with the email, 57 clicked on the malicious link. ORNL is a high-security lab that conducts classified research for the US government, including work on nuclear non-proliferation and production. Ironically, the lab also researches cybersecurity and phishing attacks.

In recent years, a worrying number of large companies have been the target of successful phishing attacks. In 2013, 110 million credit card records were stolen from the US megastore Target through a phished subcontractor. The IT security staff was fired, but the ramifications of the attack are still being felt throughout the US. In 2014, a hacking website sold the personal and credit card details of more than 100 million Home Depot customers after a successful phishing attack. Two months later, phishers gained administrative access to ICANN – the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which is responsible for maintaining the Internet's global Domain Name System and preserving the operational stability of the Internet.

A big wave of phishing attacks hit the Irish banking sector starting in 2006. Phishing scams targeting customers of banks were relatively uncommon in Ireland at the time and have been extremely successful. This lead to Irish banks scrambling to educate customers on phishing and to maintain a policy on public awareness of attempts.

Not even governments themselves are immune: in the past several months, the White House has struggled to upgrade its security after discovering that Russian hackers had accessed several sensitive parts of the government computer system. The White House intrusion began with a phishing email that purported to come from the US State Department. In October of last year, White House security officials reported that they had discovered suspicious activity in a network that serves the executive office of the president. After months of security efforts and upgrades, the US State Department is still struggling to eradicate the Russian hackers from their system.

This and many of these other hacks are a good example of one of the most dangerous cyberattacks people face – spear-phishing. Spear-phishing is an extremely successful type of phishing attack. It uses targeted emails that look like they are from someone you know, someone in your company, or a trusted business. People (and email filters) are pretty good at recognising general phishing attempts – those general emails that just contain a random link, or emails from a random bank about your non-existent account.

However, many people trust emails that appear to come from someone that they know. Cybercriminals often use a technique called email spoofing in spear-phishing. Spoofing is sending an email with a forged sender address to mislead people about the origin of a message. Because the core protocols of email do not have any mechanism for authentication, it is a simple process to change the sender address to something else. People tend to trust emails that appear to be from sources they recognise or people in their address book. Hackers copy email address books and any contact lists so that they can use them in spoofing attacks.

With spear-phishing, cybercriminals can send emails that appear to be from a trusted source. Then when you click on the link, it will take you to a fake page that often installs malicious software on your computer. This software will allow them to do things like check your browser history and determine which social networks you use and where you shop, so they can send you targeted emails that appear to come from the sites you use. If your browser history shows that prior to the attack, you had logged into your bank, they will send you an email that appears to come from your bank saying you need to change your password for security reasons. Once you do this, they will have your banking details.

Phishing causes a lot of damage to individuals, businesses, and even governments. It can result in business or personal losses through simply denying people access to their email and other accounts. Financial losses are the biggest source of damage from phishing, though. In 2005, 1 in 20 computer users had lost money to phishing scams, but financial losses have seen a dramatic rise since 2007. In 2014, the estimated annual impact of phishing worldwide was nearly  $\{4.5$  billion.

Over half of Internet users get at least 1 phishing email per day. So how can you protect yourself against phishing? The best way is to learn how to detect a phish attempt. You cannot rely on email filters to catch all scams due to the rise of email spoofing and spear-phishing. Here is a general guideline of how to identify phishing emails:

- They almost always try to convince you to open an attachment or click a link that will take you to another page. Sometimes the attachments can sound innocuous (like the one that fooled the RSA employee) and the linked webpages can appear very legitimate. It is easy to create a webpage that mimics a real bank or business by copying logos and design elements.

- Watch for legitimate links mixed with fake links. Sometimes the email will link to the privacy page or other irrelevant page of a real business but also contain a fake link to their scam site that is subtly different. Another technique is to appear to link to a legitimate site but clicking it causes a popup to appear that requests you to log in.

- If you are uncertain if a link purporting to come from your bank or another business is legitimate, do not click the link. Instead log into your account by opening a new page and typing your bank/business web address directly into the address bar of your browser (so open a page and type www.aib.ie rather than clicking on a link that says it comes from AIB).

- Never make confidential inquiries through links provided in an email.

- Watch out for generic greetings. Phishing emails are often sent in large batches so tend to use a generic greeting ('Dear PayPal customer'). Legitimate emails from a company to its customers will nearly always contain some identifying information that is not available to phishers, such as your name or a partial account number. However, spear-phishing uses targeted personalised emails, so the inclusion of personal information does not guarantee that it is legitimate.

- Be careful that you distinguish between the first few digits of your account/credit card and the last few. The first few numbers are generally the same for all customers of a financial institution, so some phishing emails use this information to mimic legitimate bank emails.

- Check for forged links. If a link has a name you recognise in it, it doesn't mean it links to that site. Roll your mouse over the link and check if it matches what appears in the email. If there is any discrepancy, don't click the link. Websites where it is safe to enter personal information also begin with 'https' rather than 'http' - the 's' stands for 'secure'. If you don't see the 'https', don't proceed.



- **Be suspicious of any request for personal information.** Legitimate businesses will *never* request your password or other sensitive information through email.

- Be cautious when an email contains a sense of urgency. Cybercriminals often trick people by creating a sense of emergency. They accomplish this by making you think something has happened to your account that requires immediate action. Do not click links in emails that contain phrases like 'your account will be closed', 'your account has been compromised', or 'urgent action required'. If you are worried about your account, it is best to first contact the business directly to check if there is anything wrong.

- Look for a sender address that is similar to, but not the same as, a company's official email. However, due to email spoofing, this technique will not protect you from everything.

- If you have even the slightest doubt about an email, do not click any links it contains.

#### **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Cllr. McGinley Secures Agreement on Funding for Go Mental events throughout the county." **Maynooth Projects:**

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

"That the following projects be funded from the Capital Programme 2016;

- 1. Provision of a footpath from Rockfield to the Educate Together School on Celbridge Road, Maynooth
- 2. Provision of traffic signals at the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road Junction.

John was given the following reply by Council Officials:

"Both of the above projects were submitted to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for funding for 2015 and will be submitted again at the end of this year as candidate projects for funding in 2016. However, if the Members are in agreement they can also be considered for inclusion in the Capital Programme for

Cllr. McGinley's motion was agreed unanimously and in his view the two Projects will be included in the Capital Programme 2016 when the Minutes of the Maynooth MD meeting are approved at the June Council meeting.

#### Cllr. McGinley Gets Agreement on Beaufield **Gardens Footpaths**

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

That the footpaths in Beaufield Gardens, Maynooth be repaired now that it has been taken in charge, particularly those outside house numbers (details supplied).

John was given the following reply at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 May:

"The details will be passed to the Overseer for attention later in the month."

#### **Update on Pay Parking for Maynooth**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on the provision of Pay Parking for Maynooth at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 May:

"Following a recent public procurement competition the new contract for the enforcement of Pay Parking will soon be finalised. This procurement competition included the town of Maynooth. Roads Transportation and Public Safety is currently working with the Procurement Section on finalising a tender for the purchase and maintenance of pay parking machines which are required for Maynooth before enforcement commences. A separate tender document for a cash collection service for pay parking is also in draft form. These tenders should be advertised shortly. The members will be updated on progress."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that it is ridiculous that there has to be three contracts (Enforcement, Maintenance and Cash Collection) and that the sooner that the Council do this in-house the better for all concerned. It is already done in-house in Naas and Athy.

#### **Grants Approved for Maynooth Festivals**

On the proposal of Cllr. John McGinley the following Grants were approved for Maynooth Festivals at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 May:

- €10,000 for Fleadh Cheoil Laighean Maynooth
- €1,500 for Maynooth Community Council St. Patrick's Day Parade

#### Cllr. McGinley Calls on Kildare County Council to Support "Lets Go Mental"

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

"That this Council supports Comhairle na Nog's Let's

#### Stagg Calls on Garda Commissioner to Increase Garda Numbers in Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has written to the Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan calling on her to increase Garda numbers in the Kildare Division and to either transfer Gardai from other Divisions to Kildare or use the recruitment of the additional 550 Gardai the Government has sanctioned to begin the process of correcting the imbalance of Garda Resources in Kildare which has the lowest number of Gardai to population at 1 Garda for every 697 people.

In his submission to the Garda Commissioner Deputy Stagg stated the manning levels of Gardai in the Kildare Division had been a bone of contention with the Public and Public Representatives for many, many years. He also stated that he accepted that in Cities there had to be a higher ratio of Gardai to the Public. However Deputy Stagg stated that some divisions had extraordinarily high numbers of Gardai and there was no justification for this.

Two divisions stand out as been extremely poorly resourced, Kildare with 1 Garda for every 697 people and Meath with one Garda for every 644 people. The average for the State is 1 Garda for every 416 people.

Deputy Stagg accepted that it was the Commissioners prerogative to allocate Gardai throughout the State but suggested that a bonus be applied to the Kildare and Meath Divisions. Deputy Stagg suggested that if the Garda Commissioner was allocating 125 Gardai throughout the State that in the first instance 10 would be assigned to Kildare and 8 to Meath. The remaining 107 would then be allocated in the normal fashion with both Kildare and Meath Divisions receiving a portion of the 107 also. In this way the imbalance would be reduced overtime.

Concluding Deputy Stagg stated that he would welcome the Commissioners views and fully respected her independence but asked that the Commissioner accept that Deputy Stagg was writing in the interests of his Constituents.

#### 9 Kildare Schools Including Maynoth Post Primary Receive Grants for Design and **Communication Graphics Programme**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by his colleague the Minister for Education, Jan O'Sullivan T.D., that grants have been awarded to 9 secondary schools in Kildare North to help implement the Design and Communication Graphics curriculum.

Introduced in 2007, Design and Communication Graphics is one of the main Leaving Certificate subjects where information technology is a central requirement in assessment methodology. Last year alone over 5,400 students in the State sat the subject for Leaving Certificate

Deputy Stagg stated that the Government recognises the importance of DSG as it directly contributes to the key skills required in Irelands knowledge-based economy. It incorporates principles of science, materials, manufacture, design, technology and information technology. The Grants provide funding for computers whilst the Department funds the provision of software

Schools in Kildare North benefitting from the Grants are:

Salesian College, Celbridge Scoil Dara, Kilcock Mean Scoil Iognaid Ris Naas Confey Community College, Leixlip Maynooth Post Primary School, Maynooth Pipers Hill College, Naas St. Farnan's Post Primary, Prosperous Colaiste Chiarain, Leixlip

Scoil Mhuire Community College, Clane. In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated the 9 schools

on their involvement in this most important curriculum development which benefits the students and the State.

#### Stagg calls on Transport Minister to Redesignate N4 from M50 to Con Colbert Road to National **Road Status**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by South Dublin Co. Council that designation of the N4 from the M50 to Con Colbert Road from National Road to Regional Road Status was carried out by way of statutory instrument in 2012 and he has now called for the designation to be reversed.

South Dublin County Council also advised Deputy Stagg that the reason for the downgrading of the status of the road was policy agreed a few years ago that the National Road Network would run from the M50 to the Regional Cities and Towns.

Describing the downgrading of the status of the road as shortsighted Deputy Stagg stated that the best way of securing funding to remove the traffic lights at Palmerstown and their replacement with an Interchange or Underpass was if the road was classified as a National Road. He has now made a case to Minister Pascal Donohue to classify the Road as a National Road given the serious traffic tailbacks in the morning and evenings during rush hour.

#### Superintendent Responds to Stagg over No Community Gardai in Kildare

Chief Superintendent John Mc Polin has responded to Deputy Emmet Stagg in relation to the fact that there are no Community Gardai in the Kildare Division, the only Garda Division in the State with no Community Gardai. The response follows on from Deputy Stagg raising the issue with the Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan. The Chief Superintendent advised Deputy Stagg that there is a strong emphasis on community engagement in the Kildare Division which is effected in a number of ways principally by interaction between Gardai and Community Alert/Neighbourhood Watch Groups. The Chief Superintendent pointed out that Gardai regularly attend meetings of such groups and discuss crime prevention measures.

Other initiatives operated in the Kildare Division were the Text Alert Initiative, the weekly Garda Slot on KFM Radio, the attendance by the Divisional Crime Prevention Sergeant at various events around the Division where business and groups exhibited home security products which have proven to be invaluable opportunities for local people to interact with local members of An Garda Siochana. The Joint Policing Committee was also pointed out as another conduit where local residents can channel feedback to Gardai. In terms of more specific communities the Chief Superintendent pointed to Business Watch and Hospital Watch in Naas as examples of Schemes where Gardai interact in a more focussed manner with specific communities.

The Chief Superintendent concluded by stating to Deputy Stagg that whilst there was no dedicated Community Policing Unit in the Kildare Division at present, it is hoped that with the influx of future Probationers into the Division, and allocation of extra resources, due consideration may be given to setting up a dedicated Community Policing Unit in the Kildare

Deputy Stagg thanked the Chief Superintendent for his response and whilst accepting that Gardai in the Kildare Division were engaged with the community in many ways as reflected in his response, he called on the Chief Superintendent to set up a dedicated Community Policing Unit in Kildare from additional resources which should flow from the additional recruitment of Gardai now underway.

## **Know Your Rights**

#### Rights of au pairs

#### Question

I am thinking of getting an au pair to live with us and to look after the children as I am going back to fulltime work next month. What are the rules about employing au pairs?

#### Answer

An au pair is a person who is treated as a family member in exchange for certain services, such as a limited amount of light housework or help minding children. It is a voluntary arrangement between a private household and a private individual. The au pair is usually given room and board and paid weekly pocket-money and is not considered to be an employee.

However, simply using the term au pair to describe an arrangement between consenting parties does not mean that the person is not an employee. If a person is carrying out a duty for another person in exchange for payment, a contractual relationship may exist. Contract law and employment legislation are generally used to establish whether or not a person is an employee.

If you employ someone to live in your house and look after your children while you are working full-time, they would be considered a domestic worker. Domestic workers have various employment rights. These include the right to a written contract of employment, a minimum wage, rest periods and breaks, annual leave and public holidays. The maximum hours of work that an employee can work in a week is 48 hours on average. The employer must keep a record of how many hours a domestic worker is employed.

Domestic workers pay tax, PRSI and the Universal Social Charge and it is the responsibility of the employer to deduct this from the worker's wages and also to pay the employer's PRSI contribution on their behalf.

A leaflet on the employment rights of domestic workers is available on workplacerelations.ie.

## **Better Energy Homes Scheme Question**

any grants for this type of work?

Our house is quite chilly, so we'd like to make it more comfortable and save on our heating bills. Are there

#### Answei

You can apply for the Better Energy Homes Scheme, which provides grants to homeowners to improve energy efficiency in their homes. (It is also available to landlords and owners of more than one property.) The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) administers the scheme.

You can use the Home Energy Self Survey to identify areas in your home that could be improved to increase energy efficiency. You can also get a Building Energy Rating (BER) done if you are uncertain about your energy-saving options or what work to get done first.

Grants are available for the following types of work: roof insulation; wall insulation; upgrade of heating controls; installing a high-efficiency boiler; solar heating; and a BER after the energy-saving work is carried out.

To qualify for a grant, you must own a dwelling built before 2006; use a contractor from SEAI's registered list; use newly fitted materials and products; have work done that complies with the required standards; have a BER carried out after the works are done and

use a BER assessor from SEAI's National Register. You must have grant approval before you buy materials or start work.

Grants for qualifying measures range from a maximum of  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 300 for attic or cavity wall insulation to a maximum of  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 4,500 for external wall insulation on a detached house. Grants are paid after the work is completed and you have paid your contractor.

If you get three qualifying measures done, a bonus of  $\epsilon$ 300 is payable on top of the grants. (A BER doesn't count as a measure for this bonus.) A further  $\epsilon$ 100 is payable on completion of a fourth measure. Full details of grants and bonuses are available on seal in

If you are also claiming a tax credit under the Home Renovation Incentive, the amount of expenditure that qualifies for the credit will be reduced. You can contact SEAI at 1850 927 000 or info@betterenergyhomes.ie.

#### Parental leave

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What is parental leave? Can both parents take it?

#### Answer

Each parent of an eligible child may take up to 18 weeks parental leave. In most cases an eligible child is under eight. However if your child has a disability or a long-term illness, you can take parental leave up to the child's 16th birthday. If you adopt a child between the ages of six and eight, you can take leave on behalf of that child up to two years after the date of the adoption order. (Your contract of employment may also provide for an extended age limit.)

The 18 weeks per child may be taken in one continuous period or in two separate blocks of a minimum of six weeks. There must be a gap of at least 10 weeks between the two periods of parental leave per child. However, if your employer agrees you can separate your leave into periods of days or even hours

Taking parental leave does not affect your other employment rights. Apart from the loss of pay and pension contributions, your position remains as if no parental leave had been taken. This means, for example that time spent on parental leave can be used to accumulate your annual leave entitlement. A public holiday that falls while you are on parental leave and on a day when you would normally be working is added to your period of leave.

When you return to work after taking parental leave, you are entitled to ask for a change in your work pattern or working hours for a set period. Your employer must consider your request but is not obliged to grant it.

Both parents have an equal separate entitlement to parental leave. Unless you and your partner work for the same employer, you can only claim your own parental leave entitlement (up to 18 weeks per child). If you both work for the same employer, and your employer agrees, you may transfer 14 weeks of your parental leave entitlement to each other.

#### Tax and starting work

#### Question

I'm hoping to get a job over the summer. What do I need to know about tax when I start a job? Answer

As an employee you are liable to pay tax on your earnings under the PAYE (Pay As You Earn) system. This means that your employer deducts the

income tax, PRSI and the Universal Social Charge you owe directly from your wages. To ensure that your new employer deducts the right amount of tax from your pay you will need to do two things:

- Give your employer your Personal Public Service Number (PPSN). This number is your unique personal identification number for public services. Your employer will then let your tax office know that you have started work.
- Apply for a certificate of tax credits and standard rate cut off point. You will need to complete an application form to do this. It is called Form 12A Application for a Tax Credit Certificate. If you are registered with Revenue's PAYE Anytime service you can view your tax credit certificate online.

To ensure that your employer and the tax office have time to sort everything out before your first payday, it is advisable to do this as soon as you accept a job offer (even for part-time or holiday employment).

The amount of income tax you actually pay depends on your earnings, your tax rate band and the amount of your tax credits. Tax is charged as a percentage of your income. The percentage that you pay depends on the amount of your income. The first part of your income, up to a certain amount, is taxed at 20%. This is known as the standard rate of tax and the amount that it applies to is known as the standard rate tax band. Earnings above this amount are taxed at the higher rate (40%).

Tax credits reduce the amount of tax that you are likely to pay. If your tax liability is less than your tax credits, you do not pay tax. If your tax liability is more than your tax credits, the tax due is the difference between the two.

Your employer must give you a payslip, showing a breakdown of your weekly, fortnightly or monthly salary and all the deductions made.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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

#### For Motherhood

Oh good Saint Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonderworker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On earth you always fulfilled Gods designs: help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come heirs to the kingdom of His Glory. Amen

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#### IRISH FAMINE SUMMER SCHOOL – 17-21 JUNE 2015

In April last, as part of the preparations and publicity for the Irish Famine Summer School, which will be held between 17-21 June 2015 at Strokestown Park, Co Roscommon, – the Irish National Famine Museum, a group of five people from Strokestown undertook a walk to Dublin over five days, re-enacting the path that the Strokestown 1,490 tenants would have taken in 1847. On each of their stops they met with a local history group arriving in Maynooth on Tuesday 21 April, their last stop on the way to the quays in Dublin.

Members of the Maynooth Local History Group arranged to meet with them and thanks to Marian Lyons of the History Department at Maynooth University and Dr Ciarán Reilly, the group was in a position to present two short talks. The first was given by Matt Kennedy on 'Pre-Famine Ireland – Boom & Bust' and the second, 'Bliain an Air' (The Year of Slaughter) Famine in Ireland and Katherine Conolly's Relief Works', was given by Rita Edwards. Below is a brief summary of the second talk. 'Bliain an Áir' – whilst most of us are familiar with the history of the Great Famine of 1845-1848, we are less familiar with the famine which took place between December 1739 and September 1741, which went down in folk memory as Bliain an Áir, which can be translated as the year of slaughter or desolation.

After about ten years of relatively mild winters, towards the end of 1739, temperatures plummeted and much of Europe and Ireland suffered from persistent frost which resulted in lakes and rivers being frozen over for unprecedented long periods of time. This event in European history is now known as 'The Little Ice Age'. While there are no readings for Ireland, in England it was recorded that indoor temperatures during January 1740 dropped to -10F.

On 29 December 1739, a violent storm rolled in over Ireland from the east and it got so cold that liquids froze indoors and ice floes appeared at the mouths of rivers, causing chaos along the coast. Quays became icebound and trade came to a stop. The wider economy stagnated. While most country people had access to turf, the price of coal soared and many living in the towns couldn't afford it. At one stage fourteen people were arrested for felling trees in the Phoenix Park in Dublin.

As early as 1 January 1740 it was noticed that most of the potatoes in cabins and gardens and fields had been destroyed and throughout 1740 weather patterns remained unpredictable. While the frost was mostly gone by late February, temperatures remained low and cold winds, this time from the north continued. In the countryside, there was an eerie silence as many birds and animals had perished. Then there was a drought. Streams ran dry. As a result of the drought, there was no water available to put out town fires. The town of Moate in Co Westmeath, lost twenty houses in June.

By mid-summer the country was moving towards an appalling social crisis. The harvest was late. Growth was stunted and wheat and oats were of a poor quality. Fodder was scarce and more animals died. The numbers of beggars increased both in the towns and in the countryside. There were reports of disease. Riots took place on the quays and in the towns. Prices remained high. Bread shops were broken into. The army was called out to patrol the streets. People became ill from eating rotten potatoes. There were epidemics of fevers and smallpox in parts of the country.

Then the prisons became overcrowded – with disease rampant – they became death traps. At one sitting in Naas, the Judge took pity on the poor wretches that appeared before him that he dismissed them with a warning.

There were blizzards in October which brought snow to the east coast. Storms in November were followed by heavy rain, with more snow and frost. On 9 December there was a massive downpour which brought widespread flooding and several houses and entire trees were washed into the Liffey. The following day, temperatures plummeted again which brought more snow, two feet deep in places. This time the rivers froze for about ten days and this was followed by another storm when the temperatures shot up again, with more rain.

While there was some organised relief for the poor in the towns towards the end of the year, (3,000 Dubliners turned up daily at the workhouse in Dublin) outside the towns it was left to Protestant merchants, landowners or their agents to look after those in need. If they were absent it was left to the clergy of the Established Church and 'estated women'

In north Kildare, one of the most impressive of these women was Katherine Conolly, widow of Speaker William Conolly (d. 1729) of Castletown House. A member of her family noted in 1740 that "My sister Conolly is building an Obelix to answer a vistow from the back of Castletown House. It will cost three or four hundred pounds at least, but I believe more. I really don't know how she can do so much and live as she does."

Katherine, (neé Conyngham) who had brought a dowry of £2,300 to her marriage, lived well. But Katherine had what we would call today, a social conscience. She commissioned a stone structure ten years after William's death, it is said both to honour his memory and to provide employment for hundreds of the poor of Celbridge. The structure took the form of an Obelisk – a tall four-sided shaft of stone that tapers to a point.

The typical obelisk is cleverly copied in the Maynooth/Kilmacredock Lane monument. Tradition tells us that human chains were formed to move stone from the quarries in Leixlip and elsewhere in order to build it. Now known as Conolly's Folly, the Obelisk was built on land that was near to, but not on, the Conolly estate. This unique structure, which cost £400, was designed by architect Richard Cassels.

In 1898, Lord Walter FitzGerald, who wasn't too impressed with its design, writing in the Journal of the Co Kildare Archaeological Society described the Obelisk in detail and concluded by saying: "If for no other purpose, this unsightly structure acts as a good landmark to those out hunting"!

One of Katherine Conolly's other projects was the 'Wonderful Barn'. We are told that she had the barn built as a food store in case of further famines. Again Lord Walter comments: "From the windows on the north-east side of Castletown House, at the end of an opening in the trees is seen a mile off an unsightly building ... which was probably the Home Farm as it was built by the Conolly family. A conical tower stands at each corner of the haggard-enclosure wall. Over the doorway of the large one is inserted a mural tablet on which is incised: 1743 EXECUT'D BY: JOHN GLIN".

It is thought that 38 per cent of an estimated population of 2.4 million – between 300,000-480,000 people died in Ireland during this period, with rates highest in the south and east of the country.

When 1741 came to an end conditions gradually improved, and although additional famines occurred periodically during the eighteenth century, the population of the country entered a period of unprecedented growth.

This unprecedented growth in population abruptly ended during the Great Famine of 1845-48, which, unlike other famines was unique in 'cause, scale and timing' persisting over several years. However, proportionally, a greater number of the population of Ireland died during the 'Great Frost' of 1740-41 – now remembered, or forgotten as Bliain an Áir.

Main Source: David Dickson, Arctic Ireland; the Extraordinary Story of the Great Frost and Forgotten Famine of 1740-41 (1997).

Full details re the 2015 Summer School can be seen at: www.irishfaminesummerschool.com



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6th Prize	Sean Farrelly	34pts B9	
7th Prize	Tom Coffey	34pts	
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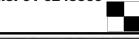


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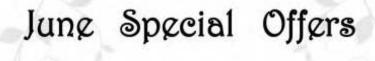
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## A Hidden Gem in the Heart of Maynooth

Glenroyal Beauty Salon opened its doors in December 2011 and is considered by many to be a hidden gem tucked away inside the Glenroyal Leisure Club. In the 3 years since its inception, the Glenroyal Beauty Salon has built a loyal client base from Maynooth itself and surrounding areas, while also welcoming hotel guests and visitors to the area.

The therapists in the Glenroyal Beauty Salon are professional, friendly and extremely good at everything they do. Lisa, a senior therapist with the salon since its opening, has almost a decade of experience in the beauty industry and is highly qualified in many areas, achieving the level of 'specialist' with the highly acclaimed Dermalogica skin care range. Aoife, is another highly sought-after therapist with the salon and is also trained in a wide range of treatments. These girls form the backbone of the salon's continuing success.

Whether treating yourself to a luxurious treatment or just getting a little 'routine maintenance', the Glenroyal Beauty Salon has you covered. They offer everything you'd expect from a beauty salon – waxing, manicures, pedicures, facials & massage. However they also offer treatments that go beyond the routine and basic to the innovative and exciting. Enter the Minimi Body Wrap!

What is a Minimi (pronounced mini me) Body Wrap? Simply put, a Minimi wrap is a non-invasive treatment offering you a better body. It can help you to drop a dress size after just one treatment by providing permanent fat (not fluid) loss. The added anti-cellulite ingredient will achieve a noticeable improvement in the appearance of cellulite dimples, in addition to the inch loss. Results can be seen immediately but will also progress over the 72 hours following the relaxing treatment. The Glenroyal Beauty Salon offer a great discount if you book a course of these amazing wraps.

Glenroyal Beauty Salon's skin care range is largely built upon the highly-respected Dermalogica brand. The therapists are very knowledgeable in this area and offer a free detailed analysis of your skin and personalised skincare recommendations.

Lycon wax is available for all your hair removal needs at the salon. It is marketed as 'the only wax worth taking your clothes off for' and this may very well be true. It can remove stubborn hair as short as 1mm, removing the need for longer regrowth time and thanks to the pre-wax oil that is applied to your skin, this clever wax shrink-wraps just the hair (and not your skin) making the whole experience almost pain-free. The latest addition to the salon's expanding product range is Fuschia Make Up. Fuschia is a fantastic multi-award winning Irish Mineral Make-Up that provides long-lasting, flawless coverage. Glenroyal Beauty Salon use Fuschia products in their make-up applications and also retail the brand so when you find the colour palette that suits you, it's easy to stay stocked up.

It's great to see a company which was set up in the midst of a recession, thriving. This is largely due to the quality and range of treatments on offer, the professionalism and friendliness of the staff who receive on-going training to stay ahead of the trends and the great value for money on treatments which is only compounded by exciting special offers each month.

Glenroyal Beauty Salon is open late 6 nights a week. Find Glenroyal Beauty Salon on Facebook and follow them on Twitter for news, special offers and competitions. Don't forget, leisure club members get 10% discount on treatments.



## Great tasting meals without the stress



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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 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 from, 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 Tidy Towns Notes





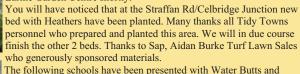
At time of writing our
Annual Collection is taking place. Thanks to
all who volunteered from Maynooth Flower
and Garden Club, U3A, Men's Shed,
committee members and MTT volunteers who
helped and to all in Maynooth who so
generously contributed to our collection.
National Tidy Towns Application entry has
been sent to Dept. of Environment in Mayo.
Judging can take place from early June to late
August we ask all members of the community
to keep Maynooth clean and tidy. Residents
Associations please keep your estates and
public areas near you litter free and tidy.



Major project this year for us has been the cleaning, repairing and painting of the Railings of the Canal at the Railway Station. Thanks to all who worked on this project.

MuttMitts Boxes have been installed at various locations around Maynooth on a trial basis. We ask All Dog Owners to use and dispose and nearest litter bin.

Second Bug Hotel is nearly for occupation in Manor Mills Shopping Centre near the Mill Wheel and third Bug Hotel will be opposite Larine Garden Centre shortly.



The following schools have been presented with Water Butts and Compost Bins - Maynooth Educate Together NS, Presentation Girls NS, Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich NS, and the Maynooth Post Primary. We wish to say farewell and thanks to Tracey Lauriault of Maynooth University who is returning to Canada for all her work with Maynooth Tidy Towns. You will be missed.



Richard Farrell

PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns - 087 3153189 and on Facebook

#### **BARBECUES AND PICNICS**

Here comes Summer and the wonderful flavours it has to offer. Barbecuing is a great way to cook and to make healthy food even tastier. With some creative thinking you can cook a meal that can make outdoor dining a pleasure, whether at home or packed in a picnic basket for a day on the beach.

Salads are an essential part of any barbecue or picnic and many varieties of lettuce leaves are now available. A good potato salad coupled with some interesting slaw, some grilled vegetables and your meal is complete.

#### TARRAGON POTATO SALAD

- \* 4lbs potatoes (cooked and peeled)
- \* 125ml bottle white wine
- \* 2 pink shallots sliced into very thin rings
- \* 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- \* 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard and 60ml olive oil
- \* Salt and pepper
- \* Couple handfuls torn fresh tarragon and chives Slice the cooked and peeled potatoes into a bowl and

pour over the white wine and mix until absorbed. Put the shallots in a bowl and pour over the red wine vinegar. Leave to macerate 5 minutes, then drain thoroughly.

Add shallots, tarragon and chives to the potatoes. Season with salt and pepper, toss and serve.

#### HALLOUMI KEBABS WITH THYME AND LEMON

Make a baste with some thyme olive oil, lemon juice, mustard and seasoning and thread some skewers with halloumi cheese, cherry tomatoes, red onion and courgette. Brush with the baste and cook for 4/5 minutes until the cheese begins to soften and turns golden and the vegetables are tender.







#### BARBECUED PORK WITH SAGE AND LEMON

Make a paste with the juice from 11/2 lemons and zest of 3 lemons, some Chopped sage and plenty of seasoning. Butterfly 450g of pork tenderloin and flatten slightly. Make deep slashes in the meat and rub the paste all over and well into the slashes. Brush the meat with oil and paste side down barbecue for 6/8 minutes. Turn and cook for same amount of time until cooked through.

#### RED CABBAGE SLAW

- \* 1/2 cup freshly squeezed orange juice and 1/4 cup lime juice
- \* 1/2 small red onion coarsely chopped
- \* 1/4 cup fresh basil leaves and 2 tblsps chopped coriander
- \* 1 tblsp honey and 1/2 cup canola oil
- \* 1/2 head red cabbage finely chopped

Combine all the ingredients except the cabbage in a blender until smooth. Place cabbage in a bowl and toss with the vinaigrette. Season with the salt and pepper. Sit for 30 minutes before serving.

#### SPATCHCOCK CHICKEN

- \* 1 whole chicken (1 1/2kg) butterflied
- \* 4 red chillies, 3 cloves garlic
- \* 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- \* 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- \* 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 2 tablespoons olive oil

make life much easier. Enjoy!

Make a paste with chillies, garlic and a good pinch of salt, then add the paprika, vinegar, parsley and olive oil. Smear over chicken and leave to marinate over night. Light the barbecue and when flames have died down place the chicken in the middle skin side down and cook until nicely charred, about 15/20 minutes. Flip over and continue to cook till juices run clear. Serve with lemon wedges and tabasco if you like it hot.

Ask your butcher to butterfly the chicken for you when you purchase, it will





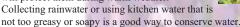
June is a fantastic month for gardening. The summer solstice – the longest day of the year – is coming up on June 21st. Plants will be soaking up the extra hours of daylight and experiencing their biggest period of growth during the long days. There's a lot to keep you busy in the garden this month, but it's also the time during which you will really start reaping the rewards for all of your hard work.

Unfortunately, weeds also love the extra hours of daylight and will experience rapid



growth. One of your biggest challenges this month will be to keep on top of weeding. Hoe borders regularly to keep weeds down. Don't let seed heads develop or your problems will multiply. The best time to pull weeds is after a light rainfall as the ground will be softer. Cut your grass frequently during this summer growth period to keep your lawn flourishing and healthy. Fertilise your lawn before any really hot weather arrives.

You'll want to water plants more frequently during the longer days and warmer weather. Plants in pots, hanging baskets and containers can dry out within a few hours, so pay special attention to watering them. Newly planted trees and shrubs also need regular watering to avoid shrivelled pressure. Leafy green vegetables are also vulnerable to drying out in warm weather. Water other plants deeply, but less frequently, to encourage them to grow deeper root systems that will protect them during warm weather.





Once a week, go through your garden and cut off dead and faded flowers. This process is called deadheading, and it is an important part of keeping plants blooming well throughout the season. It also prevents plants from going to seed and protects them from many fungal diseases. Wait to remove foliage from spring-flowering bulbs until they have gone fully yellow. The foliage should be easy to remove. If it is difficult to pull up, that means the bulb is still absorbing sunlight for next year's growth. Cut back and deadhead Oriental poppies after flowering. Cutting them right back to ground level will stimulate growth of fresh new foliage and perhaps even some new blooms. Mulching and feeding will help to support this new growth.



Cool season annuals such as pansies, nemesia and diascia will start to fade with the onset of warm weather. Replace them with summer heat-loving annuals like petunias, salvia and angelonia. You can plant out dahlias and cannas now that the danger of frost has passed. Gaps in herbaceous borders can be filled with annual bedding. You can sow fast-growing, late flowering annuals such as Calendula, Godetia and Clarkia. Perennials

such as hollyhock, delphiniums and lupins can be sown directly outside once the seed heads have ripened and started to split naturally. Prick out indoor sowings when they are large enough to handle without damage, planting them out once they are robust.

Harvest early season fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, lettuce, radishes and peas when they are at the peak maturity. This is usually when they are full size and have good colour but before they get overripe. Strawberries and other small fruits may need netting to keep the birds away. All warm-season plants including tomatoes and peppers can be safely planted in June. If tomato plants are leggy, they aren't getting enough sun. Try planting them a bit deeper to encourage root growth. Make sure to fertilise plants and especially vegetables regularly or they will suffer during this high-growth period.



Water-soluble fertilisers are best, though slow release types can also be handy. Houseplants will also need regular fertilising now that the light is lasting.

Continue to remove blanket and duckweed from ponds. Once new plantings have been established, you can start to stock new fish ponds with fish. Once the water is warm, you can start stocking and feeding.

Life's a garden – dig it!



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## Pictures Maynooth 10k & 5k Family Run Photo's by John Boyd, Mark Colfer, & Rory O'Connor



Warming up to compete in the 10k & family 5k in the grounds of St Patrick's College



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Pictured prior to the race at the stewards meeting L to R Liam Tilly, Una Philips, Catherine Heslin, Gerry Quinn & John O' Regan



Enjoying a day out at the 10k



Winner of the 10k Kevin Barker



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# Fleadh Cheoil Laighean Maigh Nuad 2015

#### Fleadh Cheoil 2015 Launch

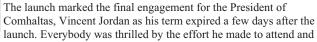
A wonderful night was had by all at the launch of Fleadh Cheoil Laighean on April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Phoenix Building, Maynooth University. Guests were greeted at the door by three harpists from the Kilteel/



Eadestown branch of Comhaltas before entering the function room where local musicians from the Maynooth branch entertained throughout the evening, joined by TG4 Young Musician of the Year, Maitiú Ó Casaide on uillinn pipes and Aimee Farrell Courtney on bodhrán.

Deputy-President and Registrar of Maynooth University, Professor Aidan Mulkeen welcomed everybody to the University and the Chairperson of Fleadh Cheoil Laighean, Seán Tracey, outlined plans for a week of events and thanked the local community for their

support. He gave special thanks to all the sponsors who had supported the Fleadh and the fundraisers.



appreciated the journey he made from Birmingham. Vincent spoke of the wonderful three years he had as Uachtarán and promised that he would attend the Fleadh enjoying the sessions and the various events around the town. The Cathaoirleach of the Leinster Council then launched Fleadh Cheoil Laighean 2015. He paid special tribute to three Maynooth University scholars who had worked tirelessly to promote the Irish language – an Cairdinéal Tomás Ó Fiaich, an tAthair Pádraig Ó Fiannachta & an tAthair Eoghan Ó Gramhnaigh and declared that he was confident that this Fleadh would be the best yet given the amount of work and planning being undertaken. Music continued into the night as friends from near and far enjoyed the refreshments and there was real sense of

Music continued into the night as friends from near and far enjoyed the refreshments and there was real sense of excitement and anticipation in the air as Maynooth gets ready to host around 10,000 visitors. Fleadh Cheoil Laighean wishes to thank everybody who came and participated and to the musicians who created a lovely atmosphere. Thank you also to Michael Rafter and to Maynooth University who left no stone unturned and made it a very special night.







#### 50km Cycle Fundraiser

The 50km Cycle fundraiser took place on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Cyclists came from near and far to support Fleadh Cheoil Laighean, ensuring a very successful fundraiser. Thankfully the weather was sunny as the cyclists took in Dunoyne, Summerhill and Kilcock before finishing back at Maynooth GAA Club. The day was rounded off with a session in the GAA Club that night where there were tunes played and songs sung long into the night. Fleadh Cheoil Laighean wish to thank everybody who contributed to the day!



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#### **Tesco Chip Fund**

We are delighted that Tesco have included Fleadh Cheoil Laighean as a nominated charity for the next six weeks as part of the Tesco Community Fund in both the Maynooth and Celbridge stores. Every six weeks, each local Tesco store donates up to €1,000 to help three good causes in the area. This could be anything, from a new playground, to helping the elderly, to fixing a leaky roof for the local school - whatever helps the community most. Each shopper receives a goodwill token which can be used to vote for the cause that means the most to them. There is a notice board with information on the three charities and underneath each piece is



a funnel where shoppers place their blue chip. Money from the Tesco Community Fund will be shared out according to the number of tokens each cause receives. Thank you for all your support!!

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# Darkness into Light Maynooth walk

On Saturday morning 9th May at 4.15am upwards of 3,000 walkers and runners turned up in the middle of the night to raise awareness for suicide prevention and the help available through places like Pieta House. Orla Fitzsimons, a Kilcock native and Maynooth University alumi who was part of the recent 6 Nations Championship Irish Women's Rugby team, was on hand to help send the walkers on their way.

It was a moving and inspiring event and a true representation of the community spirit that is alive and well in Maynooth and the greater North Kildare region. The support from so many local businesses, Gardai, the University, community organisations, and more than 120 volunteers was just incredible.





Photographs Courtesy of Rebecca Doolin, Director of External Relations in Maynooth University.



## Culture Night Kildare, Friday 18th September 2015

A great big 'thank you' to all the people who helped to make Culture Night Kildare 2014 such a great success. Over 8,160 people participated in fifty nine events across the County. Kildare County Council extend its gratitude to all those who took the time and effort to organise events.

Culture Night is a unique opportunity to celebrate the rich arts scene in Co Kildare. It helps to create an awareness and interest in the availability and diversity of cultural organisations such as galleries, theatres, historic sites, museums, public spaces, churches, nature parks, libraries, etc, that are available at local level. Last year a range of agencies including NUI Maynooth, OPW, Bat Conservation of Ireland, Bird Watch Ireland, Irish Peatland Conservation Council and groups such as the County Kildare Orchestra, the Ballymore Eustace Concert Band, the Liffey Valley Orchestra embraced the night to bring new cultural experiences to its

If you or your organisation, club or group would like to hold an event as part of Culture Night Kildare 2015 then we would love to hear from you. If you are an individual with a great idea, please get in contact and let's work together to make it

To find out how to get involved please contact us at culturenightkildare@gmail.com. The deadline to be included in the programme of events is the 10th of June. This year Culture Night takes place on Friday 18th September with additional events on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of September.

To find out what is happening in your area watch out for our programmes in local libraries, visit the website http://www.kildare.ie/ or join our Facebook page 'Arts in

Best regards,

Federica Petronilli

Culture Night Co-ordinator

Kildare County Council

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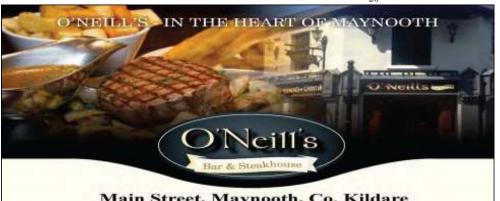




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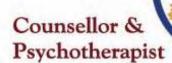


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#### I.C.A.

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

#### Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland Waking Group
(Maynostil)
Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
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#### Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

#### Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming 087 2041334 University of Third Age (U3A)

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

#### History Group

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

#### Bridge Club

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

#### Parent & Toddler Group

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

#### Maynooth Community Church

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

Everyone most welcome



# **Maynooth Summer Festival 2015**

# Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July

# **FÉILE MAIGH NUADH 2015**

#### 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 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 or @MaynoothFestival on twitter for more details and to keep up to conjunction with the Leinster Fleadh. date with what's on for the festival.

#### FOOTBALL BLITZ

get your buddies, work mates, sisters, Dads been kindly donated by local businesses. anyone you know with a bit of tekkers...the football blitz is back!!

We are looking for 12, 5-a-side teams to take part, age 16 years upwards. If interested contact us at maynoothfest15@gmail.com or message us on our facebook page. Event will only go ahead if sufficient entries are received.

#### TASTE OF MAYNOOTH RAFFLE

As a result of its popularity over the past few years, the 'Taste of Maynooth' raffle will again be a feature of this years Community Festival which will take place over the weekend of 10-12 July in Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks If you haven't been contacted by a Festival at various locations and also at all the events planned for the Festival. There will An old favourite is being revived this year - the usual huge array of prizes which have

Tickets are priced at €2 each, 3 for €5, and 6 for €10.

#### CALLING ALL BUSINESSES

As part of this years Festival we will be running a 'Service Person of the Year' Award. We ask local businesses to nominate a staff member to enter the competition. Sponsorship cards will be provided and customers can vote for their preferred nominee. You can vote as many times as you wish with each vote costing €1. Monies raised will go towards the running of next years Festival as we aim to make each consecutive year bigger and

Committee member and would like to be involved, please contact: Paul at maynoothfest15@gmail.com

#### **Success in Small Steps** (Toastmasters speech craft techniques)



2+2=5, 6 or even more at every toastmasters meeting, it's amazing the return you get by putting in a little effort. More experienced members take delight in new members progressing in speech craft and leadership skills. Each meeting is an opportunity to experience something truly amazing the ability to speak in a postive environment, and in no time the mathematics do stack up.

Bringing the learning experience of speech craft near to you has being helped by the new club in Clane, venue GAA Club, to facilitate attendance Clane meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Talk to Maureen at 087 2258020.

Maynooth meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at Glenroyal Hotel. Talk to Peter at 0868752336

So come along, push the door, slowly let it open to an opportunity the freedom of speech, a tool of great value in everyday life be it social, business or just everyday discussions

#### What do members say:

**Yvonne - member of Clane Toastmasters 2015** 

Being a member of a supportive ,energetic and fun Club like Clane Toastmasters, I have been able to step out of my comfort zone to discover and develop my speaking skills in a safe and encouraging environment

Donal - member of Maynooth Toastmasters 2015 Toastmasters empowers me in both my personal and professional lives

# **Editorial**

In my time, which is close to twenty three years, as a volunteer with Maynooth Community Council helping to manage the recruitment and training of staff working in our office, unfortunately a small number of staff decided to take their own lives. I have asked myself many times why I never suspected that these people were even thinking about suicide. But in all cases, I was clearly not the only one who missed the signs. There is no doubt that there are people of all ages and both sexes suffering in our community and to access the correct supports can be challenging.

The sight of thousands of people dressed in yellow walking in Maynooth early in the morning on Saturday  $9^{\rm th}$  May would seem unusual to people coming home from working the night shift. Even the hardiest of late night revellers would normally be home by then. However, with signs of little effort close to three thousand people took part in the early morning "Darkness into Light" fund -raiser for Pieta House which shows that the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas care and are supportive of issues that are important for all of us such as suicide and mental health. Let nobody feel alone in a community with such caring neighbours and friends.

The Maynooth Educational Campus fund-raising event took place on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> and is now an annual feature in all our calendars. I know that anybody else planning other events in Maynooth will always check the date for the Maynooth 10k run before setting their date. While the money raised goes towards the funding of sports facilities for the post-primary schools, this may be secondary to the fact that many people prepare for this event and then go out and run for the fun with their neighbours and friends. This year the Maynooth Educate Together Primary school held a 5km run in March and it was in effect the curtain raiser for people who were preparing for the Maynooth 10k. Funding of school facilities is a debate for another time but for now we can be proud of the fact that when an event in Maynooth is for a good cause the people of the town come out and support them.

**Paul Croghan** 

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# Congratulations to May Winner:

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## Drama News An Nuadha Players Community Theatre

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Hi, all you people who love the smell of the grease paint and the roar of the crowd. The good news is *The Hostage* has come to town. Playing in the Presentation Girl's School Maynooth 4/5/6th June, this is a show not to be missed. A lot of work and sweat has gone into getting Brendan Behan's play to the stage but as last year was his 50th anniversary it was worth the fights, the abuse of the cast by the director, and foul language by some of the cast members, to arrive where we are!! You will have seen the very striking black and yellow posters round the town by now, but just to clarify these posters had nothing to do with same sex marriage or 21 year olds getting free accommodation in the Aras. The posters are for *The Hostage*, so come along and see just what a great playwright Behan was. It's vulgar, it's fun, it's sad and it's happy and it has songs you can sing along with. What more could anyone want for €10 at the door. (This money can be claimed back from the taxman as entertainment tax, or maybe I just dreamed that). Doors open for *The Hostage* at 7.30pm. For more information contact: 085-1413518 / 086-8068068 or check us out on Facebook. Our address is at the top of the page.

I would like to thank the Presentation Girl's school, the Scouts at the Geraldine hall, Maynooth Soccer Club and Maynooth University for the use of whatever space is available for rehearsal and performance. The Group would not exist without the cooperation of these people. I always find it amazing that between Leixlip, Celbridge and Maynooth there is no Community Arts Centre - a place where all groups can meet in proper surroundings and go about their business, a place where the arts can flourish and young people get a taste of something that could shape their future. It's a proven fact that participation in the arts can awaken a young mind to a talent they were not aware of. It can just give you a hobby that stays with you forever and provide a different platform for social integration. The ancient Greeks had the right idea: during good times and the bad times they promoted the arts. So here's three cheers for Aristotle and his pals.

An Nuadha Players will be having play readings for fun in June. Why not come along and participate in what is always a good night. You may like it so much you might join the group. Check our web site for more information.

In the past few years mobile phones in the theatre have become a problem for playgoers and actors alike. Recently Kevin Spacey was giving his performance of Richard III, a difficult part for any actor. A mobile lit up and made that awful sound you do not want to hear when you are attending a play. The owner of the phone pretended it was not his - I imagine he hoped it would stop ringing. Spacey stopped what he was doing and said to the owner of the phone: 'you answer it or I f\*\*\*\*g well will'. Another mobile incident happened to Spacey during a performance. This time his retort to the audience member was, "Tell them we're busy!' To all theatre goers who have mobile phones, stop upsetting Kevin Spacey!

A big congratulations to The Palace Players from Fermoy who were the overall winners at All Ireland Drama Festival with their production of Tom Murphy's 'Conversations on a homecoming'. It was a really good production and a fitting tribute to the author who celebrates his 80th birthday this year. See you at 'The Hostage'.

Terry Nealon

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# **Kildare Library Services Short Story Workshops: Hazel Gaynor**

Over 18's only and not suitable for beginners. Participants must sign up for both workshops.

Branch	June Workshop	July Workshop
Maynooth 01 6285530	Saturday 6th: 10.30am	Saturday July 18th: 10.30pm
Leixlip: 01 60600500	Saturday 13th: 10.30am	Thursday July 2nd: 7.00pm
Celbridge: 01 6272207	Saturday 20th: 10.30am	Thursday July 16th: 7.00pm
Rathangan: 045 528078	Saturday 27th: 10.30am	Thursday July 23rd: 6.45pm

**The Competition:** These workshops will prepare participants to enter their work in the inaugural Kildare Readers Festival Short Story Award. The theme for Hazel's workshops and for this year's competition relates to journeys, with stories either focused on or loosely based on that theme. Hazel's novel, THE GIRL WHO CAME HOME, inspired by true events, poignantly blends fact and fiction to explore the Titanic tragedy's impact and its lasting repercussions on survivors and their descendants, so Hazel will have lots of tips for participants!

Maximum Length: Up to 2000 words

Closing Date for Competition entries: Monday, August 31st.

Entries to be sent via email to krf@kildarecoco.ie and marked 'Short Story Comp Theme Journey'

**Postal entries can be addressed to:** Caroline Farrell, Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth, County Kildare

Winners Announced: Maynooth University Library KRF Fringe Event - Tuesday 13th October

Prizes: Winner - €300. Two Runner-up Prizes of €100 each

**Hazel Gaynor** lives in Kildare and is the author of New York Times best seller **'The Girl Who Came Home'** which is also the RNA Historical Romantic Novel of the Year. Her new novel is **'The Memory of Violets'**. She was also the recipient of the Kildare County Arts Cecil Day Lewis Award for Emerging Writers in 2012.



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- 16. Ample (6)
- 19. Silent (4)
- 21. Abrading tool (4)
- 23. Engage in prayer (4)
- 24. Sale of goods in quantity
- 25. One of the divisions of a window (4)
- 26. Tears (4)
- 27. Ascend (4)
- 28. Make whiter (6)
- 31. Having barbs (6)
- 35. Condensed moisture (3)
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- 4. Potato (4)
- 5. Cosy (4)
- 6. Porridge (5)
- 7. Claw (5)
- 8. Short and stout (5)
- 14. Tomb inscription (7)
- 15. Inflatable life jacket (3,4)
- 16. Foot-operated lever (5)
- 17. Ruler of an empire (7)
- 18. Tread underfoot (7)
- 20. Consumers (5)
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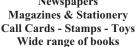


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# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON THE FALL by Alan Cubitt Starring Gillian Anderson & Jamie Dornan



In May 2013 a new crime drama about a serial killer in Northern Ireland hit television screens in the U.K. and Ireland. The award-winning *The Fall is* a BBC/RTE coproduction which has spanned two series to date. Created by writer Alan Cubitt (who also directed the second series), *The Fall* has imaginatively reconfigured dramas involving serial killers into new and interesting directions

In a post-Troubles Belfast, a killer of women is on the loose. High-ranking Detective Superintendent Stella Gibson (Gillian Anderson) is called in by the Police Service of Northern Ireland to conduct a review of a murder (involving a female architect) that's 28 days old. Gibson comes as an outsider, from the Metropolitan Police in London, to give a fresh perspective and reassess what might have been missed. Soon enough, the sharp detective is dotting the lines and making links between this case and other unsolved murders of women in Belfast.



So far, we are in predictable TV crime drama land. However, *The Fall* has a trump card up its sleeve. Writer Alan Cubitt upends viewers' expectations by dispensing with the usual red herrings and list of potential suspects for the murders. From the get-go we know who the killer is.

Our killer, surprisingly, is the epitome of normality. Leading a double life, he has the chilling ability – in Cubitt's words – to 'compartmentalise.' By day, Paul Spector (Jamie Dornan) is a functioning, devoted family man and responsible bereavement counsellor. His night-time activities are, however, a horse of a different colour. For Spector has a penchant for stalking, torturing and murdering young, career-minded, attractive women.



Prepare to spend a lot of time with this character as he shares equivalent screen space with his female adversary and relentless pursuer, Detective Stella Gibson. This clever plot device on the part of writer Cubitt allows the viewer to enter the dark world, mindset and twisted pathology of his serial killer. Disconcertingly, we get to occupy the headspace of a sexual psychopath.

From the beginning of *The Fall*, the viewer follows a balaclava-clad Spector on his nocturnal treks through the houses of his potential victims. There is a ritualistic and intimate aspect to his crimes. As a precursor to the killings, the murderer carefully studies his intended targets; gathering detailed information about the women, breaking into their empty homes to spend time sniffing their clothes (it's almost feral), and rummaging through their underwear drawers for mementoes. The women, as Stella correctly determines "are not victims of chance" but rather "victims of choice". For Spector harbours a deep seated loathing of professional women.

Paul Spector's victims are not just the unfortunate women he ties up and strangles. His wife Sally-Ann (played by the excellent Bronagh Waugh) and young

child, Olivia, suffer the fallout from his actions. Sally-Ann works as a postnatal nurse caring for sick babies. Ostensibly, the marriage appears a happy one but cracks appear when Paul has to fabricate a lie about their babysitter in order to cover his murderous tracks.



The counsellor's daughter also suffers night terrors and her childish drawings display disturbing images. The 'humanity' of Spector is delineated in the many tender scenes with Olivia. Seemingly, the killer is capable of a form of love when it comes to children. This complexity in Spector makes for uneasy viewing as we try to reconcile this warmth with the utter savagery he displays in his other existence as a serial killer. Indeed, Jamie Dornan had problems with this aspect to his role and decided to approach Spector 'as two different characters'.

If Spector is a compelling, if perverse, watch for the viewer, his hunter, the enigmatic Stella Gibson, is equally as fascinating. This is helped in no small measure by the stunning performance of Gillian Anderson (of X-Files fame). In the male-dominated arena of the PSNI, Stella manages to hold her own both as a woman and an outsider to Northern Ireland policing practices. Anderson's Stella is confident, nonconforming and tenacious, exhibiting a cool detached logic in all her deliberations and interactions with people. The glacial beauty possesses a fierce intellect and an assured sexuality. This is in stark contrast to her fiery male colleagues (especially John Lynch's agitated DC Burns) who seem threatened by Stella icy self-containment.



When the first series of *The Fall* aired in 2013, inevitable accusations of misogyny were levelled against Alan Cubitt. He was accused of glamorizing violence against women. Certainly, there is a voyeuristic element to *The Fall*. The murder sequences are pristine and shot in an almost stylistic fashion. After strangling the women, Dornan's Spector gently bathes and poses the nude bodies for a bizarre photo-shoot. As the camera lingers a little too lovingly over the posed lifeless forms of the women, are we the viewers complicit in this voyeurism?

Cubitt countered criticism of *The Fall* by saying the programme "sets out to explore a complex and difficult subject (violence perpetrated by men against women), which always runs the risk of being held up as an example of it rather than a critique of it." In interviews, Cubitt has stated that he is more interested in the obsessive pathology of Spector, what motivates an individual like him to perpetrate the acts he does? What makes him tick?

If nothing else, Stella Gibson represents a mouthpiece for these silenced women. She is determined not to box them into the reductive 'whore/Madonna' terms of a serial killer or the gutter press: "The killer dehumanises the victims. Let's do the opposite and keep them alive."

Apart from the central theme, a few subplots capture our attention. Paul 'counsels' a couple in an abusive relationship (while doodling obscene images of the woman on his file) who have lost their son. This has ramifications for Paul that he never envisaged.

Meanwhile a drugs and prostitution ring in the PNSI points to wider corruption within that force. The biggest subplot though involves teenager babysitter Katie (Aisling Franciosi), and her passionate infatuation with Paul Spector. She composes songs for him on YouTube and uses provocation to capture his interest.

In fairly risqué scenes, Katie throws herself at the aggressive Spector, hoping for love but ending up as a pawn in his twisted mind-games. Spector is coolly calculating and manipulative in his interactions with the Lolita-type teenager (who may or may not believe that he is the Belfast Strangler).



However, these events are just side-shows to the main event. Despite an element of predictability gradually creeping in to *The Fall* (after the first series), the enticing cat and mouse game between Stella Gibson and Paul Spector is the cardinal reason for watching *The Fall*. In a memorable telephone exchange between Stella and Paul at the end of Series 1, the latter tells the detective "we are very alike – you and me". Spector sees in Stella his intellectual equal. He has a grudging respect for her as she is the only person to challenge him. "We are both driven by a will to power, a desire to control everything and everyone....obsessive, ruthless..."



For Stella and Paul are the flip sides of the same coin concealing layers of anger beneath a surface of calm. It is this tension (possibly sexual) that propels the drama forward to an inevitable show-down between the two protagonists. It's what we have been waiting for. Jamie Dornan, in an interview with the *LA Times* goes so far as to suggest that Paul Spector may also be a little in love with his blonde adversary.

The comparisons between Dornan's roles as Spector and Christian Grey in 50 Shades of Grey are inescapable. Both men are control-freaks, with 'mommy issues' and inclined towards sexual sadism. Jamie Dornan is mesmerising and disturbing, by turns, as the highly attractive and egotistical serial killer. He cunningly hides his depravity under a cloak of deceptive ordinariness. Spector's anger is only sated by dominating and throttling women in positions of power.

Set in an atmospheric Belfast, Cubitt's psychological battle of wills moves at a slower place than most crime dramas in the genre. It is all the better for it as we get an insight into human nature and how evil can lurk in the most banal of places. *The Fall* explores attitudes towards women in society and posits wider questions about the reasons for male violence in the modern world. Above all it is a showcase for two major acting talents. Gillian Anderson and Jamie Dornan are superb sparring partners as Stella and Paul making *The Fall* compulsive viewing indeed.





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#### Study tips

Get into those good study habits!

When exams are looming, everyone needs good study habits. Try to develop the habit of studying over a period of time and it will become as natural as breathing!

- Draw up a study timetable and a subject/topic hot list. Aim to have a clear target of what you want to achieve.
- Try to develop coping skills to manage shortcomings such as lapses in concentration, a tendency to 'learn off' material that you don't fully understand, the urge to learn too many things at once etc
- Spread out tasks over short periods of time and take brief breaks every 20 minutes or so. It's a good idea to include a reward to enjoy at the end of a long study session.
- Follow daily routines such as studying at the same time each
  day and in the same place, with distractions switched off or
  removed. Some say it's best to try to simulate exam conditions
  as much as possible in your study area and that we remember
  best under conditions that resemble those in which the original
  learning took place. However, others find they study better
  when they have music (or even the TV!) on in the background.
  Figure out which way works best for you.
- Begin with something fairly difficult, even a topic you don't like. Achievement boosts confidence and energy for the rest of the session.
- Pose questions about the subject matter before, during, and at the end of a session. Self-test as you go along. Revision is an on-going process, not just a priority in the days before exams.
- Know that question-answering techniques are a huge part of exam preparation. Ask for help from your teachers on how best to answer exam questions in each subject.
- Study sample questions set by teachers (as well as previous exam questions) to ensure that the material you are learning can be applied to the types of questions that come up in exams.
- Take part in occasional study groups with other students to discuss difficult aspects of a subject, to share knowledge and techniques, to teach one another and to inject extra motivation into your study. And remember it can be good fun!
- Seek advice from a teacher or parents if stress sets in or problems arise. Parents have been there, done that, and know a lot more that you think!
- Above all: don't spend days drawing up elaborate plans

Find out what you have to do, how to do it, and then do it! Hopefully you will find this helpful. Just remember - it's important to stay healthy, drink a good bit of water, take a walk or some exercise after studying, and to take regular breaks.

#### Study techniques

We all learn differently, so make sure you try a few different study techniques.

"It has been found that people learn in different ways through various learning styles"

When it comes to exams we all stress out worrying how we're going to study or work out the time to. Some people find it very hard to sit and stare at the ton of notes and books in front of them, it can be a very stomach sinking sight, which results in a lot of people leaving it till the last minute.

There is good news out there, as there are other ways to study. It has been found that people learn in different ways through various learning styles. We use each of these learning methods throughout life but each person is different and may find one technique easier than the other.

**Sight:** Those who prefer to study visually find it easier to learn through reading, writing or observing information.

**Sound:** Have you ever noticed that when listening to a song you find yourself remembering more and more of the lyrics? You can use this to study as well. Just record yourself reading the notes or if there are any MP3s on the subject and listen to them a few times.

**Movement:** Some people just can't sit still as they prefer the 'hands on' approach to studying, and learn by by doing. This can be anything from lab experiments to simply walking around while reading.

These are the three learning styles that people relate differently to and have proved to be very effective for people. Go to www.edutopia.org/multiple-intelligences-learning-styles-quiz in order to see what learning style you are most suited.

There's also the question of whether you study on your own or with your mates. There are a few pros and cons with each, for example when studying alone you have no distractions from doing your work, but you might have trouble understanding one or two of the questions without help. Studying with friends you can bounce questions off one another and work together to solve them. However, we all know that if you're doing something boring with your mates one of you are going to start messing and no study will be done. So you need to find a middle ground, maybe study alone most of the week and meet up with friends once or twice a week to discuss any problems or simply relax a bit.

#### Other tips for studying:

- Study for 45 minutes and have a 15 minute break before starting again.
- Treat yourself at the end of each study lesson in order to stay motivated to finish.
- Turn your mobile phone off or place it on silent in another room to prevent distractions.
- To deal with stress perhaps take an hour each day away from studying to do something that you love or meditate.
- Don't starve yourself or you'll end up losing focus or even making yourself ill.
- If there is something on your mind nagging you perhaps release it by writing it down in a journal and having a rant to get it off your chest.

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- It's easy to get stressed out when studying, this is completely natural, but make sure you talk to someone to stop yourself from becoming completely overwhelmed.

#### Exam survival

#### Tips on prepping for your exams. Preparing yourself

Exams are an inevitable factor in student life. The weeks before the exam can be very stressful, take some time to do exam prep and get ready, print notes, talk to the lecturer, anything that will help.

#### Here are some tips:

- Make a study plan. Ask your friends or classmates to help with this and try to be realistic about how much study you can get through every day.
- Don't compare yourself to your friends. Everybody has a different way of preparing for exams and what suits someone else might not work for you.
- Avoid cutting out large parts of the course just because you don't like them. Those topics might just be the ones that end up on the exam paper.

#### Studying

Study is the five letter word we dislike but it comes hand in hand with exams. One of the best ways of getting through exam time is to have a good plan for how to study well, look after yourself and manage your time.

- Arrange your study space to ensure that it's warm, quiet and comfortable and free from distraction.
- Don't feel obliged to just sit in front of a book with a highlighter; there are many different ways to study. You should pick whatever works for you. Different courses and classes require different methods of study.
- Condense your notes into 2-4 simple revision sheets with key phrases or equations to revise before the exam. Avoid exam stress
- Exam stress can be overwhelming. If it all seems to be getting on top of you, there are plenty of things you can do to keep calm and get perspective.
- Be active. Don't spend all your time inside studying. Go out and do something active, go for a walk or a run.
- Don't leave yourself without time to study If it's too late to revise properly and you're cramming, then listen to your body and rest when you need to. Otherwise you risk burn out.

#### Easily distracted?

Try downloading an app on your internet browser that can block various websites for a certain length of time. For example:

#### The Night Before

- Check your timetable for the correct time and location of your exam.
- Set your alarm before going to bed and plan how you will get to the exam venue, with plenty of time to get settled.
- After study, switch off your brain to sleep, do something to relax.
- Try to avoid browsing the internet after study; you are most likely using your laptop to study so take a break from staring at the screen
- If you have trouble sleeping try natural sleep aids like herbal teas or meditation.
- Get everything you need for your exam ready (stationery, calculator etc.).

#### The Day of the Exam

- Make sure you have worked out how you will approach the paper: how many questions do you need to answer? How long do you have for each question?
- Eat light balanced meals with slow energy release foods.
- Keep hydrated: your brain is a machine. Avoid energy drinks.
- If you are worried about nerves or anxiety, address it before your exam take a walk or talk to someone such as the Welfare Officer in your Students' Union.

#### **During the Exam**

- Take a deep breath before opening your paper and use the first few minutes to read each question marking the ones you will attempt.
- If you have questions or concerns about the paper, alert the invigilator.
- Keep hydrated that's why you brought the water. Stick to your time allocation for each question.
- Don't give up: if you are running into trouble and can't focus, take a break or start another question.
- Allow time at the end of the exam to review your answers.
   Key ideas often pop up when re-reading the text that you've written.

#### After the exam

- Make sure you have handed up everything you need to submit.
- File away your exam paper with your notes.
- Take a short study break; get some downtime before tackling the next module.
- If you are feeling stressed or worried, talk to someone you trust.

#### Exam what if's...

What if I'm late for the exam?

Go to the exam room/hall and see if you will be admitted. Contact your department, the exams office and/or your Students' Union if you run into difficulty.

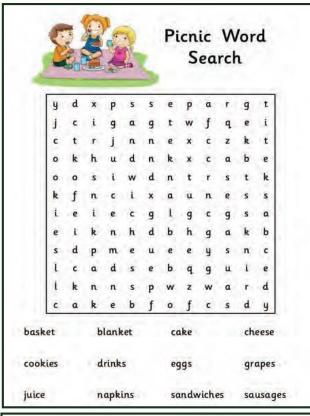
What if I miss an exam or I'm too sick to sit the exam? Every school/college has a procedure for instances where a student misses an exam. Contact your head teacher, department and your Students' Union. Make sure to keep doctors' notes, as you may need to submit a copy.

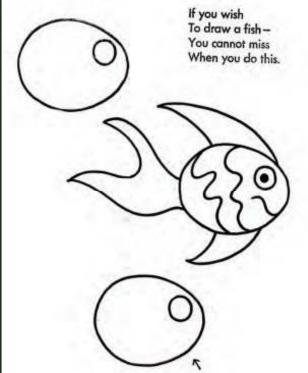
What if I sat the exam but I'm not happy with it? If there was an issue with the paper, contact the teacher/lecturer responsible as soon as the exam is over. If you are unhappy with how the exam went for you, wait for the results before taking action. You can then talk to your teacher/Students' Union about appeals and/or viewing the script. Remember, the Students' Union and the exams office are there to talk and support you with exam results. And there is always the option to repeat the exams.

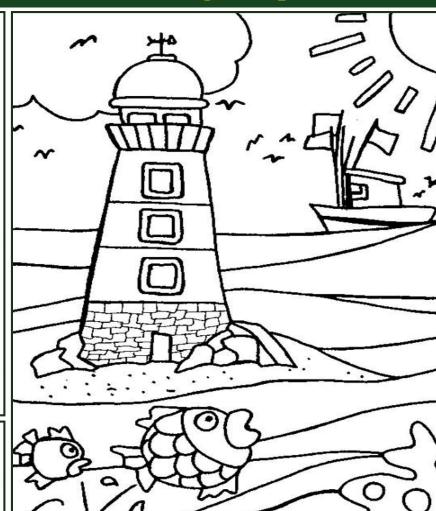


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We celebrated "Bealtaine" in style on Sunday May 17th as promised and what an enjoyable day it was. It was well attended not only by our own members but people from all the surrounding towns, who are always welcome as they add to the enjoyment of the occasion. This is networking at its best. As for the display of art, crafts and needlework it was second to none. This of course is what the tradition of "Bealtaine" is about, celebrating all things Irish.

Our next Tea-dance will take place on Sunday June 21st and that evening our members will all head off to Kerdiffstown for a welcome break. On July 19th we will hold our final Tea-dance for the Summer and our morning club will also close for August. In the mean time we hope to have our "Golden Jubilee Book" in the shops by the middle of June. This book will be on sale in the" Maynooth Book Shop", "Maynooth Photo Centre", "Supervalu" "News 4 U" and "Donovans" in Greenfield Shopping Centre. Many thanks to all these businesses who have agreed to sell our book without any financial benefit whatsoever.

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Finally, I began these notes on the subject of "Bealtaine" and as I wrote I was reminded of Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin. In the May Newsletter she would usually have an interesting piece on "Bealtaine" or the many traditions surrounding that occasion. She had a great ability to link tradition and all things Irish with the new world. What a great loss she is to our community and our country.

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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 precentage 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 pet's neck. This procedure bovine world all animals are tagged and registered and is generally well tolerated. traceability can be carried out from farm to plate. In the horse kingdom all animals should be chipped and have a valid passport.

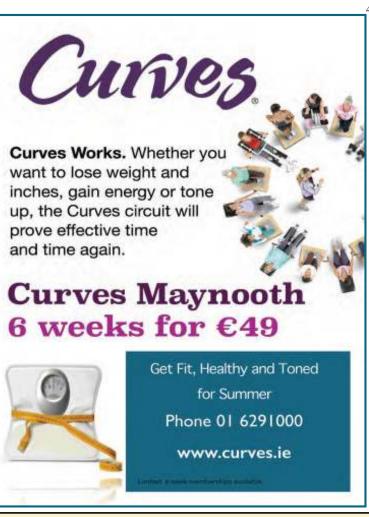


From the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 all puppies have to be microchipped, have their correct details registered to an approved data base and have a certificate of proof from the data base.

From March 31st 2016 all other dogs will have to be implanted, registered with correct details and have a

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.







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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**

Clir. 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 "Lets 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. <a href="http://www.comhairlenanog.ie/lets-gomental/">http://www.comhairlenanog.ie/lets-gomental/</a>

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 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:

- 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.
- 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

Clir. 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  $\epsilon$ 398,031 for adaptations to their own Housing Stock for people with a disability and  $\epsilon$ 610,058 to make Council Houses more energy efficient.

Finally a sum of  $\in$  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 Pleanala 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 been 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 McMahons 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 McMahons 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 the 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, Cebridge. 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 funereal it's back to Barney Kiernan's pub where we are introduced to the Citizen, a man who is a Fenian and an anti- semite. 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 drafted from the Community Council to Irish Rail 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 Tidy Towns 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 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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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 Paul Croghan

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!!!

# **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

- 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

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 for UK citizens who are living in Ireland and travelling to Ireland.

#### **Back to Work Family Dividend**

#### **Ouestion**

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 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  $\epsilon$ 100 for eligible children aged between 4 and 11 and  $\epsilon$ 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. 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.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Information is also available online at 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.

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## **Catherine Murphy Independent TD**

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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 or 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 a 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

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 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 or www.irishrurallink.ie/eircode Further general information on Eircode is available at www.eircode.ie



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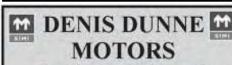
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# Benefits of Water Based Exercise

Swimming offers something no other aerobic exercise does: the ability to work your full body without harsh impact to your joints. The arms move in wide arcs, the hips are engaged as the legs scissor through the water, and the head and spine twist from side to side. Plus, with every stroke, as you reach forward, you're lengthening the body, which helps you stretch from head to toe.

#### **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 Activities 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

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.

For further information, please call The Glenroyal Leisure Club on 01-6291313



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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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Glenroyal Shopping Centre, Maynooth, Co. Kildare 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 650,000 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**

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

- 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

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

- 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

**SPONGE** 

125g caster sugar

50g ground almonds

1 tsp gluten free baking powder

125g rice flour

125g butter

#### PASTRY

75g polenta

75g rice flour

1/2 teaspoon xanthan gun

Grated rind 1 lemon

100g butter, cubed

1 tablespoon golden caster sugar

1 egg volk 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 over, 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.

I like gardening — it's a place where i find myself when i need to lose myself.

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# McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition

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#### June Winners:

Age: 3 - 5: Aisling Duffy, Castle Dawson Maynooth

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Age: 8 & Over: Ruth Makiese,

Moyglare Hall Maynooth



Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:





# Maynooth Summer Festival 2015



# FÉILE MAIGH NUADH 2015

# Friday 10th July to Sunday 12th July

#### 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

Email: maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie \*\*\*\*

#### 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).

6-7pm - Maynooth Festival Opening The Square Music by Maynooth Brass & Reed Band

7-10pm - Fleadh Gig Rig - The Square

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

Times and Content of Festival May Vary Please Note Events are Subject to Change Without Notice

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Festival Brochure designed by
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#### 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

Email: <a href="maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie">maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie</a>
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12-4pm - Carton Park (Tesco's) Tesco's Family Fun Day

#### 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

#### 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

3-5pm - St Mary's Church of Ireland Poetry & Prose Readings

3-10pm - Fleadh Gig Rig - The Square

#### 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 <a href="maynoothfest15@gmail.com">maynoothfest15@gmail.com</a> 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 <a href="www.facebook.com/">www.facebook.com/</a>

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)

1pm - Biodiversity Walk & Talk Meet at Castle Gates

2-6pm - Maynooth University Science Museum Entry Fee: 61

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 3.30-4.10pm - Cathal Farrelly 4.20-4.50pm The Quarter Mile 5-5.40pm - The Catalinas 6pm - Liam Ó Maonlaí

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# St. Mary's College Rathmines — Spirasi Royal Canal Marathon

On Monday the 25th May 55 transition—year students from St Mary's College Rathmines set off from Longwood on the Royal Canal to raise funds for *SPIRASI*; a humanitarian NGO that works with asylum seekers, refugees and other disadvantaged migrant groups. The marathon involved the students doing a sponsored 60km walk along the banks of the Royal Canal from Longwood to Dublin. They departed Longwood about 11.00am on Monday morning and arrived in Maynooth just before 5.00pm, where they stayed overnight. Members of the Royal Canal Amenity, who supported the event, met the walkers upon their arrival in Maynooth Harbour. The following morning, the 26th they departed to continue their marathon along the canal to Dublin. (Photo's by John Boyd)

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 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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#### Maynooth

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Venue: Maynooth Community Space Unit 11 Carton Park (Tesco) Shopping Centre Maynooth



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Irish Girl Guides

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

## Community Library

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

#### I.C.A.

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

#### Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland Walking
Group (Maynooth)
Meeting Monday's
at 12 Noon
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For Seated
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New Members Welcome

## Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming 087 2041334 University of Third Age (U3A)

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

#### History Group

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

#### Bridge Club

Open for new members.

If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com.

Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

## Parent & Toddler Group

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

## Maynooth Community Church

1st Floor Manor
Mills
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Service times
every Sunday
morning
from 10.30 am
www.maynoothcc.org

Everyone most welcome



## Clár na nImeachtaí Programme of Events



0:00	Monday, 6 Ju Official Opening of Fleadh Cheoil Laighean	Glenroyal Hotel
	Tuesday, 7 Ju	
19:00	Gig Rig - live entertainment	The Town Square
21:00	Pub Sessions	Follow the Session Trail!
	Wednesday, 8 J	mlo
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 Ju	ilv
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!
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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 Ju	ıly
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 Ju	lý .
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

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#### 5 4 6 3 8 9 7 1 6 1 7 2 5 7 8 4 3 5 1 3 1 9 5 6 4 3 1

Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth

Collect prize from Newsletter Office

## Sudoku Challenge\_\_\_\_

2015

Entries must arrive before: 21st July 2015



## Congratulations to June Winner:

Garreth Kelly Parklands Place Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received. F.C.

Annual Cemetery Mass at Donaghmore (Grange William) Saturday July 4th 2015 at 6 pm

Celebrant – Father John Nevin M.H.M. (celebrating 50 years in the priesthood this year)

People with an interest in this cemetery are invited to attend to graves and the cemetery in general in advance of the Mass.

It is planned to have the gates to the cemetery opened on the day of the Mass.

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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

## MAYNOOTH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

**Summer Camps 2015** 

Camp venue: Rathcoffey Road
Dates: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July
& Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 10.30am to 2.30pm Daily

Fee: €30 per Camp

Contact Hugh @: packy@iol.ie or 0872456870

## 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 Thomason	67mta			
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.

Lim 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 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						
19-Apr	1,8,14,27	€1,650	Pat Pearce - Luke Maher - Paul Daly						
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						

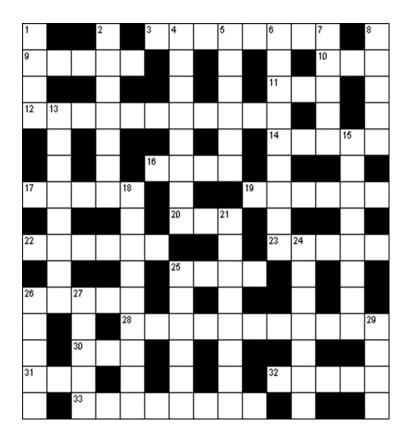
#### **Clues Across**

## July Crossword - (No: 437)

#### **Clues Down**

- 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)





- 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
- **29.** Corrosion (4)



Answers to Crossword No 436														
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Winner of Crossword No. 436 June

## **Sheila Fleming** Maynooth Park Maynooth

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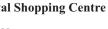
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# MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2015

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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.

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## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION 2015 NOMINATION FORM

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

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Electoral Area	# Houses	# Seats
Beaufield Brookfield	159 78	3
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Carton Court		2
Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court	80	2
Castlebridge	49	1
Castledawson	150	3
CastlePark	100	2
Celbridge Rd 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 O'Neill Park	20	1
Outlying Area A Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.	20	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, Newstownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguelin, 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 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

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

Cycle lanes on this street must be off-road or barrier

west side of the Straffan Road, they will block the footpath. This is indicative of the poorly 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 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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Joseph and the Amazing
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Maynooth Boys National School Music Club put on a massive performance of the classic Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat in the Maynooth Post Primary School on the 19th & 20th June. Congratulations to Producer/Director Mr Noel Davis, his team of teachers and all the boys who worked hard to put on a marvellous performance to a large crowd on both nights.







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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 PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns - 087 31 53 18 9 Follow us on Facebook



## 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 Áir 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 Mal 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!

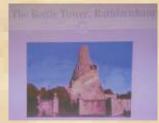
Thanks to Maynooth Community Council for the use of Community Space which is a great venue for local gatherings.

(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.

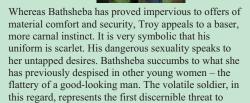
In an ironic twist, Bathsheba's rejected suitor, Gabriel Oak becomes the newest addition to her staff. The only constant in her life, the gentle shepherd is the wilful Bathsheba's guardian angel, a patient, loyal, solid and protective presence throughout the many vicissitudes of Hardy's story. He also 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.



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.



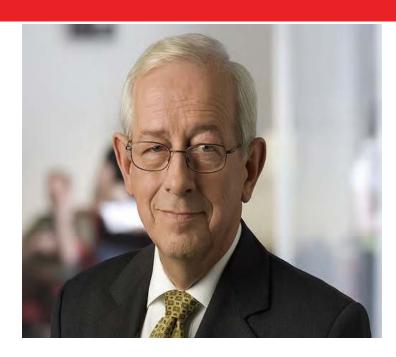
Director Vinterberg's period romance is simply gorgeous to look at. He has created a painterly canvass in which to display the colours and hues of a rustic English landscape. Hardy's speciality was matching landscapes to mood in the novel. Vinterberg and his cinematographer, Charlotte Bruus Christensen, attempt to replicate this effect in his film. So we get sundrenched 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. Scohenaerts smoulders as the devoted shepherd while Mulligan is thrilling as a woman ahead of her time.



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## **Maynooth Summer Festival 2015**

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Nanny June with Kyle & Mason enjoying all the festivities

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

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

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

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

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



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



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## **Symptoms**



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

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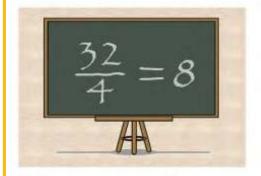
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## **Community Council Notes**

Maynooth Community Council Notes July 2015
Present: Tom McMullon, Adrienne Flynn, Naoise Ó
Cearúil, Paul Daly, Jacqueline Farrell, Hilda Dunne,
Richard Farrell, Johnny Dowling, Peter Garrard, Susan
Durack, Paul Croghan, Mary Murphy (Carrie
Bermingham, Liffey Champion)

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

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

#### **Local Matters**

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

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

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

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

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

**Leinster Park**: Street sweeper attended to the Leinster Park.

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

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

Committee members of Rockfield Residents' Association expressed concerns on behalf of their residents about the application process and the proposed development of 126 houses on the Maynooth Celbridge Road. Miriam O'Keeffe-Ahern spoke to the item. They asked that MCC support them in their concerns about this planning application i.e. the failure to comply with the **Directions for Erecting Site Notice** in a proper way and their concerns about the impact of building in this area on Rockfield – its boundary wall/sewage and drainage access and the impact in the area in general – Educate Together School, land that was deemed Community and Education Space now appears as a crèche and community garden and impact on local schools.

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

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

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

Naoise Ó Cearúil noted that MCC cannot sway into planning cases but said that MCC would support Rockfield Residents in their concerns about the placing of the site notice in this case. A letter will be sent from MCC to the planning office of KCC supporting the concerns of Rockfield Residents on the matter. Paul Croghan noted that good planning is a good thing but that we have to be very observant. We have to be mindful of how the town is going to be built on to for example Maynooth University and the Town may have different views of the town but in development they need to adopt a mutually respectful approach. Naoise Ó Cearúil said that the construction industry is gearing up again and there are few developments happening around the Maynooth area and we need to know when new developments are in the planning. Naoise Ó Cearúil will bring a motion to KCC to ask that all planning notices for the Maynooth environs be sent to the MCC office. New construction can have a huge impact on the town and we must be more vigilant. The resurrection of the Planning and Development subcommittee of the MCC was suggested. Paul Croghan noted an example of how an estate that come together with developer and have an input into how the second estate would be planned this happened with Castledawson and Woodlands.

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

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

#### Thanks to SAP Landscape and MCC workers.

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

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

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

Leinster Fleadh. It was a magnificent accomplishment.

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

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

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

## **Editorial**

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

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

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

#### Paul Croghan

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

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## Leinster Fleadh Notes

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

The week long Fleadh began with an opening ceremony in the Glenroyal Hotel on Monday 6th July which was attended by over 200 guests, including The Mayor of Kildare Councillor Brendan Weld, The Director General of Comhaltas, Senator Leabhrás Ó Murchú and the first Lady President of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Mrs. Ann Finnegan. A special word of thanks to Ted Robinson and the staff of the Glenroyal Hotel, who very generously sponsored the night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. As part of the week long programme of events, we decided to hold a workshop on Wednesday 8th July which proved to be very popular. This was followed by our first session on the Gig Rig in the Square which I am proud to say was opened by my own family, The Tracey Clann. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the entertainment on the Gig Rig for the duration of the week and especially our headline acts, Goitse, Fidders Green, Skippers Alley and Full Set. In reference to the fleadh, Leinster council chairman Sean Ó Laoire expressed the opinion that there was a great "buzz" around the town, and I fully echo his sentiments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sean Tracey, - Chairman, Leinster Fleadh Executive Committee.

## **Maynooth Labour News**

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

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

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

The Council's Director of Services replied as follows:

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

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

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

Cllr. McGinley replied as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We need a two pronged strategy:

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

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

I comment as follows on the Director of Services Report:

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

€250k that the President of the University says is a North Kildare Swimming Pool. required

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely.

#### Professor Philip Nolan President | Uachtarán"

#### Meeting With the Minister on 15 July:

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

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

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

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

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

#### Delay on Full Implementation of Pay Parking **Because of Water Works**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Council to Trim Low Hanging Branches on Straffan

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that construction of the two new secondary schools and sports facility will commence in 2015 and that the schools will open for September 2017. Whilst June was the original date for the issuing of the tenders, this is a major project which has delayed the completion of the tendering documents to mid-August.

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

## 519 SNA POSTS FOR KILDARE - 5% INCREASE IN NUMBERS

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

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

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

Labour in Government concluded Deputy Stagg have ensured that every child with an assessed care need will receive access to SNA Support.





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## **Swimming Pool Debacle Leaves North Kildare in the Deep End**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Minister's Watery Response to North Kildare Swimming Pool Issue

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

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

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

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

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

#### Three TDs to Make Major Announcement

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

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

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

In a joint statement the three TDs said:

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

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

#### 'Overwhelming' Response to Launch of Social Democrats

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

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

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

#### **Stephen Donnelly TD said:**

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

#### Róisín Shortall agreed:

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

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

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

#### 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

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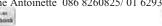
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Kettlehells

A kettlebell is a cast-iron weight with a handle which is used to perform exercises that combine cardiovascular, strength and flexibility training. The benefits of training with kettlebells and indeed, taking a kettlebell class can include improvement in your balance, power, coordination and flexibility while building amazing core strength, blasting fat and seeing beautiful muscle tone.

Yogalates

Yogalates is a fitness routine that combines Pilates exercises with the postures and breathing techniques of Yoga. A Yogalates session will include exercises to cultivate strength, stamina, stability and flexibility with particular attention paid to strengthening your core muscles. The relaxing deep breathing will also help you to manage your stress levels.
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- \* 100g asparagus tips
- \* 50g sugar snap peas
- \* 80g endame beans (defrosted)
- \* 100g quinoa
- \* 80g feta cheese (cut into cubes)
- \* 100g pomegranate seeds
- \* 40g toasted sunflower/pumpkin seeds/smoked almonds/hazelnuts
- \* Handful of baby spinach leaves
- \* 3 tablespoons French dressing
- \* Small head frisee lettuce

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

#### CASHEL BLUE CHEESE SALAD WITH CARAMELISED PEAR

- \* 4 large ripe pears
- \* 16 fresh walnut halves
- \* 200g cashel blue cheese
- \* Small head frisee lettuce
- \* 55g butter

#### DRESSING

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

#### SALAD OF BABY BEETS WITH GOATS CHEESE AND LEAVES

- \* 8 baby beets
- \* 300g mixed peppery baby leaves
- \* 2/3 chive flowers and handful nasturtium flowers
- \* 2 tablespoons sunflower seeds

Cook the beets until tender (15 minutes) drain and allow to cool. Peel and slice. Make the dressing by placing in a jar 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar with 4 tablespoons olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon each of grainy mustard and crushed garlic. Add pinch sugar, salt and pepper and shake until well mixed.

To assemble place salad leaves, flowers and sunflower seeds in a bowl and dress lightly with 2 tablespoons of dressing. Then make stacks by placing a slice of beetroot on a plate. Top this with a little goats cheese and continue to stack in this order until all the beetroot is used up.

Arrange on a plate with the salad leaves, sprinkle with the seeds . Enjoy .

There is now a great variety of salad leaf seeds available. They grow really easily in pots or grow bags and will provide you with up to 4 crops of delicious leaves for your salads. They only take about 4 weeks from seed to leaf. Baby beetroots are also a quick vegetable to grow and most importantly they do not need much attention. Have fun!!



## August Gardening





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

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

Weeds are ever the bane of a gardener's life. Not only do they clutter your garden and look bad, but they take precious moisture away from your plants at a time of year when they really need it. You must

scontinue to attack them as this month they will start producing seeds in preparation for surviving the winter, so any weeds you don't tackle now will come back again with friends next year. Weeding little but often is one of the best ways to tackle this task and keep you from feeling overwhelmed. Try using a dutch hoe for best results. White flies are attracted to the colour yellow, so use yellow sticky boards to reduce their populations.





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

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

Deadhead old flowers regularly to encourage more growth. When deadheading roses, cut the stem with a sharp blade as just breaking off old flowerheads leaves the rose vulnerable to infection. Clean up fallen rose and peony leaves as they can harbour disease and pests over the winter. Remove old plants which have stopped producing to eliminate a shelter for insects and disease organisms. Soak the soil with a high potash



fertiliser if your wisteria is looking feeble, and prune it by shortening wispy sideshoots to about 20cm. Plant autumn-flowering bulbs and specially prepared hyacinth bulbs for Christmas.

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



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

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



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## Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns – 087 31 53 189
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Sat 9.30am to 1pm

#### I.C.A.

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

#### Arthritis Ireland

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

## Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming 087 2041334 University of Third Age (U3A)

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

### History Group

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

#### Bridge Club

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

Parent & Toddler
Group

Every Thursday from
10.00 a.m. to
12.00 p.m.

Maynooth Community
Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park,
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## Maynooth Community Church

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

Everyone most welcome

## Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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

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

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

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

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

Cllr. Brendan Weld at the recent AGM of the Council was elected Mayor and I would like to congratulate him on this position. We are honoured to have a councillor of Brendan's stature and indeed the Mayor of the county representing this municipal district. At that very meeting Brendan made a very poignant point, he stated that the Maynooth Municipal District is the most efficient and best working MD in the county. This wasn't a localised or colloquial point, but the truth. Since being elected in May 2014, this M.D. has been collective and collaborative in its approach. This has been a testament to all of the councillors and to Cllr, Daragh Fitzpatrick as Cathaoirleach. I wish to continue in the same vain as Cllr. Fitzpatrick as Cathaoirleach and members can be assured of my impartiality and commitment to affording equal time to not only the councillors of this chamber but to all the constituents of this District, regardless of what town, village or bohereen they live in.

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

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

Go raibh maith agaibh "

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

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

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

Maynooth, attended by over 200 concerned resider

#### Fleadh Cheoil Laighean

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

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

#### **Maynooth Festival**

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

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

## Taking in Charge of Castledawson and Meadowbrook Estates

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

#### **Maynooth University Swimming Pool**

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

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

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

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

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

save the jobs and the amenity for the community". There was a public meeting held on the closure on Monday the 22nd of June in McMahons Bar Maynooth, attended by over 200 concerned residents and followed up by a large protest on Saturday the 27th of June at the University's open day. The pool is due to close in August but Cllr. Ó Cearúil stated, "My priority over the coming weeks is to keep this pool open for the staff, the local children and our community."

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

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

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  as the Main Street is a hive of activity in the evening
  time with Restaurants, Pubs and Wine Bars. The
  council will now be proceeding at bringing the idea
  forward

#### **General Election**

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

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

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

You can contact Naoise by telephone on 0867280050, email cllrnaoise@gmail.com or via facebook.com/naoiseocearuil

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2015

Entries must arrive before: Tuesday August 18th



Congratulations to July Winner:

# Matt Meehan Castle Park Avenue Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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## **Know Your Rights**

## GP visit cards for children aged under six Ouestion

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Eircodes Ouestion**

What is the new Eircode?

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

You will be sent a letter in July 2015 informing you of the Eircode for your address and how to use it. Following the launch of Eircode in early July, you can also find or check an Eircode using the Eircode Finder which will be available at <u>eircode.ie</u>.

## Bringing a dog into Ireland **Question**

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Applying for a student grant **Ouestion**

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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

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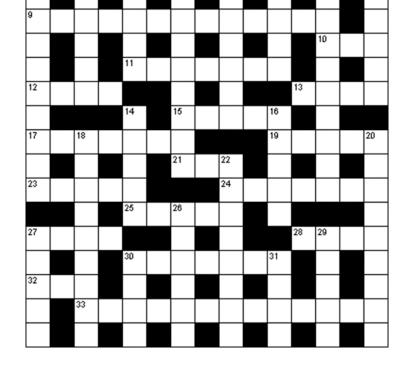
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#### **Clues Across**

#### **August Crossword - No: 438**

#### **Clues Down**

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



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



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# Maynooth Toastmasters



Time flies, only a few weeks ago corn crops were lush and green in active growth, now as it begins the race to the finish turning to a mellow yellow hue and then suddenly the harvest starts and it's over.

Maynooth Toastmasters held a great garden party to celebrate another successful year and plan for the next, commencing on Monday 14th September, in the Glenroyal Hotel. You might well ask how do we measure Success.

Seeing members progress and develop, to become confident speakers and leaders is how Maynooth Toastmasters define Success.

As PRO for the club, I always say let the members speak:

David -- "Joining Toastmasters has helped me to improve my confidence, increase my fluency, to become more relaxed in debate and to overcome becoming flustered, particularly under conditions of pressure."

Confidence that's what it's all about, Confidence to speak up and give your viewpoint, Confidence to say I don't agree.

Maynooth Toastmasters provide the secure environment for You to achieve Confidence

Time flies, soon Night Course programmes will be available, giving a wide range of possibilities.

You might consider joining Toastmasters hopefully in Maynooth, but there are lots of other clubs in Kildare at Clane, Naas, Athy all of whom share the same goal, to develop members' speaking and leadership skills.

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

Contact Peter Cuthbert PRO Maynooth Toastmasters 086 8752336



#### Very Rev. Walter Forde RIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Colm Nelson

#### Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

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

Josephine Moore.



#### Maynooth Musical Society

Hi everyone,

Under article 5.2.2 of our constitution we the remaining committee of the society will hold an

EGM on Wednesday 12th August at 7.30pm in O'Neill's Pub. It will be an open meeting to the public to discuss the future of the society.

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

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

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

Helen (Chairperson), Jen (Vice Chairperson) and Meg (Treasurer) Maynooth Musical Society

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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#### FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

#### Film Review: Slow West Starring: Kodi Smit-McPhee and Michael Fassbender



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

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



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



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



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

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



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

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



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



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



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

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



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

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

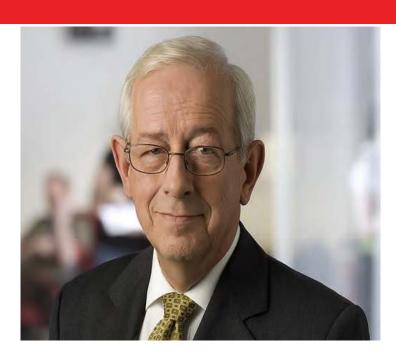


New Zealand landscapes double for 1870 Colorado giving the film a unique feel and unsettling sense of dislocation, as befitting the immigrant experience of America. Sometimes it feels like the viewer has stumbled into Lord of the Rings territory! The gifted Irish cinematographer Robbie Ryan, though dispensing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

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



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## Maynooth the New Up & Coming Gastronomic Capital of Leinster



Maynooth Town is steeped in history and has long been famed for its connection to the Fitzgerald family who built a castle where a small tributary meets the Lyreen River. It is also noted for its college that was originally built to educate the clergy, but now teaches students from around the world. The town has a population of 8,500 but due to the student body that has a transient nature and can rise to over 12,000. This gives rise to a need to cater to the gastro needs of the inhabitants which in turn is responsible for Maynooth's new found fame, that of a bit of a 'foodie haven'.

The main street in Maynooth is lined with a collection of restaurants, tapas bars, coffee shops and fast food outlets. There are menus and prices to suit every taste and pocket with a variety of global cuisines. For those who like the comfort of Pub grub the town has an array of bars to choose from. McMahons Bar, Brady's Clockhouse and O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse to name but a few serve an array of menus that will appeal to every taste.

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Across the street you will find Picadero's who serve tapas with a Spanish and Mexican flare. You can choose hearty Spanish soups, tortilla or meatballs in a rich tomato sauce and wash it down with some wine also with a Spanish or Argentinian influence. The third and latest addition to this chain is Oak Alley. Cuisine at Oak Alley is Cajun and Creole and you can eat Jambalaya while live jazz music plays in the background. Cajun Chicken and Crawfish pie are also on the menu and you can pop upstairs to the cocktail lounge for a pre or after dinner drink and choose a cocktail from their mouth-watering list.

Maynooth has its own hotel and the Glenroyal is situated directly across from the train station, Saints Bar offers delicious menus throughout the day in comfortable relaxed atmosphere and Lan Tania serves Indian and Thai cuisine with delightful food to tempt the palate.

Apart from these very fine eateries there are many coffee shops you can pop in to for a quick cuppa and a scone, but lets not forget an all time favourite with the kiddies, Maynooth boasts its very own McDonalds where you can sit and have a burger and chips when you finish your shopping or if you are in a hurry there is always the drive through and you can take the food home.

Maynooth is very easily accessible being located on the R148 between Leixlip and Kilcock. It is also connected to Clane, Celbridge and Dunboyne and although bypassed by the M4 makes a nice detour if you are heading west. Maynooth is also served by the Dublin/Sligo rail line and if you are of a mind it is nice to stop off for a few hours and take in some history while enjoying its now famous gastronomical delights.

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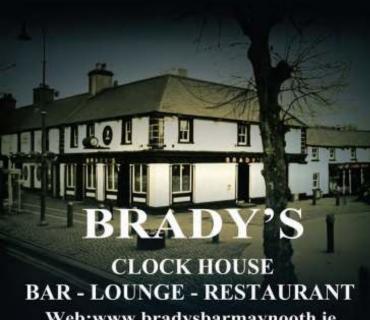
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## Irish Guide Dogs



Over the last few years at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic we have noticed an increase in the number of "Puppy Walkers". These are individuals who volunteer and are selected to care for a puppy guide dog for a year. These

puppies, usually Golden Retrievers or Labradors, are seen around Maynooth with their yellow jackets. These dogs are allowed into cafes, restaurants and supermarkets which allows them to become sensitised to the usual hustle and bustle of a busy town. They are working dogs and when in training should not be approached by members of the public. If you want to interact with one of these puppies you first ask the owner for permission. Guide dogs have what I call the "sixth sense" as they can foresee incidents on the footpaths and roads. Assistance dogs can be used for children with autism. These dogs are attached by lead to children around their waist and if the child attempts a sudden or unexpected movement the dog sits down and prevents this action.

Maria, one of the Puppy Walkers who attends our Clinic has kindly offered to give us an insight into the first year in the life of a Guide Dog A puppy walking supervisor works closely with for the blind.

A puppy walking supervisor works closely with each pup and makes regular house visits to



As a puppy walker our job is to rear a puppy and educate it until it becomes a well mannered, well adjusted socially acceptable animal. Percy is our 4th dog to foster. We have puppy walked Alto (golden retriever) Wizard (golden retriever) Vancer (golden retriever) and Percy (labrador).

We get our puppy between 6-8 weeks old and return them when they are around 12-14 months old. When they have matured to a standard to go on to formal training in Cork.



We get very attached to the puppies and it doesn't get any easier the more times we do it. Each puppy has its own individual personality and temperament. After spending a year with them we hope they will go on to enhance someone's life either as an assistance dog or guide dog. It makes it all worthwhile when we hear

from the new owner and hear how it has worked out.

During the puppy's first year we do obedience training and socialise the puppy. This involves daily walks and outings to ensure the puppy is accustomed to public transport, shops, cafes and general daily life of a person.

A puppy walking supervisor works closely with each pup and makes regular house visits to monitor the pups progress. We also attend puppy class once a month.

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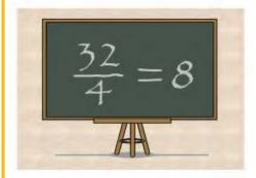


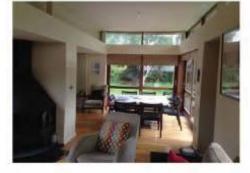
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## **Editorial**

So where did summer 2015 go? With the weather during the last three months we were all expecting a summer at least for the days that we took our holidays hoping to time them with the occasional periods of good weather. Despite the weather there was plenty to keep people occupied during the summer in Maynooth. A school holiday breaks the yearly routine but then there is the need to occupy children during school holidays. While adults say that they managed to amuse themselves as children, the need to send children to stimulating activities in summer camps is the norm to-day. Maynooth was well served this year with both outdoor and indoor camps from sports to orienteering to computer courses and many others.

Having gone back to school this month brings many other issues at this time of year. At primary school level Maynooth is well served by four good primary schools. Although in many other areas there is vocal local demand for primary school choice, Maynooth has three primary schools with a catholic ethos and just Maynooth Educate Together NS to cater for those families that do not want the catholic religion taught to their children. Of course that is too simplistic an analysis. Catholic families in Maynooth Educate Together arrange religious education as an afterschool activity and participate in the main catholic ceremonies such as preparing for Holy Communion and Confirmation. No doubt children in the other schools can exempt themselves from religious ceremonies if they so choose.

While not wanting to minimise the significance of a school ethos, the importance of children getting a good education is another reason for choosing a school. While there is not a direct connection between class sizes and a quality education, many of the Maynooth schools have large class sizes relative to other areas. With an effective cut in capitation grant since 2008 and a system of minimum overall pupil numbers to hold a teacher, class sizes will stay large in an area like Maynooth.

Other annual issues associated with going back to school are the cost of school books and the need for parents to make a donation to help fund the costs of schools. Thankfully this year the Department of Education and Skills expanded the financial support to schools so that book rental schemes could be introduced or extended. This will ultimately be a saving for parents. The donation requested by schools for parents to contribute to the cost of school pupil consumables is necessary. With the continuously rising costs of other bills that schools have to pay such as heating, light, security, maintenance and many other costs, this additional funding from parents helps to provide the materials that enhance a child's education. While no school would deprive a child of any school resources somebody has to pay for them.

Paul Croghan



Maynooth Community Council would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new and returning students to Maynooth.

Please respect Our Town and it's Residents.

Wishing you every sucess for the future.



Calling all budding young writers: is there a story or poem that you would like to write and have published in the Newsletter? A selection will be chosen and featured in our "Wicked Young Writer's Corner" each month. All work submitted will be kept on file for future publications. All writings can be sent to us at maynoothcc@eircom.net or alternatively you can drop them into the Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre, Carton Park, Maynooth. Stories approximately 350 - 400 words

#### Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2015 Heritage Golf Club 25/07/2015| Dave Weafer Captains Prize Sponsored by Euro Farm Foods.

1st Prize	Norman Kavanagh	33pts B9
2nd Prize	Dave Weafer	38pts N/Q
3rd Prize	John Carroll	33pts B9
4th Prize	Derek Murray	33pts B9
5th Prize	Joey Edwards	33pts B9
6th Prize	Liam Farrelly	33pts
7th Prize	Tom Coffey	32pts B9
8th Prize	Barry Desmond	32 pts
9th Prize	Pat Connolly	31pts B9
10th Prize	Peter Finan	31pts
Front 9	Danny Finnan	16pts
Back 9	Paul Farrelly	19pts
Nearest the Pin	Peter Finan	
Past Captains	Norman Kavanagh	
Longest Drive	Peter Finan	
Over 50's	Tommy Campbell	
2's Club	Darren Weafer, Norma Kavanagh, Joey Conno Brendan Leigh	
Visitors prize	Darren Weafer	
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David Weafer's Captain Prize was held in the prestigious and difficult mature parkland course, the Heritage Golf Club on 25th July 2015 which was kindly sponsored by Euro Farm Foods (Pat Connolly).48 members played on the Captain's Day in pleasant and good weather conditions. Captain's Prize was presented by Dave Weafer to Norman Kavanagh who won with a score of 33 points winning on a count back on the back 9, second place was Dave Weafer with a score of 38 points but he was a non qualifier for the Captain's prize, third place also with a score of 33 points was John Carroll closely followed by Derek Murray, Joey Edwards, and Liam Farrelly all on 33 points all separated on a count back. All other results listed above

All prizes were presented at the Captain's Dinner after the competition in the Heritage Hotel. The Captain thanked all of the members of the Society for making it such a successful day. He thanked the sponsor Euro Farm Foods (Pat Connolly) for their generous sponsorship. He thanked all of the committee for their hard work and organisational skills. The day ended with a trip to the Bell Yard Pub in Monasterevin for some refreshments and craic.

Our next outing is Athlone GC on 22nd August

## **Maynooth Labour News**

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

#### **Update on University Swimming Pool**

At the Council meeting on 27 July Cllr. John McGinley asked the Council Chief Executive for an update on the University Swimming Pool.

He replied that the Council is in on-going discussions with the University on the existing pool and they are awaiting further information which they expect to get in the next couple of weeks.

He also said that as a result of his meeting with Minister Ring and Deputies Durkan and Stagg on the 15 July that the Council is preparing a submission outlining the options for the provision of a North Kildare Swimming Pool, including a Joint Venture with the University.

He said that Councillors will be kept informed of

#### Update on the Re-location of Bollards at Old Greenfield

The Area Engineer, Jonathan Deane, has advised the Maynooth Municipal Councillors that he is referring the issue of the re-location of the Old Greenfield Bollards to the Consultants to be engaged for the review of the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan. Council Officials have advised Cllr. McGinley that residents submissions resulted in 66:34 against the Councils proposal.

#### Cllr McGinley Asks for the Bus Shelter **Outside McMahons to be Removed**

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the National Transport Authority (NTA) to remove the bus shelter from outside McMahons, Main Street, Maynooth, as it is an evesore. The shelter serves no purpose as it is on the last stop on Main Street coming from Dublin. Nobody boards the bus

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Provision of a Dog Walk for Maynooth

On the 7th July last Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to consider the provision of a Dog walk in Maynooth. John got the following reply on 24 July:

"John.

I am not familiar with the extent of area required for a Dog run but plan to look at the Corcagh Park facility in the next few weeks. We are currently in the very early stages of looking at trialling a dog run in Naas and based on what evolves from that we may consider ones elsewhere in the county. We do not appear to own any land along the motorway apart from the motorway itself so other locations would have to be found. A need for a dog run would need to be investigated as more than one person would have to show an interest to justify the provision and that it would be used rather than leaving dogs off the lead in other open spaces. In addition a club or organisation would have to take ownership of the facility and manage it as we won't have the resources to do this.

Kind regards

Simon Wallace"

Dog owners, please let Cllr. John McGinley know if you are interested.

#### Cllr. McGinley Seeks Vehicular Access to **Maynooth Train Station from Bond Bridge.**

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

That steps be taken to progress Policy PT 3 of the Maynooth Local Area Plan i.e. "To investigate the feasibility of the provision of a new vehicular access to the railway station from the Rathcoffey Road."

#### Cllr. McGinley Calls for Action on Derelict Sites in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley sent the following E mail to the Council

on 4 August:

"There are a number of large Derelict Sites in Maynooth:

- On Mill Street opposite Dunnes and next to the Church. It has changed hands a number of times and is an evesore
- Buckley House at the entrance to Parson Street. It is a protected structure but has been vacant and derelict for the past 20 years
- On Leinster Street between the row of houses (including the Garda Station) and the private car park. It seems to have been sold recently, along with Buckley House, by Brady Auctioneer.

I would appreciate if action was taken under the Derelict Sites Act.

#### Additional Accommodation Approved for **Maynooth Post Primary School - Stagg**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Minister for Education that approval has issued to Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board for additional accommodation at Maynooth Post Primary School to deal with expected numbers attending the school when it re-opens in September.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that she has approved plans by KWETB to move two new prefab science labs from Pipers Hill College in Naas to Maynooth Post Primary School. The prefabs have never been used and are in perfect condition. KWETB will now arrange for the transfer of the two new prefabs to Maynooth Post Primary School.

In relation to the Invitation of Tenders for the construction of the two new secondary schools and shared sports facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road, Deputy Stagg stated that the Tender documentation should be issued to pre-qualified contractors in the near future

#### **STAGG WELCOMES €14 MILLION** INVESTMENT IN SOCIAL HOUSING IN **KILDARE**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the new €4.3 Million investment in social housing in Kildare announced by his colleague the Minister for Environment on July 24th last. This brings total investment in Kildare to €14 Million so far in 2015 on housing provision.

The significant funding, announced by Minister Alan Kelly, will see 50 units provided for people with disabilities, the elderly and people who are homeless. The units will be provided through a mix of acquisitions and construction

Deputy Stagg said "This is a very important investment in social housing for people with very significant housing need. Approximately €4.3 Million will be provided to approved housing bodies that will result in 50 new social housing units in Kildare. Approved Bodies in Kildare who will receive funding are Camphill Communities, Circle Voluntary Housing Association, Clanmil Housing Association, Focus Ireland Housing Association, Peter McVerry Trust and Tuath Housing Association.

"Approved housing bodies have identified projects in conjunction with the local authority. Now that the funding has been provided work can continue on delivering these units as quickly as possible.

The investment announced comes on top of the allocation of €9.6 Million to Kildare Co. Council last May for the delivery of 57 Council Houses at Prosperous, Kildare and Rathangan.

"This investment is a very tangible signal that this Government is determined to invest in social housing and give elderly people, people with a disability and people who are homeless a secure and permanent home."

#### **OVER 70s CAN NOW SIGN UP FOR** FREE GP VISITS - STAGG

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the opening of the registration process for over 70s free GP care. This stated Deputy Stagg will benefit just under 40,000 over 70's in the State who do not currently have a GP Card or Medical Card.

Anyone who is over 70 and already does not have a medical card or GP visit card is now eligible to sign up for free doctor's visits. The service became available on Wednesday August 5th.

Deputy Stagg stated "I am delighted that those over 70 years can now avail of the free GP care scheme.

"Those who have a valid Medical Card or GP Visit Card, do not have to register for this scheme. In other words they do not need to take any action. However, for those that do, registration can be done online or manually forms will be available through the local health office network and pharmacies.

"The provision of free GP care to those over 70 was a key focus for Labour's Minister for Primary Care, Kathleen Lynch, and builds on the recent successful launch of free GP care for under 6s.

"The fact that we are now at this juncture proves that Labour is delivering in Government and recognises the need to support the elderly in our society."

To register online or find out more go to www.gpvisitcard.ie or call 1890 252 919.

#### Stagg Welcomes Minimum Wage Increase Recommendation

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the Low Pay Commission's recommendation to raise the minimum wage by 50c to €9.15 per hour.

Speaking after the announcement Deputy Stagg said:

"The evidence based approach used by the Commission indicates that the Irish Economy is well capable of a modest increase in the minimum wage, without causing harm to businesses.

In real terms over 75,000 workers currently on the minimum wage will see their take home pay increase by up to €1000 per year.

As our economy continues to improve, it is important that all workers reap the benefits of the recovery they have helped create. This is already happening in many sectors of work and it is now time that the lowest paid receives an increase too.

"The minimum wage is a threshold of decency in Irish society; a floor which no worker should fall below. "As a society, we much strive towards a wage that allows people to live well, rather than merely exist."

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Labour Minister Ged Nash on bringing the Legislation on the Low Pay Commission through the Oireachtas in a timely fashion to enable the recommendation to raise the Minimum Wage.

#### **Kildare County Council Litter Hotline**

The following is from the Councils Web Site:

To report litter, dumping, dog fouling etc in your area, contact our free Litter Hotline to have it inspected and removed. You can contact the Litter Hotline's free phone number on 1800 243 143 or contact the Environment Department directly on 045 9870588/ environ@kildarecoco.ie to have the litter removed.

# **Know Your Rights**

#### Starting a small business

#### **Question**

I lost my job last year and I am now thinking of starting a small business. Are there any supports to help me?

#### Answer

Local Enterprise Offices provide supports to local businesses that are starting up or in development. You can find information about their training programmes and start your own business courses on localenterprise.ie. Also, Enterprise Officers in local development companies can offer advice and information on starting your own business. If you have been getting a jobseeker's payment for 12 months or more, you may be eligible for the Back to Work Enterprise Allowance. This allows you to keep a percentage of your payment for two years. If you are starting a business, you also may get extra supports, such as grants for training, market research, business plans and access to loans to buy equipment. If you have been unemployed for at least 12 months and you set up a qualifying business, you may be eligible for Start Your Own Business Relief. It provides exemption from income tax on the profits from your business up to a maximum of €40,000 a year for a period of two years. Often, someone starting a small business does so as a sole trader rather than setting up a partnership or a company. However, as a sole trader, if your business

You may carry on your business using your own name. If you wish to use a business name you must register it. The Companies Registration Office has information about business names and different business structures on its website, cro.ie.

fails, your personal assets could be used to pay your

self-employed individual you pay tax under the self-

creditors. Your main legal obligation is that you must

register as a self-employed person with Revenue. As a

Further information is available from your local tax office and your Local Enterprise Office.

### Complaints about health and social care professionals

#### Question

assessment system.

I know that the regulator for health and social care professionals deals with complaints about fitness to practice but how do I find out whether this applies to a particular practitioner?

#### Answer

The regulator for health and social care professionals is called CORU. It sets standards that practitioners must meet and maintain and publishes a register of practitioners who meet those standards. This register is currently under development. The system of statutory registration will eventually apply to 12 professions, regardless of whether the practitioner works in the public or private sector or is self-employed. CORU also handles complaints about the fitness to practise of registered practitioners - for example, complaints of professional misconduct or poor professional performance.

Currently, the registers for five professions are in effect. You can make a complaint to CORU about a practitioner registered in one of these five areas:

- Dietitians
- Occupational therapists
- · Radiographers/radiation therapists
- Social workers
- Speech and language therapists

You can check the registers at coru.ie. Note that CORU can only look into events that have occurred since 31 December 2014, when it started accepting complaints.

Once all registers are open they will include chiropodists/podiatrists, clinical biochemists, medical scientists, orthoptists, physiotherapists, psychologists and social care workers.

You can get further information on the fitness to practise complaints process on coru.ie. To make a complaint about a registered practitioner, you need to download and complete the Fitness to Practise complaint form. For information about how to make a complaint about practitioners of health and social care professions that are not regulated by CORU, see the website, healthcomplaints.ie.

#### Using a jet ski

#### Question

I would like to buy a jet ski. What are the rules about their use?

#### Answer

Recreational boats are regulated in different ways depending on their size and what they are used for. The use of safety equipment on any mechanically-propelled pleasure craft is covered by the Pleasure Craft (Personal Flotation Devices and Operation) (Safety) Regulations 2005. This includes motorboats, powerboats, fast powerboats (those that can travel at a speed of 17 knots) and personal watercraft, known as jet skis.

Under the Regulations, you must wear a suitable personal flotation device (lifejacket or buoyancy aid) at all times when using a personal watercraft. If you are being towed behind a personal watercraft, you must also wear a personal flotation device.

It is illegal for child under the age of 16 to operate or control a personal watercraft.

The consumption of alcohol or drugs is also restricted by the Regulations. If you are operating a personal watercraft or being towed by one, you must not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

If an offence is committed under the Regulations, an onthe-spot fine of  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{e}}}150$  may be imposed or the offence may be prosecuted in the District Court.

Wherever you intend operating the personal watercraft may be subject to bye-laws which can regulate and control your use of a personal watercraft. An offence committed under such bye-laws can also make you liable for an on-the-spot fine or prosecution.

It is recommended that before operating a personal watercraft, you should attend a suitable training course. Information on training courses is available from Irish Sailing Association (ISA), 3 Park Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co Dublin, Tel: (01) 280 0239 and from their website, sailing i.e.

#### **European Health Insurance Card**

#### Question

My daughter and I are planning a holiday in Germany and Switzerland this summer and I'm wondering what happens if one of us becomes ill. Am I liable to pay for medical costs if I don't take out insurance?

#### Answer

You and your daughter each need an individual European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). This card allows you to access public healthcare services if you become ill or get injured when visiting certain European countries. It doesn't cover private treatment or the cost of repatriation to Ireland, if one of you becomes very ill.

The countries covered by the card are the 28 member states of the EU, the three other members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. The card is not required for a visit to the UK if you can show

that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland. In practice, this means showing a driving licence, passport or similar document. There is no charge for the card. Any website attempting to charge you for your EHIC is not connected to the HSE or any State services.

You can apply online at ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP visit card or Drugs Payment Scheme card. Otherwise, you can download an application form from ehic.ie or get it from your Local Health Office. You need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPSN). If your EHIC card has expired you can renew it online at ehic.ie. If a family member has changed name or address, they will need to contact their Local Health Office

You should apply for the card a month before travelling, if possible. If you have concerns about getting a new or renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate either online or from your Local Health Office. You may also wish to consider taking out private travel insurance for expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card (such as the costs of repatriation or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad).

If you have a smartphone you can also download the free EHIC App. This helps you contact health services in the country you are visiting. The app does not replace the EHIC.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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

#### 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

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## Maynooth Darkness into Light event raises €49,500

On 9th May the first ever Darkness into Light event in Maynooth exemplified the meaning of "community." There are so many people and businesses and organisations to thank. The local community, and really all of North Kildare and South Meath, together with Maynooth University, really pulled together to make the 4:15 a.m. event go off seamlessly - and send a message of hope to thousands everywhere around the world with whom we stood. The event raised the amazing sum of €49,500. The cheque was presented to Marie Peelo, Pieta House on the 12th August.

The photograph of the presentation shows committee members (L-R) Rebecca Doolin, External Affairs Director Maynooth University, John Ryan, Secretary, Gwen Hobbs, Treasurer, Mary Byrne, Chairperson, Marie Peelo, fundraising coordinator, Pieta House,



Brian McEvoy, Pieta House and Brendan Ashe Head of Security Maynooth University. Thanks to everyone who supported DIL Maynooth in any way, large or small, and helped raise this very significant sum of money for a very worthy cause.

# Up the Hill for Jack & Jill



Following on from the success of last year's Up the Hill for Jack & Jill, where you the public created over 9000 hours of nursing care for very sick babies, we are asking the general public to get involved again. Up the Hill for Jack & Jill is a month long fundraising campaign happening throughout September 2015 with the objective of raising much needed funds for the Jack & Jill Children's Foundation.

The ask is very simple: anyone can join the campaign to host/organize a fundraising event – Climb a hill, Walk a mile, Gather friends for a fun run, a dance evening, a barbecue, a cake sale, a karaoke party, pretty

much anything you can think of, no matter how big or small, privately or within your local community.

We call on all our friends, supporters and Corporate Partners, families and their relatives, young and old, fit and otherwise, up and down the country to join the Up the Hill for Jack & Jill 2015 and help our very sick babies and their families all over Ireland. Registration fee is €16 which covers 1 hour of home nursing care for 1 sick child at home.

#### This is how it works....



REGISTER online on the Jack & Jill website; registration fee: €16. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Get your 'UP-THE-HILL PACK'! After registering we will send you a registration pack so you can start preparing your Up-the-Hill fundraising event.

ENJOY your fundraiser with friends & family keeping in mind the good work you do for Jack & Jill families in your local community!

The Jack & Jill Children's Foundation provides direct funding, to families of children with brain damage up to the age of 4 who suffer severe intellectual and physical developmental delay, enabling them to purchase home respite care. We also provide end of life care to all children up to the age of 4 years.

These are children who as a result of their condition require intensive home nursing care. The Foundation gives these families **THE GIFT OF TIME**, time to do the things that we so often take for granted like shopping, taking their other children to the park, a night's sleep etc.



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#### **AUTUMN COMFORT FOOD**

• Autumn is the time of year for falling leaves and crop harvesting. It is a comforting season before we head into the bleak days of winter. Here are some tried and tested recipes to ease the kids back in to the school year and take away the Autumn chill

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#### **BUTTERNUT SQUASH SOUP** \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

- 1 butternut squash (1kg) deseeded and peeled
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 onions diced
- 1 garlic clove (thinly sliced)
- 2 mild red chillies (deseeded and finely chopped)
- 850ml hot vegetable stock
- 4 tablespoons crème fraiche (plus more to serve)

Heat the oven to 180c or gas mark 4. Cut the squash into large cubes and toss in a large roasting tin with half the olive oil. Roast 30 minutes until golden and soft. While the squash is cooking, melt the butter with remaining oil in a large saucepan. Add the onions, garlic, and 3/4 of the chilli. Cover and cook on low for 15 / 20 minutes. When onions completely soft, tip squash into pan and add stock and crème fraiche. Whizz with blender, then return to pan and gently re-heat. Season to taste. Pour into bowls with swirls of crème fraiche and a scattering of diced chilli.

#### CHICKEN CASSEROLE WITH HERBY DUMPLINGS

- 12 skinless chicken pieces ( ( drumsticks, breasts etc)
- 3 tablespoons plain flour
- 2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- 2 onions sliced
- 2 carrots diced
- 200g bacon lardons (smoked)
- 3 bay leaves and 3 sprigs thyme
- 1 bottle of red wine and 3 tablespoons tomato paste

Heat the oven to 180c (gas mark 4). Toss the chicken pieces with the flour and some salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a casserole with a lid. Brown the chicken pieces on all sides. Remove all the pieces to a plate and tip the onions, carrot, lardons, bay and thyme into the pan. Cook gently for 10 minutes until the onion is softened. Return the chicken pieces with any juices that have collected on the plate. Ten pour in the red wine and tomato paste and crumble in the stock cube. Add a splash of water until the chicken is almost covered. Bring to the boil, then cover with a lid and bake in the oven for 20 minutes. Remove the lid and bake for another 10 minutes while you make the dumplings.

To make dumplings rub 140g cold butter into 250g self raising flour until it feels like fine breadcrumbs. Stir in 2 tablespoons mixed herbs and some salt and pepper. Drizzle over 150ml water, and stir in quickly to form a light dough. Use floured hands to shape into balls. Place on top of the stew and bake for 20 minutes more until the dumplings are cooked.

#### PEAR AND BLACKBERRY CRUMBLE

- 700g (or 4 large pears) peeled and cubed
- 100g golden granulated sugar
- 250g blackberries
- 200g plain flour
- 100g unsalted butter (cold and cut into pieces)
- 85g shelled pistachio (roughly chopped)
- 100G demerara sugar

Place pears in a pan with sugar and cook over a medium heat until fruit starts to soften. Add blackberries and bring back to boil, then remove from heat. Spoon the fruity mixture into 4 ramekin dishes or a large baking dish. Place flour, butter and pinch of salt in a large bowl and rub together. Add pistachios and sugar and stir to combine. Sprinkle the crumble over the cooked fruit and bake for 20/25 minutes for the ramekins and 40 minutes for the larger dish. Leave to cool for a few minutes before eating as the fruit will be very hot and bubbling

If you like ice cream put generous dollops on top of bowls of crumble, it's a lovely finish to a comforting meal.

Sweet Pea plants can be sown from seed in early September. Soak the seeds in tepid water over night and sow the following day into compost indoors. The plants will be ready to plant outdoors in early November. Virginia Creeper is a

beautiful red foliage climber if you are looking to get a climber. This needs to be sown in early September and is great to cover unsightly bare fences or walls. Place the plants 1 metre apart.





Winter flowering Pansies, Violas, Heathers and Aconites can be planted now for a strong show of colour in patio planters and window boxes from late September until late Spring Plant Spring bulbs now such as Daffodils, Tulips, Snowdrops, winter Aconites,

Cyclamen and Crocus. Prune climbing roses once they have finished flowering, cut sideshoots back a couple of buds from the main frame.





Dead and damaged hedges should be removed this month. This is a great time to replant with new hedging plants. The Hardy Laurel hedging is a choice to use. Make sure to use compost when planting as this will ensure strong root growth. Do not

prune Azaleas, Rhododendrons and other spring flowering shrubs because they already have next year's buds showing. If you prune them unnecessarily, you will sacrifice next year's flowers. Time to transplant Peonies or divide them.





September is the best month of the entire year to seed your lawn. This includes seeding a new lawn and reseeding an existing lawn. If you need to you can lime, fertilize and seed your lawn at the same time.

Time to bring in your houseplants and feed them a slow releasing fertilizer and don't feed them again until February. Its very important to mulch after planting bulbs especially if you are planting them late. Mulch keeps the soil warmer longer so roots can grow.





Pak Choi or Chinese Cabbage can be planted this week for use a tasty vegetable in October and November . Pak Choi is easy to grow and ideal as a vegetable in stir fries or as a green vegetable. Duke of York potatoes are now ready for planting. Plant 5 potato tubers into a planter using compost and place in a sunny location out of

doors or in a tunnel greenhouse. By the end of November your potatoes are ready to harvest and store until Christmas. Savoy cabbage plants can be planted now out of doors in the vegetable garden. Plant a dozen plants to ensure regular cutting from late winter onward. Japanese onion sets should be planted over the next couple of weeks outdoors. This will give you fresh green shoots in early Spring and full-sized onions for April and May next year.





Move tender plants into sheltered positions, Start feeding song birds before the winter starts. Wild bird feeds and protein high peanuts should be offered to all garden birds. Fit some insulation to protect against the cold nights ahead. Keep your greenhouse well ventilated during the day but make sure the warmth is trapped during the



evening. One last effort at weeding will help to improve the look of the garden in the winter time. Ponds that have submerged oxygenating plants might need to be thinned out as they can build up

quickly and fill the pond. Remove dead leaves from waterlillies when the leaves die back. Divide Water Lillies and any pond plants to increase your stocks and control the growth. Planting should never cover more than 50% of the ponds surface.



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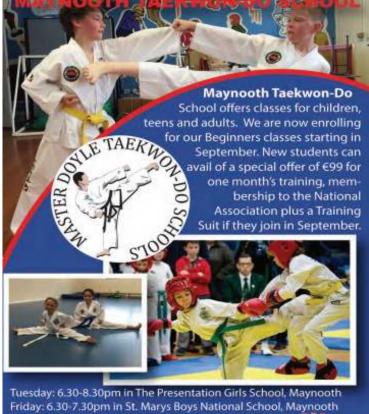
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# **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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

#### **Microsoft Rolls Out Windows 10**

After the very poor reception of Windows 8, Microsoft is trying again with a new operating system showing more promise (though also some new concerns). One of the big differences is that current users of the previous two Microsoft operating systems have the opportunity to upgrade for free. Many people are now faced with the question – to upgrade or not to upgrade?

Windows 10 (codenamed Threshold) is the newest operating system from Microsoft. It was officially released to the public on July 29, 2015. After the poor performance of Windows 8, Microsoft is trying to encourage the adoption of Windows 10 by allowing people using eligible editions of Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 to upgrade for free for until July 29, 2016.

The big problem with Windows 8 is that it tries to function as the same OS for both touch screens and desktop computers. This makes the user interface incredibly awkward on a desktop, while the touch screen use remains unintuitive and difficult to navigate. Due to the volume of complaints and criticism, Microsoft released a huge update with Windows 8.1 that attempted to improve upon these problems. While it was an improvement, the overall satisfaction with the operating system has remained low, prompting a significant redesign with the latest offering.

Windows 10 introduces what Microsoft describes as a "universal" application architecture. This expands on their Metro-style apps (officially known as Windows Store apps). These apps can now be designed to run across multiple Microsoft product families, including PCs, tablets, smartphones, Xbox One, and others.

The design of these apps was heavily criticised in Windows 8, particularly as they have no user interface chrome - i.e. no title bar, system menu, window borders or window control buttons. Even mandatory control interfaces like scroll bars are hidden at first, and they lack their own menus (instead being located on the Settings charm). The number of complaints caused Microsoft to start redesigning them for Windows 8.1, though many people remain unsatified. Windows 8.1 adds back a minimal user interface chrome: a title bar is present but hidden until users move the mouse to the top of the screen.

Windows 10 introduces "Continuum" or "Tablet Mode", which is by default enabled on tablets and disabled on desktop computers, though desktop users can switch it on or off manually if they wish. When the Tablet Mode is off, Metrostyle apps running on desktop computers may have sizable windows and visible title bars, enhancing user control over the interface with a mouse. When the Tablet Mode is enabled, Metro-style apps revert to their Windows 8.1 nature, and all desktop apps are maximized. As in Windows 8, they are forced to either occupy the whole screen or be snapped to one side.

In addition to Continuum, Windows 10 removed the Settings charm in favour of a variation of the system menu. Menu bars, window controls and the always-visible scroll bars, however, did not return and the window borders are but barely visible. This makes the user interface controls more awkward and unintuitive than pre-Windows 8 operating systems, but it is an improvement over the clunky Windows 8.

While using these apps takes some getting used to, they do offer some security benefits. Often Windows software has power to use and change the computer ecosystem. Windows user account rights, User Account Control, and antivirus software attempt to keep this ability in check and notify the user when the app tries to use it for malicious purposes. Metrostyle apps, however, are sandboxed and cannot permanently change a Windows ecosystem.

Windows 10 user interface has been adapted to handle transitions between using a mouse and using a touchscreen, which is helpful for people using laplets (hybrid laptops or tablets). This cross-functionality is evident in the Start menu, which is similar to Windows 7 but with Windows 8 tiles included.

The Action Centre control panel from Vista and charms bar from 8 have been replaced with a Notification Centre that holds notifications from all sorts of apps, as well as lots of buttons and toggles for various things. One of those toggles is tablet

mode. This basically disables access to the Desktop and makes all apps run in full screen. It does make touch-only usage easier. You can switch it on and off quickly, which is useful if you have a convertible.



It also introduces virtual desktops, which are almost like multimonitor but without the need for additional hardware. Task view, integrated support for fingerprint or face recognition login, and DirectX 12 and WDDM 2.0 to improve the operating system's graphics capabilities for games are other new features. Microsoft is also promising rolling upgrades; they will continually update Windows 10 with new features and general improvements over time.

One highly discussed new feature is Microsoft Edge, which is the new Internet browser replacing Internet Explorer. Despite the "e" icon, it has little to do with the old IE and is generally much more sensible. Internet Explorer has always been one of the weakest Internet browsers, full of bugs, exploit potential, and poor performance issues. Edge is showing much more promise, and current users of IE should definitely give it a chance.

Also new is Cortana, which is Microsoft's personal assistant. Cortana can search for things, create calendar appointments, and send all kinds of commands to apps. The apps just have to be made for it. However, it's only available for some combinations of language and regional settings, and it is also the subject of some debate and criticism over privacy issues.

The overall reaction to Windows 10 has been mostly positive, but there are several valid concerns and criticisms, especially in relation to privacy.

Concern has been expressed over the fact that the Windows 10 privacy policy and its collection and use of customer data is far reaching and far from transparent. Under the default "Express" settings, Windows 10 is configured to send huge amounts of information to Microsoft and other parties, including the collection of user contacts, calendar data, and "associated input data". It allows apps to request the user's location data and send this to Microsoft and "trusted partners" to improve location detection (Windows 8 had similar settings, except that location data collection did not include "trusted partners"). The use of Cortana also requires the collection of data "such as your device location, data from your calendar, the apps you use, data from your emails and text messages, who you call, your contacts and how often you interact with them on your device".

Another big problem is that Windows is now doing forced updates. There is heavy criticism of the fact that the OS is more limiting in how users could control its operation due to forced updates. Windows Update no longer allows users to selectively install updates, and only the Pro edition of Windows 10 can "defer" the installation of upgrades for the operating system. This can be an actual problem when a broken update goes out (as it inevitably does sometimes).

A further criticism is that it uses a peer-to-peer system for updates. By default, updates will be downloaded not only from Microsoft's servers but also from other users and systems on the Internet and local network. You can choose to only let P2P act over the local network.

Perhaps the most baffling feature, though, is Windows Wi-Fi Sense, which shares your wireless network keys with contacts/ friends on Outlook.com, Facebook, and Skype. For most people, a quick browse of your friends and contact lists on these programs is enough to illustrate the folly of sharing your wi-fi key with so many people. Do you really want everyone you have friended on Facebook to be able to use your wi-fi network? It will particularly be a concern for businesses and other companies who use social media.

People should keep these issues in mind if they decide to upgrade. Windows 10 is much more limiting than previous operating systems in allowing you to control what is happening with your computer and prevent operations you do not like.

I want to upgrade. Should I upgrade immediately or wait? If you're okay with having to fight some potential problems, go for it. Windows 10 is a solid upgrade, especially for users with Windows 8. If you are happy with your current browser and concerned about privacy, you might as well continue as you are. If you want to upgrade but avoid the potential bugs and problems that come with any newly-released OS, wait until late September or October when things should be running more smoothly.

#### What happens after July 29th, 2016? Do I have to pay to keep using it?

No. The free upgrade offer is "upgrade now, and it's yours forever". However you must have installed it by July 29, 2016. I'm running Windows XP/Windows Vista. Can I upgrade? No. You'll have to buy Windows 10, or a Windows 7 or 8 version to upgrade from. You might be able to find 7 and 8 on sale, but beware of super cheap keys as they are likely not legitimate.

#### What edition of Windows 10 will I get?

Windows 10 comes in four editions, but only two are relevant to the free upgrade: Home and Pro. If you have a Professional or Ultimate edition of Windows 7 or 8, you get the Pro edition of Windows 10. Otherwise you get the Home edition. If you're using an Enterprise version, there is no free upgrade for you.

### Windows says my upgrade is reserved, but it isn't my turn yet. I want it now!

You can do that. Use the Windows 10 Media Creation Tool to install right away, make a bootable USB thumb drive to install from, or even get a full DVD ISO.

I have reserved, but I don't want to upgrade right now. Accepting the reservation means you will be upgraded automatically. If you don't want to upgrade right now, you must cancel the reservation

#### I did the upgrade. Where's my product key?

There isn't one. You don't get a product key from the free upgrade. When you upgrade, the installer sends a "fingerprint" of your computer (motherboard + CPU mainly) to Microsoft, and that marks your computer as eligible for free Windows 10. This is important to remember: you will **not** get a product key from the free upgrade.

#### I don't want to upgrade. I want to do a clean install!

You have to upgrade. Otherwise your system doesn't get registered as eligible for the free upgrade. However, if you use the media creation tool, and start the setup from inside your existing install, you get to choose to "keep nothing", which is effectively a clean install.

### But I had to replace my hard drive and do a clean install. I need a product key to do that!

If you've already had the Windows 10 upgrade done on your system, just press Skip when the setup asks you for a key. When the install is done, it will then activate through the hardware fingerprint that was registered during your original upgrade. If you have never installed Windows 10 and don't have a retail key for it, you have to first install Windows 7 or 8/8.1 and then perform an upgrade.

Wait, so if I upgrade now and then replace my motherboard in 2 months, will my license be invalid? Most likely yes. If you're planning any major hardware upgrades, wait to upgrade to Windows 10.







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#### The Kildare Portrait Artist of the Year 2015



Are you a keen portrait artist? This year for the first time as part of Kildare's Culture Night we are proud to announce the opening of The Kildare Portrait Artist of the Year competition.

The entries will be received by a panel of well known personalities from the arts sector, including Connor Walton, finalist in The Sky Portrait Artist of the Year 2014, Alison Hurst portrait artist and Lucina Russell, Arts Officer for Kildare County Council.

The closing date for entrants to submit a portrait is 3pm on 27th August. Artists may use any medium of their choice, with the size not exceeding 40cm x 50cm.

Artists will be contacted with results of the selection process by Tuesday 2nd September. A number of spaces will be reserved for Kildare based artists with the remainder being open to national and international artists.

The Portrait Artist event will be held in the boardroom of Naas Town Hall on Culture Night Friday 18th September. Doors will open at 5pm with the competition starting at 6pm sharp. There is a viewing gallery where members of the public will be invited to watch as the event is in progress. Over a three hour period with additional time for breaks, artists will create a portrait of a celebrity whose identity will not be revealed until the competition begins.

The collection of portraits will be exhibited at a later date in the historical Castletown in Celbridge, Co. Kildare

A first prize as well as a 'sitters choice' award will be awarded.

Artists will be provided with easels on the day of the event. Artists will need to provide their own materials.

Entries to be submitted to: Riverbank Arts Centre, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare by 3pm, Thursday 27th August 2015

Enquiries to: Sharon Fidgeon on info@sharonfidgeon.com

The competition is open to artists 16 years and over.

Federica Petronilli

Culture Night & National Playday Co-ordinator

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## **Dublin Fire Brigade Pipe Band**



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#### P in the Park



Luke Bell what more can we say! who enthralled the crowd.

P would like to thank everyone who made it a great day in the park over the bank holiday weekend. He would especially like to thank Norman and Patricia Kavanagh for the marquee, Maynooth Cabs (Bruno and Herbie), NCS Autoparts for the generator, Maynooth Jewellers for the tables, and the main men who were throwing down the tunes Andrew Forester and Luke Bell and the huge possee for attending. A mention must go to Maynooth Community Council for the sound system.

Thanks again & see you next year. P

#### NORTH KILDARE SPORTS CLUB



The North Kildare Club

Maynooth and Back

Race Start - 10.00am

# SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

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facebook.com/Maynooth5km

#### Irelands Rugby team training in Carton House Maynooth ready to take on the World







Tommy Bowe gets a big hug from Irelands No 1 fan Jennifer Malone

There was great excitement in Maynooth as the giants of Irish Rugby gathered in Maynooth to prepare for the World Cup which will be spread over the months of September and October. We wish them well in their quest to bring the cup back to Maynooth and we will follow them all the way to the final.

#### Pool Games Group D

Saturday 19th September 14.30 Ireland V Canada Millennium Stadium Cardiff. Sunday 27th September 16.45 Ireland V Romania Wembley Stadium London. Sunday October 4th 16.45 Ireland V Italy The Stadium, Queen Elizabeth Park London

Sunday October 11 16.45 Ireland V France Millennium Stadium Cardiff.

Quarter Finals Saturday October 17/ Sunday October 18 Semi Finals October 24/ October 25th

Final Saturday October 31st 16.00

# Citizens Keane

Sean, Matt, Pat & Noel Keane

In Concert

The Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth Saturday 26th September 2015

Tickets €25 - available from

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### **Maynooth Tidy Towns**



We wish to thank all who voted for one of our 3 projects in the Intel Pride of Place competition. The results will be announced by Intel on 10th September.

National Tidy Towns result will be announced on 28th September further information on how we did will be in October Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Kildare County Council announced the winner of the first Bug/Insect Hotel competition and Maynooth won first prize. This Bug/Hotel is on the Joan Slade River.

Our official sign for Winning Ireland's Best Kept Large Town was unveiled at the junction of Courthouse Square on the Straffan Road during the summer.

We thank BDO who arranged for the painting of the Building by John Kavanagh with the help of his son Ross which displays various Trophies and Certificates we have won over the past number of years.

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

#### Richard Farrell

PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns- 087 3153189 Follow us on Facebook













#### ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP (RCAG)

There was a "walk & talk" on the afternoon of Saturday the 18th July from Maynooth Harbour to Jackson's Bridge (the 14th Lock). There was a brief history of the Royal Canal telling how in 1788 the Irish Parliament decided to grant aid private investment in building a northern canal route to the Shannon. The share flotation was so successful that it was over subscribed by £10,000.00. Parliament grant aided 1/3rd (£66,000.00) of the projected cost (£197,000.00). The Duke of Leinster was a major £2,000.00 Investor and his insistence on changing the projected canal route was one of the principal reasons why the venture was bankrupt by 1794. By 1817 the 90.5 mile connection to the Shannon was finally completed at a total cost of £1,422,000.

Most of the canal bridges are named after Directors of the Company and in the Maynooth area that meant Christopher and Robert DEEY, William PIKE, Joseph MULLEN, James BOND, and Henry JACKSON. The only canal bridge named after a lady is LOUISA Bridge, in Leixlip named after Louisa Conolly of Celbridge.

A passenger service from Dublin to Kilcock with a stop-over near Leixlip, started in December 1796.

In 1845 the new Midland Great Western Railway Company (MGWRC) bought the entire canal concern for £298,059 and the rail line to Maynooth was completed by 1847.

The canal passenger service ended in 1849.

The 1939-45 War saw a resurgence of canal traffic carrying peat supplies for Dublin.

Passing Bond Bridge the Joan Slade River was culverted under the railway and canal lines, and nearby in the wall of St. Patrick's College, was the blocked-up service entrance from a former canal quay. Approaching Jackson's Bridge we made a slight detour to show the Lyreen River emerging from a culvert under the canal and railway lines.

RCAG laid on refreshments at Jackson's Bridge. This bridge has five spans to accommodate cattle crossing, the Lyreen River, the Railway, the Canal and Pedestrians.

When refreshments were over, there was a live demonstration of how a boat negotiated the canal lock.

Be sure to check out our site www.royalcanal.ie for news about canal events and also how to become an RCAG Member online. www.royalcanal.ie

# Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2015

The Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta Comhaltas branch, Leixlip returned from another highly successful All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil last weekend in Sligo. As well as numerous successes in music and dancing competitions, the branch also secured 3rd place in the Senior Céilí Band competition – the most prestigious of all Irish music competitions. Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta was the only Kildare branch to win medals at the Fleadh and walked away with an unprecedented 6 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals.

Speaking after the weekend, branch PRO Colm Ó hArgáin said,

"This was our most successful year yet and is a result of lots of hard work and of the experience within the branch of developing musicians, singers and dancers which has been the aim of the branch since it's foundation in 1981. This Fleadh has further cemented Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta as one of the leading branches and learning centres in the country for the Irish traditional arts".

As well as the numerous medals, the branch featured prominently on the Fleadh TV show on TG4 during the weekend and entertained the masses on the Gig Rig with a 45 minute concert performance. Musicians enjoyed playing on the streets, in the bars and everybody had a great time and soaking in the atmosphere.

"The branch is very proud of all our members who competed at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. To qualify for the Fleadh is a massive achievement. It was particularly special for the branch to qualify as Senior Band and Group champions from Leinster, the first time the Double has been achieved and all the more special to have done it in Maynooth at the Leinster Fleadh! To come 3rd at the Senior Band competition on Sunday rounded of a really special year for the branch."

Classes start all over again in September! Enrolment takes place in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh, Leixlip on 7 September from 6:15. The branch look forward to welcoming new students of all ages and are excited to be offering 3 new classes this coming year – drums, piano and bodhrán.

"Our classes incorporate the three curricular strands; Listening & Responding, Performing, and Composing and the fruits of that structure are now evident with the unprecedented results achieved at the Leinster and All-Ireland Fleadh. All of our teachers have a proven track record in teaching and are highly accomplished performers, having played to audiences both on the national and international stage".

"Members can look forward to another fun filled year of sessions, trips, concerts, social events and much more. The social element is what matters most of all - we pride ourselves on integrating the various forms of Irish traditional performance arts while simultaneously providing opportunities for pupil activity & performance".

#### About Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta

The Leixlip Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was founded on 25 February 1981. The branch set up music and dancing classes in Coláiste Chiaráin and these grew from strength to strength and today over 120 children and adults attend branch classes in a variety of instruments, sean nós dancing, grúpaí cheoil and bands in Scoil Uí Dhálaigh every Monday evening. In the 80's the branch eagerly

participated in Scoraíocht, Ceol an Gheimhidh and Ceoltraí competitions with great success but in more recent years the branch prides itself in the success of its members in County, Leinster and All-Ireland Fleadhanna Cheoil. Members have represented Comhaltas abroad as well as other well-known touring groups and we are delighted that they have gone on to entertain audiences worldwide.

In 1991 the branch changed its name to Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta to remember one of its founders, Beartla Ó Flatharta RIP, a musician and singer who worked tirelessly to promote all aspects of our culture. The branch has been fortunate to have had vibrant members such as Beartla throughout the years whose hard work, dedication and knowledge has resulted in a thriving branch. Members have always been encouraged to take an active part in Comhaltas and the branch has played a pivotal role on the Kildare County Board, Leinster Council and Ard Comhairle (Central Executive Council).

While the technical aspects of music are best learnt in the classroom, the natural development of a musician takes place at informal sessions through playing and interacting with other musicians and learning new tunes and styles by ear. The branch recognises this and operates a busy social programme to give musicians as many opportunities as possible.

"While practising at home is important, discovering a new and rich tradition and making friends for life is the most important thing. To expose the younger musicians to the many traditional styles, we have travelled throughout the country to participate in festivals, workshops and sessions and have invited numerous musicians to our recitals and workshops. Our teachers were at one time in our beginner's class and one of the most pleasing aspects of our work is seeing young people growing through the branch and then becoming the teacher. This creates a link between the old and new and forges a special culture and atmosphere within the branch".

The work of the branch has been recognised in the locality and Leixlip Town Council awarded a Civic Award to many of its members over the years. The Council also recognised the work of the branch on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

The current committee carry on the great work and are confident that the branch will go from strength to strength in the coming years.

More information www.cceleixlip.ie

Request a brochure http://www.cceleixlip.com/contact

**All-Ireland Fleadh Results** 

Céili Band (O18) 3rd Beartla Uí Fhlatharta Céilí Band, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

Flute (15-18) 1st Ciarán Mac Gearailt, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

Concertina (15-18) 1st Ciarán Mac Gearailt, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

Uilleann Pipes (15-18) 1st Cormac MacAodhagáin, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

Whistle Slow Airs (15-18) 1st Áine Ní Gearailt, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

Trios (15-18)

1st Áine Nic Gearailt, Ciarán Mac Gearailt, Cormac Mac Aoghadáin, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta Chill Dara

8 Hand Céilí (Ladies) (O18) 3rd Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

8 Hand Céilí (Mixed) (O18) 2nd Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta, Chill Dara

4 Hand Céilí (Mixed) (O18) 1st Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta A, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta Chill Dara 3rd Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta B, CCÉ, Craobh Bheartla Uí Fhlatharta Chill Dara

#### (See Photos on page 29)



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Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth

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2015

Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September



# **Congratulations to August Winner:**

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Course details on www.kwetb.ie and brochure available locally.

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#### North Kildare Rugby Club

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Training for New season starts
Wednesday 2nd September

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#### Kids & Teenagers Advice

Bullying for kids and teenagers exists in many different ways. We all have a shared responsibility to deal with bullying and we want your help to shape our advise section into something that really works for young people. We are inviting teenagers and young people to email us and let us know how this would best work for you.

For the moment here are a few tips which you might find useful:

Stay Positive — If you have had bullying issues in the past it is important that you stay positive. Many of us who experience bullying will be concerned that it might happen again in the future. It is important to stay positive about this and not worry that every time you see someone laughing or see a few people talking amongst themselves that they are talking about you. Also sometimes people do things or say things and do not realise that they are hurting others. Of course this does not justify it but telling someone or telling a teacher in this case can usually result in it being stopped very easily

Keep involved with others — Might seem a little obvious to some but taking time to be friendly with others throughout your day is a valuable thing to do. Get involved with others and do not cut yourself off from the group. Take a little time to chat about topical issues others might be talking about or things you are all interested in. Perhaps chat with the lads in class if they are talking about a match or ask the girls what they thought of that movie on TV last night. The key here is that you are showing interest in others even if they are chatting about something you are not interested in. You do not need to restrict this to your immediate close circle of friends either. Treat others in the same way and do not restrict yourself to potential friendships with just a small number of people.

Join clubs and groups outside of school — Regardless of what you are interested in it is highly likely that not too far away from you there is a club or group outside of school where you can go to pursue your interest. Joining clubs and groups outside of schools is a great and easy way to broaden your horizons and meet new friends with common interests. It is also a great distraction away from school and a great way to relax after a day. If you are in a class with a bully or a few idiots who give people a bit of a hard time getting out and joining a group or club like this is a fantastic way of making these people less of an influence in your life and taking their power.

If you are experiencing bullying - Of course you should talk to somebody about it but this is not always easy to do. If you are experiencing persistent issues with the same people write it down. Keep track of it. Keeping a diary of it in this manner creates a record of it and saves you the upset of having to recall instances. Give your written record to an adult or somebody in authority in your school. Tell a parent, tell a friend, talk to a teacher or somebody in your school or contact stopthebully.ie and we can offer you further advise and help.

#### What can Stopthebully.ie do for you?

Pat Forde of stopthebully.ie works with bullying targets and schools all over Ireland. Pat has trained in the UK and delivers anti-bullying programs that have helped a large number of kids, teenagers, families & adults. These are delivered in groups, school classes and also privately with parents and teens. We can help you improve your situation. Of course we can never promise that nobody will never try to bully you again in the future but with can help you to prevent issues and teach you how you can deal with them again in the future so it stops. If you want to get in contact or email for any advice please do so. This is a free service for bullying targets and we want to help and we can help.

Source: Stopthebully.ie

# Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our club will reopen on Tuesday morning Sept. 1st and our committee will meet that evening at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall. Our preparations for our Golden Jubilee on Sept. 20th are coming together nicely and we look forward to meeting old friends and former committee members on the day. Replies to all invitations should be in by Sept. 1st. Meanwhile our book "The Golden Years" is selling well and I thank you for your support. If you have not already got a copy they are available in Maynooth Book Shop, Maynooth Photo Centre, SuperValu, News 4 U and Donovan's shop. All we need now is an "Indian Summer" for our celebrations and all will be well with the world.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.

#### PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

#### **TOPPING**

- \* 120g butter
- \* 200g soft brown sugar
- \* 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- \* 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- \* 6 pineapple rings (430g tin)
- \* 6 maraschino cherries

#### CAKE

- \* 170g butter softened
- \* 150g caster sugar
- \* 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- \* 2 eggs
- \* 150g self raising flour
- \* 1 teaspoon baking powder
- \* 1/4 teaspoon salt
- \* Ice cream to serve



Make the topping by melting butter in a saucepan. Stir in brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla and cook for a few minutes to melt the sugar. Add 50ml of juice from the tin and gently simmer for 5 minutes on the lowest heat.

Arrange the pineapple rings in a tin (23cm) and place a maraschino cherry in the centre of each one. Pour most of the syrup over the pineapples and leave to stand while making the cake.

Preheat the oven to gas mark 4 (180c). Cream the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Add vanilla. Beat in the eggs one at a time and finally sift in the flour, baking powder and salt.

Spoon mixture on top of the pineapples and bake for 40 minutes. Leave to cool for 20 minutes before turning out onto plate. Glaze with remaining syrup and serve warm with ice cream

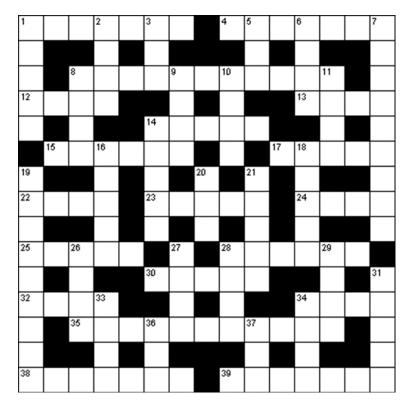
As requested by P. Farrell
In the hope someone might make one for him!!!

#### **Clues Across**

#### September Crossword - No: 439

- 1. Boom (7)
- 4. Extend the duration of (7)
- 8. Produce in large quantities (4,7)
- 12. Metric unit of mass (4)
- 13. Frozen treats (4)
- 14. Seizes with teeth (5)
- 15. Tried out (6)
- 17. Surface upon which one walks (5)
- 22. Capital of Norway (4)
- 23. Long for (5)
- 24. Ammunition (4)
- 25. Nail-like fastener (5)
- 28. Delicate in meaning (6)
- 30. Adult female person (5)
- 32. Having wealth (4)
- 34. Ward off (4)
- 35. Person who cuts hair (11)
- 38. Tubular ground meat (7)
- 39. Mysterious (7)





#### **Clues Down**

- 1. Wild dog of Australia (5)
- 2. Quantity of paper (4)
- 3. Long-leaved lettuce (3)
- 5. To free (3)
- 6. Positions (4)
- 7. Room for the lodging of guests (5,4)
- 8. Female horse (4)
- 9. Discharged a debt (4)
- 10. Singles (4)
- 11. Reflected sound (4)
- 14. Long hard seat (5)
- 16. Ghost (5)
- 18. Little (5)
- 19. Immense (9)
- 20. Cushion (3)
- 20. Cusinon (5)
- 21. Started (5)
- 26. Unit of length (4)
- 27. Nobleman (4)
- 28. An auction (4)
- 29. Sly look (4)
- 31. Strangely (5)
- 33. Head-wear (4)
- 34. Goat's milk cheese (4)
- 36. Manipulate (3)
- 37. Central body of the solar system (3)

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Will anyone talk to me

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Do I have to join the first night

Many do, but there is no hard sell, come another evening, but do come.

Can I actively partiplicate at the meeting

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Interested, want to know more, find the voice which you have, then come along on the 14th September or contact Peter Cuthbert, Maynooth Toastmasters Public Relations

Tel: 086 8752336



#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

My fondest singer of mine

Written by Paddy Murray, Bramble Lodge,

Newbridge

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. **GMG PTC** 

Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received.

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# Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

(From 25/5/2015 to 21/8/2015)

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
15705	Kildare County Council	Cathy Ennis	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/08/2015
15690	Kildare County Council	Rodica Turcanu	Between 346A and 345 Old, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/08/2015
15685	Kildare County Council	Specialist Independent Building Services Limited	Maynooth Mall, Main Street/ Mill Street, Maynooth	06/08/2015
15678	Kildare County Council	Aine Daly	Laragh, Maynooth, Co.Kildare	04/08/2015
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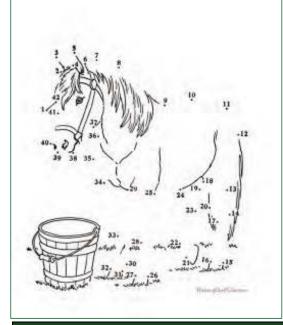


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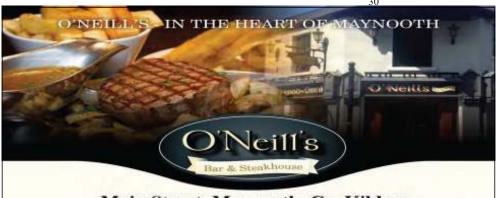




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## FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

## Film Review: Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation Starring: Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson & Simon Pegg



2015 is fast proving to be the year of spy capers. The comedy spoofs Spy and Kingsman: The Secret Service hit cinema screens earlier this year. The trend of reinventing classic 60s series for the modern era continues with the upcoming The Man from U.N.C.L.E (starring Superman- starrer Henry Cavill) and Daniel Craig will soon return as the Daddy of all spies, James Bond, in Spectre. For now we have the most famous Scientologist in the world, Tom Cruise, providing thrills and spills in the latest action-packed instalment of the Mission: Impossible franchise. Written and directed by Christopher McQuarrie, Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation is the fifth in a series of films that have spanned two decades.



Based on the original 1960s/1970s TV series (which epitomised uber-cool spy chic), the first big M:I screen adaptation appeared back in 2006, with Tom Cruise taking on the spy mantel in Brian De Palma's stylish thriller. It has been four years since Ghost Protocol (a particular highlight in the series). The present offering sees Ethan Hunt (Cruise) and his IMF (Impossible Mission Force) crack-team reuniting to fight a new and menacing adversary.

The pre-opener - Bond-like - sequence of the film is predictably spectacular. We witness Tom Cruise, doing what he does best, running, jumping and dangling perilously from the outside of a moving cargo plane. His mission, should he make it, is to climb onboard and retrieve a deadly container of nerve gas from a crew of Chechen separatists. Will he make it! Well this is a Tom Cruise film and nothing is impossible! Lalo Schifrin's now classic theme music for Mission Impossible pulsates over the opening credits, preparing us for an adrenaline-fuelled ride.



Ethan Hunt's (Tom Cruise) IMF is in straightened circumstances when the film begins. CIA chief Alan Hunley (a surly Alec Baldwin) is targeting the operatives for 'wanton' and reckless acts (blowing up the Kremlin in Ghost Protocol certainly didn't help their cause!) with little accountability. In the modern age of 'transparency' this is a definite No-No. Hunley enlists the aid of Congress to shut down the IMF's covert operations.



With the IMF in disarray, Ethan's team regulars Benji (Simon Pegg), Brandt (Jeremy Renner) and Luther (Ving Rhames) are contained by the CIA and hover on the sidelines. The isolated Hunt, meantime, is not content to take this lying down. He has bigger fish to fry as he does what he does in most of the M:I films – goes on the run! Ethan quickly ends up as a fugitive, 'a man without a country', hunted by friend and foe alike. Hunt is determined to infiltrate 'The Syndicate', the 'Rogue Nation' of the film's title, a shadowy terror organisation intent on wreaking global mayhem. Its ruthless leader,

renegade spy, Solomon Lane (Sean Harris) is a creepy addition to the list of super villains that pepper the M:I series. Early on, Solomon sets a trap for Hunt which results in his incarceration and a brutal beating in a murky cellar. Help is at hand, though, in the alluring form of mystery British agent Ilsa Faust (Rebecca Ferguson). A dab hand at the old martial arts, she orchestrates Hunt's escape. Thus ensues a series of fights, heists, chases, espionage, and double-crossing skulduggery in exotic locations.



However the plot isn't the thing in MI: Rogue Nation. Its formulaic plot is pretty much interchangeable with all of red telephone boxes and somewhat foggy streets! the other films in the series. It's a red herring or a 'MacGuffin' in filmic jargon. What really excites audiences in this franchise is the never-ending, hairraising, death-defying action pieces that places Tom Cruise's agile secret agent in perpetual and mortal danger. Audiences enjoy the spectacle of its star literally jumping from one extreme situation to another. There is a vicarious thrill in watching Cruise perform his own stunts. That is basically the calling card for the M:1 series of films.



One striking and extended set-piece happens early in proceedings. Ethan Hunt, Benji, Ilsa and various Syndicate baddies converge on the Vienna State Opera for some tantalisingly tense high-jinks. A production of Puccini's *Turandot* is the mere side-show to Cruise's acrobatic antics in the rafters of the theatre. Eyeballing a plethora of potential assassins, who have the Austrian President lined up for target practice, Hunt enlists the help of computer nerd, Benji to thwart their dastardly plans. Director McQuarrie's set-piece in the Opera House clearly references a Hitchcock classic, "The Man Who Knew Too Much" with music and gun fire combined to dramatic effect. Musical instruments were never so deadly!



Rebecca Ferguson's sultry double agent (whose motives are ambiguous throughout) is as pivotal to this scene as is Tom Cruise's disaffected spy. Indeed she is at the centre of most of the action sequences in the film. Ilsa glides up the steps of the Opera house in a gorgeous dress that accentuates her curves, practices her gun skills and joins Hunt in a heart-stopping leap from the top of the iconic building.

Swedish Ferguson's Ilsa is certainly no shrinking violet. Her very physical, kick-ass heroine is not content to play second fiddle to the boys. She is Hunt's equal in every sense, not the one-dimensional, disposable, romantic, feminine presence so overused in the spy genre. Indeed Cruise's character seems especially exposed in this film as Ilsa is instrumental in saving his life on two separate

Two other highlights of director McQuarrie's spy thriller involve a suspense-filled underwater sequence, and a

protracted car/motorcycle chase through the narrow streets and winding roads of Casablanca. In an attempt to retrieve some crucial computer files from an underwater vault, Tom Cruise's agent is forced to hold his breath for longer than is decently possible!

Christopher McQuarrie's has pedigree as a writer (he penned the award-winning script for The Usual Suspects). Increasingly, he is making his mark as an action director of some note. McQuarrie has previously worked with his leading star in Jack Reacher and Edge of Tomorrow. In Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation, his speciality is in the escalation of tension rather than splashy CGI or technical effects. He makes good use of several stylish locations (Paris, Vienna, Morocco and London) to enact his spy drama. The London scenes are especially notable their seemingly endless proliferation





The supporting cast do just that. Simon Pegg stands out as Cruise's techno-savvy friend, Benji. His performance is more subdued than in Ghost Protocol but all the better for it. Pegg brings comic relief to the moments of heightened tension and is a great side-kick for Cruise. Alas, Jeremy Renner as Brandt (so good in the previous M:I) is underused in this outing. It's rather a thankless role as he takes very much a background part. Sean Harris, as the slimy villain of the piece, intimidates with his low voice and spectacles. Although, Philip Seymour -Hoffman of M:13 is still the undisputed king of mischief in the entire series of films.



The main attraction of Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation is, of course, its veteran star, Tom Cruise. Defying the aging process and literally gravity, he pulls out all the stops for your delectation and entertainment. His dedication to performing his own stunts is quite unique, and possibly foolhardy, in this age of computergenerated trickery. Cruise is decidedly a film star of the old school and still has charisma, star presence and drawing power in abundance. He and Ferguson's magnetic female spy are the main reasons to watch this highly-entertaining entry to the Mission: Impossible





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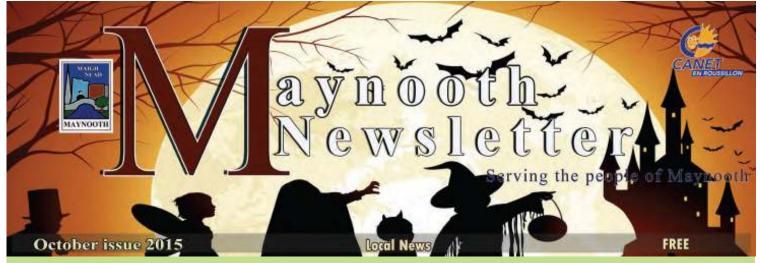


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As we go to press the results from the Helix were announced - Maynooth Takes Silver in National Tidy Towns Competition 2015. There was also a Special Award for "Local Hero" Marian Cawley.

## Intel Award €10,000 to All Three Towns in Pride of Place Competition



Over the past few months the Intel Pride of Place competition has been taking place. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 a large group of Maynooth Tidy Towns committee, volunteers and residents enjoyed the hospitality of Intel and very informative presentations. Diarmuid Gavin, Irish Garden Designer and TV personality spoke about the importance of the voluntary work of Tidy Towns in Ireland.

Leonard Hobbs of Intel then announced the winner but to our surprise Intel decided to give each of the Tidy Towns Groups (Maynooth, Leixlip & Celbridge) €10,000, to be spent on their winning project, which was in our case the Solar Powered Big Belly Compactor. We thank everyone who voted for our 3 projects. A big thank you to the committee, volunteers and thanks to Mary Molloy who looks after our Facebook page and drummed up a huge amount of support for us.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will see the results of the latest IBAL survey which saw Maynooth climb up the national ladder from 36<sup>th</sup> place to 21<sup>st</sup> place in the ranking of 42

the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade.

At time of writing the National Tidy Towns results are been anxiously awaited. The results will be announced in the Helix on the Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Full report will be in future edition of the Newsletter.

**Richard Farrell** PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns.





Maynooth Tidy Towns Group at the Intel Pride of Place Presentation.



Richard Farrell (MTT), Claira Barbour, (The Glenroyal Hotel), Mary Farrell (MTT)



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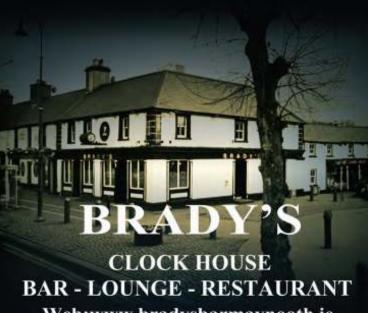
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Feral kittens can be seen everywhere. They are brought into us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic with sore eyes, sneezing, coughing and showing symptoms of cat flu. These kittens have lungs the size of the top of your thumb so any injury to this organ so early in life will have a chronic affect later on. We had a call from a local doctor recently informing us he could not go on his house calls as he heard a kitten meowing when he started the car

engine. We gave him advice of how to entice the kitten out of the engine and it took 2 days for the little fellow to appear! Not all kittens are so lucky! Stray tom cats can cause serious problems in areas because of their ability to not only mate but also to spread disease and to bully the local cat population.

We advise to neuter your dog, male and female from 6 months of age and cats from 5 months. Male dogs that are castrated are happier, more content and less agitated than those that are not. Some owners are of the opinion that the operation changes their pet's character. This is not the case! The only disadvantage is a tendency, in some breeds of dogs especially Labradors, is to put on weight. This can be managed through diet and exercise.

Female dogs on average come in season twice a year and obviously attract a lot of unwanted attention. This can make your dog's life a misery for 3 weeks every twice a year. Thus spaying (hysterectomy) is the easier option. Female dogs spayed

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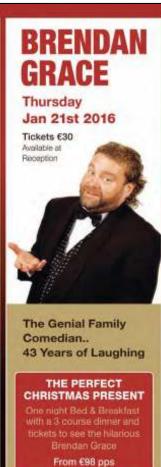
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Our hotel will be transformed into a Christmas Wonderland making it perfect to capture those all-important photos & selfies!

To get everyone in the party mood, themed novelties are supplied for every guest and of course the real Santa will be here to say Ho Ho!

#### **Glenroval Entertainment at its Best!**

We have an impressive entertainment line up over the coming months at the Glenroyal Hotel.

On Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, we are delighted to be hosting **Pat Shortt's** new show 'Selfie'. He tells the tales of singing undertaker, Mossey Burke, along with a host of new characters, as he recounts his favourite funeral – one that was nearly the death of him and changed his life forever! Tickets are available at hotel reception & Ticketmaster.

On Thursday January 21st we have the pleasure of welcoming Brendan Grace back to our hotel. Brendan's show was sold out last year and he certainly lived up to his reputation as a genial family comedian delighting both the young and old in his audience. Tickets are available from hotel reception.

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Whatever you're into this winter, the Glenroyal has you covered. Enquire early to avoid disappointment.

# **Community Council Notes**

#### **Maynooth Community Council Notes** September 14th 2015 **Maynooth Community Space**

The minutes were approved; there were no matters arising or correspondence.

#### Maynooth Tidy Towns Intel's Pride of Place award -Congratulations

Congratulations were expressed to Maynooth Tidy Towns on their winning €10,000 from Intel's Pride of Place award. One of Maynooth's three project proposals was to install a Big Belly Compactor which is a project to install solar compactors and reduce litter in the Maynooth area. This was the choice of the voters. Well done to all. Celbridge and Leixlip Tidy Towns were also awarded prizes to the same amount.

#### Maynooth Community Council Members' Elections

The secretary explained that the applications to membership of the MCC will be formally closed off in the next few days. An email will be sent out to the previous list of MCC members to ensure that everyone who is continuing on the council fills in the necessary form to reapply for MCC membership. This is an important step in the process as without the signed form, individuals cannot go forward for executive posts.

#### Nominations to executive positions - Elections to be held on 12th October

The chairman outlined the procedure for the election of officers. Nominations are to be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the MCC by 2nd October. The election will take place on 12th October (at the next MCC meeting) and will be placed at the end of that meeting in the form of an EGM. If there is more than one nomination for any given post there will be a ballot. Nominations will be proposed and seconded in the normal way.

#### Local matters

#### Rockfield Residents' Association

Miriam O'Keeffe-Ahern spoke of Rockfield Residents'

Association's bitter disappointment at Kildare County Council's response regarding their formal complaint about the non-compliant site notice displayed for a new development that directly impacts on the Rockfield Estate. The matter is still ongoing. A number of weeks were wasted through KCC customer service run-arounds and misinformation about the appeal process. Rockfield Residents' Association obtained clarification from the Ombudsman which confirmed that they were correct and could request that a site notice be declared invalid. KCC was informed about this. As a result the Residents' Association has to start their appeal from the beginning all over again.

It was noted at the meeting that the issue (non-compliant site notices) raises questions about the integrity and transparency of the planning procedure from the outset. As this site notice was not placed in an area where it could be seen, the six weeks statutory response time had elapsed thereby depriving anyone to appeal, object or comment on the proposed development. Rockfield Residents' Association have been denied the right to appeal and feel frustrated by the process. They have a number of concerns about the development which they wished to express.

Rockfield Residents want the location site notice to be declared invalid and this practice has already happened in other counties. Planning regulations were amended by County Councils to give clear instructions about the erecting of site notice precisely because of the amount of problems that this has caused in the past. The advice from Councillor John McGinley was to go after the substantive issue. John agreed to follow the matter up with Kildare County Council on behalf of Rockfield Residents. Miriam O'Keefe Ahern will liaise with John and expressed her thanks to him on behalf of Rockfield Residents' Association.

#### Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens Club resumed in September. Senior Citizens will be launching a big event this year as they

celebrate their Golden Jubilee on 20 September. There will be an Ecumenical Service in the Geraldine Hall which will be followed by book launch and reception in the Glenroyal Hotel. The book titled, "The Golden Years" is an illustrative account spanning the last 50 years. 500 copies of the book were published. An invitation to attend the event was sent to every organisation in the town.

The annual Senior Citizens walk and Halloween party will take place in October.

Josephine Moore expressed sympathy on the passing of Walter Hayley at the age of 99 and of Imelda Farrelly at the age of 94.

Maynooth Local History Group—Heritage Sunday Mary Cullen gave a talk on the History of St. Mary's Church of Ireland which was very well received. The talk was followed by a walk to the Castle and onwards up Main Street, to Carton Avenue, to the Fitzgerald burial ground where a wreath of flowers was laid. The walk ended at Tir Chonaill Tower. In spite of inclement weather a good time was had by all. They will be planning a day trip and there will be a Yeats night in October in the Community Space.

#### **Educate Together School**

The Educate Together School has officially received permanent recognition to move to a two stream school. The school has the demand for increased numbers which can now be accommodated. Adrienne Flynn noted that the land zoned as" Crèche" in the recent development land was for educate together expansion. To be looked

Crafts evening have resumed. Afternoon tea party was a great success for the Maynooth Festival. The Chairman encouraged all groups to advertise what they are doing in the Newsletter.

## **Editorial**

I was recently reviewing the Kildare County Council Development Map of Maynooth which shows the current and future land usage designations for the town. Each land usage has a different colour code and it is striking the amount of land that is designated for Educational use which is coloured blue. Of course this land includes the local schools already in place as well as the new Post-Primary site in Moyglare.

However, it is striking the amount of land in Maynooth that is in the ownership and usage of Maynooth University and St. Patrick's College. The annual arrival of new students is happening this month and of course our new temporary residents are most welcome. Maynooth University likes to promote the unique place that jobs. The few exceptions that made this town is and there is no doubt that Maynooth never seems to grow old with the constant injection of new people.

Of course coming to College is somewhat a coming of age and

maturity. All of us who had the fortune to go to third level education enjoyed ourselves but we all had to consider the community around us who cannot share in the revelry which is a normal part of college life.

The expanse of land used for the University reminds us that Maynooth is unique in how it has developed particularly in the twentieth century. Take the 1950s and 1960s, virtually every town had some level of industrial development especially with the arrivals of the IDA Advance Factories. This did not happen in Maynooth despite our closeness to

We in effect became a centre for learning as distinct from industrial Maynooth a typical Irish rural town was the presence of Kavanagh's mill (now Manor Mills Shopping Centre) and Doyle's Mart (now Tesco's). It took until the 1990s for Maynooth Business Campus to develop and bring a range of new jobs to the

It is interesting the range of descriptions that come to mind about Maynooth. Originally known as "Ireland's Best Planned Landlord Town" from the connection with Carton House to being assigned the tag of "Ireland's only University town". More recently Maynooth is called "The Retail Capital of North Kildare" because of the expansion of the shopping centres and the "The dining out capital of Kildare" because of the number of thriving restaurants in the town.

Still a very high percentage of our working population leave Maynooth every day to work in Dublin thus keeping us with "the commuter town" tag as well. My preference based on the Maynooth Development Map colouring is to agree that regardless of other designations Maynooth is the "Educational Capital of Ireland" and that is not going to change anytime soon.

Paul Croghan

#### A walk before the storm in Dunfanaghy Beach

Rain clouds gather with brooding mutinous intent Across the bay, lay stony hills with small patch work fields

Grey white stone cottages lace the emerald landscape As the light dims, they recede further into shapeless

Time and tide expose the sand flat bay Stranded jelly fish like jewels reflect the fading light

Now beached, awaiting deliverance from the incoming tide

Yellow and gold eyed buttercups adorn the beach

Clouds of starlings dip and climb in flight formations A patient Heron beaks an unwary fish Grains of sand swirl in tune with the gusts of wind. The once clear blue sky is now a memory.

We walk homewards with quickened step A lone hare scampers to a meadow filled cover The swaying grass, coloured with wild flowers Purple Blue, pink and crimson

Lord Lucan Donegal, July 2015

#### 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. **Jacko** Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received.

## Maynooth up to 21st in IBAL Survey 2015

Maynooth: surveyed. Clean to European Norms.

A good result for Maynooth with over half of the sites surveyed getting the top litter grade.

Big improvements were noted at the Recycle Facility at Aldi. St. Mary's BNS School (a Green Flag School) NUI Maynooth North Campus have been maintained.

Recycle Facility in Aldi: Grade A. A fresh and clean recycle facility. Surveyor noted big improvements here compared to previous IBAL Anti-Litter surveys hopefully this can be sustained.

St. Mary's BNS School: Grade A. A 'Green Flag' school so fittingly it got the top litter grade - it was a credit to all involved in same.

NUI Maynooth - North Campus: Grade A. An extensive site which was exemplary, as it has so often been before. Clearly this is a very well respected and maintained university campus - well done to all.

Maynooth Train Station: Grade A. Surveyor noted good order.

Joint 21st out of 40 towns / cities that this was the best ever over a long number of years. Aldi Car Park: Grade B. (on right from West of All aspects of the station were in very good order - Ireland on old road) Much of the car park proper was in forecourt, entrance, train tracks etc. - this is a good good order but what let down the grade was the litter in result considering the heavy usage at time of the survey.

> Main Street: Grade B. This street has regularly been somewhat littered in previous IBAL Anti-Litter Sweet papers and fast-food wrappers were present with parking and some colourful hanging baskets were in and sweet papers. good order.

presented environment - not only was it clear of litter about a mile outside the town, along part of the old road. but the attractive shrubbery/ornamental trees within and The stretch of road on the motorway leading towards the car park surface/footpath/bollards were in excellent Dublin was in much better order.

Dunboyne Approach Road: Grade A. A good impression is created along this road which was neat and well maintained. No litter was reported and all was in

the surrounding shrubbery area - a more thorough approach to cleaning could easily tackle this.

Park beside River: Grade B. (opposite Dunnes was, fittingly, top ranking and the high standards at surveys and things were no different this time around. Shopping Centre) Surveyor noted a slight improvement on previous surveys but it still wasn't clean enough to higher levels of chewing gum and cigarette butts, get the top litter grade. All the litter present was food particularly around the base of the trees. Paving, bicycle related - plastic bottles, fast-food wrappers, plastic bags

> Road to Dublin: Grade B. There was some litter Tesco Car Park: Grade A. This is a particularly well (sweet papers, fast-food wrappers and plastic) only for



#### Saving Money on Electricity and Gas

Your electricity and gas bills probably use up a very significant proportion of your household budget, but you can make big savings by following a few simple steps to help reduce the amount of gas and electricity you use:

#### Heating & Insulation

Insulating your home is an easy and cost-effective way to save money on your heating bills. For example, insulating your attic can cut your heating bills by up to 20%. Water heating is one of the most expensive electricity costs in the home. You can save money by only heating as much water as you need. Install a timer control switch for your hot water tank if you don't already have one. Reduce your heating to a comfortable 20°C. Lowering your thermostat by just 1°C can knock 10% off your heating bill. Installing a lagging jacket can save you up to €2.50 a week in water heating costs and can pay for itself within three months You should have your boiler serviced every year to help ensure it is safe, that it operates most efficiently, and to help avoid breakdowns. Modern boilers are far more efficient and cost effective than older versions. Remember, it is illegal for anyone other than a Registered Gas Installer to service your natural gas boiler. Registered Gas Installers have completed safety training, conform to Irish standards and have insurance. Find a Registered Gas Installer at www.rgii.ie

#### **Doors and Windows**

A lot of heat can be lost through your windows, particularly if they are single-glazed. If you are buying new windows, do some research - more efficient windows can save you more in energy costs over their lifetime Block up leaks and drafts, particularly around windows, doors and the roof. Never block vents in your rooms as fresh air is needed. Use heavy curtains. preferably lined ones, to keep in warm air. Close curtains at night – even in empty rooms. Open the curtains during the day to let in the heat from the sun. Make sure that curtains don't hang over radiators as that will block heat getting into the room

#### **Fireplaces**

With open fires, 70% of the heat gets lost up the chimney. Installing a stove instead of an open fire will use less fuel and give out more heat, saving you money on your heating bills. If you are not using open fires for long periods, prevent draughts from the chimney by getting a chimney balloon from a DIY shop.

#### Bathrooms

It costs the same amount of money to heat the water for 1 bath as it does for 5 showers - so save money (and water!) and take

On average, smaller appliances use less than a fifth of the electricity used by large ones – so using a toaster to make toast will only cost you a fifth of the cost of toasting the bread under the grill. When using an electric kettle, only boil as much water as you need. A half-full dishwasher, washing machine or dryer uses the same amount of energy as a full one. Wait until your dishwasher or washing machine is full before turning it on, or if your appliance has a half-load setting on it use this instead to

save money. Heating water costs you money, so use the lowest temperature recommended by the manufacturer when using your dishwasher and washing machine

#### Turn off and unplug

Leaving electrical appliances on standby, or leaving phone chargers plugged in when you're not using them costs money so unplug them! Unplugging all non-essential electrical appliances could reduce the average household electricity bill by between €50 and €100 a year. You can try the Electric Ireland appliance calculator to find out how much each of your electrical appliances costs you to run.

#### **Energy efficient appliances**

If you are buying new appliances, ask what energy rating they are. The higher the rating, the more efficient the appliance will be, costing you less to run. 'A' rated appliances are the most cost efficient. You can get lots more energy saving information for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland at www.seai.ie

#### Switching electricity and gas provider

If you are unhappy with the service you are getting from your electricity or gas provider, or if you think you are paying too much, you can easily switch to a new provider. There are currently four main electricity and gas providers on the market: Airtricity - Bord Gáis - Electric Ireland - Flogas (gas only) You can find more information on energycustomers.ie

#### How do I switch?

Switching is free and only takes a few minutes to complete online, over the phone or at your doorstep. Follow these simple

#### Step 1 - Choose a provider

Shop around to check which plan works best for you. Make sure you are comparing like with like and remember domestic and business rates will differ. Make sure you compare both the unit rate and the standing charge when comparing plans. The Commission for Energy Regulation provides a list of electricity and gas providers with some helpful hints and tips on switching. Consider getting natural gas and electricity from the same provider. Some suppliers offer discounts if you get both your gas and electricity from them. However, you may save more by getting electricity from one supplier and natural gas from another, so it is worth comparing different packages Consider paying by direct debit. Most suppliers offer discounts if you pay your bills by direct debit. Consider how you get your bills. Some providers offer discounts if you are happy to get your bill online instead of by post. If you choose this discount you will no longer receive paper bills by post and it will be your responsibility to check your bills online and make sure they are paid. You are entitled to a seven day cooling-off period, so if you are not happy with the terms and conditions of your contract, you can cancel it.

#### Step 2 – Provide details to your new provider

When you contact the provider you have chosen, you will be asked for your meter point registration number (MPRN). You will find this on your electricity bill and on your meter. Your new supplier will ask you for your address and a meter reading, so make sure you have this information. They will then make the necessary arrangements with your old supplier to have your account switched. If you are going to pay by direct debit, you will need to give your supplier your bank details.

#### Step 3 – Switch

Once your account has been switched, your new provider will send you a welcome letter and you will receive a final bill from your old supplier. Make sure to read and understand the terms and conditions of your new contract. If you have any questions about your new contract, you should contact your new supplier.

#### Frequently asked questions

#### Do I need any special equipment if I switch?

No. There is no need to carry out any work on your home, and no rewiring is required. You will keep the same electricity and gas meters when you switch and your meter will still be read by the gas and electricity networks (ESB Networks for electricity and Bord Gáis Networks for gas), regardless of which provider you choose.

#### What happens if I have a problem with my gas or electricity supply?

These problems will still be dealt with by ESB Networks or Bord Gáis Networks, which manage the supply and delivery of electricity and gas to homes.

#### How often will I be billed?

Each provider has different price plans available with different billing cycles.

#### Can I switch if I am in arrears with my current electricity or gas account?

Yes. However, your new provider will know if there are arrears on your electricity or gas account through the new "debt flagging" system which will be introduced soon.

#### Do I have to pay a deposit?

Some providers may charge a deposit. This is usually repaid if you meet the terms and conditions in relation to paying your bills or when you close your account. Check the terms and conditions of each supplier to see if a deposit is required and when it will be paid back to you.

#### If I agreed to switch provider at my doorstep and have changed my mind, what can I do?

A seven day cooling-off period applies, so if you are not happy with the terms and conditions of your contract, you can cancel it by contacting the provider you signed up to.

#### Will I be tied into a contract if I switch?

Check the terms and conditions of the payment plan you are choosing. Some suppliers have no minimum time requirement before you can switch again, but others offer fixed term contracts. If you choose a fixed term contract you may have to stay with that provider for a minimum length of time before you can switch, or a penalty may apply.

#### Is there a charge for switching?

No. There is no charge for switching to a new gas or electricity provider unless you have a fixed term contract that ties you to your old provider for a specified term.

#### What if I have problems switching?

The Commission for Energy Regulation requires electricity and gas providers to have codes of practice and customer charters setting out their processes and commitments to their customers. These must include complaints handling, customer billing and payments. Your provider must give you a copy of its codes and charter if you ask for them and publish them on its website.

## **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Implementation of Pay Parking

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on the implementation of the Maynooth Pay Parking Scheme at the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting on 9 September:

"Irish Water has indicated its intention to undertake works in the near future and it is considered appropriate to delay the provision of any new signs or road markings required by any new bye law until these works have been completed."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that it is incorrect to say that the Irish Water pipe replacement work at the Back Lane will be carried out in the near future as the Council's Waterworks Section has advised John that it will be mid 2016 before a contractor is on site.

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was essential that all of the rest of the Pay Parking Scheme (apart from the Back Lane) be put in place before the end of this year, as had previously been promised by the Area Engineer. John further stated Maynooth has the worse enforcement of parking laws of any town in the county with cars and vans double parked, parked on double yellow lines, at bus stops, on footpaths, at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings. Apart from the dangers caused to pedestrians and cyclists such illegal parking leads to traffic build up throughout the town. With a Traffic Warden in the town throughout the day such illegal parking will end and traffic movement will be freed up. In addition shopping will be easier as it will be possible to find parking close to shops on Main Street.

#### Removal of Bus Shelter at McMahons

The Council and the Maynooth MD members have agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's that the National Transport Authority be written to asking them to remove the bus shelter from outside McMahons on Main Street.

#### **Maynooth Traffic Management Plan to Proceed**

Last November Cllr. McGinley asked the Area Engineer to conduct a review the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan as the existing Plan was out of date. The Area Engineer replied that funding would be a problem as it would cost €60,000 to get Consultants to carry out the Review. After continuous pressure from Cllr. McGinley the Council's Chief Executive agreed to provide the funding last May.

The Council is now preparing a Brief for the Consultants and Cllr. McGinley has asked that the following be included:

1.Progress Policy PT3 of the Maynooth Local Area Plan i.e. "To investigate the feasibility of the provision of a new vehicular access to the railway station from the Rathcoffey Road (Bond Bridge)."

2.To progress Objective TRO 1 of the Maynooth LAP i.e. "To carry out a study investigating the safety and capacity of the existing Straffan Road M4 Interchange." 3.Jonathan Deane wants the issue of the Council's proposal to move the bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield (to allow residents' vehicles two ways out and into their estate instead of all trying to exit at the Straffan Road) referred to the Consultants.

4.The provision of traffic signals at the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road junction to improve traffic flow at the junction. This is a condition of Planning Ref: 14/709 (08/2174) and the houses are under construction 5.Pedestrianise Kellys Lane, Fagans Lane and Coates Lane in line with the Policies of the Maynooth LAP ( Part B Policies and Objectives)

6.That consideration be given to removing the "No Entry Signs" at Pound Street/Back Lane (it is largely ignored at present) and providing modern traffic calming instead.
7.The immediate implementation of the Pay Parking Scheme agreed by Council in December 2013.

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for All Public Lights to be Replaced in Housing Estates and Roads throughout the County

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council at its meeting on 21 September:

That a Capital Programme be put in place for the replacement of all sodium public lighting lamps in housing estates and traffic routes throughout the county, with Light Emitting Diode Lamps (LED), for the following reasons:

- The white light LED's give a better light and are more energy efficient than the orange sodium lamps
- Unlike sodium lamps the LED does not fail but decreases output until it needs to be replaced after 15 years approximately
- The LED lamp requires only half the power consumption of a sodium lamp for the same amount (or higher) light output.
- The manufacture of sodium lamps is stopping worldwide next year in favour of LED's so it is better to get a replacement programme in place now.

  Also, developers of all housing estates under construction should be advised to install LED lamps instead of sodium, where it is not already a condition of planning.

#### Cllr. McGinley Calls for Consultation with Residents' Associations on the Setting back of the "ins" and "Out" of bus stops on the Straffan Road

The Area Engineer gave the following Report to the Maynooth MD meeting on 9 September:

The Maynooth MD Office intends to go to tender in late September to overlay the cycle lanes between the Maxol garage and Meadowbrook. This project also entails the setting back of the "in" and "out" bus stops along this section so that the cycle lanes are not impeded by the bus pull-ins. This will necessitate the stepping-in of the boundary walls into the green space in Kingsbry and Straffan Way. This work is being funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA).

Cllr. John McGinley asked the Area Engineer to consult with the two Residents' Associations and John gave him the contact people

#### **Update on Maynooth University Swimming Pool**

Deputy Emmet Stagg was given the following update on the provision of a new Swimming Pool for Maynooth by the Councils Chief Executive on 10 September: "A number of meetings have been held with representatives of Maynooth University to explore options for a joint venture. Peter Minnock has also visited other facilities where joint ventures have been developed. Once we have finalised details for a proposed model we will make a submission to the Department. We will keep you briefed of developments in this regard."

#### Commissioner's Office responds to Stagg on Garda Numbers in Kildare

On foot of a letter sent by Deputy Emmet Stagg to the Garda Commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan in relation to Garda Numbers in the Kildare Division and the fact that the Kildare Division is the worst manned in the State, with 1 Garda for every 697 people, Marie Broderick, Superintendent in the Commissioner's Office, has responded to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Commissioner.

Deputy Stagg had suggested that when allocating Gardai from additional recruitment that a bonus would be applied to the Kildare Division to address the imbalance in Garda Resources over time. In the Superintendents first response to Deputy Stagg in May, she pointed out that the moratorium on recruitment from 2009-2014 had provided a major obstacle to deploying resources to the Kildare Division and redressing the imbalance of Gardai to population. It was pointed out that 300 trainee Gardai

were scheduled to leave the Garda College in 2015 and that recruitment would continue in 2016 to counter retirements and the strength of sworn members. The Kildare Division had been allocated 5 additional gardai in May 2015 and that further consideration would be given to allocating additional probationer gardai to the Kildare Division on completion of their training. Finally the Superintendent stated in addition, it is anticipated that An Garda Siochana will be in a position to facilitate consequential transfers at Garda rank into the Kildare Division in 2015 which may go towards redressing the imbalance referred to

In June Deputy Stagg responded to the Superintendent stating that the imbalance of Gardai to population had been there long before the 2009/2014 Moratorium on recruitment and again sought a defined system which over time would give a clear way in which the imbalance would be reduced in a progressive way.

In late August the Superintendent responded further to Deputy Stagg stating that whilst the imbalance existed prior to the moratorium, it had however provided a major obstacle to deploying resources to the Kildare Division and redressing the imbalance of Gardai to population. It was pointed out that a further 5 Trainee Gardai were allocated to the Kildare Division on August 7th. As the current recruitment campaign continues it is anticipated that more Trainee Gardai will be allocated to the Kildare Division in accordance with the distribution model used which takes into account all relevant factors including population and crime trends. Concluding the Superintendent reiterated that it is anticipated that consequential transfers of personnel at Garda rank into the Kildare Division will be facilitated thus redressing the imbalance referred to in my correspondence. Commenting on the responses received Deputy Stagg that whilst he was disappointed that his suggestion of a defined system was not been put in place, the correspondence clearly accepts the imbalance and seeks to redress the imbalance in gardai to population. This is a matter that I will keep under review concluded Deputy

#### Tenders Invited for Construction of Two New Maynooth Secondary Schools - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the case for the Construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and shared Sports Facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road with the Minister for Education and he has now been advised that Tenders for the Construction of Both Schools and the Sports Facility were invited on Monday September 7th by the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board.

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

The Tender Documents, stated Deputy Stagg, have issued to pre-qualified contractors and tenders have to be returned by Monday October 12th.

The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that it is expected that the construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and Sports Facility will commence on site in January 2016 with a 24 month construction period.

Welcoming the invitation of tenders, Deputy Stagg stated that Maynooth will have State of the Art Secondary Schools and a Sports Facility for our secondary pupils and he thanked his colleague Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. for securing the funding necessary for the Schools and Sports Facility.

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# **Know Your Rights**

#### Consumer rights in the EU

#### Question

I've just come back from a holiday in Portugal. I booked a tour to see the sights but the coach didn't turn up on the day. The tour company said we could rearrange another time but this didn't suit me. Can I get my money back?

#### Answer

When you buy goods or services in another EU member state you have certain rights under consumer legislation, including the right to make a complaint. The consumer laws of Portugal apply to any goods or services you bought while you were visiting there. However language differences and distance can make it more difficult to complain effectively.

If you are not happy with something you paid for, you should deal with the issue as soon as possible. In some cases, there are time limits for taking certain procedures. Even if there are no time limits set down, it is easier for you and the service provider to deal with issues as soon as possible.

Keep all relevant documents. It is your responsibility to prove that you paid for the goods or service that you are complaining about. A receipt is just one way to prove that you paid for an item or service. If you paid for the item by credit card, you can use your credit card statement as proof of purchase.

You should contact the service provider or retailer directly to make your complaint – in this case, the tour company. If you have exhausted the company's complaints mechanism or you are not happy with their response you should seek advice from your European Consumer Centre (ECC).

The ECC in Ireland is there to support you if you have a problem with a supplier of goods or services in another EU member state. It is part of an EU-wide network of consumer centres and it can help you to solve consumer disputes that arise in other member states of the EU. It does this by trying to solve the dispute directly with the supplier and, if this fails, by referring your case to an alternative dispute resolution body.

#### **Cycling offences**

#### Question

I'm a regular cyclist. What are the new cycling offences and what are the fines?

#### Answer

Like other road users, cyclists must obey the existing rules that apply to traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, zebra crossings and cycle traffic lights. You must stop at stop signs and give way at yield signs. There are also rules about the equipment a bicycle must have. These rules are set out in various laws and regulations.

There are no new cycling offences but, since 31 July 2015, certain cycling offences have been declared to be fixed charge offences. The fixed charge system allows you to pay a fixed charge or fine instead of going to court to answer the offence.

The cycling offences to which a fixed charge applies are:

- •No front or rear light during lighting-up hours
- •Riding a bicycle without reasonable consideration Monday to Friday) and they will make
- •Failing to stop for a school warden sign
- •Failing to stop at traffic lights when the red lamp is lit
- •Failing to stop at cycle traffic lights when the red lamp is lit
- •Failing to stop at a stop line, barrier or half barrier at a railway level crossing, swing bridge or lifting bridge, when the red lamps are flashing
- ·Cycling in a pedestrianised street or area

If you are stopped by a Garda who suspects you have committed a cycling offence you must give your name, address and date of birth when requested.

The fixed charge for a cycling offence is currently €40. If you receive a fixed charge notice, you have 28 days from the date of the issue of the fixed charge notice to pay the fine. If it is not paid within 28 days, the charge is increased by 50%. If it is still unpaid after a further 28 days then court proceedings are initiated. If you pay the fixed charge within the legal time limits and court proceedings are not commenced, you will not have a criminal record in respect of the offence.

#### **Ouestion**

I registered with Irish Water earlier this year. How do I apply for the Water Conservation Grant?

#### Answer

Every household that registered its principal private dwelling (main home) with Irish Water by 30 June 2015 is eligible for the Water Conservation Grant in 2015. The payment is €100 and will issue from September 2015.

Households that registered after 30 June 2015, or have yet to register, are not eligible for the grant in 2015

By the end of September 2015, all eligible households will get a letter from the Department of Social Protection explaining how to apply for the Water Conservation Grant. You cannot apply for it until you have received this letter. When you get your letter, you apply online on watergrant.ie. You must apply before 8 October 2015.

You will need the following information to apply for your Water Conservation Grant:

- •TIN (Transaction Identification Number) you will find this number on the letter you received from the Department.
- •WPRN (Water Point Reference Number) a number specific to your house, which you will also find on the letter from the Department.
- •Irish Water account or registration number you got this when you registered with Irish Water. If you have your own water supply and waste water services, you will have a registration number instead of an account number. Contact Irish Water directly if you cannot find these numbers.
- •Your PPS number.
- •Details of the bank or other account into which you want your grant to be paid (BIC, IBAN and account name) you will find these on recent bank statements.

If you do not have internet access or a bank account, you can telephone the Water Conservation

Grant Support Team at 1890 100 043 (9am–5pm, Monday to Friday) and they will make arrangements for you.

#### **Means test for Farm Assist**

#### Question

How is my income from different sources assessed for Farm Assist? I work on the farm but I also do a bit of contracting and my wife works part-time.

#### Answer

The means test for Farm Assist takes into account virtually every form of income you may have but assesses it in different ways.

Your income from farming and any other selfemployment (like contracting) is assessed as the gross income that you or your spouse may be expected to receive minus any expenses you incur to earn that income. When you apply for Farm Assist, a social welfare inspector will call to see you and ask to see various documents. The inspector will then assess the costs incurred in connection with the running of the farm.

You are entitled to receive a copy of this farm income calculation. All of your means from self-employment are assessed (there are no disregards for dependent children).

Payments under the Rural Environmental Protection Scheme (REPS), the Agri-Environmental Options Scheme (AEOS) or the Special Area of Conservation (SAC) scheme are assessed separately from other farm income. The first €2,540 per year is deducted from the total amount of all these payments and 50% of the remainder is disregarded. Expenses incurred in complying with REPS/AEOS/SAC measures are then deducted and the balance is assessed as means.

Income from an occupational pension or leasing of land or milk quotas is assessed in full. Capital (including any property that you do not live in) is assessed using the formula applied to all meanstested social welfare payments.

If you have an off-farm job,  $\in$ 20 per day (up to a maximum of  $\in$ 60) is deducted from your assessable weekly earnings and then 60% of the remainder is assessed as weekly means. Your spouse's income from employment is assessed in the same way. If you have seasonal work, you are assessed on your earnings only during the period you are actually working.

You can get detailed information on how farm income is assessed from the Department of Social Protection's website.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below. Maynooth CIC Dublin Road Maynooth

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## **Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee**

Well, the waiting, the worry and the planning is committee. Fr. Liam Dunne read the Gospel finally over. As you read this article our big day will have come and gone. Yes I am talking about our Golden Jubilee which we celebrated in style on Sunday September 20th and neither the rain, the All - Ireland football final or the RWC dampened our spirits. Attended by two hundred guests we started our day in the Geraldine Hall with an Ecumenical Service in the company of representatives from all our churches, Rev. Janice Aiton, [Church of Ireland] Rev. Keith McCrory, [Community Church] Fr. Liam Rigney, PP [Roman Catholic] Fr Paul Kelly, CC [Roman Catholic] and Fr. Liam Dunne, [Divine Word Missionaries] and of course our own Folk Group.

We opened the proceedings with the committee's address followed by the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate our return to the Geraldine Hall where it all began fifty years ago. The Service then began with the Folk Group leading the singing with "We are Gathered", after which Fr. Liam Rigney said the opening prayer. Some members of our committee presented symbols depicting the progress and changes over the five decades, while other members lit candles in remembrance of the deceased members of our

which he followed with a moving reflection. Fr. Paul, Rev. Janice and Rev. Keith prayed about and spoke of the past, the present and the future of our work in the community, and all the while every detail was complimented by the wonderful and appropriate music of our Folk Group.

This was a beautiful and nostalgic occasion and we are very grateful to all who contributed, not least our 8<sup>th</sup> Kildare scouts here in Maynooth, who not only restored the Geraldine Hall to its former glory but worked closely with our committee to prepare the hall for the occasion. A special word of thanks to John Dowling and Tony Myles who beaver away [no pun intended] in the background on our behalf day after day. We all then adjourned to the Glenroyal Hotel for afternoon tea and a slice of our wonderful cake made by Patricia Cusker. The cake decoration was sponsored as an appreciation of our committee by "Decobake" in Clane as the owner is Meta Gee, formally of Maynooth.

Our Book "The Golden Years" was officially launched by Mary Cullen who was a founding member and the first Chairperson of our committee. She was then presented with a copy

of the book and a bouquet of flowers. We also presented Mary Holmes with a book and flowers, as at ninety six years young she is our oldest person and also Betty Farrell at almost ninety three follows close on her heels.

David Moore the IT director of Blue Insurance accepted the book on behalf of our sponsor. We are indebted to Blue Insurance for their exclusive sponsorship as this money made the whole celebration possible. We finished a wonderful day as we tripped the light fantastic to the excellent music of Brian Mc Dermott. Many thanks to the Management and staff of the Glenroyal Hotel, Ted Robinson, Grainne, James and Caroline for their excellent service and their attention to detail.

Our next Tea-Dance and the Tony Smith Memorial walk will take place on Sunday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Our club continues every Tuesday and Thursday in the Geraldine Hall, so it is business as usual.

Josephine Moore



## **Maynooth Toastmasters**



Maynooth Toastmasters new sessions of Leadership Skills and Communications restarted on the 14th September in the Glenroyal Hotel, with a significant number of guests and existing members. The meeting

started at 8pm and Jane Mooney, Club President welcomed everyone. Then the meeting commenced. There was an air of expectation as something totally new was being tried, it was announced that everyone present including guests, would participate in the writing of a article about Toastmasters. Breaking into 3 groups, a series of questions were presented and group dynamics took place. Everyone engaged and soon instead of silence informed chatter was heard.

How did people hear about the meeting. What were first impressions.

Had they a specific need or purpose in attending. Were the people running the meeting friendly and helpful.

The session was based on an Advanced Speech Project presented by Peter Cuthbert, who interacted with the groups and was tasked at the conclusion to edit and prepare an article.

All agreed it was an interesting experience in the path of Communication

So what were the results:

In no particular order they included,

• Importance of local newspapers for informing about

meetings.

- Practical skills obtained in leadership and speaking individual members were important
- Atmosphere was supportive, and
- A welcome pack to take away and consider was useful.

Each person comes to Toastmasters for different reasons, to progress, to develop, to interact, it's well known as a safe none-judgemental environment. Maynooth Toastmasters looks forward to the development of all its members.

If you can't make Maynooth there is a range of other clubs throughout Kildare in Clane, Nass, Kildare Town and Athy. The newest club nearby is Clane and I know Maureen Giblin would be delighted for a chat

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My Dog Cheeky Owner: Marie

My dog was part of our family but suddenly it then passed away So much within our pet we see Never forgetting this very sad day A pet mainly black and white and some

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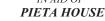
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Kildare Intercultural Action (KIA) held a Bollywood Indian Cultural event on 19th September 2015 in Maynooth Community Space. Sam Priya a local university student danced a mixture of Bollywood and freestyle Indian dancing which was captivating and enthralled the audience. KIA held a raffle in aid of the Irish Refugee Council and raised €200 for the current refugee crisis. The hampers were sponsored by Supervalu, Fatima's Kitchen and KIA. Prizes for best dressed were sponsored by Bettina's Books, Usborne Books, KIA and the Gorman Family.

KIA was set up in May 2012 to promote the positive effects of Interculturalism in Kildare. They have Recently received funding to run cultural events from Kildare County Council and Kildare Leader Partnership. This was in recognition of their work promoting diversity, antiracism and integration in the county. They held the first chair of Kildare Integration Network and many of the network members joined them at this successful event.. They were a lead group during Intercultural festival week

in March this year and ran events in Maynooth throughout the month. KIA is a local Maynooth community group which is run by a committee of volunteers and would welcome new members to their meetings in Maynooth Community Space.

For more information contact Maeve on 087 3459185 or check us out on Facebook.



Maeve Ffrench and David Rezania



Sam Priya, enthralled the audience with traditional Dancing.



From Left to Right: Sima Suman, Louise Gorman, Ann Hafdoui, Maeve Ffrench, Bettina Rezania, Tonye Olstunde, Fatima Amin, Ada Christine, Mary Ryan and Zoryana.

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# Maynooth Put Firmly "On Track" by Men's Shed and Irish Rail

Visitors arriving at Maynooth Rail Station can now be directed to the town's historical attractions following the recent installation by the Men's Shed of 2 giant- sized display boards of the Maynooth Tourist Information leaflet, by kind permission of Irish Rail. The leaflet, which was first published and distributed at the St. Patrick's Day Parade earlier this year, has proven to be a great success locally, nationally and internationally with demand now having exceeded printed stock level.

#### **Maynooth Men's Shed Update**

Shed members recently enjoyed outings to the Louth Community Men's Shed (Photo bottom right) in Drogheda (via Irish Rail of course!) and also spent a day at the Air Corps Aviation Museum at Baldonnel and the Military History Museum at The Curragh, with members of the Maynooth Local History Group. Our thanks to Peter Nevin, who arranged this trip and to Capt. Tom Mullarkey our host for the day, which was greatly appreciated by all.

We continue to meet on Wednesdays in the Out Office Compound at the rear of the Maynooth Garden Centre on the Dublin Rd. where we are engaged in ongoing projects.

New members are welcome and we can be contacted on 087 2041334 or by visiting us any Wednesday morning from 11am



Men's Shed members with Maynooth Rail Station Manager, Arthur Candlish after installing the Tourist information Display Boards at the station exits. (From left Phil O'Brien, Matt Callaghan, Arthur Candlish and John Fleming)





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Halloween has elements of several different religious and cultural traditions, but the holiday wouldn't be what it is to-day if not for the Celtic holiday of Samhain, an ancient celebration of the spirits of the dead. Samhain also celebrated the harvest and foods associated with fall such as apples, pumpkins and spices. In Ireland we love our colcannon so I have included a recipe with a bit of a twist. Enjoy

#### COLCANNON CAKES

- \* 450g potatoes peeled
- \* 40g butter
- \* 3 scallions finely chopped
- \* A little salt and freshly ground black pepper
- \* 50g savoy cabbage (shredded)
- \* A little plain flour for dusting
- \* Olive oil for frying
- \* 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
- \* 4 large eggs

Place the potatoes in a pot of water and bring to the boil. Cook until tender. Drain and mash until smooth and beat in the remaining butter. Meanwhile, heat a knob of butter and one tablespoon of water in a heavy based pan with a lid over a high heat. When the butter has melted form an emulsion, add the scallions, cabbage and a pinch of salt. Cover, shake vigorously and cook over a high heat for 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Fold this mixture into the mashed potato and form into patties. Fry for 3/4 minutes each side until golden brown. Serve with a poached egg on top and cover with hollandaise sauce.

Gently poach an egg by bringing a pot of water to the boil. Let the water simmer, then add a dash of vinegar. Crack egg into a ramekin and create a gentle whirlpool in the water before dropping the egg in white first. Cook until the white is set and the yolk is a nice soft consistency.

#### **HOLLANDAISE SAUCE**

- \* 3 egg yolks
- \* 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- \* 1/2 teaspoon cayenne
- \* 10 tablespoons butter

Melt the butter slowly in a small pot. Try not to let it boil so as to prevent the moisture steaming from the butter. Add egg yolks, lemon juice and cayenne into blender. Blend the egg yolk mixture until it lightens in colour 20/30 seconds. Drizzle in the melted butter slowly with blender still going until all is incorporated.

#### ROAST SALMON FILLETS WITH IRISH WHISKEY

- \* 2 tablespoons of honey
- \* 1/4 cup of cider vinegar
- \* 1/4 cup of Irish whiskey
- \* 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- \* 1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- \* 2tablespoons of vegetable oil
- \* Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- \* 4 salmon fillets (6oz)

Mix together honey, vinegar, whiskey, thyme, lemon zest, oil, salt and pepper. Pour over salmon and marinate for 1 hour at room temperature. Per-heat the oven to 450F or 230C. Remove salmon from marinade and place on rack over pan. Bake 10/12 minutes basting once until cooked.

#### **PUMPKIN BREAD**

- \* 2 cups of plain flour
- \* 1/2 teaspoon of baking powder and 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- \* 1 teaspoon of ground cloves
- \* 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- \* 1 teaspoon of ground nutmeg
- \* 2 cups of sugar
- \* 3/4 cups of butter (softened)
- \* 2 large eggs
- \* 1 (15)oz can of pumpkin puree

Heat the oven to 325F and grease two 2lb loaf tins. Combine flour, salt, baking powder, soda and spices in a bowl and set aside. Beat the butter and sugar until just blended. Add eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Continue beating until very light and fluffy. Beat in the pumpkin. At low speed beat in flour mixture until combined. Turn batter into prepared tins and bake for 65/75 minutes.

Let loaves cool in pan for about 10 minutes.



## **October Gardening**



Autumn is approaching. While there are still sunny days to enjoy, there is also a crisp in the air that is the herald of the changing seasons. The wild growth evident during the heyday of summer is over now. Although the weather in autumn is often drier than some of the summer months, it is important to remember that winter is coming.

While the grass is still growing, keep mowing once a fortnight with the blades on high for the final few cuts. Carry out an autumn lawn care programme - scarify (rake out the old dead grass and moss) the lawn, spike to improve drainage again either by hand with a garden fork, add a top dressing of soil/sand/compost mixed according to your soil type (ask for advice at your garden centre) and



feed with autumn weed and moss killer. This low-nitrogen preparation strengthens grass for winter.



Clear any debris and diseased material from your garden. Fallen leaves can be left to rot down or collected for leaf mould, but be sure to remove any diseased material. Pests and diseases that overwinter in your garden will reappear next spring with a vengeance so get rid of them now. If your soil is heavy clay, start digging it over now - add plenty of organic matter to improve the quality and pea shingle to improve the drainage.

Your soil has had a lot taken out of it during the busy growing season, and now is the best time to replace that goodness by digging in a lot of organic matter. The earlier you start, the better, especially if your soil is heavy. It can be left in a pretty rough state over the winter when the cold will break the lumps down, making spring planting infinitely easier. Resist the temptation to do a thorough cleaning of the garden until spring, though, and try to leave some winter cover for wildlife as the weather starts to cool. Our feathered friends will be starting to build their reserves for winter, so do please put out food and fresh water for them.

Don't waste fallen leaves – given time they decompose into fabulously rich leaf mould, the best natural soil conditioner there is. Rake up fallen leaves and dump them into a simple frame to make leaf mould (black bin liners spiked with air holes will also do if you can bear the visual offense, but remember to dampen the leaves first). If leaves are left lingering on the lawn, the grass will turn yellow. Leaf mould takes about a year to mature (2 in the case of oak leaves), makes a great top dressing for woodland plants such as rhododendrons



and is an excellent and free home-grown substitute for peat.



Remove any diseased, spindly, old and unproductive stems from roses and remember to burn any diseased material. Tie new shoots onto some form of support to prevent their thrashing about in autumn winds. Trim your lavender if you haven't already done so. Prune tall shrubs such as lavatera and buddleja by about half to

protect them against wind rock. Trim conifers again if necessary, making sure you do not cut into the old wood. With the ideal planting conditions of autumn (warm moist soil), now is the time to plant container-grown shrubs, trees, fruit bushes, perennials and bulbs. Even in damp conditions, it is worth checking that the rootballs of shrubs and trees are adequately moist when planting - heavy rain will not necessarily penetrate a rootball that has been allowed to dry out. If it feels light, plunge into a bucket of water before planting.

Finish planting spring bulbs such as narcissi and crocuses; tulips can wait until November. Plant hardy perennials so their roots have a chance to become established before winter. Replace summer bedding with winter and spring bedding. Plant out violas, wallflowers and primulas now for cheery colour in the coming months. Winter colour comes in all shapes and sizes; hardy cyclamen and heathers dwarf conifers, winter pansies, violas and trailing ivy all make wonderful displays.



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## **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**

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

#### Real World Science Fiction: Tractor Beam Technology

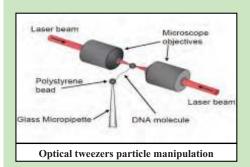
Tractor beams are an iconic feature of science fiction. From the tractor beam that captures the *Millennium Falcon* in *Star W ars* to the *Enterprise* towing disabled ships in *Star Trek*, everyone is familiar with this piece of futuristic technology. The future is approaching, though, as teams of scientists around the world have recently begun making great strides in designing working tractor beams. The most exciting development came just last month as NASA announced its new partnership with Arx Pax to build a magnetic tractor beam.

A 'tractor beam' is the term coined for a device that has the capacity to move an object from a distance without the need to physically touch it – either to attract or repel one object to or from another. The term was coined in 1931 by science fiction writer E. E. Smith.

The ability to trap objects and move them around is not a new idea, and scientists have been researching ways to turn the concept into a reality since the 1990s. Practical scientific theories on how to create a tractor beam have been developed as early as 1960, but there has been little advancement from a theory to a working model until recent years. Most research has focused on using lasers, and there has been limited success on the microscopic level.

A lot of research has been done on the properties of light and how it can be used in modern technology. For instance, scientists know that light can be used to provide a "push". Usually when microscopic objects are hit by a beam of light, they are forced along the direction of the beam by the light photons. This radiation force was first identified in 1619 by the German astronomer Johannes Kepler, who observed that the tails of comets always point away from the sun. Scientists have applied this concept to spacecraft by using light to propel solar sails. Using light to push objects away is only one part of the tractor beam puzzle, though.

So far, most of the research into the manipulation of particles with lasers has used the "optical tweezers" method wherein objects are trapped in the focus of one or two laser beams. This works best when applying radiation pressure on transparent particles in liquids, which traps them in the laser's focus and allows you to move them around.



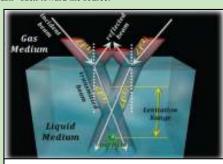
It has become an indispensable tool in many branches of science, including physics, biology, and medicine. This method does have limitations, though, as it is inefficient in the trapping of light-absorbing aerosol particles, such as air contaminants and nanostructured materials. It also requires an atmosphere in which to operate, making it impractical for use in spacecraft.

This has led to research into other techniques. In March of 2011, Chinese researchers published a study on the conditions required to create a laser of light that could "pull" objects toward it. This approach would only work over very small distances, however, and could not trap an object and move it around but would instead continuously pull it toward the source.

Their paper theorises that you could pull a trapped particle with a specially-shaped laser beam. A standard laser has a beam whose intensity peaks at its centre and tails off gradually. The Chinese researchers suggest working with a different shape of laser beam known as a Bessel beam, whose intensity rises and

falls in peaks and troughs at higher distances from the beam's line.

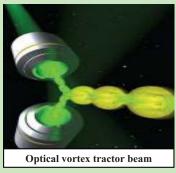
Seen straight on, a Bessel beam would look like the ripples surrounding a pebble dropped in a pool. If this beam encounters an object at a precise glancing angle, it would stimulate a backward force. As the molecules of the target particle absorb and re-radiate the incoming light, the fraction re-radiated along the beam direction would give the object a "push" back toward the source.



A Bessel laser tractor beam

This concept is not entirely new; in 2006, an American physicist proposed using sound waves to achieve a similar result. The physics of the idea are analogous to a boat moving through water: in the eddies generated as part of the forward movement, there are areas on the side of the boat that pull backward as the boat moves. This work still needs further testing and peer review, but it is a promising beginning in the field of optical micromanipulation with the potential for particle sorting.

The optical tweezers and Bessel beam models are distinct from another laser technique demonstrated in 2010 by Australian researchers. Using what is called the optical vortex method, this team trapped and moved a tiny particle by heating the air around it. They used two optical vortex beams to create a ring-shaped trap of gases that could transport particles like an optical pipeline.



Recently, the medical field has produced some of the most promising results to date. In early 2013, a study was published by researchers from the School of Medicine at the University of St. Andrews that details their experiments to move microscopic particles.

Instead of using light photons to push a microscopic object in the direction of a beam of light, the team managed to reverse the process so that small particles could be pulled against the photon stream toward the source. This technique is more flexible than both the optical tweezers and optical vortex methods as it can be used in liquids and a vacuum.

This tractor beam is highly selective in the properties of the particles that it acts on, so specific particles in a mixture can be manipulated. The hope is that the technology could be used in the medical field for applications such as separating cells in a blood sample. This could make a huge difference in our ability to diagnose diseases and understand how they work.

One downside is that this particular technique is only useful for microscopic particles and could never be scaled up to create a

tractor beam capable of manipulating everyday objects, never mind a Star Trek style beam that could move entire spacecraft. The process involves a transfer of energy, which is negligible on a microscopic level but would be disastrous at a macro level. It would cause a massive amount of heating that would burn up large objects.

In another medical breakthrough, last year researchers at the University of Dundee demonstrated the first working acoustic tractor beam capable of moving something bigger than a microscopic particle. The physicists used an ultrasound array to exert force on an object and pull it toward the energy source.

They directed twin beams of energy from an ultrasound array toward the back of a 1cm object, showing that they could exert sufficient force on the object to hold or move it. They used an ultrasound device that is already clinically approved for use in MRI-guided surgery. This technology shows great promise in the field of medicine, where it could be used to further develop clinical techniques using ultrasound.

While the recent research on designing a tractor beam using lasers is proving valuable to multiple fields, the fundamental problem of energy transfer makes it impractical for use on a large scale. Using light to manipulate an object creates heat through the energy transfer, and the amount of heat generated scales in temperature as the object scales in size. Using laser-based tractor beam is only feasible on microscopic particles or very small objects.

Thus, NASA has recently decided to redirect its focus away from lasers and is instead considering the potential of magnets. The most exciting news in this fledgling field of technology came just last month as the space agency continues to seek a way of manipulating objects in space without touching them. In September, NASA announced a new partnership with Arx Pax to create a magnetic tractor beam capable of capturing and manipulating micro-satellites.

Arx Pax made its debut in 2014 by unveiling a working hoverboard, called the Hendo Hoverboard. It uses the company's Magnetic Field Architecture (MFA) technology to hover off the ground. The engine generates swirls of electricity on a conductive surface to produce a concentrated magnetic field. The magnetic field induces an opposing field on a conductive surface below, which lifts the board off the ground.

The hoverboard was a success on some levels, but it was highly limited in where and how it could be used. However, the hoverboard was just a proof-of-concept, and Arx Pax has much bigger plans in mind for its MFA technology – levitating houses during an earthquake or flood, for instance, or moving satellites in space, which has caught NASA's attention.



Through the partnership, Arx Pax will be working with NASA to design a magnetic tractor beam with the ability to attract one object in space to another. This is quite a step up from the current designs which can only act on tiny particles and over small distances.

The focus will be on linking CubeSats – the lightweight, 10cm by 10cm modular micro-satellites that NASA is currently using to monitor the Earth but that they hope to one day deploy to explore distant worlds. CubeSats are often in close proximity already, so the goal is to find a way to link them together and be able to move them around relative to each other.

Having a coordinated team of satellites would prove of enormous benefit in studying Earth's climate or in exploring the surface of nearby asteroids. Details of the new project are currently sparse, but this is the most exciting development in tractor beam research to date. We're moving one step closer to the realm of science fiction and its galaxy-trotting spaceships.

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#### **Micro-Satellites Open Space Exploration**

Currently, Solar System exploration missions are the exclusive domain of space agencies and their scientists and engineers who can muster multi-hundred-million euro budgets. While their accomplishments are broad, highly sophisticated and literally out of this world, the high cost limits our pace of important discoveries.

Cube satellites, better known as CubeSats, are changing the way we view space exploration and are opening up the possibility of exploring the cosmos to a wider range of people than ever before in history.

A CubeSat is a small satellite that is 10cm by 10cm square, and on average they weigh just a kilogram. The design has been simplified, and instructions are available online, so almost anyone can build them. They are modular in construction, so you can take components out or add new ones in or mix and match parts to suit a variety of uses. Individual CubeSats can also be combined to make larger satellites in case you need a bigger payload. Deployable solar panels and antennas make CubeSats even more versatile.

The cost to build one? Typically around €50,000.



While the average person might not be able to afford to build one, that price tag is nothing compared to the hundreds of millions of euro that most space projects cost. People have already started building their own CubeSats for low orbit study of Earth's atmosphere, and the result is a huge increase in the amount of data we can now collect about Earth's climate and atmosphere.



Given the success of the low-orbit micro-satellites, NASA has now launched a new research project into designing CubeSats that can explore the galaxy. Interplanetary CubeSats offer an opportunity to conduct focused science investigations around the inner Solar System at a cost ten times lower than missions mounted today.

In much the same way that the lightweight CubeSats have dramatically increased low cost access to space experimentation in low Earth orbit, the NASA study intends to focus development of six technologies in unison so as to enable dramatically lower-cost exploration of the Solar System and our Earth's more distant environs

CubeSats in low Earth orbit have enabled dozens of universities to develop and place in orbit student-designed,

student-built, and student-operated satellites investigating all manner of scientifically exciting phenomena.

Additionally, CubeSats have enabled governmentsponsored space experimentation and technology development on an accelerated schedule for unprecedented low cost. If successful, this system study of the technologies to enable Interplanetary CubeSats will open the door to a similar revolution in access to space and new discoveries beyond Earth.

When NASA launches its next mission on the journey to Mars – a stationary lander in 2016 – the flight will include two CubeSats in a project called Mars Cube One, or MarsCO. This will be the first time CubeSats have flown in deep space. If this flyby demonstration is successful, the technology will provide NASA the ability to quickly transmit status information about the main spacecraft after it lands on Mars.

Ultimately, if the MarCO demonstration mission succeeds, it could allow for a "bring-your-own" communications relay option for use by future Mars missions in the critical few minutes between Martian atmospheric entry and touchdown.

By verifying CubeSats are a viable technology for interplanetary missions, and feasible on a short development timeline, this technology demonstration could lead to many other applications to explore and study our solar system.



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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

University of Third Age (U3A)

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

> Maynooth **Tidy Towns**

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

Maynooth Community Church

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

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History Group

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

Bridge Club

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

Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

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

Men's Sheds

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

Kildare Intercultural Action Group (KIA)

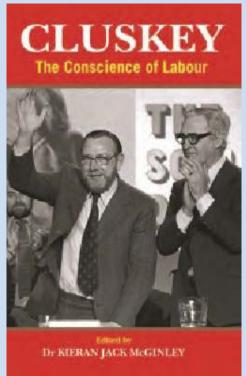
Meetings takes place 3rd Saturday of the month at 3pm. In Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC Carton Park Maynooth For further information. Contact Maeve at 0873459185 www.facebook.com/

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A man of compassion, wit and Larkinite toughness – he was the epitome of the Dublin working class.



With an introduction by Jack O' Connor, this book is a collection of essays by some of the prominent men and women who knew Cluskey best, including: Siobhan Cluskey, Tony Brown; Brendan Halligan; John Horgan; Rodney Rice; Sean Farren; Sr Stanislaus Kennedy; Flor O' Mahony; Fionnuala Richardson; Toddy O' Sullivan; and Brian Kenny. Inspired by events that commemorated the 25th anniversary of Cluskey's death in May 2014, this book is a major new contribution to modern Irish history writing.



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- Q: What do you do when 50 zombies surround your house?
- A: Hope it's Halloween!!
- Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school?
- A: Spelling

- Q: Why didn't the skeleton want to go to school?
- A: His heart wasn't in it.
- Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
- A: He didn't have any guts!
- Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road?
- A: To get to the body shop.

## North Kildare Rugby Football Club Fun Day



Kerry Hartnett (Youth Coordinator) presents the North Kildare RFC Club Person of the Year award (Morgan Ferris Cup) to the late Maurice Prendergast (RIP) in recognition of his many years of selfless and enthusiastic work for the club. The Award was accepted by Maurice's wife Marie and son Ian.

On Saturday 12th September the Six Nations Rugby Cup visited North Kildare Rugby Football Club (between Maynooth and Kilcock), and to coincide with the visit a Fun Day was organised by the club for all of the youth players and their families. All of the teams (and individuals) had an opportunity to have photographs taken with this legendary trophy, and a great day was had by all.

In addition, the club took the opportunity to celebrate the work of the late Maurice Prendergast

RIP, who gave many years of selfless effort to the club, by presenting him with the Club's Person of the Year award. The trophy was accepted by his widow and son.





North Kildare Rugby volunteers Des Lynch U16 Coach and Mini Rugby Coordinator, Sean Waldron, and Kerry Hartnett Youth Rugby Coordinator with the Six Nations Cup at North Kildare Rugby Club.



A large group of children and adults turned up to North Kildare Rugby Club for their recent start of year Open Day. Many players received medals, and got to take photos with the Six Nations Cup, which was on display.



The Casey family, proprietors of Supervalu Maynooth, pose with the Six Nations Rugby Cup, at the announcement of their new sponsorship deal with North Kildare Rugby Club.



Under 17 North Kildare Rugby team pose for a photo with the Six Nations Cup during the half time break in their match against Portarlington at the Fun weekend.



Kevin and Sinead Griffin (Enfield) and family posing with the Six Nations Cup at its recent visit to North Kildare Rugby Club, where Kevin is U8 coach.



A selection of U7 and U8 players and their coaches pose with the Six Nations Cup at North Kildare Rugby Club.



North Kildare Rugby U14 team posing with the Six Nations Cup.

North Kildare Rugby (affiliated to the LB-IRFU) has a brave history in Inter-provincial Town Cups. We field youth teams from U7's to U20's and senior teams playing Leinster Junior League. Facilities comprise of three rugby pitches and floodlit training areas.

Junior Rugby training on Wednesday at 7pm contact Des Lynch 087-8513828 or Kerry Hartnett 087-9879911.

Senior Rugby: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.30pm contact Joe Curran 086-0682430 or John Hurley 087-2409235

New players are always welcome at every level. Email: info@northkildareclub.ie



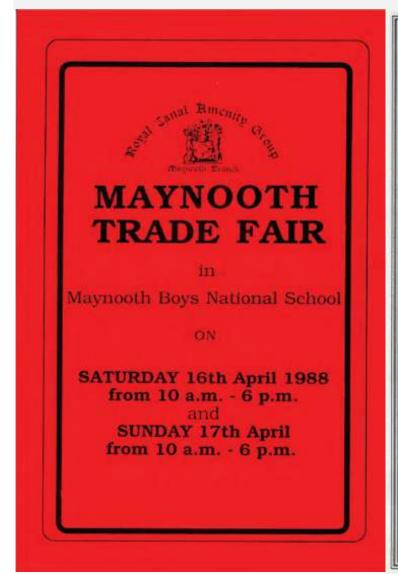
## **ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP (RCAG)**

For a number of years through the 1980's and into the 1990's, RCAG partnered with the Board of Management of Maynooth Boys National School in hosting a Trade Fair. These were successful fundraising ventures. After a few years the Maynooth Trade Fair morphed into the Maynooth Spring Fair. RTE2 broadcast live from one show, while the Army No.1 Band attended at another show. The Geraldine Trophy was awarded to the winner of the annual Home-Produced Wine & Beer Competition.

Sam Maguire was on display at the 1989 Spring Fair. The List of Exhibitors is a fair reflection of the popularity of those Spring Fairs. Like all fund raising events they depended on voluntary effort and many friends and supporters of RCAG and the Boy's School did full time security on the Saturday nights to protect the various exhibitors' property.

For more information on the Royal Canal Amenity Group visit <a href="www.rcag.ie">www.rcag.ie</a>.

Below: A copy of the front cover of the Maynooth Trade Fair brochure and a list of the Exhibitors from 1988 supplied by the Maynooth Branch of the RCAG.



#### EXHIBITORS Everglaze Ltd. R.C.A.G. Encylopaedia Brittanica Labour Party Mulligans Sheds Hidden Treasures Maynooth C.I.C. Cambridge Diet Counsellor Irish Rail inbarr Kelly & Assoc. Lucan Studies Lake Valley Knitwear Stitch in Stuff Moy Glass F.M.K. Casuals Cardinal Press Ltd Cunningham Motors Maynooth Jewellers Dennis Malone Blinds RobMar Katchens Ryeniver Books Scallywags Enfield Alarms Weatherall Windows Killeen Steel Wool M & A Furniture Design Kennedy Woodcraft Hugh Durham Photos Kenoes Delicatessen Coonans Auctioneers Noone Shoes O'Hagan Fashions Maynooth Glass Maynooth University Books James Kavanagh C.P.L. Motors Draftsmal Draftised Greensingle Tropical Air Plants T.E.K. Design Jean Paul O'Mears Camping Leixip Steel Patrications North Kildare Club Tina Murphy Duble Draft Beording John Sheridan Video Broductions Gerry Brady Auctioneers Celbridge Glass & Glazing Breffni May Insurance Bretin Josep unanasses Blossoms Boss Cash Registers Natural Family Planning Paddy Ryan Ltd Automobile Association Carpentry Service Doll Craft Societ of Soan Dublin Draught Proofing Westmeath Draught Excluder Pat McCabe Builder ras niccase Building Supplies from Crafts Christy Kennedy C.K. Blinds Lucan Progressive Democrats Mallen Oil Spick n' Span Keane Windows John Martin The Sound Shop, Drogheda Leixlip Carpet Exhibition On Site Carpet Cleaning Archer Surveillance Sports Locker Emer McDermott Quinnsworth Nutri Modics Mutual Motorist Kellys Bakery Falcamagh Knits Jean Pierre C. Mitchell Promotions F. Fail Fine Gael Angle Alams Don Bosco Jarlath Finn Ergas R.C.A.G. Leixlip Credit Union S.T.I.L. V.E.C. I.C.A. Tidy Towns GROW Lantern Centre Tower Craft Roger Bewley John P. Brodie Maynooth Community Council Sheila Broderick R. McCullough O'Mega Art

## **Maynooth Town Football Club Notes**

Leinster Senior Football League Major 1B Saturday								
Team	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	GD	Pts
St. John Bosco	3	3	0	0	13	6	7	9
Killinarden Athletic	4	3	0	1	10	6	4	9
Maynooth University Town FC	3	2	1	0	12	4	8	7
Arklow Town FC	3	2	1	0	14	7	7	7
Valeview Shankill	2	1	0	1	10	3	7	3
Glenville FC	3	0	2	1	3	5	-2	2
Kilnamanagh AFC	4	0	2	2	5	14	-9	2
Ballyfermot United	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
Dunboyne AFC	3	0	1	2	5	13	-8	1
Newbridge Town FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ucd AFC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tymon Celtic	3	0	0	3	3	15	-12	0

Leinster Senior Football	Leinster Senior Football League Senior Division 1A Sunday								
Team	Р	W	D	┙	F	Α	GD	Pts	
Peamount United	5	4	0	1	7	5	2	12	
St. John Bosco	4	3	1	0	7	4	3	10	
Ballymun United	6	3	1	2	6	3	3	10	
Celbridge Town	5	3	1	1	10	8	2	10	
Newbridge Town FC	4	2	2	0	9	3	6	8	
Portmarnock AFC	5	2	1	2	11	11	0	7	
Maynooth University Town FC	4	2	0	2	9	6	3	6	
Lucan United FC	4	2	0	2	8	7	1	6	
Beggsboro AFC	5	1	3	1	4	4	0	6	
Edenderry Town	3	1	2	0	5	4	1	5	
Newtown Rangers	5	1	1	3	7	7	0	4	
Mt. Merrion FC	5	1	1	3	8	15	-7	4	
Pegasus/St. James Ath	6	0	3	3	8	14	-6	3	
St. James Gate	7	0	2	5	6	14	-8	2	

	Results for Maynooth University Town FC Major 1B Saturday							
Date	Home	Result	Away					
05-Sep-15	Maynooth University Town FC	1 - 1	Glenville FC					
31-Aug-15	Maynooth University Town FC	7 - 1	Dunboyne AFC					
29-Aug-15	Ballyfermot United	2 - 4	Maynooth University Town FC					

Res	Results for Maynooth University Town FC Senior Division 1A Sunday						
Date	Home	Result	Away				
11-Sep-15	Mt. Merrion FC	2 - 6	Maynooth University Town FC				
06-Sep-15	Ballymun United	1 - 0	Maynooth University Town FC				
26-Aug-15	Maynooth University Town FC	3 - 2	Celbridge Town				
21-Aug-15	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 1	Peamount United				

## **Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2015**

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
21-Jun	6,8,15,16	€2,050	Thomas Hannigan - Alan Geoghan - Gerry Lynch
28-Jun	11,17,18,25	€2,100	Tina Thompson - Tony Byrne - Brian Connolly
05-Jul	6,13,18,22	€2,150	Ambrose O Brien - Red Devils - Sinead Swords
12-Jul	4,12,25,27	€2,200	Ray Mc Tiernan - Anne Doolin - Mary Murray
19-Jul	3,11,13,27	€2,250	Noel Brilly - Alan O Regan - Tony Byrne
26-Jul	13,16,24,28	€2,300	JP Murtagh - Thomas Griffin - Brendan Kelly
02-Aug	3,14,15,22	€2,350	Siobhan Mc Myler - Pat Mahon - Siobhan Fitzgerald
09-Aug	11,14,19,20	€2,400	Conor Strickland - Aileen Dempsey - Mick Mc Govern
16-Aug	3,8,26,27	€2,450	Martina Reilly - June O Duffy - Mick Ryan
23-Aug	6,9,21,22	€2,500	Tony Byrne - Johnny Thompson - Anthony Barrett
30-Aug			No Draw
06-Sep	3,4,23,26	€2,550	Mick & Mags - Terry Hinds - Kenneth Kenny
13-Sep	4,5,22,26	€2,600	Damien Bracken - Phillip Hynes - Sean Mahon
20-Sep	1,10,23,27	€2,650	Ann Ruane - Orla Mc Mahon - Miriam Maher

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## **Congratulations to September Winner:**

## Martin Doyle Rail Park Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize at the MCC office from the time the results are made public.

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#### **Business, Enterprise and Employment Support Programme** At Maynooth Library Main Street

Maynooth Community Library are pleased to announce the launch of our Business, Enterprise and Employment Support Programme. Further to consultation with stakeholders and partners, we have devised a programme of supports for jobseekers, people in business and entrepreneurs, and we now offer the following to our patrons:

- Dedicated library space: Come and browse our resources, including books, magazines, newspapers, and avail of the use of our photocopying facilities
- •Meeting Room: a quiet space that can be booked in advance for meetings, study, research and interviews
- •eServices: with access to WiFI, as well as public access to our PCs, we offer online courses and business software, VisionNet and Mintel
- •On-site Clinics: In conjunction with the Local Employment Services Network, [LES] regular Jobs Clubs and CV clinics will be held in the library space. And for Business, in conjunction with the Local Enterprise Office, Kildare, [LEO] Business Advice Clinics will also be offered. These may suit anyone with a business idea, first time or young entrepreneurs, start-ups or micro and small businesses looking to expand



A Programme of Information Sessions has also been devised for both jobseekers and business.

#### For Jobseekers and Employment information: Change, Career and Confidence

- •Job Application skills: Thurs, Oct 29th at 8:00pm
- •Job Seeking Supports from the LES: Thurs, Nov 12th at 8:00pm
- •Interview Skills: Thurs, Dec 3rd at 8:00pm

#### For Business and Enterprise **Information:**

- •Skills for Work first steps towards improving skills: Thurs, Oct 8th at 8:00pm
- •Supports for Enterprise introduction to LEO: Thurs, Nov 26th at 8:00pm
- •Career Guidance maximising your opportunities: Thurs, Dec 10th at 8:00pm
- •How to Write a Business Plan: Thurs, Dec 17th at 8:00pm

Brochures are available from the library.

For further details, or to book your place on any of these FREE sessions, please drop in to Main Street, Maynooth, or telephone 01 6285530 or email:

maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

#### **Encouraging Cycling in Maynooth?**

Maynooth Cycling welcomes new developments, especially ones that include partial construction of the ring roads around Maynooth. Development on a green site should give an opportunity to provide cycle facilities in line with best international practice. However, Maynooth Cycling has a number of concerns about what developers propose for the site between Lidl and Griffin Rath.



Firstly, the proposed houses are mainly suburban residences with a front garden and space for car parking. This creates potential conflict between reversing cars and cyclists using the cycle tracks. It will also lead to potential conflict between cars on the ring road and drivers exiting their property - think of reversing onto the Straffan Road. Best international practice for such a green field site would be either to have cyclists use a parallel road servicing the houses in question or to have an urban (as opposed to suburban development) without driveways to individual houses.

Secondly, the proposed cycle tracks stop at each side of the road junction which is not in line with current Irish design standards. The method of prioritising cyclists over motorised traffic on side roads is currently a hotly debated subject in countries with low levels of cycling and one where Ireland lags behind best practice. Thirdly, the plans lodged with the council do not give any width for the cycle track so it is difficult to see how the council can adequately assess the quality of provision for cyclists.

Will these proposals encourage many people to take up cycling in Maynooth? Regrettably, at a time when traffic congestion is increasing, demand on the health services is rising and the consequences of climate change are becoming more apparent, the answer is NO. Maynooth Cycling is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Its aims are to promote cycling as a healthy leisure pursuit and as a safe, enjoyable and efficient mode of transport for everyone in the Maynooth area. It recently made a submission on the North South Corridor and will be making a presentation on the deficiencies of the proposed Corridor at the October meeting in Naas of the Maynooth Municipal District.

If you wish to join or get involved with Maynooth Cycling, check out our Facebook page for details of the next meeting or alternatively email Deirdre McGowan at maynoothcycling@gmail.com .

#### Maynooth University Win Exciting AIG Golf Cup 2015 in Carton House



Winning Maynooth University Team with the AIG Cup in Carton House.

### **Chimney Fire Prevention Tips**

#### Did you know that:

- Chimney fires can cause structural damage to your house or the adjoining property.
- Sparks from chimney fires can set fire to surrounding properties.
- Blocked chimneys can result in fumes entering your home and can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

#### When to clean the chimney:

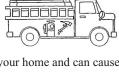
- Coal burning fires twice per year.
- Wood or turf burning fires at least twice per year.
- Oil-fired appliances once per year (if designed for sweeping).
- Gas fired appliances once per year (if designed for sweeping).

#### **Fire Prevention:**

- $\bullet$  Don't use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light your fire.
- Don't burn paper or rubbish.
- Don't overload the fire with fuel.
- Use a spark guard on open fires.
- Go into the attic occasionally when the fire is alight to check for smoke from cracks, defective brickwork, or mortar joints.

#### If you have a chimney fire:

- Dial 112 (or 999) and ask for the Fire
- Service.
- Make sure your spark-guard is in position.
- Move furniture and carpets away from the fireplace .
- Keep doors and windows to the room closed.
- Bring everyone in the house to the ground
- floor and be ready to leave the house.



## 10 Must-Know Handy Household Hints Source: KIDSPOT (MYSPOT) - By Lana Hallowes

Did you know that separating bananas from the bunch makes them last longer? Or that the best way to reheat a pizza (so it retains its crispy base) is to warm it in a fry pan? No? Then read on because these must-know household hints will change your life!

#### Handy Hint 1 - bananarama

Pull bananas apart before displaying them in your fruit bowl. If you leave them connected at the stem, they'll ripen faster and go brown quicker. Who knew?!

#### Handy Hint 2 - flexible vacuum

To suck up hard-to-reach junk under your fridge, or behind a bookshelf, insert an empty paper towel roll into the end of your vacuum cleaner and bend, or flatten it, to squeeze into these difficult spots.

#### Handy Hint 3 - buying capsicum

We're not sure why, but a capsicum with three bumps on the bottom is sweeter than one with four. Oh, but four bumps makes for a crunchier, firmer capsicum, so you should weigh up crunch vs. sweet when picking out your pepper!

#### Handy Hint 4 - fend off weeds

Instead of tossing your daily rag in the recycling bin, use the newspaper as mulch and deter noxious weeds. Simply wet the sheets and put the layers around your plants and garden beds, covering with soil as you go. The weeds won't be able to get through the wet newspaper layers.

#### Handy Hint 5 - so cheesey

Wrap cheese chunks in aluminium foil and store in the fridge to keep your cheddar fresher for longer and to keep mould out.

#### Handy Hint 6 - mozzies be gone!

If you have the kind of blood that attracts mosquitoes like a moth to a flame, then listen up. To keep the pesky blood suckers at bay, place a fabric softener dryer sheet in your pocket.

Mosquitoes are repelled by the scent and you'll smell like summer breeze all night!

#### Handy Hint 7 - crispy leftover pizza

To reheat a pizza so that the base is out-of-the-oven crisp, heat your leftover slices in a fry pan on low-medium heat on the stove until warm and wave goodbye to the days of soggy microwave pizza.

#### Handy Hint 8 - reopening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and realise you've forgotten to include something inside, just place it in the freezer for an hour or two and voila, the envelope will unseal without a trace!

#### Handy Hint 9 - the power of garlic

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a subtle taste and towards the end to blast it with flavour.

#### Handy Hint 10 - getting rid of ants

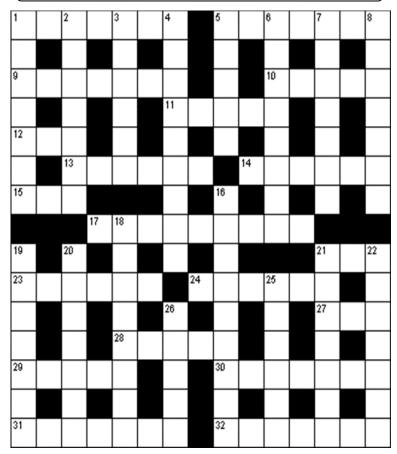
It may sound cruel, but if you have an ant problem, desperate times call for desperate measures. Put small piles of polenta where you see ants and they'll gobble it up, return 'home' and won't be able to digest it. Your ant problem (and the ants) will soon be dead.



#### **Clues Across**

- 1. Lounges (7)
- 5. Woman who works in a bar (7)
- 9. Gives a new name (7)
- 10. Shield (5)
- 11. Portion (5)
- 12. Succeeded (3)
- 13. Like a dog (6)
- 14. Yield post (6)
- 15. Pigpen (3)
- 17. Motherhood (9)
- 21. Have supper (3)
- 23. Reach destination (6)
- 24. One who enjoys inflicting pain (6)
- 27. Some (3)
- 28. Pertaining to sound (5)
- 29. Emblem (5)
- 30. Traveller (7)
- 31. First book of the Bible
- 32. Member of a crew (7)

#### October Crossword - No: 440



#### **Clues Down**

- 1. Spreads (7)
- 2. Period of a tenant's occupancy (7)
- 3. Birmingham suburb (6)
- 4. Pendent (9)
- 5. To lose blood (5)
- 6. Deeply respectful (8)
- 7. Refrain voluntarily (7)
- 8. One dearly loved (7)
- 16. Near the South Pole
- 18. Counsellors (8)
- 19. Ladies' carrying bag (7)
- 20. Widen (7)
- 21. Sports arena (7)
- 22. Cheshire town (7)
- 25. Not susceptible (6)
- 26. Mountain range (5)



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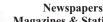
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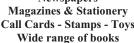
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#### MAYNOOTH GHOST STORIES

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#### THE FAMOUS GHOST ROOM

If you visit Maynooth today, you might come across an old building on the campus called Rhetoric House. You might notice that one of the windows on the top floor is boarded-up and you might wonder why. If you ask someone, they will tell you this is The Ghost Room.

Many years ago, students who went to Maynooth would live on the top floor of the building. There was one young man who was assigned to sleep in Room No.2. One day, when he didn't show up for lectures, his friends went looking for him. They found his dead body lying in a pool of blood on the floor of Room No.2 with his throat slit from ear to ear. Clutched in his hand was a bloody razor and it appeared that he had taken his own life.

Ireland was a Catholic country and, at the time, suicide was seen as a terrible sin. The matter was hushed up by the college and the student was buried in an unconsecrated part of the college cemetery, away from the other graves. For the rest of the year, the room lay vacant, but when the next year began, it was assigned to another young man. To the shock and horror of everyone involved, this young man was also found dead under the exact same circumstances. He had slashed his own neck with a razor.

The college authorities were horrified to have two suicides on their hands. The fact that they both happened in the same room was even more unsettling. However, they decided to hush it up again and the student was quietly buried and everyone tried to forget what had happened.

Despite all of these forboding events, the very next year, the college assigned another young man to live in Room No.2. One morning, after mass, the student jumped out of the window of his room and landed on the ground outside Rhetoric House. He had broken most of the bones in his body, but he was still alive. In his hand, he was clutching a razor. When they brought him to hospital, the student had a terrifying tale to tell. While he was in his room that morning, he happened to glance in the mirror and was horrified to see a demonic face staring back at him. Suddenly, he was overcome by a powerful urge to kill himself. Unable to control himself, he grabbed a razor and was about to slit his own throat. Struggling against the demonic force, he managed to throw himself out the window and this is what saved his life.

After hearing the young man's story, the college authorities decided to investigate. They asked one of the priests to stay the night in the haunted room. In the morning, they found him curled up in a ball, gibbering and shrieking like a maniac. His hair had turned completely white and he refused to say a word about his harrowing experience. The college president decided that enough was enough and nobody else must ever be allowed to spend the night in Room no.2. He immediately ordered that room was to be turned into an oratory. The window was boarded up, the front wall was knocked down and the door was removed. A shrine to St. Joseph, the patron saint of Peaceful Death, was placed on an altar at the back of the room.



If you go there today, they say you can still see bloodstains on the wooden floor. Nobody is ever allowed to bring a mirror into the room. The graves of the dead students still stand in the cemetery and their names are carved on a bronze plaque in the college as a grim reminder of the horrific events that occurred there.

#### THE GHOST OF AULA MAXIMA

There are numerous stories detailing the presence of a ghost in Aula Maxima. Simply known as the Aula Ghost, he is reputed to be the spirit of a projectionist, active in Maynooth in the 1940s. The projectionist was a seminarian and member of St Patrick's College who fell to his death from the projectionist's box in Aula Maxima. Many superstitions exist regarding treatment of Aula Maxima and the Aula Ghost. One such superstition centres on the ghost's apparent turning of a chair placed over the projection box to face away from the stage if he does not like a performance, or the manner in which the staging of the performance was conducted.

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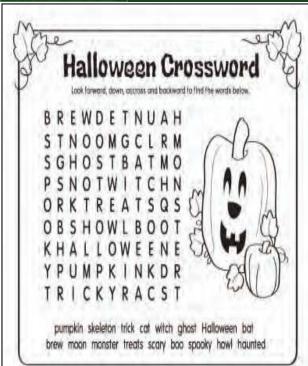
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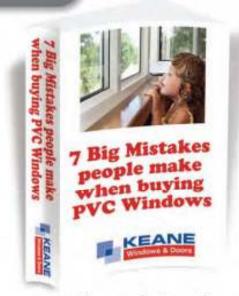
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Pictured Left: Marian Cawley receiving her "Local Hero" Award from Eddie Casey. Full results from the National Tidy Towns Awards will be carried in the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter.

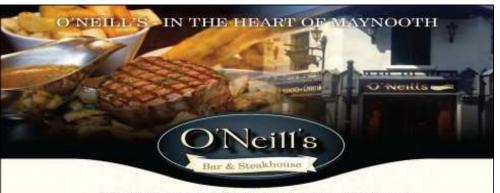


Congratulations to all involved. Just reward for all the hard work.

On 27<sup>th</sup> August a group from Intel volunteered to paint bollards on the Moyglare Rd, Leinster St, and opposite the Maynooth Castle. Maynooth Tidy Towns greatly appreciate the work that they do each year for us.



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## FILM//DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

# Film Review: Psycho Director: Alfred Hitchcock Starring: Anthony Perkins & Janet Leigh



#### 'We are all in our private traps' - Norman Bates

The Bates Motel is the most infamous in cinema history. In the decade preceding 1960, American horror was neatly packaged in aliens-under-and-in-your-bed Sci-Fi B movies. Such films tapped into the Commy-fearing consciousness of McCarthyite America. Then in 1960, a certain Alfred Hitchcock upped the ante with his modestly budgeted Black/White shocker *Psycho*. Joseph Stefano's ground-breaking script was based on Robert Bloch's 1959 chilling novel of the same name. Directed by Hitchcock, *Psycho* brought a thrilling sense of urgency and innovation to the horror genre. Horror films had entered a new era and there was no going back

At the beginning of *Psycho*, a slow wide pan of the camera across the buildings of Phoenix, Arizona eventually settles on a hotel window. Inside the seedy hotel room, the viewer enters the world of striking blonde Marion Crane (Janet Leigh). Semi-clad, she is involved in an adulterous affair with her handsome lover Sam Loomis (John Gavin). Financial complications in that relationship lead to desperate measures for the young woman.

At the real estate office, where she works, an opportunity and solution presents itself in the form of some very tempting cash. Marion absconds on to the highway with 40,000 dollars of her boss's money, encountering suspicious patrol cops along the way. In an attempt to gain temporary respite (from her inner demons) and shelter from a rainstorm, a paranoid Marian lands at a run-down motel in the middle of nowhere. The personable young man at front reception is Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins).

The mild-mannered manager of the Bates Motel provides succour, in the shape of a late supper and convivial conversation, to the weary and guilt-ridden Marion. When Norman leaves Marion, to retire for the night, the unlikely fugitive seems to have a change of heart about her ill-gotten gains. Then she steps into the shower....

Hitchcock's career, as the master of suspense, was long and illustrious before he turned his directorial hand to *Psycho* in 1960. The director's first Hollywood outing *Rebecca*, based on Daphne du Maurier's gothic romance novel, was a spectacular Oscar-winning success in 1940. He followed this with the stylish thrillers, *Suspicion, Notorious* and *Spellbound*. By the 1950s, Hitchcock had perfected his trademark combination of uber-cool thrills, sophistication, romance and comedy in a dazzling array of films. *To Catch a Thief, Rear Window, North by NorthWest* and *Vertigo* impressed cinema goers with their technical flair and brilliant showmanship.

With a Hitchcock film you knew pretty much what to expect - until *Psycho* that is. *Psycho* was unlike any other film that had preceded it and Hitchcock's first proper horror film. The director deliberately set out to make his thriller resemble a cheap exploitation film. The 50's glamour and Technicolor gave way to a stark black and white palette. He shot it not with his usual expensive feature crew but with the team he used for his 50s TV series, *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*. Hitchcock's budget for *Psycho*, less than a million dollars, was unusually cheap even by 1960s standards.

The portly director apparently took great pleasure in playing with and exploiting audience expectations and

fears. Bearing in mind Hitchcock's famous mantra that 'all actors should be treated like cattle', he seemed more than happy to apply this philosophy to his treatment of his leading lady! The sultry Janet Leigh was a big star (Touch of Evil, The Vikings) before her remarkable turn as Marion Crane in Psycho. She was part of the Hollywood star system when Hitchcock dictated that her character should come to a grisly end less than 50 minutes into Psycho. Not alone was Janet Leigh violated in a spectacularly gruesome fashion, but the Hollywood narrative norms of the time took a fair whacking too! Hollywood stars just simply didn't die that early in proceedings!

Hitchcock manipulated the point of view perspective in *Psycho* to a shocking and radical extent. We are tricked into sympathising and identifying with Marion Crane's story. Then the rug is pulled from under us! Early plotting - the plight of the lovers, the stolen money, and the suspicious patrol man - is tactical on Hitchcock's part and leads up a frustrating *cul-de-sac*. After the notorious shower scene, we, the viewer (or voyeur) are left hanging and have no choice but to identify with Perkin's disturbed loner.

In the pivotal role of Norman Bates, the handsome Anthony Perkins was inspired casting. As the troubled boy-next-door type, he exudes likability, vulnerability and sadness (at least initially) in his complex performance. It is not hard to empathise with this nice young man dominated by his shrewish but unseen mother. This is in stark contrast to Robert Block's novel. In the original story, Norman Bates was a middle -aged, overweight, alcoholic and sinister loser. Screenwriter Joseph Stefano reshaped the material and character of Bates to make him more acceptable to 60s audiences

Hitchcock's triumph in Psycho, undoubtedly, rests on the shower scene. Nothing that comes before it quite prepares you for its splendid horror! It has been discussed and ruminated over by students of film for decades now. Apparently, the shower segment took seven days to complete on a very small confined set. Saul Bass's intricate storyboard compositions dictated the spine-chilling sequence of events. This famous scene in Psycho is remarkable for Hitchcock's use of diverse camera angles and lighting technique. We never actually see Marion's flesh being penetrated by the knife, but more importantly we think we do! Clever editing and sound effects create the illusion of bloody carnage. Each cut of the camera is like the stabbing motion of the killer's knife. It's a subtle approach which later horror films would eschew in favour of gory

Janet Leigh's screams seem to resonate down the plughole of cinema history. Or rather it is Bernard Herrman's screeching score that resonates. Composer Herrman was a Hitchcock regular. He had a very distinctive musical style and his classic scores for Vertigo and The Man Who Knew Too Much are especially memorable. In Psycho Herrman utilised an all strings orchestra to superb effect; repeated short bursts of notes over and over again have a disquieting effect on the viewer. He described his musical arrangements for the film as 'black and white' because he wanted to reflect the stark nature of the subject matter at hand. His strident, insistent scoring for Psycho is unique and, quite frankly, unparalleled. Arguably it adds immeasurably to the success of Hitchcock's film. In the second half of Psycho, various characters descend on the Bates Motel for the denouement. Sam Loomis

and Marion's sister Lila (Vera Miles) team up to solve the mystery of the missing woman. We are not done yet with ghastly murder as Martin Balsam's private detective meets a gruesome end on a stairway. However this section of the film never really eclipses the first half. Janet Leigh's glazed and contracted eyeball in extreme close-up is a hard act to follow!

Hitchcock's film digs much deeper than most horror films in his study of the human psyche. Themes of entrapment abound. Norman and Marion are in their own individual 'private traps' scratching and clawing for a way out. Fittingly stuffed birds loom ominously large in Norman's parlour. In the early scenes of *Psycho* Norman points out to Marion that she eats 'like a bird'. The bird motif even extends to her surname — Crane. Norman Bates's own eyes are bird-like and inquisitive and he constantly chews on candy corn.

Psycho didn't just break with convention; it rattled a few sacred cows and taboos in American cinema. Janet Leigh's constant state of undress (in various brassieres) certainly raised a few eyebrows! However, Hitchcock's most revolutionary act (apart from the shower scene) was to show the flushing of a toilet for the first time ever on screen. The peeping tom voyeurism of Psycho heralded that times (as in the Dylan song) were 'a-Changin'. Hitchcock's later film, Frenzy, took this trend to extreme levels. Psycho was scandalous in the glorious way it circumvented the Hays code and got away with it!

Hitchcock's influence and legacy spawned numerous tributes, (a 1998 colour remake) homage and pastiches (Mel Brooks's *High Anxiety*). However, *Psycho* casts a long shadow. The film is a masterful example of Alfred Hitchcock's expert sleight of hand and wizardry. It was a precursor of the violent, chaotic films and real events of the turbulent 60s. *Psycho* was the event movie of its time. People queued around the block to see it. Hitchcock promoted the *Psycho* experience rather than the actors.

In tapping into the subconscious fears of the unknown (utilising themes of sexuality, violence and death), Hitchcock declared that he was 'directing (his) viewers...playing them like an organ'. Hitchcock's master stroke was to allow his audience to create what they 'thought' they saw in *Psycho*. In his film the threat is chillingly from within. Hitchcock's visceral assault on American values and the nuclear family is encapsulated in Norman Bates's blood-curdling scream – 'Mother! Oh God, mother! Blood! Blood!'

In the final analysis, *Psycho* is a scintillating and clever piece of horror cinema. Utilising various experimental elements - stunning visuals, editing, an acerbic screenplay, a hypnotic score, dead-pan humour and two superb central performances - Alfred Hitchcock constructed a masterpiece of modern angst and madness. The director dragged his bewildered audiences kicking and screaming into the 1960s. After *Psycho* entering a shower would never quite have the same fascination ever again!



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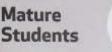


### Pop-Up Employment Information Fair in Maynooth A Great Success











For the second year running, Maynooth Community Space hosted a pop-up Employment Information Fair. The event was held at the end of September to offer advice on employment and training to the unemployed.

With over 120 seeking advice over the course of the morning, the fair was deemed a great success. It was organised by County Kildare LEADER Partnership with the support of Maynooth Community Council.

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- National College of Ireland
- Kildare Volunteer Centre
- OED Training.

Following on from the success of the Jobs Information Fair, County Kildare LEADER Partnership will host a Kickstart Programme in the Community Space to assist the unemployed to return to work. Further information on future events in the area can be found on www.countykildarelp.ie











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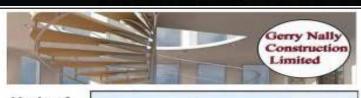
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Henry Ford once said of exercise "if you are well you don't need it and if you are sick you shouldn't do it"! Today we tend to take a more holistic view of exercise.

Play and exercise for your dog are very important both for their good health and as an ideal way to help socialise them. Lack of



exercise can result in behavioural problems such as digging, chewing, over excitability and general unruliness. Walking your dog is a great way to relax and get some exercise for yourself. If you are starting to walk your new puppy please ensure that he has completed his course of vaccinations at least one week before you take him out in public. Before you reach this stage you can introduce him to short spells of lead work in your garden. Place your puppy on a lead and with small treats or a favourite toy, encourage him to follow you. This early training is an ideal way to get your puppy to interact with you and also gives you an opportunity to show that you are the leader and the one who controls the activity.

It is very important to consider how much exercise your dog needs. The important factors are:

- Age young dogs require much more exercise than older ones.
- Breed toy breeds will require less exercise than working breeds who
  can sustain long periods of activity. One of my own dogs, a retriever, will
  swim for long periods and will then look for a walk as if she has done no
  exercise.
  - Health if your dog has a known health problem, for example a heart

condition, this has to be allowed for in his exercise programme.

It is quite common when a dog is presented at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic for the owner to say that he is not willing to exercise as he used to. This can sometimes be the early signs of arthritis but many other conditions have to be considered as well.

- Diet we have seen cases where dogs are losing weight due to over exercise and an insufficient diet. It is very important that your dog's energy requirements are provided in his diet. At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic, Newtown Grove, we are very happy to advise on this matter.
- Routine your dog should be exercised every day. Some dogs will require a morning and evening walk. It is helpful to vary the route and activity that you take them on as this provides stimulation and helps them to socialise. It is now clear that your dogs exercise requirements are very much an individual matter that need some thought. It is important that the type of play and exercise that you engage your dog in is controlled by you. A dog that becomes over excited is difficult to control and it is unwise to let him think that he is the one who is in charge. Games such as "chase" can be great fun but you have to consider whether you are interfering with other peoples recreational enjoyment.

Exercise and play for your dog should be an enjoyable and beneficial activity for both dog and owner. As humans we are all guilty of letting it lapse occasionally but hopefully this article will prompt us to address this matter.



#### The Company & Pieta House



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November there will be a charity gig in Maynooth GAA club to raise funds for Pieta House. The gig will feature members of local band 'The Company', a group of local musicians who will be familiar to GAA patrons from the Sunday night session that has been a regular feature now for the last few years. Pieta House is well known nationwide for the work they do to address mental health concerns nationwide. The Lucan based charity provides free therapeutic support to people who are suicidal and who are self-harming. This is a crucial resource in the community in the context of the continuing stigma suffered by those of us, of all ages and walks of life, for whom

emotional distress has become unmanageable. It is clear that health services are unable to provide adequate support and so a community response such as Pieta House needs and deserves local support, especially at this time of year. Though the members of 'The Company' see this as a serious matter that deserves serious attention – they are keen too that this will be a fun night with lots of great music – folk, rock, trad, - that promises to be a great start to the Christmas celebrations. 'The Company' are in good company on the night and will be supported by a number of other Kildare based acts. 'Push for Porter', a local trad group that will be known to many from their regular Newtown Inn spot on a Thursday night, will entertain with their polished tunes. Brian O Kane will again this year lend his voice and Naas based group 'Myles Fancy' will play lots of your favourite songs. 'Sidewinder' will provide a suitable finale to a fun musical evening supporting an important cause. Tony Savino, distinctive voice and tuxedo to match, will compere the evening, including a raffle with a host of locally donated prizes.

If you were at this event last year you will recall the sense of fun and of community spirit that was palpable on the night. If you weren't, then don't miss out this year. Tickets are a modest €5

and are available from Maynooth GAA and from KnB music in the Square in Maynooth. Come along at 9.00pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> November and support what promises again to be a fun night out for a very worthy and important cause.

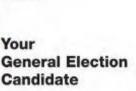




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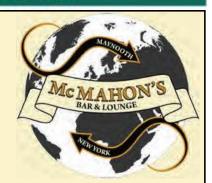




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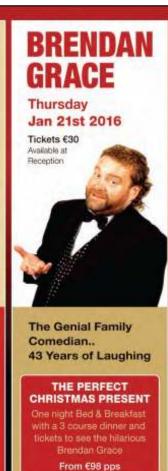
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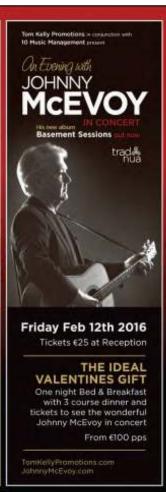


Sunday Evening Session 6.00 - 8.30pm











### Do you Support a Local Team - I do

My team works and plays for free especially during the summer months, and provides an unrivalled level of service to the community. My team helps to provide crops like apples, blackcurrants, strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, peppers and that most important Halloween item Pumpkin. My team are the often unsung heroes - Pollinating Insects.



I hope Educational Institutions, Schools, Community groups and especially you will download a FREE copy of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 from National Biodiversity Data Centre. It's full of useful information and facts, especially how everyone can help to foster pollinating insects in the community.



It's a well established fact that single flowers are of benefit to insects where as double flowers are not. Many favourite summer bedding plants i.e. Geraniums, Petunias, Double Flowered Begonias do not provide food resources for pollinating insects. Lots of plants do some good, examples being Borage, Catmints, Mints, Spring flowering bulbs, Crocus, Muscari and Summer flowering Allium.

How to plant an insect friendly garden and attract beautiful butterfly's, helpful

bees and other beneficial insects comes in the next instalment. Fishermen know what's the best bait, Supermarkets know how to catch customers. With the right plant choice your garden can set the bait and get pollinating insects.

Peter W Cuthbert BSc Agr



### **Community Council Notes**

Notes from Maynooth Community Council Meeting of Monday 12th October 2015 held in Maynooth Community Space at 8pm.

#### St. Patrick's Day and St. Patrick's Foundation Breakfast - Proposed plans for 2016

Keith McCrory addressed the meeting and requested support from Maynooth Community Council for an idea to include the St. Patrick's Foundation involvement in St. Patrick's Day. Naoise O Cearúil (St. Patrick's Day Parade) and Keith are working together on a plan. The idea is to try to create a venue near where the Parade ends. Carton House has been a fantastic venue in the past but it would be more apt to have the venue near the parade for 2016.

It was proposed to have:

- A (8.30-9.45am) in a marquee in the Carton Retail
- An international lunch celebrating different cultures Irish and Northern Irish in 2016
- Various activities would be included family fun activities and community groups would be involved
- It would finish off at 6pm with a concert.

It would be a partnership between the Maynooth Community Council, The Parade Committee and St. Patrick's Foundation representatives. There was some discussion around funding, grants and charges. Some aspects of the day would be ticketed with a mind to affordability. Maynooth Community Council supported the proposal – planning to proceed.

#### TLC Christmas Programme

A request from an employee of TLC Nursing Home was received for Maynooth choirs, musicians, dancing groups to visit and entertain residents of the Nursing Home. MCC will send out a notice to its membership with contact details if anyone/group would like to take part. Already Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Craobh Mhaigh Nuad has offered to play in the nursing home. Anyone who would like to participate should contact aurelija@tlccentre.ie.

#### **Events - New developments**

A proposal: To form a sub-committee for the development of Events and Arts in Maynooth Town. The proposal was put forward by Jacqueline Farrell (MCC). "The purpose of this committee will be to create a network of local artists, crafts people, musicians, dance and drama groups, and showcase our local talent to its best at year round events..."

The proposal was welcomed and endorsed by MCC.

#### **Festivals Committee**

Paul Daly outlined the proposed new calendar that will be coming out for Christmas. The calendar is a collection of Maynooth photographs that were submitted during the Maynooth Summer Festival for an online exhibition. Proceeds will go to Maynooth Vincent de Paul. There will be a Christmas Fair on 5/6 December in Maynooth Castle. It is proposed to have 25-35 crafts people from the Maynooth community. This is to showcase Maynooth talents and to encourage people to shop locally.

A calendar of events will be devised which will showcase all that is going on such as the Maynooth Festival, Christmas Fair, St. Patrick's Day Parade and more. This was especially welcomed as various groups run fundraising events throughout the year resulting in overlapping of dates. A calendar would ensure that each event would garner as much support as possible at a

These initiatives were warmly welcomed and encouraged by the membership. Volunteers will be needed to see it all through. It was also proposed that the Maynooth Students' Union Newsletter include the calendar of events if not on the first page then page three.

#### Andrew McMullon steps down as Festival chairman

Andrew McMullon informed the meeting that he was stepping down as chair of the festival committee due to work commitments. Andrew was chair for the last fifteen years. Thanks were expressed to Andrew on his hard work with the committee down through the years and that only for him the festival may have folded. He got it through every year. His commitment, good humour and patience stood him in good stead and he had been a great support to new members who came on board the festival committee. Andrew nominated Paul Daly to take over as Festival Chairman which was agreed. There was a round of applause.

#### Local Matters

#### Tidy Towns

Congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns on achieving a now taken on more students and teachers. silver reward for the town of Maynooth. They are delighted with the progress that the group have made with two bronze in 2013 and 2014 respectively and the silver in 2015. Thanks was expressed to all who helped - the Sunday morning, Saturday and Wednesday volunteers, Maynooth Community Council Festival Committee, Fleadh Committee, the business community, and the local area engineer. Marian McCauley was also thanked for her work on collecting for recycling. Maynooth Community Council CE workers were thanked for their work in the Harbour and they have kept the Harbour to a high standard (See report inside). It was reported that MTT has already spent their recent Intel Pride of Place award of €10,000 on two compactors for the main street.

A question was raised through MTT about the provision of toilet facilities in Harbour Area. People would not like to see something similar to that which we had in the Square and suggested that facilities might be provided through negotiations with Iarnrod Éireann. Oil Pollution in the Joan Slade River was reported to the local Engineer - in hand.

#### Senior Citizens

Maynooth Senior Citizens Golden Jubilee celebrations were a great success. Over 200 people attended. There was an ecumenical service and the launch of their book to mark the event in the Scouts Hall followed by refreshments in the Glenroyal. The presence of the Circus in the Harbour Field did not deter the celebrations!

A Tea Dance was held on Sunday 18 October. The Tony Smith Walk will take place on 22 November. Cards and tickets will be available in the coming week. The annual Sale of Work will take place on the 15 November in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth University.

Observation: The potholed path on the Dunboyne Road is especially difficult for those using rollaters. It was reported that the paths were to be done in the next couple of weeks.

#### Girl Guides

This is a new group to the Maynooth Community Council. Maynooth Girl Guides have now become a 'District' within the organisation. There is a membership of 65 and more members are welcome. They meet in the Maynooth Post Primary School membership can be followed up there. Younger girls meet in the Scouts Den. The Maynooth branch would like to get more involved in the community.

The ICA visited Lisburn on 3rd October. They will have their Christmas night on 11th December in the Glenroyal.

Naoise Ó Cearúil introduced Matt O' Boyle the new incoming Maynooth Students Union president to MCC. He has taken over from Ben Finnegan. Matt said he is looking forward to working on the Community Council and outlined a number of initiatives such as the upcoming Social Justice Week in Maynooth University and the introduction of a clean-up system. MU orientation leaders and tour guides wore Tee Shirts with the slogan "Respect Maynooth Town", and their societies would be very interested in taking part in community events. MCC requested that they contribute to the Newsletter.

Brochures for Social Justice Week were circulated at the

#### Maynooth Branch Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Music classes have resumed on Wednesday nights in the Maynooth Post Primary School from 7pm to 9.30pm. As a result of the success of the Leinster Fleadh they have

#### Educate Together

The Spooky Sponsored Walk took place on 22 October in Maynooth University. There will be "a one day together event" in November.

Question was raised about the possibility of introducing a 30k speed limit in estates. Naoise O Cearúil noted that these could not be policed and it would be up to residents to apply it and it is generally not requested by Residents. The entrance/exit point at the new Hayfield Estate was raised. Planning permission for this estate was given 7 years ago. It was thought that this would add to the congestion on the Meadowbrook link road and was unsafe. Lights are urgently needed before that estate is complete

The lack of a bicycle lane opposite the Church on the town side was raised. This will be addressed with the new North/South corridor plan. It was noted that no new markings will be done in the Maynooth area at this time.

#### **Concerns Raised:**

Students crossing en-masse from Maynooth Post Primary to Dunnes at the lights is dangerous. Zebra Crossing at Convent is dangerous and insufficient space between it and parking bay. Iron bar at end of Carton Avenue/Blacklion needs to be

replaced.

Moyglare Road traffic is disadvantaged by traffic signals.

Lighting needed at Maxol and beginning of Celbridge

#### Election of Officers - Maynooth Community Council 2015

An EGM was held at the end of the ordinary meeting for the election of officers:

Elected. Tom McMullon (Chair), Adrienne Flynn (Vice -Chair), Sean Treacy (Treasurer), Andrew McMullon (Assistant Treasurer), Susan Durack (Secretary), Paul Daly (PRO), Paul Croghan (PDO).

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# **Know Your Rights**

#### Free legal advice

#### **Question**

I need legal advice on separating from my husband but I can't afford to go to a solicitor. Where can I get help?

#### Answer

Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC) is an organisation that promotes equal access to justice for all. You can access basic, confidential and free legal advice across all areas of law in a network of centres around Ireland. These are usually located in the local Citizens Information Centre. Some are drop-in clinics, where you will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Other clinics are by appointment only, and you will have to call in advance to book a place.

When you visit a FLAC clinic you should bring along any relevant documentation or correspondence. You will meet a volunteer lawyer – either a solicitor or a barrister. You can ask a question on any area of law. However if you have already consulted a solicitor about the same matter, the volunteer adviser cannot offer guidance on that issue.

Your volunteer adviser will help you to establish whether there is a legal solution to your problem, explain what options are open to you and direct you to further assistance where appropriate.

Volunteer advisers cannot provide legal representation, which means they cannot take a case for you or go to court on your behalf. They also cannot refer you to a lawyer in private practice, so you should contact the Law Society for a list of solicitors in your area or for a particular area of law.

If you have a low income, you may be eligible for legal assistance from the State on a civil matter. The Legal Aid Board is responsible for the provision of civil legal aid and advice. Your FLAC adviser can help to establish this and you may then go to your local law centre to apply for civil legal aid. You will then have to undergo a means test and a merits test.

For criminal matters, there is a separate State criminal legal aid scheme, operated through the courts and administered by the Legal Aid Board.

#### Funding for college

#### Question

I'm unemployed and thinking about going to college. What funding is available for this?

#### Answer

Most undergraduate students attending publicly funded third-level courses for the first time will qualify for the Free Fees Initiative. You must meet criteria as regards residence, nationality and immigration status, as well as course requirements. If you qualify for free fees you do not have to pay tuition fees. There is a separate Student Contribution, which you pay to the college.

The student grant is the main financial support for students. The grant can cover all or part of your fees (if they are not already covered), the Student Contribution and provide some maintenance. To qualify for a grant, you and your course must meet certain criteria and you must pass a means test.

The Back to Education Allowance is available to people who have been getting certain social welfare payments for a set period of time before starting their course. You cannot get a Back to Education Allowance and the maintenance portion of a student grant at the same time. If you are eligible for both, you should find out which would be of more benefit to you.

The Free Fees Initiative, the student grant and the Back to Education Allowance all have rules regarding progression from previous studies. However, there are exceptions. If you intend to start a course at a level you have studied before, you should check out whether the rules on progression apply to your situation. If you do not qualify for the Free Fees Initiative or the student grant you should find out whether Springboard can help you to return to education. Springboard provides free higher education courses for people who are unemployed.

If you have to pay tuition fees and a Student Contribution, you may qualify for tax relief. You can find out more about sources of funding, including the Student Assistance Fund for students experiencing financial hardship, on studentfinance.ie.

#### Noisy neighbours

#### **Ouestion**

Our new neighbours often have noisy parties and keep our children awake at nights. We don't want to call the Gardaí but what else can we do?

#### Answei

Noise nuisance can be a really difficult problem, especially if your family's sleep is disturbed. The Gardaí may ask someone to lower the noise coming from a dwelling but they do not have the power to enter a dwelling with the intention of simply asking someone to lower the noise.

There is a useful leaflet published by the Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC), which covers issues (including noise) that arise between neighbours. FLAC recommends that you should first talk to your neighbours about the noise and explain how it is affecting your family. Keep a note of these discussions. You can also keep a noise diary, noting type of noise, time, date and duration and its effects on your family.

If this doesn't work, you can write to your neighbours, giving details of the noise and its effects. You may wish to suggest mediation and/or legal action if the matter cannot be resolved. Keep copies of all correspondence.

If the neighbours are tenants and you don't get a satisfactory response from them, you can complain to the landlord – whether this is a private landlord, a local authority or a housing association.

Private tenants have an obligation not to engage in antisocial behaviour, which includes persistent noise that interferes with the peaceful occupation of other dwellings. You may complain to the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) if the landlord fails to enforce this obligation.

Tenants of local authority housing are also obliged to avoid any nuisance (including noise) to the occupiers of any other dwelling. If the noise persists, the tenants are in breach of their tenancy agreement and the local authority can take steps to enforce the terms of the agreement.

If the noise continues to be a problem, you can complain to the District Court about it. You must then serve notice on your noisy neighbours, using the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 - noise form of notice. If the court finds in your favour, it can order your neighbours to take measures to prevent or limit the noise.

#### **Definition of refugee**

#### Question

I'm not very clear on the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee. Can you explain?

#### Answer

The term refugee is commonly used to describe several categories of people. These categories of people may have different legal statuses and, as a result, they may have varying rights and obligations. The 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (often called the Geneva Convention) is the key legal document in defining who is a refugee, their rights and the legal obligations of states.

A refugee in Irish law is someone who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his or her nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country..." (Section 2 of the Refugee Act 1996 which mirrors Article 1 of the Geneva Convention).

- An asylum seeker is a person who seeks to be recognised as a refugee.
- A convention refugee is a person who has been granted refugee status under the terms of the Geneva Convention
- A programme refugee is a person who has been invited to Ireland under a Government decision in response to a humanitarian request, usually from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

You can read updates on resettlement and relocation programmes on the Department of Justice and Equality's website, justice.ie.

Someone who is applying to be recognised as a refugee may also make an application for subsidiary protection. A person eligible for subsidiary protection is someone who does not qualify as a refugee but who would face a real risk of suffering serious harm if they returned to their country of origin. A person who does not fully meet the requirements of the definition of refugee may be granted leave to remain in the State for humanitarian or other compelling reasons. Leave to remain may also be granted to people who have been refused a declaration as a refugee and are not eligible for subsidiary protection.

#### Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below Maynooth CIC Dublin Road Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 076107 4000

### **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Maynooth Pay Parking By-Laws

Cllr. McGinley again demanded at the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting of the Council on 15 October that the Parking By-Laws for Maynooth be implemented without any further delay.

He pointed out that as the proposed Water Works on the Back Lane would not start until June 2016, that the rest of the pay parking should commence now.

The new Director of Services, Niall Morrissey, told Cllr. McGinley that he would examine how long the Water Works in the Back Lane would take and that he would get back to John in a few days.

#### Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was advised at the Maynooth MD meeting on 15 October that "The tender documents for the procurement process are being reviewed at present and the project is expected to be tendered shortly."

#### Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road Junction

Cllr. John McGinley sent the following E mail to Councils Roads Senior Executive Engineer on 15 October:

#### "Re: Hayfield Site Opposite ESSO on Straffan Road, Maynooth, Planning Ref: 08/2174

Condition 42 of Planning calls for the provision of traffic signals at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road junction—co-ordinated by way of SCOOT system—prior to the opening of the development.

I am concerned that the development will be opened without the traffic signals in place. And if this happens there will be total chaos at the junction (it is bad enough at present)

Can you please let me know what steps are being taken to ensure that the signals are in place before the development opens."

#### John got the following reply:

"A traffic management plan/analysis is in the process of being carried out on this section of the Straffan Road from the Meadowbrook junction to the motorway including all junctions.

A Consultant should be appointed shortly for this work and this plan/analysis is being managed by the KCC Traffic Management Section.

The Senior Engineer requested that this plan/analysis be carried out before any traffic lights are installed at the Meadowbrook junction."

As this Traffic Management Plan covers the whole of Maynooth, and will take a considerable length of time, Cllr. McGinley has asked that the section from the Meadowbrook Link Road to the M4 be carried out and signed off on first so that the lights (or preferably a roundabout) can be put in place.

#### Cllr. McGinley Seeks Information on the Number of Social and Affordable Houses Transferred to the Council Recently in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Question for answer at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 15 October: "How many social and affordable houses have been transferred to the council from the new housing estates that have been built or are under construction in Moyglare Hall, Newtown Hall, Griffin Rath, Castlepark and Hayfield, Maynooth?"

John was give the following reply:

"The following table outlines the position:

	Social	<i>Affordable</i>
Moyglare Hall	17	41
Newtown Hall	1	0
Griffin Rath	6	0
Castlepark	2	0

A number of other units have been negotiated or are under negotiation in the relevant areas."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the reply made for very depressing reading as by Law the following number of houses should have been transferred to the Council:

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42	63
19	29
19	29
11	17
91	138
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This means that the Council are losing out on 65 Social and 97 Affordable houses in Maynooth alone. John pointed out that as the housing provision was the biggest issue countrywide at present that it was unforgivable that the Council did not ensure that it got the maximum number of houses provided for by Law. Stating "negotiations are still underway" is not good enough as Castlepark and Griffin Rath have been completed and Newtown Hall and Moyglare Hall are close to completion.

#### Maynooth Town North South Corridor Improvements for Cyclists, Pedestrians and vulnerable Road Users up for Approval

Following Public Consultation the Planners Report on the Submissions Received was presented to Councillors for approval at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 15 October

Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the proposal to remove the right turning lanes at Old Greenfield, Silken Vale and the Train Station be removed as it made no sense and would lead to traffic build ups to the traffic signals at The Square. It looks as if John's proposal will be beaten as it looks as if only one of the other eight Councillors will support him. A decision on the Plan has been deferred to the next Meeting on 11 November.

If you agree that the right turning lanes should remain Cllr. McGinley strongly recommends that you make your views known to the other eight Councillors before a decision is made on 11 November.

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for the Footpath at Celbridge Road/Rail Park to be Widened

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 15 October:

"That the footpath at the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road Junction, at the Rail Park side, be widened as it is too narrow to facilitate the volume of pedestrian traffic using it"

John got the following reply:

"The Municipal District Office will cut the vegetation back as close as possible but there are private property boundaries at the back of the path which limit the available width of the footpath."

John asked the Area Engineer to discuss the issue with the adjoining properties to see if a solution could be found.

#### Cllr. McGinley Asks for Safety Improvements on Newtown Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Question for answer at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 15 October: "Can the council erect a flashing 'Your Speed' sign between the M4 bridge and the 50km/h signs on the Newtown Road (Rathcoffey Road) in order to help slow down traffic?"

John got the following reply:

"The Municipal District Office has agreed to erect speed radar at this location to

evaluate the current characteristics of this road."

John pointed out that the 50km/hr speed limit was being ignored and the significant incline down from the M4 bridge was a factor. Also, one of the signs is covered by shrubbery. John further stated that the Newtown Road was highly pedestrianised and that as the cost of the "Your Speed" sign was only €3,000, the Council should proceed with its installation.

### Cllr. McGinley Asks for Safety Improvements at The Walk, Moyglare Hall

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 15 October:

"That the developer of Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, be asked to landscape the central area of The Walk, in order to provide a public amenity and in the interests of public safety, now that the council and An Bord Pleanála have refused permission for buildings here.

"There is no requirement in the original planning permission to provide a public amenity in this location and consequently the Planning Authority cannot require the developer to landscape the central area of The Walk as requested. However, the Council will contact the developer and request any health and safety issues in this area to be addressed as a matter of urgency."

John agreed that there was no requirement under Planning to do as he requested but, he felt that if the Council wrote to the Developer suggesting that he landscape this very rough central area that the Developer might take action.

### 17% Fall in Live Register Figures for Maynooth and 20% Fall for Newbridge - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fall in the Live Register Figures published this week which show a 17% fall in the Live Register Figures for Maynooth Labour Exchange and a 20% fall in the Live Register Figures for Newbridge Labour Exchange when compared with September 2011.

Overall stated Deputy Stagg the Live Register for Co. Kildare has fallen from 18,084 in September 2011, to 15,011 in September, 2015, a 17% decrease. The further fall confirms the downward trend in unemployment stated Deputy Stagg but we cannot be complacent as unemployment is still far too high. Exiting the bailout and economic recovery will only be meaningful for people when they see real improvements in their lives and the most important way to achieve that is by creating more jobs which is the clear focus of the Government. Labour is committed to reaching Full Employment by 2018.

The Government stated Deputy Stagg through its Action Plan on Jobs is committed to creating 40,000 additional jobs in 2015 and getting the Unemployment Rate below 9% from a high of 15.1% three years ago. We can deliver on this commitment given the fact that between January 2012 and September 2015 the numbers employed in the State rose from 1,825,000 to 1,958,700.

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### Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes - November 2015

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#### Cllr. Ó Cearúil criticises Maynooth M.D. Budget Allocation outstanding issues that Maynooth Cycling Group have Cathaoirleach of the Maynooth Municipal District, Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has voiced his frustration at the

disproportionate funding received by the Maynooth M.D. for 2016. The relevant gross expenditure for 2016 in the Maynooth Area will be €491,572, this is in comparison to Celbridge/Leixlip with €578,529 and Naas with €677,007.

Ó Cearúil noted how the Maynooth area is the largest geographical area in the county with these funds to be divided between communities from Maynooth as far as Derrinturn.

"How Celbridge/Leixlip can recieve €80,000 more than Maynooth is beyond me considering they cater for two towns and Ardclough. In this area we have Maynooth, Kilcock, Clane, Prosperous, Derrinturn, Donadea, Johnstownbridge, Broadford and the surrounding areas. This will limit us councillors in the Maynooth area in terms of projects to undertake in 2016.", stated Ó Cearúil. One example of the inequality in the budget is €6,050 in grants being allocated to Tidy Towns in the Maynooth MD but €26,950 in the Naas MD.

#### Cllr. Ó Cearúil over-ruled in attempt at addressing issues at Carton Avenue

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil was over-ruled by his fellow councillors in an attempt to have the curb surrounding the Carton Avenue entrance moved back a metre. Cllr. Ó Cearúil argued that by moving the curb back, there would be room for cars to move off to the left from the Dunboyne

#### Maynooth North-South Corridor

A decision on the Maynooth North-South Corridor has been postponed until the November meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District. Both Cllr. Ó Cearúil and Cllr. McGinley highlighted that they are opposed to the removal of the right turning lanes on the Straffan Road. This followed submissions from many residents. There are still some

raised.

Yellow Box outside St. Mary's R.C. Church to be repainted Following a motion by councillor Ó Cearúil, the yellow box outside Maynooth Parish Church will be re-painted. The Area Engineer will also meet Cllr. Ó Cearúil at the site to see the possibility of extending the box. Mass-goers are currently finding it difficult to exit the church grounds.

Works on the Dunboyne Road footpaths have started Improvement works have commenced on the footpaths on the Dunboyne road after major improvements to the Moyglare Road footpaths.

#### Manor Mills Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary and Local

Manor Mills celebrated their 10 year anniversary recently with a prize giving ceremony for local heroes and a family fun day. Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil, as Cathaoirleach of Maynooth gave out the prizes to Maynooth's local heroes. Maynooth Community Council Chairperson, Tom McMullon was a recipient of one of the local hero awards. Representations

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

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

You can contact Naoise by telephone on (086) 728 0050, email cllrnaoise@gmail.com or via facebook.com/ naoiseocearuil

#### Cllr. James LAWLESS - Kildare North Updates

As your Kildare North general election candidate, I have been working around Maynooth over recent months and engaging with different individuals and groups, in close

collaboration with my local colleague Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil. Please feel free to contact me if I may be of assistance on any matter.

I enclose below some queries that have been raised with me and responses:

1) Footpath repairs on the old Dunboyne road. A number of residents in Castlepark and Pebble Hill had raised the condition of the footpath into the town. This is decayed and can be difficult to navigate with buggies etc. I am pleased to report that after discussions with the local engineering office I can confirm these footpaths are scheduled for repair in the upcoming weeks.

2) Recycling Centre in North Kildare; Residents have raised with me a concern that there was no recycling centre in the north of the county. I have raised this with the environment section and expressions of interest were recently invited for suitable sites in the north county area. While the formal consultation has now concluded, if anyone has ideas or suggestions for suitable sites please contact me. 3) Traffic Management at Straffan Road junction. I am

aware of the frustration and concern of residents using the Straffan road / Meadowbrook Link Road junction and the difficulties exiting onto that road at busy times. The engineering office has advised that discussions are ongoing with the NRA due to the proximity of that junction to the M4 ramps but that a design is in progress. I have stressed that this junction must be tackled as a priority issue.

I am canvassing the town on an ongoing basis and am happy to arrange clinics with anyone who would like to see me. Please contact me on details below.

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#### Broadband access for Newtown Residents must be a priority says Cllr. O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail General Election candidate, Cllr Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Department of Communication and the Minister for Communications, to have broadband access for Newtown and surrounding areas a priority for this Department.

'In recent days, I have met with many residents in Newtown and surrounding areas in Kildare, who are very concerned about the poor broadband connectivity in the area.'

'At a time when we are trying to encourage people to work from home, to encourage and nurture small businesses, support exiting businesses and ensure that people have reliable access to broadband, we see that little or no progress has been made to provide a Broadband service for Newtown and surrounding areas. Kildare is home to world class IT companies and it beggars belief that homes and businesses within a couple of miles of these companies have little or no broadband access.'

'I am currently working with Eircom, on what is known as the next generation access, in replacing the existing copper based telecommunications network and upgrade it to a fibre ontic system in the Maynooth Celbridge area. Once this is completed, these areas will have access to significantly enhanced telecommunications services.' Stated Cllr O'Rourke

'Areas like Newtown needs to be prioritised for getting quality high speed broadband, and I am calling on the Minister to deliver on his promise to deliver this quality high-speed broadband access for areas like Newtown and other areas in Kildare.' Concluded Cllr O'Rourke who pledged to keep the pressure on the Government to deliver quality broadband access for Newtown and other areas in Kildare.

#### FF calls for expanded civilian recruitment with Gardaí Civilians should be posted to garda stations to carry out administrative work

Fianna Fáil has called for an expansion of the civilian recruitment programme within An Garda Síochána to free up gardaí for community duties. According to Kildare North General Election Candidate, Cllr Frank O'Rourke,

sustained cuts to garda resources have left many gardaí who should be on the beat stuck in garda stations filling out paper work. Cllr O'Rourke explained, "The gardaí are currently overburdened with paperwork and administrative duties. Given the huge reduction in garda numbers over the past 5 years, it is a shame that our highly qualified gardaí are often stuck to their desks doing basic work that could be carried out by clerical staff. "The reality is that gardaí in every community across the country are being expected to do a lot more with a lot less resources.

We should be utilising their skills and training, by ensuring that they are out and about in the community preventing and investigating crime. It is a complete waste to have them stuck indoors stamping forms and answering the phone.

"I am calling on the Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald and the Garda Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan to consider posting civilian employees to garda stations to carry out basic clerical work and allow gardaí to get away from desk work. This could include answering phones and processing forms relating to motor tax, social welfare payments, electoral register changes and passport renewals. It would allow our highly trained gardaí to get out into the community and do the job that they were trained to do. "It is crucial that these clerical staff would not be seen as a replacement for qualified gardaí. Rather, this system must be used in tandem with an accelerated garda recruitment process. Garda numbers have fallen to dangerously low levels. In my own county of Kildare, there is now just 1 garda for every 650 people. There is no doubt that the cuts to garda resources have had a direct impact on crime levels. We need more gardaí and we need a better system to ensure that our trained professionals are not wasted on basic paperwork.'

New figures reveal 22% jump in housing waiting lists in Kildare - O'Rourke

FOI request by FF reveals a surge in number of people needing housing - Govt using outdated figures that mask the true extent of housing crisis

New figures obtained by Cllr Frank O'Rourke have revealed a surge of 22% in the social housing waiting list in

Kildare in less than two years. Cllr O'Rourke General Election Candidate for Kildare North made the revelation following a Freedom of Information request made by Fianna Fáil to Kildare County Council to obtain the most up to date figures for the social housing waiting list in the county.

The figures returned reveal that the Government has grossly underplayed the extent of the housing crisis. "The official government figure states that there are 5,454 people on the housing waiting list in Kildare. However data revealed to Fianna Fáil shows that this has jumped by 22% to over 6,668 households" said Cllr O'Rourke. "These figures are truly shocking. Minister Kelly claims that he has the housing crisis under control. However these figures reveal that the crisis is far worse than we imagined. The government is significantly understating the extent of the crisis, using figures that are actually two years out of date. The government has to start facing up to the reality of the housing emergency. Up until the end of 2014 it only built 1,252 new units nationally, compared to 15,000 units built between 2007-2010. This is the primary cause of this emergency. I have been fighting for greater investment in housing in Kildare to tackle this crisis head on Unfortunately the Government has not been proactive on this issue and has allowed a major crisis to emerge as a result.

"The most worrying aspect is the fact that the housing crisis is accelerating year on year. The figures we have obtained clearly show this. However despite this the Government is seemingly more interested in prioritising tax cuts for the rich rather than investing in housing and public services. "We have to start getting to grips with it by building homes that families want to live in. Fianna Fáil is proposing a new national housing roadmap to build 150,000 new homes by 2021 including 45,000 social housing units. I am urging the Government to give strong consideration to our fully costed plans," said Cllr O'Rourke.

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### EDITORIAL

Maynooth Community Council holds elections every three years where the full council membership steps down and members are elected from the electoral areas around the town. The newly elected council met for their first meeting on October 12th and it was great to see many of the longstanding members returned together with many first time members. The meetings take place in Maynooth Community Space which is operated by Maynooth Community Council and there was not an empty chair to be found by the start of the meeting. The report from the meeting can be found elsewhere in this newspaper.

The new council got off to a good start with a number of decisions to support activities in the community. That is one of the main benefits of having a community council which has been in existence since 1984. Many things have been tried before but the council has always been open to new ideas. With many successes under their belt such as this newspaper, the public office, the environmental project maintaining

Maynooth Harbour and the aforementioned Community Space. Annual events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Community Festival are also organised by Maynooth Community Council so there is no doubt that Maynooth is a better place because of the ongoing work of Maynooth Community Council.

A decision to put an events subcommittee in place was taken at the first meeting of the new council means that a range of new activities will be supported throughout the year. The upcoming Christmas Fair is one such event. There are more ambitious plans to arrange a number of arts and cultural events in Maynooth to bring together the various artistic disciplines to support each other. Such an initiative is best led by a body such as Maynooth Community Council because they have a very successful track record. I am sure that as things progress you will be hearing more about the activities of this new subcommittee. They have my best wishes and support to get things going. Paul Croghan

#### Maynooth University student wins 2015 Wesley Cocker Award

Award recognises contribution in chemistry relevant to Irish industry

Alice Blumlein has been awarded the 2015 Wesley Cocker Prize from the Society of Chemical Industry, All Ireland Group.

Professor Cocker was instrumental in establishing the Irish Section of the Society of Chemical Industry in 1947. The award, named in his honour, is given to the best paper or patent by a student on a topic of relevance to industrial chemistry.

Blumlein, who won the award for her work on tough protein gels, explained: "A bigel is composed of two discrete interpenetrating networks, with both networks contributing to the mechanical properties of the bigel. My research describes, for the first time, an all-protein bigel with properties of both parent gels. This hydrogel may have applications that include drug delivery and cell scaffolds or as a biomimetic."

The research was conducted in the Soft Matter research group in the Maynooth University Department of Chemistry under the supervision of Dr Jennifer McManus. The project was funded by a Maynooth University Teaching Fellowship to Alice Blumlein and an SFI Stokes Lectureship to Dr McManus.

#### MAYNOOTH MAN RECEIVES SPECIAL AWARD IN ENGINEERING

Maynooth man Kevin Tracey has recently been awarded the Ing. EurEta title by the European Higher Engineering and Technical Professionals Association in Brussels in Belgium.

Kevin, a registered Chartered Engineer and European Engineer with vast experience on many major National and International Projects including Intel, has gained extensive work practice in the areas of Consulting Engineering and Forensics

We wish to congratulate him and his family on his achievement.

### Home Security

#### Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the season. It is also the time of year where families and friends are most generous and practice the tradition of gift giving. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us. Unfortunately for us, home burglars view the holiday season a little differently. For them, it is a time of opportunity to burglarize your home for cash, credit cards, and all the new gifts of small electronics, computers, jewellery, and easily sold valuables.

Here are a few tips of what they look for when shopping for a house to burglarize. These tips will help you enjoy the holidays without incident.

- Burglars look for an easy entry with good escape routes. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
- Burglars look for occupancy cues like outdoor lights burning 24 hours a day, piled up newspapers, or advertising flyers hanging on the door knob. Use an inexpensive light timer when you are away and ask a neighbour to keep the front of your home clean of papers and debris.
- Burglars know to look for the hidden door key near the front entrance. Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Instead give the spare key to a trusted neighbour.
- Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors or windows. Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from distance. One holiday problem

can occur when exterior Christmas light extension cords are run inside through a window and prevent it from being secured. Hire an electrician to install an inexpensive exterior outlet for your holiday lights.

- Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on you house. A burglar can call directory assistance to get your telephone number and call your home while in front of your house to confirm that you are away.
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Wilson's...we're away skiing for the Christmas holidays...please leave a message." Burglars love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your home.
- After Christmas day, don't pile up empty gift boxes from your new computer, DVD player, or stereo receiver on the street for the bin man. Burglars appreciate knowing that you have expensive gifts inside for them to steal. Break them down or cut them up to conceal the items better. After a lucrative burglary, the chances of being burglarized again are increased to steal the new replacement products.
- Last, but not least, fortify your home by installing solid core doors, heavy duty locks, longer screws in the lock strike plates and door hinges, and install secondary security devices on all accessible sliding windows.

#### **Distraction burglary**

Distraction burglary is any crime where a falsehood, trick or distraction is used to gain access to a property to commit burglary. Victims of distraction burglary can suffer terribly both emotionally and physically.

Violence is increasingly being used by offenders

against the elderly in order to gain entry to their homes and steal their property. Unfortunately, some victims suffer a decline in health and even die as a result of the trauma caused.

Did you know...?

The average age of a victim of distraction burglary is 81-years-old.

Crime prevention advice - Distraction burglary: If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it. Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. gas, electricity, water, police. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider – Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller – they may be bogus.

Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them. Some areas in the country have "Neighbourhood Watch Schemes" you can sign up to. Check with your local police to find out if there is one in your area. Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank where it is safe. Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times. Ensure that if you do let somebody in to your home, that you close the door behind them — distraction burglars often work in teams, where one will distract you whilst others sneak in through the insecure door.

If somebody asks for your help – needs to make a telephone call, lost a ball in your garden, needs a drink or pen and paper for example, refer them to a younger neighbour or assist them through a closed door. Alternatively, call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.

Not sure? Don't open the door!



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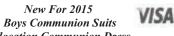


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#### **Maynooth GAA Club Lotto Results**

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Week	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €25 winners
02-Sep	11, 12, 16, 17	€3,000	Proinnsias Breathnach, John Kelly, Brendan Ashe
09-Sep	6, 8, 11, 24	€3,050	Sean Flood, Garreth Kelly, Billy White
16-Sep	2, 15, 18, 24	€3,100	Aine McGarry, Johnny Nevin, Grainne Dunne
22-Sep	12, 17, 18, 21	€3,150	Paul Qualter, Denis Heneghan, Barbara Jordan
29-Sep	1, 9, 15, 22	€3,200	Eleanor Jones, Nuala/Padraig Forde, Edel Hennessey
06-Oct	6, 9, 10, 24	€3,250	Clann Uí Cheallaigh; Martin O'Sullivan; Pat Power
13-Oct	4, 11, 20, 21	€3,300	Anthony Casey; Brian O'Kane; Ronan Hever

#### **Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2015**

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
06-Sep	3,4,23,26	€2,550	Mick & Mags - Terry Hinds - Kenneth Kenny
13-Sep	4,5,22,26	€2,600	Damien Bracken - Phillip Hynes - Sean Mahon
20-Sep	1,10,23,27	€2,650	Ann Ruane - Orla Mc Mahon - Miriam Maher
27-Sep	7,15,20,25	€2,700	Gina Folan - Tozzie - Ollie Durack
04-Oct	6,11,14,27	€2,750	Maurice Byrne - Leisa Garvey - Mary Mc Grath
11-Oct	4,7,8,16	€2,800	John Gannon - Tom Monnelly - Michael O Rourke
18-Oct	6,7,22,26	€2,850	Aidan & Siobhan O'Brien - Mick Ryan - Viv Mc Tiernan

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### **Fitness for Christmas**

Christmas can be great motivation to get into that "little red dress". Exercise not only boosts your metabolism but it makes you look and feel great. It also energises you and helps lower stress which can come in handy in the run up to the Christmas rush!

It may just be over a month until Christmas but it's never too late to start making changes to your health and fitness routine that will have you looking and feeling great for this festive season. So let's countdown those weeks by doing the following:

#### **Setting Achievable Goals**

When we are trying to lose weight or get in shape we often lose sight of what is realistic and what is possible in a certain period of time. Take each day as it comes and set small realistic goals which will ultimately have an accumulative effect.

At the Glenroyal Leisure Club, our expert fitness instructors can tailor a workout programme to suit your goals, helping to get you on the right track & maximise your results. Ask us about our '6 Week Fit-Mas Challenge'.

#### Organising a Routine to Suit the Festive Season

Everyone can appreciate how busy and stressful the Christmas season can be, therefore, organisation is key to success. The Glenroyal Leisure Club offers flexible opening hours, a variety of fitness classes and an expert team on hand at all times to help maximise workout results. We all use technology to help us plan our day and the Glenroyal Leisure Club is embracing these technological advances with the introduction of our easy to use mobile app. Signing up for a class couldn't get much easier! With a number of classes to suit all fitness levels and schedules, make the plan to put yourself first and stick to it!

#### Keep your Meals on Santa's nice list

Food is a huge part of the holiday season and there's no better way to celebrate than a big family dinner, or those tasty little nibbles at a party. If you're dining out then opt for lighter dishes, such as tomato based sauces rather than creamy. Eat before you go to a party, that way you're less inclined to overindulge in party snacks. Planning ahead will help you make better choices and it all adds up.

#### Ignore the "I'll Start in the New Year" Mentality

It's never a good idea to leave things on the long finger and that includes fitness! Ignore the tradition of starting in the New Year, it won't do you any favours in the long run. Plus if you start before the holiday season you have the routine nailed before the New Year and you also have the head start on friends and colleagues trying to lose those post-Christmas pounds. You'll be thankful for all that extra energy to cope with the Christmas chaos.

#### If you're struggling, sing, shout and ask for the right help!

Getting started is not always easy, but it's a lot easier with the right support network. Ask your friends and family to get involved with your fitness lifestyle and everyone will reap the rewards. Also some competition in the office is always healthy! With excellent membership options available, sign up with the Glenroyal Leisure Club to kick-start your fitness for Christmas challenge. Our friendly fitness instructors are always on hand to help, all you have to do is sign up and get started.

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns

Thank you to all who have congratulated us on winning our first Silver Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition. You can read the judges full report on page 23. In the Helix on the 28th September we also won a Value Water Award which was sponsored by Irish Water. Marian Cawley was also honoured as one of the 10 Supervalu Local Heroes, many people have said well deserved. As you are aware we have installed the 2 Solar Big Belly Compactors in the Main St, one outside Supermacs and the other outside Maximus/Mizzoni supported by Intel Pride of Place competition.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns.









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#### 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse'

Some families like the tried and tested Christmas recipes that have been handed down through generations, but I like to try something different each year and so I came across some recipes in a very old cookery book by Nell Heaton (courtesy of Mr Tom McMullon) called THE COMPLETE HOSTESS. I hope you try them and enjoy.

#### **PLUMP PUDDING**

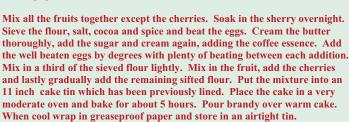
- 1/2 lb stale breadcrumbs
- 1/2 pint scalded milk
- 6oz brown sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1/2 lb raisins
- 4 oz chopped walnuts
- 2 oz sultanas
- 1/4 lb grated carrot
- 1/2 lb grated suet
- 1/4 pint brandy
- 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/3 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon finely grated lemon peel
- 1/3 teaspoon ground mace
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt

Soak the breadcrumbs in milk for an hour, add sugar, beaten egg yolk, raisins, currants, sultanas, lemon peel, walnuts and mixed peel. Add the suet and beat up by hand, using a wooden spoon. Add brandy, spices and salt. Add the stiffly whisked whites of eggs. Turn into a buttered bowl and steam for 6 hours. Unmould and serve garnished with a sprig of holly, surround with burning brandy.

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#### CHRISTMAS CAKE

- 1 lb butter
- 1 lb sugar
- 3 teaspoons coffee essence
- Grated rind of one lemon
- 8 eggs
- 1 lb sultanas
- 2 lbs currants
- 1/2 lb candied peel
- 1/2 lb glace cherries
- 2 oz ground almonds
- 2 heaped teaspoons cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 1/2 fluid ozs brandy
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 1 1/2 lb plain flour
- A large pinch of salt



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#### **ALMOND ICING**

Mix together 1/2 lb ground almonds and 1/2 lb caster sugar. To this mixture add 1 egg, 2-3 drops of almond essence, 1 teaspoon of lemon juice and 1 teaspoon of sherry. Whisk all together to bind and roll into clingfilm. Leave in the fridge for a couple of hours before use.



### The Benefits of Houseplants



The days are short and the weather is turning frosty and cold, which means winter has arrived. When the frost hits, it's difficult to do much outdoor gardening, and we tend to close our windows tight to keep all the warm air in. That's good for staying warm, but bad for air quality. This month, we'll take a look at how people can make their living environment healthier and more stress-free with houseplants.

Houseplants have become an increasing area of scientific study, and people are becoming more aware of the many benefits of including plants in both personal and office spaces. NASA first began research into houseplants and their ability to purify the air in 1989. The space agency has a vested interest in determining how houseplants can benefit indoor environments as improving air quality is a critical

issue in space stations. NASA's clean air study was a catalyst for further research into the benefits of houseplants.

These studies have shown that houseplants have a variety of quantifiable benefits. Modern building practices may be making buildings more efficient, but it comes at a cost. The rooms in which we live and work are now more tightly sealed than ever before, which leads to the air inside being up to 10 times more polluted than the air outside. This results in greater exposure to chemicals emitted from building

materials and the air we exhale. There has been a rise in office workers suffering from asthma, headaches, sinus problems, allergies, and poor concentration, and the phenomenon has been linked to poor indoor air quality. This is called Sick Building Syndrome, where people experience acute health problems from spending time in a building with poor air quality.



The air in homes and offices contains many chemicals that are released as byproducts of industrial building supplies, cleaning agents, office equipment, and other sources. The most common chemicals include benzene, formaldehyde, trichloroethylene, xylene, and ammonia, and exposure to all of these is linked to adverse health effects in humans.

Formaldehyde is extensively used in modern industry and is found in almost all paper products, including toilet tissue and paper towels, as well as synthetic fabrics, particle board, and plywood. Trichloroethylene is found in inks, paints, lacquers, varnishes, adhesives, and paint remover/stripper. Benzene is used to make plastics, resins, synthetic fibres, rubber, dyes, detergents, and pesticides. Ammonia is found in most window and household cleaning products as well as floor finishing. Xylene is found in printing products, rubbers, paints, leather, tobacco smoke, and vehicle exhaust.



These chemicals and their by-products are impossible to avoid indoors. However, NASA's clean air research has determined that we can reduce our exposure to these harmful chemicals with houseplants, as they filter the air and break down chemicals in it. Rooms with a plant in them also have 50-60% less airborne mould spores and bacteria. This probably explains why offices that incorporate plants into the décor show a proven reduction in employee sick days. A Berkley

study revealed that 40 percent of all sick days are related to poor indoor air quality. Multiple studies show that using plants in interior spaces decreases the incidence of flu, colds, sore throats and coughs by 30%.

Plants also benefit us psychologically. Houseplants have proven to reduce stress and tension and improve mood. Working in view of a plant increases memory retention by 20%, and offices with plants demonstrate increased employee productivity and accuracy. They also improve healing – research has shown that hospital patients given houseplants while recovering from surgery have lower blood-pressure, report less pain and anxiety, and recover faster. Visual exposure to plants reduces blood pressure and lessens stress in just five minutes.

NASA research suggests having at least one plant per 100 square feet of home or office space. Next month we'll take a more detailed look at how to care for houseplants and which ones are best at purifying the air.

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Long before the advent of television, broadcast radio has been bringing people together to listen to news, stories, and discussions. People can find great pleasure listening to the radio in the background while doing other tasks, and it's a handy source of information. In the Internet age, a new medium for communication is causing many in the radio business to reconsider some of the established practices and preconceptions about audiences, consumption, production, and distribution. The most popular form of audio entertainment is no longer the radio but the podcast, and it is opening up a new world of possibilities.



Once an obscure method of spreading information, podcasts have become a recognised medium for distributing audio content. Podcast is a portmanteau of the words "pod" – from iPod – and "broadcast". Despite the etymology, Apple did not invent the word (or the medium) – the term was first coined in 2004 by a journalist for The Guardian. At the time, iPods were the definitive choice for listening to portable audio files, though an Apple product is not required to listen to them.

Podcasts are a converged medium that brings together audio, the Internet, and the portable media player (though you can also listen to them on your computer). It's a form of digital media consisting of serial audio episodes that can be subscribed to and downloaded or streamed over the Internet. These audio files contain everything from music to comedy to fictional narratives, though the format is frequently that of a talk radio show.

There are many benefits to podcasts: the medium contains something for every interest and listener, they can be downloaded or streamed onto a variety of devices to be enjoyed whenever and wherever you like, and almost every podcast is completely free. Their accessibility, portability, and variety has turned them into one of the most popular forms of media. Podcasting contrasts with webcasting (Internet streaming) in that webcasting generally isn't designed for offline listening to user-selected content.

You can find a stunning array of new and interesting content from the Internet for free, whether you are interested in cars, cooking, technology, sports, science, history, comedy, self-improvement, art, or any topic you've ever wanted to know more about. You can listen to what you want, when you want, and how you want. You can find shows to listen to on your phone, tablet, or computer every day. You can wake up and automatically have new shows ready to listen to while you commute to work.

The podcast experience opens up a whole new world of entertainment, creativity, and learning to people. It offers free, original, and interesting content and provides an amazing way to share information across the Internet. No single person or corporation owns the technology; it is free to listen to and create content, which departs from the traditional model of "gate-kept" media and production tools.

Anyone can create their own radio-style show and broadcast it to the world in very little time and at very little cost. All that's required is a computer, a mic, and the Internet. In this sense, it is very much a horizontal media form: producers are consumers, and consumers become producers and engage in conversations with each other. It has levelled the playing field and allows people to share their passions and interests in creative new formats. Because of this, it contains personality and variety that is lacking in conglomerate, pre-programmed media.

As there is no financial or professional barrier to creating podcasts, everyone from individuals who want to share their interests to public radio professionals are making them.

#### The Essential Podcast Guide

However, just because podcasts are free and open to public creation does not mean that they lack quality. Most podcasts are made by people who are very passionate about their subject, and that passion carriers across to the listener. Clubs and organisations can post their discussions. People obsessed with fountain pens or cameras or mycology are making programmes for other people who share their interests. Writers are creating serialised novels, and some stand-up comedians have gone from relatively unknown to huge Internet successes through their podcasts. In addition, many major media outlets are also now offering podcasts.

Most podcasts are also commercial-free. Because the production cost is so low, podcasters don't require public sponsorship to operate. Those that do incorporate advertising generally do so in a way far less intrusive than what we find in radio or television.

No two podcasts are the same, and there is something for everyone with this exciting and growing medium.

#### How to find and listen to podcasts

Enjoying podcasts is easy, and you are in control of the audio experience. You can pause, rewind, repeat episodes, change the playback speed, and transfer, store, or delete them at your convenience. It's up to you where and how you want to listen to them. Any Internet-enabled device can play podcasts, though as their name suggests, they lend themselves well to listening to them on the go with a mobile device.

On computers, listening to a podcast is as simple as clicking on the file in a web browser and letting it play. There are many ways to get podcasts on your mobile device, and if you don't have a smartphone (or iPod Touch), the easiest way to do that is through iTunes. Just navigate to the Podcast tab of the iTunes Store, browse, download, and put them onto your audio player.

Probably the most popular way to find and listen to podcasts is using a dedicated podcast app on a smartphone. This software is often referred to as a podcatcher or podcast aggregator. These apps let you explore, subscribe to, download, and listen to programs, all in one place. Apple iPhones have a Podcasts app that comes standard on the current iOS. Originally a rather poor and buggy offering, Apple has recently improved it in order to keep up with the strong competition from other independent apps. Android users also have many options for finding and enjoying podcasts. We will discuss some of the most popular apps on the following page

On a computer you can either download episodes or stream them online. Some podcast apps require that you download each episode onto your device, whereas other apps give you a choice to either download episodes or stream them. This can be handy if you don't have a lot of free space or want to avoid cluttering your device, but keep in mind your data allowance if you are not connected to wifi. Podcasts tend to be bigger than music files as they are often longer, so they take up a bit more space on mobile device. If you listen to podcasts often, you will want to regularly delete older episodes to free up space.



You can either listen to shows individually, or if you find a podcast that you really enjoy, you can subscribe to it so that all new episodes and updates are automatically downloaded. That

removes much of the hassle of acquiring new shows or keeping up with a release schedule. This ease and convenience of this automatic delivery is powerful, and it is one of the things that sets podcasts apart. You can unsubscribe or stop receiving updates at any time.

#### The Best Podcast Apps

Podcasting apps, also known as podcatchers, do more than just play your podcasts. The best-in-class examples automatically download and sort the newest episodes of your subscribed podcasts, help manage your subscriptions, and can also include a variety of other features. Here is a collection of some of the most popular podcasting apps for iOS and Android devices.

#### Podcasts (iOS, free)

Apple's own app is a standard feature on iOS devices, and it is a decent option for people new to podcasts. It's an easy to use client that allows users to search for and subscribe to individual podcasts from inside the app, and you can view podcast charts from the iTunes Store. There's also a useful "My Stations" feature, which allows you to create playlists of shows. You can also use Siri to play episodes from the app. However, it can be a little slow, and the UI is bland. It covers the basics and offers reasonable functionality.

#### Overcast (iOS, limited free or €4.99 unlimited)



Overcast is one of the top new podcatchers. Its strengths are numerous, and there's little to criticise about it. It provides solid basics like episode downloads, notifications of new releases, offline play, and podcast discovery. In addition, Voice Boost normalises the sound levels of speech, automatically boosting quiet voices and lowering loud ones. Smart Speed automatically cuts away at gaps and silence in the podcast, speeding up play without distorting audio. Some of Overcast's features are locked or limited in the free tier, which can be unlocked with a  $\varepsilon 4.99$  in-app purchase.

#### Castro (iOS, €3.99)

Unlike other podcatchers, Castro's primary virtue is its simplicity and ease of use. It's a good app for people who don't listen to many podcasts or have a small capacity device. This podcatcher isn't cluttered with too many complex features, but that's not to say Castro is bare bones. It includes dynamic storage management, automatic episode downloads and episode streaming, but it's the clean design and interface that are the main selling points.

#### Instacast (iOS, free with in-app purchases)

The latest incarnation of this app, Instacast 5, sports a redesigned media player with easy swipe access to an episode's chapters, a Night mode that can be toggled or set to automatically trigger based on time of day, keyword search tools and more have been added to an already feature-packed podcast app. The core of the app is free, with Night Mode and Text Search available as in-app purchases.

#### iCatcher (iOS, €2.99)

iCatcher! features many configurable settings, tweaks and features. Users can subscribe to and download their favourite podcasts from within the app, with Wi-Fi and cellular download options available, as well as background and multiepisode downloads. The player can accommodate variable playback speeds, a sleep timer, multi touch controls, quick jump/back buttons and more. If you like customising your player, iCatcher! is definitely worth a look.

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#### Downcast (iOS, €2.99)

Downcast is a critically-acclaimed podcast app with good reason. A robust online search for podcast subscriptions, autodownloading and the ability to import and export OMPL podcast feeds help you ensure your podcasts stay up-to-date. A highly customisable playlist maker lets you selectively build your playlists on the go, while numerous playback options (such as episode streaming, variable speed playback, video podcast support and more) allow you to play your content however you like.

#### Player FM (Android, free)

Originally a browser-based podcatcher, Player FM has since branched out with its own Android app. It offers users powerful podcast discovery tools as well as solid playback, subscription, and management features. Users can search for podcasts based on broad topics and sub-topics, or subscribe to individual shows, download episodes for offline play, and set the app to automatically delete played episodes in order to make space for new downloads. Playback options include variable play speed, sleep timers and even the ability to launch episodes from Android Wear smartwatches.

#### Pocket Casts (Android and iOS, €3.99)



Pocket Casts is a cross-platform app that makes it easy to jump between devices, and the web player allows you to listen on your computer as well. It showcases subscribed podcasts in tile format. A smart playlisting feature helps you sort and categorise your downloaded content for easy listening. Pocket Casts also includes video podcast support, auto-downloading, and automatic cleanup of downloaded episodes to save storage space. Other helpful playback features include quick skip forward and back buttons with configurable time intervals, a sleep timer, and Android widgets.

#### DoggCatcher (Android, €3.44)

Ideal for power users, DoggCatcher is filled with a huge amount of functions including advanced search, variable playback speeds, auto-downloading, feed customization, auto-cleanup, UI customisation, and even the ability to run episode diagnostics and send logs to the developer. This is a powerful app, and constant updates keep it on the edge.

#### Beyondpod (Android, free 7 day trial, €7.65 purchase)

With numerous power features and advanced categorisation, file management, and search functions, Beyondpod is great for those dealing with a lot of podcasts and consuming a broad spectrum of content. Navigating content as it plays is also easy as playback options are placed in one spot within the app's UI. Fine grained download settings give users control of how much the app downloads in the background. It's pricey but may be worth it if you're a heavy podcast user, and the free trial is a nice touch that allows you to test before you buy.

#### Stitcher (Android, free)

Stitcher may be mostly known as an Internet radio service, but it's also a great podcast service. You can browse and add all of your favourite podcasts, then "stitch" them together into stations for listening in the order you want. You can also keep up with breaking and daily news through a variety of top news programs to mix it up from your normal weekly podcasts. It's still sticking to its older-style of design that doesn't quite look as modern as Pocket Casts and Player FM do, but it's functional and familiar with a lot of features for a free app.

#### **Top Podcast Picks**

You can find podcasts on any topic you could imagine, so search whatever interests catch your fancy. To get you started, here is a small selection of some of the best and most popular podcasts available now.

#### Stuff You Should Know

Let's face it – there are a lot of things that we should know but don't quite have time to research. Who has the time to google everything? Far better to absorb it while exercising, commuting, or cooking from this conversational and highly entertaining podcast by howstuffworks.com. On SYSK, a rotating pro-am panel discusses everything from How Bitcoin Works to How Ocean Currents Work in what feels like the world's most well-informed pub conversation.

#### Little Atoms

Pamper your brain with books, ideas, the arts, politics and whatever else comes up in an engaging, irreverent and unashamedly intellectual podcast. The lo-fi production values compound the impression of rubbing leather-padded jacket elbows with a splendidly down-at-heel slice of the intelligentsia.

#### The Bugle

Billing itself as an "audio newspaper for a visual world", this satirical news show co-hosted by Andy Zaltzman (in London) and John Oliver (in New York) has been going strong since 2007. The comedy duo deadpan their way through current affairs in this brilliantly rambling "newspaper for the ears".

#### The Pod Delusion

This cheerfully sceptical "podcast about interesting things" looks at the world from a fiercely rationalist perspective. It's a partner of the British Humanist Association. Each episode takes a leisurely but eye-opening look at issues as varied as the iffy history of Assassin's Creed, Greece's Golden Dawn, and the non-human civil rights of captive killer whales. It'll give you hope that the world isn't really vanishing down a wormhole of superstition and make you feel about 50%

#### Pop Culture Happy Hour

America's state-funded National Public Radio has got a grip on movies, music and the Internet that's beyond broadcasters. In this weekly roundtable, pundits dig into the thinking person's entertainment story of the week, be it Mad Men, Downton Abbey or the shambolic VMAs.

#### Kermode and Mayo's Film Review

Led by two of the finest and most likeable communicators in radio, the podcast version of Mark Kermode's and Simon Mayo's weekly 5 Live show is an unalloyed pleasure. For the uninitiated, it involves verbose, terrifically expressive movie reviews, down-to-earth questioning of said reviews, listener correspondence, good-natured bickering, interviews, and regular appearances by actors.

#### Radio Lab

This oblique documentary series Radiolab, from New York's public station WNYC, riffs on a big subject like colour, time or numbers until it become a sound experience in its own right. Hard facts collide with a playful sonic approach and the effect is like a dream where you learn things. Episodes have focused in on everything from human attempts to communicate with dolphins (Hello) to the social experiments being undertaken at Facebook (The Trust Engineers).



#### The Football Ramble

Hosted by a quartet of exuberant, knowledgeable and quick-witted football fans – including the Absolute radio presenter Pete Donaldson and the stand-up comic Jim Campbell – this long-running series provides a weekly fix of global soccer news, analysis and banter. It manages the rare feat of being both funny and informative.



#### The Thrilling Adventure Hour

These brilliant episodes offer a spot-on recreation of old-time US radio drama from the 1930s and 40s that both sends up these corny, wholesome wireless serials and also shows real affection for a homespun era before irony ruined everything. Fake serials including Sparks Nevada, Marshal On Mars, Amelia Earheart, Fearless Flier and Down in Moonshine Holler are rendered with songs, wisecracks and handmade sound effects before a live audience in Hollywood.

#### WTF with Marc Maron

This high-intensity interview podcast is about as far as you can imagine from a chummy little chat between showbusiness insiders. Having paid his dues both in performance and his personal life, LA-based stand-up comic Marc Maron persuades a stellar line-up to come round to his garage (yes, his garage) and open up in ways that conventional media seldom sees. Robin Williams, Edgar Wright, and Josh Homme have been among the guests in an interview series unlike any other.

#### 99% Invisible

You know that an item of design is good if you barely notice it – hence the name of this reliably mind-boggling exploration of product design, architecture, fashion technology and any and everything designed for KALW in San Francisco. Roman Mars's bite-sized show (15-30 minutes) is as vivid as you could wish, exploring everything from DIY spacesuits to the aesthetic of Looney Tunes cartoons.

#### Oxford Biography

The thing with history is they keep making more of it. Fill in the blanks with this admirably straightforward series of capsule life stories from the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. Each episode gives without judgment or bias an account of one Briton's life, researched by professional historians. There are 180 available and their span is boggling, taking in everyone from Lord Haw-Haw to Freddie Mercury.

#### The Naked Scientists

Created and co-presented by a Cambridge-based virologist called Dr Chris Smith, this whip-smart, long-running podcast manages to convey big scientific ideas and breakthroughs with clarity, wit, and a refreshing lack of jargon.



#### Here Be Monsters

This describes itself as "a podcast exploring the dark corners of the human mind." Although episodes vary in format, with documentary-style investigations into topics such as placenta eating, cricket noises, depression and crows. The show really shines when single subjects take over the mic, talking about hairy travel escapades, personal demons and experiences with the ineffable or unknown.

#### This American Life

Don't let the name put off Irish listeners. One of the most-loved podcasts of them all, WBEZ Chicago's podcast has a more or less permanent spot on iTunes' Top 10 Podcasts, and it is well deserved. In each episode, host Mr Ira Glass takes listeners through a series of stories, many about real people, on a particular theme such as, "superpowers" or "poultry". It's charming, unexpected, often weird, but always heartwarming.

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#### By Terry Nealon

Hi Folks here we are back again after a really great year of good productions. The year started with *The Hostage* by Brendan Behan. This was such a success for us but unfortunately we could not accommodate the many people who turned up for each performance. For our summer productions we went to the wonderful ancient walls of Maynooth Castle. With three original plays on the same night (is this good value or what). The night started with *Breathing Lessons* by Martina Reilly followed by *Baggage* and completing the programme *Blue Wine* by Rory Griffin. All written by local people. This is what Community Theatre is all about. The whole event was a great success.

Now it's that time of year again and An Nuadha Players have sprinkled themselves in fairy dust to produce our new original pantomime *The Snow Queen* written and directed by Martin Higgins. This is an all new show by Martin and he is guaranteeing lots of laughs and thigh slapping. At this moment the cast are rehearsing three nights a week to make this panto the best panto in North Kildare, no make that Ireland. Yes the best Panto in Ireland.

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With 1916 looming large, lots of activities are planned in the Kildare area and all over the country to remember the men and women who took part in the Easter Rising.

An Nuadha Players will perform a play written by Martina Reilly to be performed on the Easter weekend. It will tell the story of the men who walked to Dublin to take part in the planned rising. They walked down the canal towards Dublin and into history. It's a great story to tell and no one better than Martina to tell it. You will hear stories of how the men handled the situation they found themselves in and what happened when they got to the GPO. The performance will include the walk down the canal ending at Carton House which will be the back drop for the GPO Dublin.

As this is a very big undertaking for Martina, you can help greatly if you happen to shop in Tesco. Use your blue token to help make this production the best it can be. The more people involved the better so if you would like to take part ring 086-8068068.

In June An Nuadha will perform another new play written by Terry Nealon which covers the period of 1965 to 66. This deals with the first 50 years of the rising. The play is written through the eyes of 13 women who worked in the inner city. Have lives changed in 50 years? What does the rising mean to them? This is a true story which gives us another view.

Looking forward to the whole event. Mind the trams. / Terry Nealon

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#### **Tidy Towns Competition 2015 Adjudication Report**

Centre: Maynooth County: Kildare Category: F Ref: 377 Mark: 305 Date(s): 24/06/2015

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2014	Mark Awarded 2015
Community Involvement & Planning	60	52	52
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	40	40
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	45	45
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	32	33
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	15	17
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	51	53
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	29	30
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	35	35
TOTAL MARK	450	299	305

#### Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:

Many thanks for your entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations Maynooth on being Ireland's Best Kept Town! Titanic news indeed. Well done

Thank you for a most complete entry. This was however a little weighty and there was material which could have been reduced or omitted altogether. The adjudicator is aware of how much work goes into assembling entries as good as this so your pardon is sought for any critical comments thereupon. However, it is recommended that you reduce the volume in next year's entry. This is in order to ensure that no important information is overlooked - hidden by unnecessary materials. All that said, your entry was very clear and well-illustrated.

Your overall structure as a group is demonstrably good. You very obviously engage well with your community. You use traditional means as well such as the Maynooth Newsletter, County newspapers and radio. The adjudicator loved the idea of business cards great! However, the sandwich boards at work sites are hard to beat. You gave a long list of organisations that support you and your work. The adjudicator learned a lot from your entry form in this category - including the University's Fair Trade status and that you have a Transition Movement group in Maynooth. This makes for a very active and dynamic town. You are without doubt plugged in to the next generation who'll be coming up to take over from us. You've a most comprehensive entry on your work with schools, colleges and even the university.

#### Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:

Thank you for a very clear and well-illustrated submission here also. The adjudicator was grateful for the brief introduction to the history of your beautiful town. There have been some substantial and positive changes to your Built Environment & Streetscape. Thank you for the photos - including 'before and after' pictures that are most useful - of your work. Your drawing up of a plan speaks well of your organisation. You have some very common sense proposals that would be readily achieved.

You have a bright and lively commercial streetscape. Shop fronts that caught the eye included: Permanent TSB, Brady's Pub, Oak Alley, The Avenue, Siopa Milseáin, and Bistro 53. Also, Uí Neill's, the Coffee Lounge Brady's Property Partners could look better. The Roost Bar will be in need of painting soon. The adjudicator admired the use of an empty shop for Tidy Towns display but this could be done much better. Manor Mills Shopping centre was well kept. Could the Kilcullen Road side windows be made to look brighter and more cheerful? They are so dark and forbidding. Nearby, what's the little derelict building beside the Catholic Church? It's in poor repair although it has

been painted previously.

The Castle is gorgeous and today was the first day that the adjudicator had time to properly look around. It's good to read that you are taking a role in the fate of Buckley's - a lovely old house. Could the Vet's sign be removed, please? It has no place on such a building. The lovely new benches in front of the Carton Avenue entrance were gratefully used.

#### Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

Again, you've set out your achievements and plans really clearly in your submission. It's very interesting for the adjudicator to get such good levels of detail on the various projects - including the dreaded bottom line! You aim to consolidate your efforts and that is to be applauded. It's great to read of collaborations such as that with the University, the shopping centre and Kildare County Council. Well done on your assessment and plans on the Japanese knotweed. Please let us know how initiatives such as the Blacklion Site go ('before and after' pictures please!).

Court House Square looked sharp and busy on adjudication day and the trees here were admired. The great work in front of Carton Avenue entrance was much appreciated. The adjudicator was struck by the high numbers of walkers and other visitors here on this morning. The 'heartland' of your town - the University entrance and castle looked so well (and also very busy!). The shopping centre played its part by the display of some super hanging baskets and the hugely long troughs of flowers. It may be argued that bedding plants are not resource-efficient and this is something you may wish to revisit in your plans. Nearby there are beautifully symmetric round beds at the junction of Kilcullen Road and Mill Street. There was also great work done at the grotto of the RC Church. Nice consistent planting was noted in the planters on the lampposts throughout the town.

### Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

A nicely wide-ranging submission was received from you for this category. This included practical conservation work, interpretation, management and maintenance as well as planning. All good. However, you have included works completed in 2013 so please don't mention prior work unless it is absolutely relevant to this year's or ongoing projects. Be sure now that the people/organisations you cite are actively involved. You have a good grasp of the tasks at hand and where your priorities lie. You also include plans for cycling, the current use of the canal for sports and angling. Very good. You've not mentioned the canal's national designation as a Natural Heritage Area. You should. Overall your plans are 'bang-on' and well thought through.

Your new bug hotels were admired. The Mill Wheel and turf stack looked great. Keep us updated on your

projects with volunteers, residents and groups such as the IWT

#### Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

Your status as a University Town really gives you opportunities for partnership that would be rarely enjoyed elsewhere. The Green Campus project, for example is a great initiative. You have a coordinated approach in terms of working with the schools. Green Waste has been a priority for us it seems and its good to read of community composting initiatives. The shop local project is definitely worth supporting. You list a number of measures that this adjudicator hasn't vet seen in other towns - e.g. Electric Car charging points, lower wattage lights along with brighter road markings and of course, the Green Campus project. You could explore more measures such as 2nd hand books for college students and benefits to charities. You are doing very well in this category and the adjudicator advises you to stay on this track. Well done.

#### Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

The adjudicator was impressed with the detail supplied by you on your approach to the very many aspects of this category. You certainly have a lot to do but as your recent accolade proves - you are well up to the task. Co -operation is key and this you have achieved with community, businesses, educational institutes and local authority. There are some issues that will never 'go away' or be ultimately solved. However, you have a plan and you have demonstrably effective systems in place and that is what attracts points in this category. Litter is an issue for Maynooth. This is so throughout your commercial areas and onto your hinterlands. Cigarette butts make up a substantial proportion of the litter noted but chewing-gum wasn't far behind. The painting of junction boxes creates wonderful colour on otherwise drab surfaces. The bottle banks were in good condition. Some graffiti was noted on Doctor's Lane. The lettering on the Tree of Liberty Stone is once again in need of painting. The signage at the entrance to the girls' school adjacent rather spoils the nice stone piers here. There is an empty sign pole at the corner of Convent Lane and Main Street. The railings opposite the castle are in need of painting soon. The benches in front of Bank of Ireland and opposite are in need of painting. There is a damaged stop sign at Kelly's Lane and an empty sign pole beside the Garda

#### Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Your Two-Route approach is understood and makes perfect sense. This again is a category in which

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#### **Tidy Towns Competition 2015 Adjudication Report (Cont.)**

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progress depends upon co-operation. Your role is clearly understood, it appears. You give numerous examples of focused efforts, taking into account last year's adjudicator's comments and this is to be applauded. Once again, work in this category will never be 'complete' - but: if you continue to encourage, cajole and work alongside your residents, your workload will diminish in a linear fashion. Your plans are sound. The adjudicator was most taken with the Advice Line for residents. Some graffiti was seen in Meadowview in predictable places such as junction boxes. There was some litter here as well. Beaufield generally looked well. Some overuse of herbicide on path edges was seen. The beautiful mature trees here

were admired.

#### Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

Again, a clear submission in this final category. This showed focus and a good degree of detail. What impressed this adjudicator most however was the clear evidence of your interaction with local authority, businesses and planning. Your entry on the proposed walk/cycleway and your submission on the Court House Square being cases in point. You have your eyes on problem areas and a plan to tackle these. Well done. The Straffan Road roundabout was admired for its contemporary design. It was great to be in a town with so many clear, good quality cycle lanes and to see so

many people using them. Could the on-street bike lanes be better marked? Newtown Road has both bike lanes and good quality road surfaces. Perhaps car-parking should be more controlled on Parson Street. The stone name signs were much admired. The Historical Walking Tour is excellent. The information boards at Carton Avenue are first class. The walk along the river at the shopping centre is a really nice surprise.

#### **Concluding Remarks:**

A really enjoyable first visit to Maynooth was had. It was great to see the results of your work on the ground. You are now in the upper echelons of the competition and great things could be ahead. Good luck!

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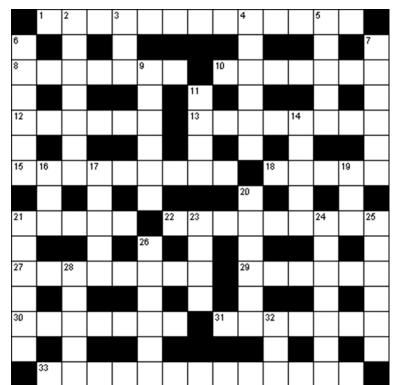
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#### November Crossword - (No: 441)

#### Clues Down

- 1. Reflection (13)
- 8. Uppermost part of a tree
- 10. Graceful antelope (7)
- 12. Raved (6)
- 13. Burn without flame (8)
- 15. Holy Communion (9)
- 18. Musical instrument (5)
- 21. Muzzle (5)
- 22. Cemetery (9)
- 27. Textile fabric (8)
- 29. No one (6)
- 30. Not strict (7)
- 31. Die (7)
- 33. Telephone directory (9,4)





- 2. Living in the ocean (7)
- 3. Make lace (3)
- 4. River in N South

America (6)

- 5. Greased (5)
- 6. Die from lack of food (6)
- 7. Eccentric person (6)
- 9. Commands (6)
- 11. Employs (4)
- 14. Covered with leaves (5)
- 16. Vase (3)
- 17. Residence (5)
- 19. Glass container (3)
- 20. Wide street (6)
- 21. In a simple manner (6)
- 23. Depend (4)
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- 26. Abduct (6)
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Copy date for the Dec/Jan issue of the Maynooth Newsletter is Tuesday 17th November 2015

### **Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee**

Our Halloween Tea-Dance was well attended on Sun. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> and many entered into the spirit of the occasion by coming in fancy dress. There were lots of prizes but the over-all winner was Katy and Kevin Cullen from Palmerstown. Many thanks to all those who took the trouble to dress up and add to the enjoyment of the day. You could say the atmosphere was "terrifying". Music was provided by "Unity" who never fail to please. The one component missing on the day was the "Tony Smith Memorial Walk" which is organised by the Labour Party and has taken place on this day for many years. I understand the walk will now take place on Sun. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> from McMahon's pub.

Our next date for your diary will be Sun. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> which is the date for our annual "Sale of Work. This is a very important date in our calendar as it is our main fundraising event. As usual our people will be calling to your door, so now would be a good time to clear out your attic. Remember what is one person's trash is another's treasure. A word of caution though, by now you will know our collectors but if in doubt check them out. Our committee carry I.D, our helpers are usually from the area and they are always adults, we never send children. Alternatively items can be brought to the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College on Sat. afternoon Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> or Sun Morning Nov.15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for our Monster Hamper will be on sale at Manor Mills on Fri Oct 30<sup>th</sup> and at Super-Valu on Nov.5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The draw will take place at the sale of work on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 3pm, so please come along and enjoy a great afternoon where you could win anything from hampers to the hard stuff or tea-sets to televisions. However if you are not lucky on the day you will have the consolation of knowing that you supported a great cause. Many people benefit from you generosity each year so we thank you in advance.

As you will know by now SuperValu have given our Senior Citizens a special shopping night / party for many years now and they will continue to do so, with one small change. Our shopping extravaganza will now take place on Sunday Afternoon at 3pm on Dec.  $6^{th}$ . All our Senior Citizens are welcome and transport is available if needed.

Our final date for 2015 is Dec 20<sup>th</sup> which is our Christmas Dinner which will take place as usual in the Glenroyal Hotel at 4pm. Those wishing to attend should have their names in by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. There is a lot of information here for you to take in, but I hope you do. Finally, may I remind you that our book "The Golden Years" is still on sale at SuperValu, Maynooth Bookshop, Maynooth Photo Centre, News 4 U and Donovan's Shop. It comes in soft and hardbound and would make a great Christmas present. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during the year and may I wish you a very happy Christmas time and peace throughout 2016.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson



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# Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 20/7/2015 to 23/10/2015 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
15918	Kildare County Council	Gabriel and Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/10/2015
15921	Kildare County Council	Fiona McEvoy	9 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15922	Kildare County Council	Martin J. McMahon	Ivy House, Court House Square, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15900	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited,	Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Road, Maynooth	09/10/2015
15899	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	08/10/2015
15886	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle	Moyglare Nursing Home, Moyglare Road, Maynooth	06/10/2015
15877	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	02/10/2015
15855	Kildare County Council	Mary Lennon	Kilmacredock Lower, Maynooth, Co Kildare	25/09/2015
15844	Kildare County Council	Eamonn & Ann McCauley	225 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co Kildare	23/09/2015
15846	Kildare County Council	Michael & Patricia O Reilly	Blackrock, Maynooth Road, Celbridge	23/09/2015
15837	Kildare County Council	Jill Robinson	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	21/09/2015
15814	Kildare County Council	Jill Robinson	R408 at Crinstown, Maynooth, Co Kildare	11/09/2015
15815	Kildare County Council	Michael Geraghty Jnr	Barberstown Upper, Maynooth, Co Kildare	11/09/2015
15816	Kildare County Council	Joe, Mary and Ruth Murphy	6 Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/09/2015
15806	Kildare County Council	Fergal & Rita Flynn	169 Kingsbry, Maynooth	09/09/2015
15796	Kildare County Council	Jill Robinson	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	07/09/2015
15787	Kildare County Council	Paul Brangan,	Barberstown Lower, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	03/09/2015
15772	Kildare County Council	Kieran and Judith O'Shea	77 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	28/08/2015
15760	Kildare County Council	Colm Mayock	Baltracey, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	25/08/2015
15749	Kildare County Council	Rachel Byrden	21 Parkland Crescent, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	24/08/2015
15705	Kildare County Council	Cathy Ennis	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/08/2015
15690	Kildare County Council	Rodica Turcanu	Between 346A and 345 Old Greenfield Maynooth.	07/08/2015
15685	Kildare County Council	Specialist Independent Building Services Limited	Maynooth Mall, Main Street/ Mill Street, Maynooth	06/08/2015
15678	Kildare County Council	Aine Daly	Laragh, Maynooth, Co.Kildare	04/08/2015
15667	Kildare County Council	Aidan McGreevy	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	31/07/2015
15646	Kildare County Council	Damien Rooney and Karen Corrigan	2 Ashleigh Grove, Newtown, Maynooth	28/07/2015
15649	Kildare County Council	Patrick Fallon	Ballycurraghan, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	28/07/2015
15628	Kildare County Council	Thomas Henrick	555 O'Neill Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/07/2015
15623	Kildare County Council	Gary Fleming	126 Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	21/07/2015
15613	Kildare County Council	Rodica Turcanu	Between 346A & 345, Old Greenfields, Maynooth	20/07/2015

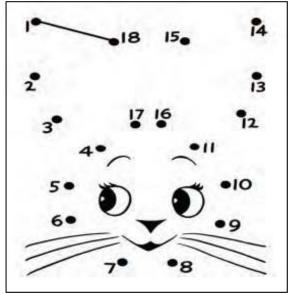
# Kildare Enforcement Notices for Maynooth Area From 7/7/2015 to 14/10/2015 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

Enf. ID	Authority	Location	Plan Ref.	Date Received	Name
UD6658	Kildare County Council	Greenfield, Maynooth	08/2174	07/07/2015	Owner (1)N/a Dowdstown Dev
UD6665	Kildare County Council	Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	08/2174	13/07/2015	Owner (1)Garret Fitzsimons
UD6688	Kildare County Council	25 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	08/1706	20/08/2015	Owner (1)Brian Connaughton
UD6690	Kildare County Council	Dunboyne Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare		01/09/2015	Owner (1)Meadow Lodge Fish
UD6700	Kildare County Council	Hayfield, Maynooth		14/10/2015	Owner (1)N/a N/a

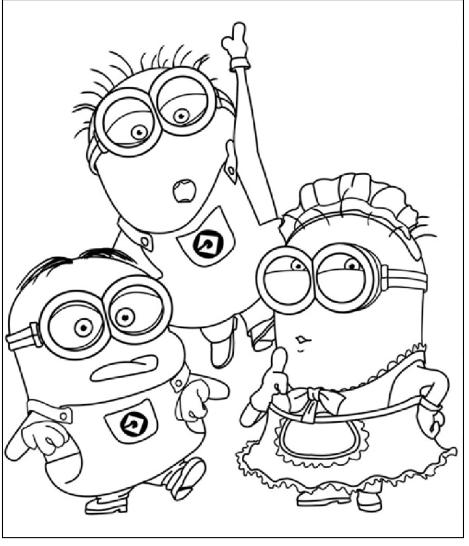


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Age: 8 Nina Spila & Over: Straffan Wood Maynooth.



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# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON FILM REVIEW: MACBETH (2015) STARRING: MICHAEL FASSBENDER & MARION COTILLARD



Shakespeare's Scottish play, *Macbeth* has had its fair share of adaptations via stage, television and screen in the last 400 years. Directors as diverse as Orson Welles, Roman Polanski and Akira Kurosawa have all imprinted their unique stamp on the classic text. The latest director to tackle the Bard's verse is Australian director, Justin Kurzel. Though still firmly rooted in its 11<sup>th</sup>- century period setting, Kurzel has given Shakespeare's story and protagonists a slight tweak and modern sensibility. Premiered at the Cannes film Festival, this new take on an oh-so-familiar tale of feudal ambition, murder and madness is especially potent and visceral.



Macbeth is probably the greatest and grimmest of the Shakespearean tragedies. With its leaner text, remarkable characters, and rigorous plotting, it lends itself, particularly well, to cinematic expression. Kurzel takes full advantage of the visual emphasis in his inspired re-imagining of Macbeth.

We start not with the 'hurly-burly' of the prophetic witches but with a haunting scene of death. The Thane of Glamis, Macbeth (Michael Fassbender) and his lady wife (Marion Cotillard) oversee the bleak funeral ritual of their young son. It's a heart-wrenching moment and the Macbeths' visible pain and suffering is indelibly etched across their ashen faces. It is also an eerie wordless scene-setter not included in Shakespeare's play but hinted at indirectly. This frozen moment in time provides the tragic impetus for what is to follow.



Soon we are thrust into bloody mayhem and carnage as Macbeth and his boy-soldiers take on the enemies of their Scottish King, Duncan (David Thewlis). The latter's callow youth is emphasised by the fear etched on their pale faces and shivering limbs before the ensuing battle. Macbeth, the warrior-noble, is exceptionally brave and steely on the field of battle and savagely sees off all comers. Kurzel's first battle sequence is a striking piece of cinema. Making vivid use of slow-motion and freeze-frame techniques serves to accentuate every blow and ferocious action of the desperate battle. After the guttural war cry, body parts are hacked, sliced, pierced and eviscerated in a vicious and bloody fashion. Summary justice predominates in this barren environment. A dog greedily licks the wounds of the slaughtered. The black muddy, stripy war paint on the soldiers' faces might be Braveheartinspired but the stylistic choices of Kurzel nods towards searing CGI epics like 300.



There is a surreal moment when Fassbender's Macbeth seems suspended in time, mid-carnage, noticing 'the weird sisters' (curiously un-witch-like in appearance) on the heath. Is he hallucinating? Apparently not as, soon afterwards, the nobleman and his comrade-in-arms Banquo (Paddy Considine) are privy to the mysterious witches' soothsaying. Macbeth will become Thane of Cawdor and then king. Banquo is fated to be the father of kings.

When Macbeth returns to his wife with his fortuitous

news, her only response is to encourage her husband in the traitorous act of regicide. In an electric scene between the two, Cotillard's pent-up Lady Macbeth uses her sexuality to assuage any nagging doubts on Macbeth's part - 'screw your courage to the sticking place'



Fassbender's Macbeth soon puts the lie to his wife's fear that he may be 'too full o' the milk of human kindness/to catch the nearest way'. He proves his mettle in particularly gruesome fashion, as King Duncan's deathbed stabbing is horrifically graphic. As in the opening battle sequence, Kurzel's camera does not shy away from the wholesale butchery. The pivotal scene of Duncan's brutal despatch, a guest in the Macbeths' home, violates all the rules of kinship and *Xenia* (hospitality). Macbeth does not stop there, though, as he soon outstrips his wife in his lust for blood. 'Blood will have blood'.

In this way, Kurzel's screen version of *Macbeth* gives due warning from the outset. It will be as harsh, desolate and unforgiving as the austere and chilly vistas of the Scottish landscape. The film was actually shot, for the most part on the exposed beautiful Hebridean Island of Skye. This is a *Macbeth* of mud, guts, mist, flames and blood. As framed by Kurzel's cinematographer Adam Arkapaw (who worked on the excellent first series of *True Detective*), 11<sup>th</sup>- century Scotland is re-imagined as a semi-mythical kingdom of blood-red skies, marshland and wind-swept rugged ridges



Kurzel attempts to pare back the Shakespearean verse without sacrificing the essential integrity of the original. Screenwriters (Jacob Koscoff, Todd Louiso and Michael Lesslie) rearrange and revise crucial segments from the play. Dialogue is cut and the visual impact is heightened giving this *Macbeth* a lyrical flourish and style.

Any production of *Macbeth* is only as good as its central players. In Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard, we have one of the sexiest and most powerful screen couplings ever. Fassbender's battle-weary Macbeth is a haunted man lacerated and unhinged by demons, guilt and misplaced ambition. It's an electrifyingly earthy performance by the Irish actor, who enacts the part of a man tortured in equal measure by the loss of his child and by the mental scars of combat. Racked by corrosive grief and self-doubt, murderous ambition fills the aching void. His gradual paranoid descent into madness and his own personal hell is something to behold. This is illustrated to striking effect in the metaphorical final red-filtered battle sequence.



Through the filter of modern psychology, Macbeth – in Kurzel's interpretation - is a victim of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The director has asserted he 'wasn't interested in Macbeth wanting to be powerful but rather in wanting to run away from something'. The spectre of death informs every act and consequence. This is no more evident than in the famous Banquet scene, when Macbeth, in his delirium, conjures up

visions of his murdered friend, Banquo. Fassbender delivers his lines with frightening intensity and we need little convincing that here, indeed, is a man whose mind is 'full of scorpions'.



The French actress, Marion Cotillard is a force to be reckoned with. Her Oscar-winning turn as Edith Piaf in La Vie en Rose marked her out as an actress of immense ability. As with her 'little bird', Cotillard brings equal layers of vulnerability, empathy and tenacity to the role of Lady Macbeth. Spurred on by gnawing grief, she eventually shares in her husband's madness if not his continued killing spree. This Lady Macbeth doesn't feel as scheming as in previous incarnations. Cotillard more than holds her own against Fassbender's impassioned performance. Her speeches in aching close-up magnifies her devastating power as an actress. Lady Macbeth's guilt is handled with a brooding intensity which banishes all sense of theatricality. Cotillard's famous sleep-walking soliloguy, visualised in a glacial snow-flaked chapel setting, is especially shattering in its emotional impact.



Kurzel's lens often zones in to give us extreme closeups of both the actors' eloquent faces. Intimacy is very much a part of this film. With such expressive faces on show, the viewer is able to read the thoughts and feelings of the actors far better than the spoken word. Even in spoken dialogue, the emphasis is naturalistic, quiet and intimate with no shouting to the rafters as in theatrical productions. Each word, each line is subtly dialled down to cinematic effect. The Macbeths are the medieval damaged couple par excellence. In a modern setting they would be receiving lots of therapy!

The supporting cast are equally impressive: Paddy Considine's Banquo is quietly effective as the betrayed noble man; Sean Harris's Macduff is wonderfully vengeful; As Malcolm, Jack Reynor epitomises the troubled heir to Duncan's crown.



The film is eerily populated with ghosts and children (sometimes at the same time). Macbeth receives the knife ('Is this a dagger which I see before me') that kills Duncan from the spectre of a boy-soldier slain in battle. Lady Macbeth recites her 'To bed' speech to her dead child. Children are frequently the victims of random cruelty in this universe. Macbeth slays his enemy's - Macduff - wife and children in a most barbarous fashion. His action in this is terribly heinous in that it chillingly echoes the funeral pyre of his dead child at the outset.

Justin Kurzel's new vison for this age-old tale of execution and insanity is remarkable for its use of wintry palettes, jagged photography, distinctive red-saturated battle visuals, a mournful strings-infused dirge of a score by Jed Kurzel, and a succinct poetic script. Above all, Macbeth's charismatic leading stars, Fassbender and Cotillard, make *Macbeth* the must-see film experience of 2015. They imbue their roles with complexity and surprising humanity, combining intense sexual chemistry and powerful acting to magical effect. *All Hail Macbeth*.

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Gift ideas can also consist of a voucher for a product or service that someone would benefit from, a voucher for the Beautician's, Gym or Hairdressers, the list is endless. Shopping locally takes the stress factor out of the annual search for all your Christmas presents. Consider the real cost of shopping outside Maynooth, cost of fuel, hours spent travelling, crowded shopping centres, costly parking fees, long queues for fitting rooms, restaurants and other services.

When the shopping is done you can visit any one of a great selection of pubs for a bite to eat, a quick drink and a coffee for the driver. Maynooth with its excellent train, bus & taxi services is also a great place to meet for the work's party. Think Maynooth first when you shop this Christmas. By spending in Maynooth we secure local jobs for our families and friends. Remember Local Business is are the life blood of the Community.

Christmas Dates for your Calendar

5th December 2015

• Aonach na Nollag - Maynooth Castle - 11am - 5pm

6th December 2015

• Senior Citizens Christmas Shopping/Party - Supervalu - 3pm

• Visit Santa - Glenroyal Hotel - 1 - 4pm

• Craft Fair - Glenroyal Hotel - 12 - 6pm

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20th December 2015

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27th December 2015

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### **OBESITY IN DOGS AND CATS**

#### **DOGS**



Obese dogs are usually carrying 10-15% excess body weight. Obesity is most commonly seen in dogs between 5-10 years old. It is easier to determine obesity in pedigree dogs as these dogs have ideal body weights. So by weighing your dog we can classify him. Non pedigree dogs can be judged by the fat cover on their ribs, lumber region on the back and the base of the tail.

Some owners bring their dogs into the Clinic worried about "lumps" on the lumber back area, which are in fact heavy deposits of fat. When the ribs of a dog cannot be felt because of fat cover, this dog is classified as obese.

Obesity can cause your dog to be depressed, in pain, inactive, aggressive and sometimes unsocial. When the obese dog loses weight it becomes happy, social, confident and has an improved quality of life. Obesity is a disease just like heart, kidney or liver disease. It affects the dog's bones, joints, digestive organs, lungs and heart. It can shorten your dog's life. Before putting an obese dog on a diet some health issues have to be ruled out e.g. hypothyroidism, diabetes or neutering.

In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467) we run a Weight Management Clinic with a free consultation for your dog or cat. At this consult we take a full history of your pet's habits while also giving a dietary plan and support over the 5-6 month period. Remember 5% weight loss is the initial challenge!

#### **CATS**

Obese cats have become more of a problem in recent years. Cats over 5kg body weight regularly come into the Clinic. Obesity in cats causes poor skin and coat condition as the cat is too heavy to groom itself. It can also cause urinary tract infections as they are not active and urinate less frequently. These cats can also suffer from diabetes where the animal becomes immune to the effect of insulin. In the majority of cases this can be reversed by weight loss.



People usually don't realise their cat is overweight. They think he or she is happy to lie around all day sleeping with no play, no hunting or no exploring. It is only when they reduce weight that the "kitten activity" reappears!

Feeding your cat little and often, weighing out exact daily feeds, and encouraging play and activity will help them reduce weight!



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#### Comhaltas in Maynooth

The Autumn term of music tuition at Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad is well underway with teaching recommenced since the beginning of September. This builds on the branch's hosting of the hugely successful Leinster Fleadh held during July, which brought an amazing 15,000 visitors to Maynooth for competitions, sessions and to enjoy the selection of traditional music and dancing on offer in Maynooth square.



Branch session in McMahon's

"The Fleadh increased the profile

of both the local branch and the traditional arts in North Kildare, and the branch have seen the benefit of this in this year's registration process", said Seán Treacy Chairman of the local branch. "Seeing their friends playing on stage at the Fleadh, and rocking along to Goitse until late Friday night has meant the kids have been really energised turning up for lessons and sessions, and the Fleadh has given both young and old a view of what a gift playing our music is", said Seán.

The teaching team at the branch is enhanced this year by the addition of Sligo's Jason McGuinness (fiddle), Ellen Godley (concertina), Cillian McCabe (banjo), James Ryan (guitar) and Rita Doyle (Set Dancing), adding to the existing line-up of Aimee Farrell-Courtney, Lauren, Karen and Sean Treacy, and Sean Ó Mhorgha.

Lessons are run from 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings in Maynooth Post Primary School and to reflect the importance of playing and collaborating in groups, the branch has also an increased focus on the session setting this year. One lesson per month, is given over to playing in groups — we had the first on 21st October and our players absolutely love it, as a more informal break from the class setting, enjoying the music as it was meant to be played.

In addition to this, there is one session per month in McMahon's Maynooth – the next session will be on the 16th December start time 9.30pm. For younger members, a session takes place Sunday afternoons at 3pm. The next session will be on the 13th Dec. All musicians are welcome to these sessions, whether branch members or not, so we look forward to seeing you there, to sample the atmosphere and the tunes.

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Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day. The result of our Monster draw was as follows: Monster Christmas Hamper was won by Gay Hoare, €200 Jeanette Holten, €100 John Walsh. In other draws Mary Deane won 32" TV and Daniel Nicoll won the Tablet. The big winners of course are our older people, because your generosity shows the respect you have for them, you are just the gift that keeps on giving. A big thank you to all our sponsors, SuperValu, Sean Donovan, Manor Mills, Thornton's Recycling, Frank Walsh, Willie Kiernan, Maynooth College, Gerard and Siobhan Mc Myler and Eugene O' Reilly.

The thank you of the day must go to our young people especially the Maynooth Scouts who give up their weekend each year to help us out. In a climate where there is such bad press about young people, the parents of these particular young people should be very proud, and not forgetting their Scout leaders Peter, Tony and Johnny who guide them along the way.

Just a reminder to our Senior Citizens that our SuperValu Christmas shopping / party takes place on Sun Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm and our Christmas Dinner takes place on Sun Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Finally I wish you all the best for the festive season and we will do it all again in 2016. Le Cúnaimh De

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# **Community Council Notes**

Maynooth Community Council Notes from the meeting of Monday November 9th held at Maynooth Community Space at 8.30pm

#### **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Catherine Mulready was co-opted to the Council as a representative of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

#### FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Festival Committee congratulated Bernie Kane from Tesco Extra Maynooth on winning the Local Community Star Award at the recent Tesco All Ireland Values Awards 2015. Bernie organises the Tesco fun day section of the Summer Festival which always proves popular with the youngest members of our community. She is also instrumental in the 'Community Fund' whereby customers can place the blue tokens received after shopping into one of three nominated charity collection points. Nominated charities are rotated every 6 weeks and they share in €1000 at the completion of each 6 week period. Many local organisations have benefited from this initiative.

The Maynooth Calendar is currently on sale at various locations throughout Maynooth including the Newsletter Office, Durga Ireland (beside the Avenue Restaurant) and both St Vincent de Paul shops. It will also be on sale at A onach na Nollag on December 5th at Maynooth Castle. The calendar is a collection of the photographs submitted for the photography competition which was part of the 2015 Summer Festival. It is priced at 10 Euro and proceeds will go to the local St Vincent de Paul Society. Check the Maynooth Festival Facebook page for regular updates.

Preparations are well underway for Aonach na Nollag, the first open air Christmas Fair organised in conjunction with Maynooth Community Council. Saturday December 5th will see Maynooth Castle grounds open to the public where local craftspeople will be displaying and selling their products. The Festival Committee are very grateful to everyone involved with this new venture. A full list of sponsors and exhibitors will appear in the next edition of the Newsletter.

#### **TIDY TOWNS**

The Tidy Towns Committee expressed their delight at their Silver Medal Award in this years National Competition. Having graduated from Bronze awards in 2013 and 2014, it shows the level of commitment from the volunteers, and the general appearance of the town reflects their hard work. On behalf of the residents of Maynooth, thank you and congratulations.

On Friday November 6th, Tidy Towns had their Volunteer Celebration Evening in the Glenroyal Hotel. Gratitude was expressed to Ted Robinson from the Glenroyal for sponsoring the event. Thanks also to the staff of the Glenroyal, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Craobh Maigh Nuad for the lovely entertainment and to Darren Mooney from Quickstitch Embroidery for his presentation of polo shirts emblazoned with the Tidy Towns logo. Presentations were also made to some young

volunteers and to Marian Cawley who won a Local The ICA Book of Christmas is currently on sale and Hero award at the Nationals.

Clean ups continue regularly and anyone wishing to volunteer or help in any way can do so by contacting Mattie Callaghan, Richard Farrell or by sending a message to Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook page which is updated regularly. Details of clean up times and meeting places are posted weekly on Facebook.

It was suggested by MCC Chairman Tom McMullon that thought be given to bringing back the Tidy Estates Competition. If everybody looked after their own little patch it would make the workload of the volunteers that little bit lighter.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Josie Moore noted that following her observation at last months meeting about the footpaths on the Dunboyne Road being in need of repair, work had been taking place. This will make it easier on senior citizens who require rollators.

The Halloween party took place on October 18th and was attended by many in fancy dress, including committee members.

The Sale of Work took place in the Aula Maxima on Sunday November 15th. It was reported that ticket sales for the Monster Raffle were better than ever. Josie expressed her thanks to Supervalu, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Maynooth Scouts for their ongoing assistance and promotion of the

#### MAYNOOTH GIRL GUIDES

The Brownies held a recent Culture Night and the Rangers were on hand helping out at the Sale of Work.

#### MAYNOOTH SCOUTS

The Scouts are very pleased that the Geraldine Hall is being utilised by many different groups. It has been the venue for the Senior Citizens 50th anniversary ecumenical service, and classes in drama and sign language also take place there.

The Bingo is now in full swing every Wednesday at 8.30pm. All are welcome. Proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Hall.

The Scouts went to Glenmalure for a camping weekend. No electricity or running water on site so it would have tested the mettle of even the toughest of the group. The plans are well underway to take the Venture Scouts to Italy next year.

The Scouts also continued their association with the EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL Senior Citizens Sale of Work by volunteering on the day.

#### **ICA**

Crafts continue every Monday night. There was a recent Copper Craft evening which was enjoyed by

Pilates takes place in the Boys' National School on Wednesdays.

contains traditions and recipes for the perfect Irish Christmas. They are running a 'shoe box appeal' for blankets, coats and duvets to help the Peter McVerry Trust in their fight against homelessness.

The ICA were planning to have a tree festooned with homemade decorations at The Christmas Tree Festival to take place over the weekend of November 28/29 at the Church of Ireland. They will also have exhibits at the Flower Festival in St Mary's Church between 2-6 on December 11th.

Delegates attended the recent Hospice Foundation Think Ahead initiative. The booklet is on sale now priced at 2 Euro.

#### **MAYNOOTH STUDENTS' UNION**

SU President Matt O'Boyle extended his sympathy to the family of the late Dean McCarron from Monaghan who died tragically young while in America to attend his brother's wedding. Dean was a former student of Maynooth University and was very active in many aspects of College life. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Christmas Day in the College will take place on December 14th, and plans are currently being put in place to try to avoid anti social behaviour.

Temple Street Hospital's Renal Facility will be the Student Union charity for 2016.

#### COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRI ÉIREANN **CRAOBH MAIGH NUAD**

The Maynooth branch of Comhaltas have classes ongoing and are heartened to see so many new junior members following on from the success of Fleadh Laighean 2015. A donation was made to Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee from the proceeds of the Fleadh. They also provided entertainment at the recent Tidy Towns Volunteer Celebration. Craobh Maigh Nuad hope to make a number of other donations to other local groups in the near future.

#### **HISTORY GROUP**

A talk took place on Monday 16th of November on 'Events that changed Europe 1200-1600'. The group went on recent trips to Baldonnel Aerodrome and the Curragh Museum. Both were recommended as outings for people who had never been.

An Artifact Night is planned for January 18th. People are encouraged to bring along an artifact of historical significance and give a brief outline of

Erasmus students from Finland and Germany visited the ET School to teach the children about various aspects of culture in their countries. The students of ET are involved with the Tesco Initiative for Schools whereby they take part in crafts, poetry and story writing with the theme 'Kindness at Christmas'. The Winter Fair will be held on December 17 at the school.

#### **Community Council Notes (Cont.)**

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#### ST PATRICKS DAY FESTIVAL

Fund raising is due to take place soon for the St Patrick's Day Festival. The plan is to have a marquee in the town with breakfast, lunch and dinner sittings encompassing the foods and cultures of the many international groups in Maynooth. Entertainment will also be on hand at the marquee.

The Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Perpetual Trophy has been added to the list of prizes for the 2016 St Patrick's Day Parade. The Council decided it would be fitting to commemorate Muireann in a permanent and public way. As she was a founder member and former Secretary of MCC and a very hard working community activist. The trophy is a bronze statuette of CuChulainn. It will be presented to the float with the best Celtic theme, which ties in with Muireann's academic interest in Early Irish Literature, Culture and Heritage.

#### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday December 20th there will be a Christmas Concert in Manor Mills at 7pm in aid of Kildare Refugee Centre.

#### **SIGNAGE & ROADS**

It was mentioned that certain Estate Agents are slow to remove the signs advertising that properties have been sold. The signs can be unsightly and should be removed promptly upon completion of the sale of the property.

It was noted that the frequency of the Road

Sweeper attending local estates has increased which was welcomed by all attending.

Since the MCC meeting, there was a meeting of Maynooth Municipal District Councillors and the North/South Corridor was discussed. Local residents had been concerned about a proposal to remove the right turn filter lanes at the Train Station, Silken Vale and Greenfield. Thankfully common sense prevailed and this idea was decided against. The following motion was subsequently passed.

"That the Part 8 report on the Maynooth North-South Cycle Corridor be approved while right turns to Maynooth Train Station, Old Greenfield and Silken Vale; and that the detailed design for the next stage seek to provide improvements in segregation between cyclists and motor vehicles and that this be brought to council for finalisation"

#### MAYNOOTH ARTS CIRCLE

If members of the community would like to become involved with a group very much at the exploratory stage, they are asked to leave an expression of interest at the Newsletter Office marked 'Maynooth Arts Circle'. If there is enough interest then a group will be formed to meet once a month to perform in a 'Monday Miscellany' style event. It is along the lines of a singing circle but less restrictive. Attendees can sing, recite poetry, or perform a drama piece or a dance. This is an idea following on from the successful Yeats Night which was held at the Community Space.

#### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The subject of the Christmas Lights was mentioned. Every year the town is lit up beautifully by the Business Association. This does not happen by magic or by accident and funding is always required. Local residents and businesses are asked to make donations, if they so wish, to the Business Association. Mark Nolan of Maynooth Cabs, Declan Kennedy of Brady's Pub and Robert Kennedy of The Avenue Cafe and Restaurant would be only too happy to speak to you in regards to this annual venture.

The Executive Board of Maynooth Community Council are heartened to see the attendance maintaining the filter lanes on the Straffan Road for increasing at the monthly meetings. There are still local areas and groups that are either under represented or not represented at all. If you feel that you would like to represent an area or group then please write to the Council. The Council will check the representation of that area and if there is a shortfall then you can be co-opted onto the Council. By working together we can put the unity back in Community.

> Maynooth Community Council would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Paul Daly- PRO - Maynooth Community Council



#### **Editorial**

December/January is that time of the year where we reflect on the past year and anticipate the new one. Space here does not permit me to either reflect or expect in any detail but from the Community Council perspective there have been good and bad in 2015 and hope and optimism for 2016. The good was minimal in comparison to the loss that was brought to us in 2015 on the untimely death of our colleague Muireann Ni Bhrolchain. I am sure that colleagues and friends will remember her at this time. Maynooth Community Council has established an award to be presented at the St. Patrick's Day Parade each year in her memory.

One of the striking things about Maynooth is the range of people living in our community who probably do not consider Maynooth as their home. For example there are increasing numbers of International students attending Maynooth University. Also there are many people working in Ireland on International assignments or indeed people that are here for many other reasons. In such a community it is likely that this important time of the year will be celebrated in many different ways in Maynooth.

On the International front there will be continuing challenges for Ireland, Europe and beyond. There are many people living elsewhere that consider Maynooth as their home. I know that we get feedback from Maynooth people living abroad on matters raised and written about in the "Maynooth Newsletter". This monthly publication is available each month on the web as each edition is added to the electronic archive. We extend best wishes at this time of the year to everyone living abroad that associate themselves with Maynooth.

While Maynooth has links with many places around the

globe two in particular come to mind. Firstly our twinning partner of Canet-en-Roussillon in France. There are continuing visits between the two towns and more will continue in 2016. Remember that if you are planning to visit there in 2016 and you would like some assistance please feel free to contact Maynooth Community Council. We are regularly made aware of visitors from Canet-en-Roussillon who have visited Maynooth, so if you meet any of these visitors, please make them especially welcome to our town. Further developments in this twinning relationship will happen in 2016 and if you want to be involved all you need to do is to leave your details in the Maynooth Community Council office beside Maynooth Post Office. Secondly, there are also ongoing connections with Maynooth in Ontario, Canada. While we are not in a formal twinning relationship with this area a number of people from both towns stay in regular contact.

Lastly but by no means least, please look out for your neighbours at this time of the year particularly if they are elderly or in need of any other assistance. While many of our residents will go away for the festive season there will still be people who you may not have spoken to in your neighbourhood that this time of the year gives you the chance to share good wishes with them. Also the potential for winter to finally arrive could mean that your neighbours may need your help. The gift of giving at this time of the year is primarily associated with presents but we often underestimate the value of a kind word or deed.

Happy Christmas and best wishes to all our readers. Paul Croghan

#### **Letters to the Editor**

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I would like to thank all those that either attended or donated to my coffee morning in September. It was the Annual National Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice Foundation. The final sum raised on the day was €3110 with a cheque from Tesco Community Fund still to follow.

Our family has been linked to the Hospice Foundation since 1999 and we have been fundraising since 2000. In the past 16 years with the help of local people and local businesses, we have raised just over €56,000, for which St. Brigids Hospice in The Curragh is most grateful. There are too many to name individually so I hope this is acceptable as a token of gratitude to all concerned. I also hope I can count on your support again next year.

Remember, to die with dignity is a right, not a privilege.

Thank you, May Daly Moyglare Rd

To the Editor,

I am writing to congratulate all who worked so hard to win the Tidy Towns Silver Medal Award. I read the judges report and I was disappointed that little mention was made of Carton Avenue (My pet subject). It was great to refer to Maynooth as a University town. I would also like to know who gave permission for building of flats in the town above Manor Mills

Raymond Keogh Cormicktown Wood, Maynooth

# **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### **Common Sense Prevails on Right Turning Lanes**

At Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting on 11 November Councillors unanimously agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's following Motion:

"That the Part 8 Report on the Maynooth Town North-South Corridor be approved with the exception of the removal of the right turning lanes at Old Greenfield, Silken Vale and the Train Station."

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cronin on 11 November. She had also previously done so at the MD meeting on 15 October. As none of the other seven Councillors indicated support for Cllr. McGinley's motion on 15 October John became very concerned that the right turning lanes would be removed and in consultation with his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg it was agreed to send a letter explaining the issue to all houses along the Straffan Road and Celbridge Road.

We believe Councillors only voted for Cllr. McGinley's motion on the 11 November because of the massive amount of E mails that they got from the public in opposition to the removal of the right turning lanes. People power won and Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. McGinley would like to congratulate the people of Maynooth on their success in getting this crazy proposal reversed.

### Cllr. McGinley Seeks the Re-alignment of the Straffan Road/Glenroyal Complex

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission on the Glenroyals new Planning Application Ref: 15/947:

"I wish to make the following submission to this Planning Application:

The existing exit from the Glenroyal Complex to the Straffan Road is of very poor design, especially for traffic turning left. Please see attached correspondence from 2014 on the issue.

Now that an additional 35 extra guest rooms are proposed it is an opportune time to re-align the junction."

#### Cllr. McGinley Seeks Update on the Taking in Charge of Housing Estates in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply from the Council Planners:

"Sorry for the delay coming back to you. We are still working our way through the 38 estates advertised in February and the 16 advertised in July.

We intend to go to each of the relevant Municipal District meetings in December with a recommendation to take in charge any of these estates which are ready at that stage for taking in charge.

Part of Griffin Rath Hall which was taken in charge 19/12/2011. None of the rest of the estate has been taken in charge to date but the developer has engaged with us in relation to the completion and taking in charge of the remainder."

### Implementation of Maynooth Parking By-Laws to Proceed

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the new Director of Services, Niall Morrissey, that he had given the go ahead for the Maynooth Parking By-Laws to proceed now. He said that he was also conscious of the upcoming Christmas period.

#### Safety Improvements on Newtown Road, Maynooth

The Area Engineer gave Cllr. McGinley the following update to his motion asking for safety improvements on Newtown Road:

"The Municipal District Office has now undertaken speed measurements at Parsons Hall and at Cluain

Aoibhinn. It has recorded a significant number of speed violations at both of these locations and will be working with the Roads Design Department to develop traffic calming measures."

He further advised John that all traffic calming measures, including ramps, would be considered.

#### Cllr. McGinley Demands Answers on the Delay in Getting the 66 Bus Extension to Newtown, Maynooth:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 November:

"What is causing the delay in extending the 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth? Is it:

a) Lack of NTA funding,

b) Lack of action by Dublin Bus or something else?

John was given the following reply:

"No funding was approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA) for this project for 2015."

Cllr. McGinley responded saying that the Council were being treated in a disgraceful manner by Dublin Bus as we were told on 15 January 2015 that they were going to Public Consultation on the proposed extension. Dublin Bus attended a meeting of the Maynooth MD on 8 October 2014 and had previously attended the old Celbridge Area Committee on 21 March 2014.

Also the Council wrote to them in Maynooth 2015 and we are still awaiting a reply, six months later. It was agreed to again write to Dublin Bus and the NTA (National Transport Authority) inviting them to our next Municipal District (MD) Meeting.

# Cllr. McGinley Asks for Safety Improvements at Doctors Lane/Dublin Road

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 November:

"Can the Council do something to improve safety for pedestrians from Dublin Road to the back of the Library on Doctors Lane, Maynooth?"

John was given the following positive response:

"The Municipal District Office has been examining this situation and will be working on a design for a new section of footpath from the Main Street to the right-angle bend on Doctors Lane. The path would require the removal of two parking spaces on the opposite side of the road so public consultation would be required. Work will be scheduled for 2016."

#### Cllr. McGinley Calls for Paint Tin Collection at the Council Yard

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 November:

"That the Council provide a collection service, at the Maynooth depot once a year, for paint tins, until a Recycling Centre is provided in the north of the County.

John was given the following highly unsatisfactory reply:

The Environment Section is progressing plans for a local civic amenity site in North Kildare to serve Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. The proposed facility will allow the public to dispose of paints and specified hazardous materials at the centre.

Regrettably, although the current motion has particular merit, the recycling of paints would require approvals from the Environmental Protection Agency and practical arrangements to properly dispose of such waste. John stated that the Environment Section seems to have

misunderstood what he was looking for, which is for the Council to provide a skip once a year for people to dispose of their waste paint tins and then the Council could take it to the Silliot Hill Recycling Centre, Kilcullen, rather than having householders having to drive to Kilcullen themselves.

### 8 Contractors Tender for Construction of Two New Maynooth Secondary Schools

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the case for the Construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and shared Sports Facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road with the Minister for Education and he has now been advised that 8 Contractors returned Tenders for the Construction of both Schools and the Sports Facility

The Tenders stated Deputy Stagg will now be assessed by the Design Team and it is expected that the preferred contractor will be chosen within 3 to 4 weeks. A report recommending the preferred tenderer will then go to the Department for approval and given the scale of the project it is expected that the evaluation of the winning tender will take about 6 weeks. Deputy Stagg stated that both of the Schools, the new Maynooth Community College and the Replacement school for Maynooth Post Primary School, will cater for 1,000 pupils each.

Given the timeframe for approval of the winning tender it is expected that the construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and Sports Facility will commence on site in February 2016 with a 24 month construction period. Welcoming the continuing progress Deputy Stagg stated that Maynooth will have State of the Art Secondary Schools and a Sports Facility for our secondary pupils and he thanked his colleague Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. for securing the funding necessary for the Schools and Sports Facility.

# 46 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KILDARE NORTH GET MINOR WORKS FUNDS OF €544,856 IN NOVEMBER

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that a total of 46 primary schools in Kildare North received Minor Works Grants totalling €544,856 in November. The grant enables Boards of Management and school principals to improve their existing school facilities and to help schools purchase furniture, PE and IT related equipment. This ultimately benefits the educational experience of local pupils.

"Each primary school received a grant of  $\[ \in \]$ 5,500, as well as  $\[ \in \]$ 18.50 per pupil. Schools also get  $\[ \in \]$ 74 for every pupil with special needs enrolled. The grant is worth more than  $\[ \in \]$ 1,000 for a 300 pupil primary school, or almost  $\[ \in \]$ 13,000 in the case of a special school with 100 pupils. "Some  $\[ \in \]$ 28m is being made available to facilitate this year's scheme and I am pleased that local primary schools in Kildare North received their fair share of this vital funding stream."

#### STAGG WELCOMES REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS TO GIVE WORKERS MORE CERTAINTY OVER WORKING HOURS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that the findings of the Report carried out by University of Limerick, 'A Study on the Prevalence of Zero Hours Contracts among Irish Employers and their Impact on Employees' commissioned by Minister Ged Nash, will come as welcome news to workers in Kildare.

Deputy Stagg commented: "The Report commissioned by my Labour Party colleague Minister Ged Nash, recommends that the use of "if and when" contracts by employers needs to be addressed.

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"Interestingly, it shows that zero hour contracts, as we know them, are not extensively used. However, a new phenomenon of "if and when" contracts has been identified by the researchers.

"The Report recommends that employees are given at least 72 hours' notice of any request to undertake work and the same amount of notice should be given for the cancellation of hours. If a worker undertakes extra hours without the minimum notice, they should be compensated at 150% of the rate they would be paid. If workers do not get the minimum notice for the cancellation of hours, they should be paid at their normal rate for the hours which were scheduled.

"People who work on "if and when" contracts face difficulty planning their everyday lives because they have little certainty over their work schedules and how much they will earn in a month. This makes it difficult for people to budget and pay bills or even plan a family day out. I fully support Minister Nash's efforts to address

this type of precarious work and I am glad Labour in Government is addressing this important issue which I know affects many workers.

#### HOUSING PACKAGE PROVIDES STABILITY IN VOLATILE MARKETPLACE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the housing announcement by the Minister for Environment, Community, and Local Government Alan Kelly, and the Minister for Finance Michael Noonan. Speaking on the announcement, Deputy Stagg said, "The broad suite of measures announced will provide stability for thousands of people living in private rented accommodation."

"The changing of rent reviews from 12 to 24 months, and stronger tenant rights will give more certainty to people living in the private rented sector. The changing of rent review periods means that anyone who has faced a rent increase in 2015, will not have another until 2017. In addition landlords will be obliged to give a minimum of 90 days notice of new rent instead of the existing 28

days and will also be required to supply the PRTB with additional documentation in support of any rent increase sought including documentation in relation to the market rent for 3 similar dwellings in the area.

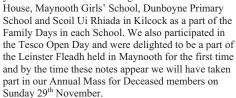
"Landlords who take in families on the HAP scheme will receive 100% mortgage interest relief on their borrowings if they commit to housing tenants for a minimum of three years. "As a TD, I deal with incredibly challenging housing cases every week. Labour backbenchers have consistently raised the need for large-scale Government investment in housing. The announcement is a significant step in the right direction, especially for thousands of people who live in the private rented sector."

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#### St. Mary's Brass and **Reed Band**

#### It has been quite some time since the Band has featured in the Newsletter but it is very

much alive and flourishing as we come to the end of another year. Our recitals during the year have taken us to Farmleigh



We had a change of Musical Director during the year and were very happy to secure the services of Karen Ní Bhroin who is an extremely experienced Conductor who has worked with a number of Bands, Choirs and Orchestras, including the RTE Concert Orchestra so hopefully the Band will make further progress under her baton.

December tends to be a busy time for the Band and we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Concert which is again being held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. This promises to be a most entertaining event with a mixture of popular and Christmas numbers and we hope to have a number of guests joining us as well on the day.

Although the date has not yet been set we expect to again join our Friends in the Church of Ireland for their Christmas Carol Service and no doubt you will also meet the groups of the band when they appear in the usual locations in the town in the lead up to Christmas shaking boxes to help fund the high cost of keeping the Band going throughout the year.

Finally we are delighted to report that Junior Classes are still being held to keep the flow of musicians coming through and if you are interested in joining please mail your details to

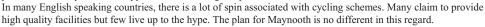
sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie and we will let you know when the next term of classes begin. Of course proficient musicians are indeed welcome at all times and already this year we have had a number come to join us for which we are indeed grateful.

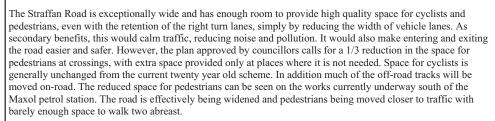
If you can play a brass, reed or even percussion instrument please don't hesitate to drop in to the Band Hall at Pound Lane any Monday night (except Bank Holidays) between 7.45pm and 9.45pm and we would be delighted to see you.

# COUNCILLORS ENDORSE **MEDIOCRITY FOR**

On a morning when traffic in Maynooth almost came to a standstill, the councillors of Maynooth Municipal District endorsed low quality walking and cycling facilities when they approved the Part 8 Scheme for the Maynooth North South Corridor.

In the days before the vote, a consultant's proposal to remove three right turn lanes came to the fore, and we will address this issue directly in the future. However for us, the critical issue was whether the plan would provide sufficient space to create a high quality environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The approved scheme singularly fails to do this.





- At Main Street, the off road cycle tracks are to be removed. Cyclists will be expected to share the narrow roadway with the 20,000 cars and trucks which use this road daily. This will be a particular problem for young children cycling to the Presentation Girls School. We predict that even fewer will do so, worsening the traffic congestion due to the 'school run'.
- On Mill Street, the existing on-road cycle tracks are used as parking spaces by cars and as loading bays by commercial vehicles, especially in the mornings when children are going to school. As well as pushing cyclists into the vehicle lane, this subjects them to the danger of hitting opening car doors. The Part 8 proposals ignore these problems and contain no plans to widen the busy but narrow footpath outside Dunnes
- The Moyglare Road could have up to 2000 cyclists a day with the relocation of the secondary schools. The cycle track proposed in the Part 8 scheme is of the lowest quality standard and is substandard even by Irish standards. In particular, the proposal to have two way cycle tracks has been identified internationally as increasing the risks for cyclists compared to conventional one way cycle tracks.

Internationally, cities such as Oslo, London, Leeds and Glasgow have recognised the importance of high quality cycle facilities to sustainable development and improved quality of life. It is a matter of regret that the people of Maynooth are being offered substandard provision, even by 20th century standards. It is also regrettable, as demonstrated by the works south of Maxol, that road widening at the expense of pedestrian facilities, is being undertaken in the name of cycling provision.

Maynooth Cycling can be contacted via our Facebook page Maynooth-Cycling. Our twitter feed is Maynooth Cycling.





#### Fianna Fáil Notes - December 2015

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#### Gaelcoláiste approved for Maynooth in 2019

The Department of Education and Skills announced on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November that a Gaelcoláiste is to be established in Maynooth in 2019. The school will have joint patronage between the Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) and An Foras Pátrúnachta. This is excellent news for parents of children in gaelscoileanna in the area. The press release stated that the viability of the Aonad in Maynooth Community College is a factor in the establishment of the Gaelcoláiste. It is vital that parents with children in  $5^{\rm th}$  and  $6^{\rm th}$ class send their children to the Aonad if they want their children to be educated through the medium of Irish until the Gaelcoláiste is built.

I have campaigned and lobbied for a Gaelcoláiste long before I was elected and this was one of my main goals when elected as a county councillor last year. I am extremely proud of the work done by parents and the people of North Kildare who have fought for this for over twenty years.

#### Maynooth North-South Corridor

The Maynooth North-South Corridor was passed by the Maynooth Municipal District on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November with two conditions. The first condition was that the right turning lanes at the Train Station, Silken Vale and Old Greenfield are kept. The second condition was that councillors have a continuous input into the plan, where problems may arise.

In relation to the right turning lanes, there was mis-information circulated that councillors were in favour of their removal. This was complete fabrication and inaccurate. No councillor was in favour of removing the lanes, this was evidenced by how councillors voted on the day. I also appreciate the emails and letters I received on this plan from many people in Maynooth. The project will now proceed and will bring great improvements to the town

Parson's Street
I proposed at the Maynooth MD meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November that double yellow lines be painted in the houses side of Parsons Street. This is due to many accidents at this area and also the inability for two cars to pass at once on a double carriageway. I was not supported by my fellow councillors but will re-visit the problem and try and find a solution.

#### O'Neill Park

I queried the area engineer about what safety features could be installed in O'Neill Park, Maynooth to alleviate road traffic entering the estate? At present, many cars use the roundabout in the estate to turn around at peak traffic times leading up to the Main Street. Unfortunately the engineer is not aware of any measures which could be adopted to prevent cars entering the estate to undertake turning manoeuvres that would not be equally inconvenient to the residents of the estate who themselves use the turning circle to effect turning manoeuvres

#### Footbridge at Manor Mills

I also queried when the much needed footbridge at manor mills would be built but no time commitment was given. This bridge is much needed with the huge volume of pedestrians going across the bridge on a narrow footpath.

#### Upgrade of Straffan Road

The first steps in improving the Straffan Road are complete with an excellent job done. People will notice the difference at Carton Court and at Kingsbry.

#### Maynooth Senior Citizens Sale of Work

Congratulations to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on organising another wonderful day at the Sale of Work. Numbers were at their biggest to date and this shows our community's commitment to the older people in our community

<u>Christmas Lights</u> I have been organising the Christmas Lights again this year with the Maynooth Business Association. The turning on the lights ceremony will take place on Saturday the 5th of December at 5.30pm at the square. Santa Clause will be coming down again from the North Pole to turn on the lights. This is an excellent family event and I hope to see many of you there for a mince pie.

#### Aonach na Nollaig

The very best of luck to the Maynooth Festival Committee of Maynooth Community Council who are organising a Christmas Fair in the grounds of Maynooth Castle on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December from 2pm-5pm. This promises to be another brilliant family event.

#### **Nollaig Shona**

would like to wish everybody a Nollaig Shona and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you for all of your support in 2015 and I look forward to working even harder in 2016.

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

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

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#### Right turning lanes off Straffan Road

One issue that many constituents contacted me on recently was the fear of losing the right turning lanes into Silken Vale, Old Greenfield and Kingsbry. This stemmed from an NTA proposal to prioritise cycle lanes in the town. All across the County the NTA are bringing forward projects which may have worthy goals but are not taking sufficient account of local realities. I am delighted that my colleagues on the Maynooth local area committee voted down this proposal. I understand that traffic continues to be an issue in the town and I am engaging with the engineer and roads teams to try address some of the bottlenecks at the many junctions.

#### GaelCholáiste in North Kildare

Another issue that was raised with me was the need for a GaelCholáiste in North Kildare. I attended a packed meeting on this issue in Leixlip in November and pledged my support to the parents and the committee who are working hard to achieve this goal.

#### Need to invest in Transport Network

Kildare commuters will be faced with increasing delays in the coming weeks and months due to growing traffic congestion, warns Cllr James Lawless. The Fianna Fáil Dáil candidate for Kildare North made the comments following a week of traffic chaos for Kildare commuters following the closure of the M50 last Wednesday. Delays were faced on the N4 and N7 in recent

mornings. Cllr Lawless is himself a commuter and he has consistently called for greater investment in public and commuter transport infrastructure. "The long delays faced by commuters across Kildare recently with the wild weather, and tragically with accidents, demonstrates that we have a growing problem with traffic in the Greater Dublin Area," said Cllr Lawless. "I have been consistently raising transport issues for commuters over the last 10 years. The failure to invest in public transport will only compound the long delays that commuters are now experiencing on a daily basis. This is having an impact on people's quality of life, and is also putting potential investors off doing business in the Dublin area.'

"Unfortunately gridlock is going to become a persistent problem for Kildare commuters. The M50 is already over capacity despite the fact that it acts as the main route to north and south Dublin alongside the city centre itself. Any accident along the route has the potential to shut down all roads across the Greater Dublin Area."

"Commuters are growing increasingly frustrated with the excessive delays they are expected to endure just to get to work. I have been contacted by people who had to endure a five hour commute last week as the traffic came to a standstill. On the previous day many people were caught up in significant delays on the N7 due to an accident. Such delays are becoming increasingly common. I reiterate my call on the Government to

invest in our transport infrastructure to alleviate the congestion on the M50. The Government should be investing in projects such as DART Underground to take the pressure off the M50 and make it easier for Kildare commuters to get to work. Serious consideration must also be given to the idea of creating an 'outer M50' orbital route to help relieve pressure on the current road. I called for this at a Fianna Fáil Transport Conference only in February of this year" Note, a copy of the transport policy presentation by Cllr Lawless can be found here: http://kildarefiannafail.com/cllrlawless-transport-policy-presentation/

#### Rates concession for living "in the town"

I put forward a motion calling for Kildare County Council to consider a scheme whereby rates concessions be granted to retail main street properties where upstairs floors are used for residential use. I think concession rates for those living in the upstairs of main street properties would encourage more people to live on our main streets and breathe some life back into our town centres, if we were to encourage people to convert vacant space into residential space. This would give a big boost to towns like Maynooth and Naas.

Feel free to contact me on mobile 086 834 8869, by email on james@jameslawless.ie, or find me on FaceBook at 'jamesLawlessFF'

#### Radical action needed to address Kildare housing needs -O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil General Election candidate for Kildare North Cllr Frank O'Rourke is calling on Kildare County Council to allocate land banks in its possession for the construction of social housing. Cllr O'Rourke says such a measure would allow the local authority to work alongside private partnerships in order to increase its housing stock and provide much needed accommodation for people at risk of becoming homeless.

"We are in the midst of a serious housing crisis and the predictions are that the number of people needing accommodation will outstrip supply for the coming years. This crisis has already led to an increase in the number of people living in emergency accommodation in Kildare, and the lack of

housing supply has led to a major spike in rents," said Cllr O'Rourke. "From meeting with people on the campaign trail it's perfectly clear to me that housing is one of the greatest concerns for the public. People feel that not enough is being done to overcome the crisis." This is understandable when you consider the fact that there are currently 6,681 on the housing waiting list and the number is growing by the day.

"Only 11 new houses were added to Kildare County Council's housing stock between 2011 and 2014." This is down from 791 houses which were provided to people on housing waiting lists between 2007 and 2010. The Government is failing in its obligation to provide quality and affordable housing to people in need. "Kildare County Council is finding it difficult to get to grips with the housing crisis in the face of rapidly rising

demand. I firmly believe that there needs to be a co-ordinated public-private partnership effort to help boost housing supply in the county. I am calling on our local authority to allocate land banks for housing, and to bring in outside expertise in order to speed up the design and construction process. This needs to be backed up with firm financial support from Government."

#### Govt. betrayal on prescription charges continues -O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil General Election candidate for Kildare North Cllr Frank O'Rourke has accused the Government of continuing to betray medical card holders following the announcement of Budget 2016. Cllr O'Rourke pointed out that Fine Gael and

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#### Fianna Fáil Notes December 2015 (Cont.)

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Labour have overseen a five-fold increase in prescription charges despite promising to abolish them altogether four years ago.

"Many people took former Minister for Health James Reilly at his word when he promised to abolish prescription charges in 2011. Instead he decided to treble the charge to €1.50 in 2013, and then added another euro a year later, bringing the charge to €2.50 per item." This massive hike in prescription charges is particularly cruel on many older people who rely on medication on a daily basis. "Fine Gael and Labour insisted that economic circumstances meant it was necessary to triple prescription charges, despite independent analysis showing that there were fairer options open to the Government at the time. However again people took the Government at its word, but they are angry to realise that they have been betrayed yet again.

"The Government had the option to abolish these deeply unfair prescription charges as part of Budget 2016. However they decided not to do this and haven't even reduced the charge by one cent." It's deeply disappointing for countless older people who were hoping that this unfair charge would be lifted as part of the budget. "I am calling on our Government TD's here in Kildare to speak some sense to their Minister's. This charge is continuing to cause deep upset amongst medical card holders and it should be abolished without any further delay," said Cllr O'Rourke.

#### O'Rourke outlines key priorities for General Election campaign

"Working for You, New Voice, New Choice and New Ideas" As your Fianna Fail candidate, and as we edge closer to the election, I feel it is important that I outline the following: Since getting elected to Kildare Co Co, I have worked hard to improve the conditions for the people that I represent. My work ethic is recognised by most, and I believe that we have made some significant achievements that have had a positive impact on our community.

During my canvass, I have captured the many and varied issues that are affecting us; namely the Housing Crisis, Special Needs Assistants and Pupil Teacher Ratios, Health Services, Child Care, Supports for our Older People, assisting Rural Communities and measures to support our small business. As a first time Dail candidate, taken together with my experience as a councillor, my approach will offer you a new way of dealing with these issues and will offer a new choice on your ballot paper.

As your local Fianna Fail candidate, I will continue to work on the issues raised with me during my recent canvass. While an economic recovery is underway, people across Kildare are still seriously struggling to see a single improvement in their quality of life. The cost of living is on the increase, people's variable mortgages repayments are higher than they should be, rents have surged in recent years and childcare bills have spiralled out of control. Meanwhile wages have stagnated despite people working harder than ever. I believe there is a much fairer way forward – a way that rewards hard working families, that gives back to communities and that supports pensioners who have spent decades paying their taxes

People are looking for leadership and a new way forward. I will be a strong voice for people in Kildare.

I also hold a weekly clinic each Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth and I encourage people to visit me if they need any assistance.

Please feel free to contact me, should you wish to raise any local or national issues.

Councillor Frank O'Rourke



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Carol singing, fun entertainers and musicians will all be in attendance, as well as the man himself, Mr. Claus! We hope to create a festive weekend that the public can enjoy and in turn support local businesses in the town.

# Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Christmas Flower Festival

In St Mary's Catholic Church, Maynooth On Saturday 12th - 11am - 6pm & Sunday 13th 2pm - 5pm

#### **Christmas Carol Service**

On Sunday 13th - 8pm
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# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS PUBLIC MEETING GLENROYAL, MAYNOOTH

**DECEMBER 8th, 8PM** 

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

#### Colm Keaveney TD

Flanna Filil Mental Health Spokesporso

Colm is a Flanna Fáil TD for Galway East and is the party representative on Mental Health and Special Needs. Before his entry into elected politics, Colm was a Trade Union representative and former president of the Union of Students in treland.



#### Dr Claran McMahon

Brook College of Societies in subject

Dr Clarán Mc Mahon is an information Security Consultant and award-winning academic psychologist, Clarán has long been enthusiastic about online safety. In 2013 he developed evidence-based anti-cyberbulying resources for Safer internet Day, Dr Mc Mahon has worked at a number of third livel institutions, most recently at the RCSI CyberPsychology Research Centre. Claran will be talking about evidence-based ways in which parents, baachers, and the community as a whole can keep our children safe and secure online.



#### Clir. James Lawless

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Jemes is a Councillor and is a member of Flanna Fall Justice and Law Reform policy group. A qualified barrister, Jemes made a submission to the Law Reform Commission last year on updating legislation to cover internet orine including on-line hasessment and cyber-bullying. Jemes is the Finnes Fát candidate for the next general election in Kridare North.



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# CHRISTMAS RECIPES

ROAST TURKEY WITH THYME AND ONION STUFFING

- 7kg turkey, oven ready
- Salt, pepper and a little flour
- 2 tablespoons of butter softened
- 8 slices of streaky bacon

STUFFING



- 6 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme chopped
- 1 medium onion, cut into quarters
- Salt and black pepper
- 150g butter melted

Put the breadcrumbs, herbs, onions, salt and pepper in a bowl and pour in melted butter. Mix together and set aside.

Set the oven to 200C or Gas 7 and stuff the turkey by loosening the skin at the neck end and packing the stuffing in.

Season the turkey with salt and pepper and dust with a little flour. Rub all over with the butter, then lay the bacon slices on the breast, overlapping each other. Wrap in foil and roast in the pre heated oven, 30—40 minutes per kg. Baste a couple of times during roasting and uncover for the last 30 minutes..

Check to make sure its cooked by inserting a skewer into the thickest part of the leg and make sure the juices run clear.

#### HAM WITH PORT ORANGE AND REDCURRANT GLAZE

- 1 whole ham
- 1−2 carrots chopped
- 1−2 sticks of celery, chopped
- 1 onion halved
- 1 tablespoon peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf and 1 tablespoon of whole cloves

#### GLAZE

- Zest and juice of 1/2 and orange and 1/2 a lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon of allspice and 1 large cinnamon stick
- 4 tablespoons of redcurrant jelly
- 2 tablespoons of muscovado sugar
- 2 tablespoons of port

Cover ham with cold water and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer for approx 3 hours. Reserve some cooking liquid. Place all the glaze ingredients in a pan and heat gently until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a boil and cook rapidly to form a syrup. Remove skin from ham, place in roasting dish and score fat into diamond shapes. Place a clove in the centre of each diamond. Brush with glaze, add a ladle of reserved stock to keep meat moist and bake for about 40 minutes at 200C Gas mark 6

A Very Merry Christmas to All

#### NASA's List of Best Houseplants

Last month we explored the latest scientific research on the many benefits of houseplants. They purify the air, reduce blood pressure and other symptoms of stress and tension, ease headaches and allergies, filter mould and bacteria, decrease sick days, and improve productivity.

Keeping the air inside clean and healthy is especially important in the winter when we keep the windows and doors sealed as tightly as possible. But which houseplants are best? Some

plants are better than others at filtering chemicals and bacteria in the air. NASA has done extensive studies to determine which houseplants are best at cleaning our air, and many of them are both hardy and beautiful. These plants top the list for removing indoor pollutants.

Peace lily (Spathiphyllum wallisii): Very visually appealing, this plant boasts one of the highest transpiration rates as well. They do well in shade and prefer cooler temperatures, so they are ideal in the home. They don't require much watering – weekly is plenty unless it starts drooping, and in the winter you





English ivy (Hedera helix): Incredibly adaptable and easy to grow, it also tops NASA's list as the best plant for filtering formaldehyde from the air. It works as a floor plant but makes an especially lovely hanging display. They prefer bright to medium light. It doesn't like overly wet soil, so let it dry out between waterings.

Snake plant/mother-in-law's tongue (Sansevieria trifasciata 'Laurentii'): One of the hardiest and most tolerant indoor plants, they don't require much light or water. Also, these plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen at night (while most plants do this during the day), so add one to your bedroom for a clean air boost at night. They'll filter a lot of the toxins released by your carpet and furniture. Let the soil dry out a bit between waterings.





Red-edged dracaena (Dracaena marginata): Attractive and effective at purifying the air of solvents and varnishes, this plant prefers bright, indirect light but may tolerate medium light. It is prone to rot if overwatered, so don't water until at least the top inch of soil is dry. Equally, it will wilt if the soil is left to thoroughly dry out.

#### Spider plant (Chlorophytum

**comosum):** These resilient plants are difficult to kill on top of being powerful purifiers. Many people keep them near

fireplaces to deal with the carbon monoxide. They tolerate a variety of conditions but prefer bright, indirect light and cooler temperatures. Keep them well watered but don't allow them to become soggy – allow the soil to dry a little between waterings.





Weeping fig (Ficus benjamima): A ficus is great at filtering many common pollutants that accompany carpeting and furniture, but it can be one of the trickier houseplants to care for. They prefer bright indirect light and cannot tolerate low temperatures or drafts. Cold drafts from windows and doors can kill them, so keep them someplace warm. Misting the leaves helps maintain their humidity, but they don't like wet roots so check if the soil is dry before watering.

Bamboo palm (Chamaedorea sefritzii): It easily fits into smaller areas with indirect lighting. It's one of the best air filters for benzene and trichloroethylene, and it releases moisture into the air which is great at combating problems from stale air. They do not require much care. Water when the soil surface feels dry until it is evenly moist. Do not overwater it or leave it sitting in water.





#### Golden pothos (Scindapsus aures): This

undemanding and easy to care for plant makes the NASA list for its ability to clear formaldehyde from the air, and it's effective at eliminating carbon monoxide. Try adding it to your kitchen or sitting room as a hanging plant and letting the leaves grow down in cascading vines. These curious plants tolerate bright indirect light or even very low light (people grow them in their garage or bathroom), and they can live in dry soil or vases of water. This is a

great choice for people new to houseplants.

Aloe (Aloe vera): This easy-to-grow, sun-loving succulent helps clear formaldehyde and benzene, which can be a by-product of chemical-based cleaners, paints and more. Aloe is a smart choice for a sunny kitchen window. Beyond its airclearing abilities, the gel inside an aloe plant can help heal cuts and burns.

If you want functional, beautiful home decorations that will improve your health and happiness, consider adding some of these houseplants. NASA recommends one plant per 100sq feet.





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# **TECHNOLOGY CORNER**



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

#### Online Learning: Technology's role in Despite being online, they offer many traditional course improving our minds

Christmas and New Year's Day are coming, which often involves examining the events of the past year and thinking about hopes for the year coming. No matter where we are in our lives, there's always room for improvement, and the Internet is making it easier than ever before to broaden our horizons, increase our skills, and discover and develop new

Basic home DIY has become accessible to a wide range of people thanks to the Internet. People can teach themselves how their computer works and how to build a new one. Anyone struggling for dinner ideas has access to a world of recipes online. Thousands of videos offer detailed instructions to budding artists of all kinds. Many people now carry the Internet with them in their pocket due to the spread of smartphones, so people who get a flat can look up detailed step -by-step videos demonstrating how to change a tyre on the spot if they are unsure.

For all its other uses, the Internet has become a powerful tool for education and learning. More and more people are using it to brush up on things they learned in school or to learn brand new skills for both fun and for opening up a wider range of job opportunities



In recent years, a lot of research has been done on how people learn and how the brain changes through learning. Scientists used to believe that the brain was a physiologically static organ that was fully developed by our teens, so we couldn't change or improve it as adults. However, we have now come to realise that this idea is wrong thanks to studies in neuroplasticity. Neuroplasticity refers to the brain's ability to reorganise itself and to form new neural connections throughout the lifespan. Your brain never stops changing; our neural pathways and synapses change as we develop new skills and change our behaviour, environment, and emotions.

This is having a big impact on how we view learning and education. For instance, a common myth in school is that some students are "maths and sciences" people while others are "arts" people. Did you ever think that you were just "bad" at maths or just don't have the head for it while other people seem innately mathematical? It's a widespread notion but an incorrect one. The ability to use mathematics is a skill just like any other, and anyone can become good at it with practice.



Online learning platforms are making it easier than ever to develop new strengths or to work on subjects that might have proven difficult in school or at university. Some of the biggest advances in learning are being made in MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses. A MOOC is an online course that offers unlimited participation and open access through the web.

resources such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets. However, they have the added benefit of interactive user forums that foster discussion between professors, teaching assistants, and students from all around the world. The popularity of MOOCs is a relatively recent phenomenon, but their success has inspired a huge growth in the world of education

The MOOC craze originated as many elite universities throughout the world began making some of their courses available for distance learning. The popularity of these courses led universities to start creating courses specifically designed for distance learning while opening them to the public. In 2011. Stanford University launched 3 courses, the first of which was called Introduction to AI. Course enrolment quickly topped 160,000, and the popularity of these courses led those involved to create Udacity and Coursera, two of the biggest

Those looking to save money during the holidays are in luck as there are many free online learning platforms available. Major MOOC providers tend to operate off of a freemium model for most courses, the content is accessible for free. Some providers then charge a fee for premium services, such as getting an official certification or statement of distinction. Others offer free introductory or "gateway" courses with the more advanced, follow-up courses having a fee. There are countless free courses available, though, so budget doesn't always have to be a concern in furthering your education.

#### **Best MOOC Providers**

The mission of a Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) is to provide free and open higher education to anyone in the world with access to the Internet. The majority of the world's top 100 elite universities are now offering MOOCs through the course platforms listed below.

This is a golden opportunity to learn from the world's leading professors. There are thousands of universities worldwide now providing free courses online. If you are looking to add to your resume, consider the accreditation options that many of these platforms offer. However, it's not all about jobs or money as these courses can help you learn new knowledge and skills that will make you a more well-rounded and intelligent person. Here are some of the top MOOC providers.

Coursera (coursera.org)



Coursera, founded in 2012 by two Stanford University professors, is the largest course platform for free MOOCs They have the most diverse course selection of all the MOOC providers, offering courses in physics, engineering, humanities, medicine, biology, social sciences, mathematics, business, computer science, digital marketing, data science and other subjects. They currently have 133 partner universities, including Stanford, Princeton, and Oxford. Coursera is the best option for a general interest MOOC browser searching for something to catch their interest.

Udacity (udacity.com)



Udacity was founded by Sebastian Thrun, a former Stanford computer science professor and the creator of the artificial intelligence system behind Google's self-driving cars. Udacity's focus is on college-level courses for building and

applying your knowledge of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines. Udacity's freeware MOOCs work best for very self-directed learners who just want to watch the videos and try the exercises, particularly in skills based programming and computer science classes. They have mobile apps for iOS and Android.

edX (edx.org)



edX is a newer MOOC platform developed through a partnership between Harvard and MIT. They have now formed a partnership with Google to allow any teacher to create their own interactive online courses at MOOC.org. It differs from Udacity and Coursera in that it is a non-profit organisation running on open-source software. It has a particularly strong offering of science courses from elite schools.

FutureLearn (futurelearn.com)



FutureLearn is the first UK-based platform founded by the creators of The Open University. Prior to its launch, few British universities had run online courses, and part of FutureLearn's mission is to provide a space for UK institutions in the world of online learning. It is partnered with 54 UK and international universities, and unlike other platforms, it has four non-university partners: the British Museum, the British Council, the British Library, and the National Film and Television School.

#### Khan Academy (khanacademy.org)

Khan Academy is not strictly speaking a MOOC provider because it offers a la carte educational resources, allowing you to pick and choose lessons rather than enrol in a structured course. However, it deserves a mention as a well-established educational platform whose stated mission is to provide a world-class education to anyone, anywhere. It produces short lectures in the form of youtube videos. As well as these microlectures, it offers practice exercises, progress tracking, and tools for teachers. All content is free to use.

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skills and broaden your horizons.



year, and may 2016 bring you further

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#### Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our followers

Funny things happen round this time of year. Fires lighting in grates. Lovely smells of cake mixture, Christmas pudding and brandy. Mmmmm! Smashing. Children writing letters to Santa. "Yes, yes, Santa I really am very very good and I'm getting better by the minute. I know there was that unfortunate incident when I took the saddle from Daddy's bike and forget to tell him. One more operation and he should be walking straight again. Hope you got that letter I sent you Santa. Daddy put it in the fire and the smoke containing my message swept up the chimney and made its way to you in the North Pole. Daddy does this with most of his post now especially the letters marked UISCE.

I will leave out the usual stuff for you, 20 cigarettes and a rasher sandwich. I will have to think of something special for the reindeer. Our teacher in school told us that reindeer have 4 stomachs. Which one will the reindeer be travelling with this Christmas? Lidl sell reindeer food suitable for all stomachs.

Nearly forgot Santa I'm going to the panto in Maynooth. It's called the Snow Queen. It's put on by An Nuadha layabouts – at least I think that's what they're called. It's written by this man who lives near me called Higgins. I think he is a brother of our President. You won't know Maynooth when you get here - we have more traffic light than Christmas trees. It's great gas all together."

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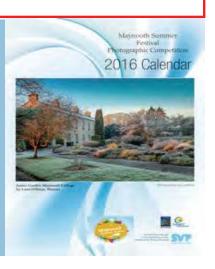
The Photography Competition held during the Summer Festival was a resounding success. So much so, it was suggested on the Maynooth Festival facebook page by a local that a calendar be created to benefit a local charity – and that is just what we did!

Maynooth Summer Festival, Photographic Competition, 2016

Calendar is now available for purchase!

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The Calendar can be bought at *MCC /Newsletter Offices*. It will also be on sale at other outlets yet to be confirmed – keep up to date with where, by visiting our facebook page - Maynooth Festival.



# **Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2015**

# www.mavnoothtownfc.com - Join Us On Facebook

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
06-Sep	3,4,23,26	€2,550	Mick & Mags - Terry Hinds - Kenneth Kenny
13-Sep	4,5,22,26	€2,600	Damien Bracken - Phillip Hynes - Sean Mahon
20-Sep	1,10,23,27	€2,650	Ann Ruane - Orla Mc Mahon - Miriam Maher
27-Sep	7,15,20,25	€2,700	Gina Folan - Tozzie - Ollie Durack
04-Oct	6,11,14,27	€2,750	Maurice Byrne - Leisa Garvey - Mary Mc Grath
11-Oct	4,7,8,16	€2,800	John Gannon - Tom Monnelly - Michael O Rourke
18-Oct	6,7,22,26	€2,850	Aidan & Siobhan O'Brien - Mick Ryan - Viv Mc Tiernan
25-Oct	7,14,23,24	€2,900	Gillian Ledwith - Noel Donovan - Conor Macken
01-Nov	1,6,7,17	€2,950	Paul Daly - Edel Stone - Nula Mc Tiernan
08-Nov	3,15,20,23	€3,000	Tim Cronin - Mary Cullen - John Daly
15-Nov	4,7,9,24	€3,050	Melia & Cotter - Tree Pin - John Saults

# Maynooth GAA Club Lotto Results

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Week	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €25 winners
20-Oct	11, 13,14,18	€3,350	Clann Ui Cheallaigh, Martin O'Sullivan, Pat Power
27-Oct	1, 6, 18, 22	€3,400	Scott Wallace, M O'Corcora, Michael Lynch
04-Nov	1, 13, 20, 22	€3,450	John Bryne/Anne Finn, Patricia Sweeney & Noel McKenna
11-Nov	14, 19, 23, 24	€3,500	Mary McCourt, Antoinette Murray, Anthony Casey
18-Nov	6, 7, 10, 16	€3,550	Brendan Farrell, Barbara Jordan, Gerry Egan

Photographs taken during Maynooth Boys Camps in Kilmuckridge, Co. Wexford 1968-1972. Can our readers identify the lads of 40 years plus ago?













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#### Sun 20th Dec 2015 @ 7.00pm

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Donations received on the night will be in aid of the Kildare Refugee Centre

#### MCC Christmas Services

Sunday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Dec @ 10.30am

#### Christmas Day (Friday 25th Dec)

Continental Breakfast 10.00am Christmas Day Celebration 10.30-11.15am Everyone Welcome!

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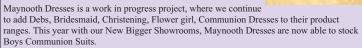
#### LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS



Maynooth Dresses officially opened their new 1500 square ft showroom, at Unit 9, M4 Interchange park (Behind BASE) on Friday Evening the 7th of November last. Maynooth Dresses is owned and run by Local Woman Antoinette O'Brien from Parklands, Maynooth

Antoinette is over 10 years in the Communion Dress Business originally starting in her House, Showing in Hotels and

finally opened her 1st showroom 3 years ago.



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On the night Antoinette thanked especially all her family, staff and many friends who came along to wish her well, for all their help encouragement and support over the

See our websites www.facebook.com/ maynoothcommuniondresses and www.maynoothdresses.ie for all our information



Antoinette, with husband Paul, daughter Christina and son Jamie

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# Maynooth Town FC Academy Crans Montana Switzerland Training Camp 2015



Maynooth Town FC Academy is the technical development program for players in Maynooth Town FC and players from other clubs living in the area. The Academy runs every Friday night and works on the individual player development with a focus on a ball per player per session. Currently the program caters for players between the ages of 4 and 16 every Friday between 6 & 9pm.

Following the success of the 1st Academy Trip to Borussia Dortmund Academy in October 2014 the benchmark was set very high for the club Director of Coaching Ciaran Quinn to deliver an even bigger and better player experience in 2015. On the 29th October 27 players and a 4 strong coaching team backed up by one of the best schoolboy coaches & UEFA Pro Licence Coaches in the world Austin Speight 'Coerver Coaching Director'. A 50 strong group of players, parents and coaches travelled high up the Swiss Alps in Crans Montana Switzerland 4920ft above sea level for a winter training camp. Players embarked on 4 days as a Pro Player Experience, going through the daily experiences as a professional player. Rising for breakfast each morning for 7am and beginning their first session at 9 to 11am players were put through their paces by Austin.



With meals set from a structured menu to support player performance to specific rest periods during the day the Academy Players were a credit to their club, parents and teams. Each afternoon players prepared for their second session of the day following a little friendly competition around the pool table. As the Academy had the hotel booked out for themselves players had been become a familiar sight around the pool table, games of pool & table tennis began at 6.30am before breakfast. These friendly games added to a very strong group of players who built on their friendship with a lifelong experience. With 3 days of coaching players spent almost 6 hours a day on the pitch and each day they finished up with either a group game between themselves & the coaching team or competed in the inaugural Academy Football Tennis Competition.

With 6 Teams in this years competition, 4 players teams, a very competitive Dads team and a coaches team. There was some very hard fought games with some very dodgy refereeing decisions. The Coaches Team of Austin Speight, Ciaran Quinn, Marcus Bailey & Darragh Murphy came out on top unbeaten for this year with the Dads holding all the other teams with 5 defeats.



All the coaching focused on Coerver Coaching technical development for each individual player built up from 1 v 1 coaching to full 11 v 11 coerver coaching phases of play. In Austin, players had an opportunity to work with a coach who has worked with players such as Frank

Lampard, Joe Cole, Steven Gerrard & Phil Jones. However it wasn't all about the pitch work as we are helping to educate players from boys to teenagers both on and off the field. Each evening players finished up with a class tutorial going through their sessions of the day, learning about the reality of Life as a Pro, Life as a coach in a pro club and for parents they found out the different side of the word up football and see how they feature in the mind-set of the professional clubs. A reality check for many seeing the harsh hitting decisions made daily by clubs and how families take a back seat in the development of their son. Austin spoke to the Players about Showtime, the moment they need to bring their best game to the pitch and what makes some players able to play in Old Trafford when others of stronger ability can not cope playing on the big stage, working through the mental game.



The final day saw two sessions for players followed by an outing up the Valais region 7,500ft up the cable car to a restaurant called Les Violettes. Breath-taking views and photos for all as players and parents enjoyed with lunch and treats over the 2 hours. As many embarked on the 60 minute hike back down to take in the scenery, others stayed on to watch the sun go down over the Mont Blanc in the distance. A truly fantastic way to end the last bit of sunlight on the trip.

This year saw the launch of the second inaugural competition with the Pool Competition taking centre stage each evening between 8 and 9pm before curfew to rooms at 9pm. With a pairs format this year we saw a Knockout Tournament rolled out from the Thursday evening. Each evening players lined up and chalked their cue to pot the black. The final was held on the last night right after the 1st semi final of Luke Kosinski & Eoin Creighton versus Liam Folan & Darragh Murphy. Having kept the opposition waiting Eoin arrived ready to play just before Luke had to go it alone, some say he was trying to make the opposition wait in fear. With Folan & Murphy keeping their cool and coming out on top they awaited their opposition into the finals. The second semi final saw 2 coaches Ciaran Ouinn &



Marcus Bailey take on the very strong and unbeaten over the few days Mark Hughes & Ben Hilliard. Mark & Ben kept to the table over the few days practicing from 6.30 am. They fought hard in a game that saw the coaches come out on top this time around. The Final immediately came up after the semis as Ciaran broke for the final game. With a tough game ahead there were some early pots heaping the pressure on across both teams. As the final balls remained, Murphy narrowly missed the black ball leaving Ciaran an opportunity to clear up. Having potted one he set up well for the second and as he played a long pot down the table the red ball ricochet off the

pocket and travelled back down the table and dropped into the pocket. Luck if there was ever anyway. Having lined up for the black, a miscued white saw the white ball potted and as Liam Folan set it back up, it was Showtime, his moment to shine to win the inaugural tournament, he steadied his nerve and cued back up the table to pot the black and win the tournament. There were cheers around the table as the youngest player on the trip won out.

The Final evening also saw the annual academy quiz with 50 questions set out, despite last years cheating by some parents, this year was a clean competition with Ben Hilliard, Mark Hughes & Donal Wade coming out on top with the help of Helen Hughes & Olwyn Hilliard. A fun end to a fantastic trip for all. As the evening came to an end, players had their final laughs and jokes before heading to bed for the 6am departure the next morning on the bus back to Geneva.

On the bus journey back questions were asked how do you better this one, where to next? Well we are delighted to say that 2016 will see two Academy Trips. One to Borussia Dortmund for a training camp for players aged 7 to 11 at the February mid term break which is now open for bookings for all Academy Players. As we start our new 10 week term on November 20th it is a great opportunity to get involved and improve your technical skills. We are also now finalising an even bigger trip for the older group to a training facility and accommodation in Spain used by clubs such as Real Madrid, Barcelona, Ajax, Borussia Dortmund, Arsenal to name a few and many top National Teams such as Spain & Germany. This will be a 5 day trip in November 2016 and we will be releasing details of this trip shortly open to players in the Academy aged 12 & up. Ciaran said building on the player experiences is important and it 'gives them life long memories, shared with friends and is all built around the local club'.

The Academy is made up of coaches who played for the



club throughout their schoolboy days and as they embark on their coaching badges they are excited to see the opportunities younger players have now that they didn't have themselves. With the Coerver Coaching Partnership in full swing, the club is seeing a strong coaching standard across the club with 22 managers having now done their Coerver Coaching Introductory Certificates. Austin Speight said after the trip in a letter to the club chairman Gerry Folan, 'Just a brief note to congratulate the club, yourself & Ciaran Quinn on the recent player's trip to Crans Montana, Switzerland. As an experienced football coach, who has travelled on many pro club trips, this was one of the best I have been on.

The planning, organisation, venue, hotel & most of all the players were superb. The players were a huge credit to the club in their behaviour on and off the pitch. On the pitch they listened, worked hard and very easy for me to coach'

To book in the Academy, check out the website www.maynoothtownfcacademy.weebly.com or call up to the college Astro on a Friday evening from 6pm & see Ciaran or Paul. We have just a few places available for the new term. .

# **Know Your Rights**

#### The New Passport Card

#### Question

I heard there is a new passport card. Does it replace the passport book? How can I get one?

#### Answer

No, the new credit-card sized Irish passport card does not replace the passport book. You can use the new passport card for travel within the European Union, the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Switzerland. For all other travel you must use your passport book.

To apply for the passport card you must be aged 18 or over when applying. It is not available for children. You must hold a valid Irish passport book and the personal details you provide when applying must be exactly the same as those on your passport book. The card is valid for a maximum of five vears or for the time remaining on your passport book if this is less than five years.

You can apply for the passport card online on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website, dfa.ie, or you can use the Department's passport app for smartphones and tablets. The card costs €35 and there is an additional delivery charge of €5 if you are applying from outside Ireland.

When making the application you will need:

- Your valid passport book
- Your photograph in digital form (it must meet the required passport standard)
- · A debit or credit card

You can track your application's progress on the Department's website using the application number If you wish to make a complaint about breaches of issued when you apply.

#### Microchipping of dogs

#### **Ouestion**

Our puppy has an identification disc on her collar. Does she need this, or should we just get her microchipped? What are the rules?

#### Answer

Under the Control of Dogs Acts 1986 and 1992, dogs must at all times wear a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc, so you are right to have an identification disc on your puppy's collar. However, you must also get her microchipped and registered on an authorised database under the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015.

Since September 2015, all newborn pups must be microchipped and registered. From 31 March 2016, the Regulations will apply to all dogs. Even if a dog has already been microchipped (for a pet passport, for instance) it will now have to be registered on an authorised database as well. The microchip can only be implanted by a vet, a

veterinary nurse or a person who has been trained by one of the authorised databases. The microchip contains a unique 15-digit number. When you register with an authorised database, this number will be recorded on it along with your name and address details. This means that, if your dog goes missing and is found, you can be identified as the owner and be reunited with your dog.

If you move house, you will need to update your contact details on the database. If you plan to buy a new dog, the seller will have to give you its certificate of registration and you should forward it to the relevant database to get the details updated.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has published a list of authorised databases, along with a set of Frequently Asked Questions on agriculture.gov.ie.

#### **Enforcing your employment rights**

#### **Question**

What are the new employment rights structures? How can I make a complaint about my employer?

Since 1 October 2015, the organisations involved in employment rights enforcement are the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court.

The Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) is where all complaints are first made. All hearings are now heard by a single WRC adjudicator. The Labour Court deals with all workplace relations appeals, so you may appeal to it against the decisions of an adjudicator.

employment legislation you must use the online complaint form available on workplacerelations.ie. You use the same form to make complaints about breaches of equal status legislation. However, for equal status complaints, you must first (in writing) notify the person or organisation that you are complaining about that you plan to lodge a complaint against them.

When you fill out the form you will be asked for contact and other details for yourself and your employer. You will be asked to indicate the general area in which the complaint falls (for example, pay, hours of work and so on). Then you will be asked to select the nature of the complaint. For example, under pay it may be non-receipt of a payslip. You will be asked for some other details. You will need Maynooth to set out your complaint in your own words. When you have completed the form you can submit it electronically to the Workplace Relations Commission.

You can read a list of frequently asked questions

If you need information about employment law and your employment rights you can contact the

Workplace Relations Commission's Information and Customer Service.

#### Half-rate Carer's Allowance

My husband is getting a payment for me with his pension. My mother is in poor health and I have been caring for her for the last year. Can I qualify for a carer's payment and how will it affect my husband's pension?

#### Answer

If your husband is claiming an Increase for a Qualified Adult for you with his pension, you can apply for a half-rate Carer's Allowance. If you qualify, you can keep the Increase for a Qualified Adult in full. This will not affect your husband's pension.

You must meet the qualifying criteria for Carer's Allowance. For example, your mother must require full-time care and attention and you must satisfy a means test. You can read more about the conditions for Carer's Allowance on citizensinformation.ie. To apply fill in an application form for Carer's Allowance (CR1). You can get this form online or from your local Intreo centre, social welfare local office or Citizens Information Centre. The form includes a medical report, which must be signed by the person receiving care and completed by their doctor.

Note that the application form for Carer's Allowance asks for a lot of detailed information from you. The Department of Social Protection has to work out your income and the income of your husband to assess the means of your household. The Department must also examine the medical condition of your mother to decide if she needs full -time care and attention. In addition, the Department must be satisfied that you, the carer, are providing full-time care and attention and are able to do so. You can get help with filling in the form from your local Citizens Information Centre. If you satisfy the conditions for Carer's Allowance it will be awarded at half of the rate that would apply if you were not getting any other payment. You will also be eligible for the Respite Care Grant and a Free Travel Pass.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below. Maynooth CIC Dublin Road

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available about making a complaint on workplacerelations.ie. online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service -0761 07 4000.

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# Sudoku Challenge,

#### Super Difficult

#### 2015

Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January



# Congratulations to November's Winner:

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Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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# Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

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#### Maynooth Golf Society

Results Sheet 2015 - Knockanally Golf Club 24th October 2015 Sponsored by Brady's Bar & Lounge

1st Prize	Sean Farrelly	38pts	
2nd Prize	Tommy Campbell	37pts	
3rd Prize	Pat Connolly	36pts B9	
4th Prize	Paul Farrelly	36pts B9	
5th Prize	Terry Moore	36pts	
Front 9	Jody Connolly	17pts	
Back 9	Mick Fahey	18pts	
Visitor	Darren Weafer		
Nearest the Pin	Johnny Murray		
Over 50's	Mick Flynn		
2's Club	Sean Farrelly - Liam	Farrelly	

# Royal Canal "Christmas Recovery" Walk

The Royal Canal Amenity
Group is holding a Walk on
Sunday, 27th. December
starting from Maynooth
Harbour at 12.45 pm. and
proceeding along the canal to
Pike Bridge, crossing over to
Carton, and home by Carton
Avenue.

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# Santa Claus

Santa Claus is on his merry way
For each and every lucky child
He will travel on his speedy sleigh
Through all the snow barren and wild

Rudolph with his big red nose Will carry Santa Claus without fail For Father Christmas clearly knows Each and every hill and dale

Down the chimney Santa will go With the greatest of expertise Any chimney Santa can undergo With many gifts for all to please

All the reindeers pull the sleigh With much magic speed cannot go wrong When gifts are open on Christmas Day A happy child Santa so much long

From the North Pole Santa comes from Where his elves makes all the toys In Santa's kingdom nothing goes wrong With gifts for all the girls and boys

Like magic Santa can appear Once second here and one second there All children Santa holds so dear And likes all the kids toys to share

So sleep tight each one of you And dream and dream of Christmas day Santa loves you through and through In his very own special



way. **Paddy M** 

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#### 3U Students Conferred with MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management at Maynooth University

### **First programme worldwide to combine disciplines of** humanitarian relief, international co-operation and **humanitarian logistics and emergency management.** emergency management. The course material takes

Eleven students were presented with Master's degrees from the 3U Partnership's MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management at a conferring ceremony held at Maynooth University. 3U is a major collaboration between Maynooth University, Dublin City University (DCU) and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). The 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management is a unique programme and is the first in the world to combine the academic disciplines of humanitarian logistics and emergency management.

The programme builds on the established strengths and reputation of Ireland and in particular, Irish Aid, in delivering humanitarian assistance to those in need. Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, said: "The 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management programme is particularly timely in light of recent humanitarian disasters, and yet there will always be a need for workers with the skillset this programme offers. Graduates of this programme are the future managers and practitioners in public, private and voluntary sectors who will be called upon to handle large scale emergencies and disasters worldwide. I commend these graduates on their accomplishments and wish them well in the noble career paths that lay before them."

The 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency is jointly delivered by the Business Schools in DCU and Maynooth University. Led by Dr Caroline McMullan of DCU and Dr Graham Heaslip of Maynooth University, and delivered as a one-year full-time or two-year part-time course, the programme contributes to the development needs of those involved in the field of

humanitarian relief, international co-operation and emergency management. The course material takes a broad, cross-sectoral and international approach to humanitarian emergency relief.

Through the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management, graduates acquire interdisciplinary expertise and a unique set of management and business skills that will significantly enhance their effectiveness in managing future humanitarian disasters and other large-scale emergencies, as well as enhancing their employability with international and national aid organisations.

Dr Ruth Davis, Director of the 3U Partnership, said: "This unique programme brings together complementary strengths of our 3U Partners and supports Ireland's long-standing international reputation in responding generously and effectively to many humanitarian crises and disasters world-wide. Graduates of the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management gain specific knowledge, expertise and practical skills that will equip them to meet the many challenges that are encountered in the field of humanitarian relief and emergency management."

Students of the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management have been selected by Irish Aid to join the Rapid Response Corps, a standby team that can be deployed at short notice to humanitarian emergencies anywhere in the world.

Formally launched in November 2013 by then Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with responsibility for Trade and Development, Mr Joe Costello TD, the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management is designed to meet the requirements of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Irish Aid) and the Department of the

Environment, Heritage and Local Government for practitioners in the management of humanitarian disasters and major emergencies and has been accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and the Emergency Planning Society (EPS).

#### About 3U

Society and the workplace of the future need graduates with strong foundations in their disciplines combined with adaptability and critical thinking skills. Higher education must prepare students for a dynamic, globalised and digital world.

With this in mind, the 3U Partnership brings together the complementary strengths of Dublin City University, Maynooth University and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland across a broad spectrum of disciplines to deliver a number of new joint academic programmes, and to share the delivery of existing programmes.

The Partnership preserves the separate identities and missions of the three partner institutions, while providing a framework to facilitate joint activities of mutual interest across a wide range of disciplines including medicine, science, engineering, business, arts, humanities and social sciences.

The 3U Partnership was formally launched in June 2012 by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D. together with then Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn T.D. At the launch the Taoiseach noted that the 3U Partnership was "vital to Ireland's future educational success and a cornerstone of Government policy." He also noted that the 3U Partnership brought scale to the individual partner institutions' research and academic endeavours allowing them compete more effectively together on the global stage particularly in attracting competitive research awards.

# TOASTMASTERS

#### **Maynooth Toastmasters**

Monday's meeting 9th November was buzzing big time in many ways. The word had finally got out that this was the venue in which people could achieve. It was like waiting for a train to arrive with lots of passengers, some going on short journeys and some long. Some toastmasters were beginning their

communication journey aptly termed the "Ice Breaker", while others were at an advanced level. Like train passengers, members of toastmasters choose the route they want to follow in their individual journey of communication, becoming confident of speaking before an audience, learning the skill of quickly formulating ideas, and giving a coherent response - so helpful in real life.

Guests are such an important element of meetings. They bring a new dynamic and leave enriched with new experiences. On the 14th December, we host a Kris Kindle. It's a fun time for guests, so why don't you come along and enjoy as you unwrap a gift. Heaven knows what you might get - to share a secret, I'm told there may be something to attract buzzing insects to your garden next summer.

#### Ring out the old, Ring in the new

Maynooth Toastmasters look forward with pride to serving the community and providing the environment in which anyone can start their journey and reach their goal. 2016 is a time for remembering the past, celebrating the present, and thinking of a positive future. If you make just one resolution for the New Year, then decide to come to Maynooth or Clane Toastmasters and start the journey.



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#### Job Opening: HR Generalist for SAP Maynooth

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- provide timely reports on key HR metrics such as headcount, internal movements and payroll;
- provide support to the HR Manager and Head of HR with HR initiatives and projects as they arise;
- co-ordination and management of people movements within the Firm e.g. maternity leave, leave of absence, secondments etc.

#### Skills and attributes:

- 2+ years HR experience operating at a HR Generalist level;
- strong knowledge of HR best practice policies and procedures;
- strong business focus and commitment to client service;
- excellent communication skills, both written and oral;
- ability to build effective relationships at all levels;
- proficient Microsoft PC skills (inc. Word, Excel and PowerPoint);
- 3rd level qualification in HR/other relevant business related discipline. CIPD qualification desirable;
- demonstrated ability to work on own initiative;
- excellent analytical skills and attention to detail;
- solid understanding of HR processes.

#### Applications:

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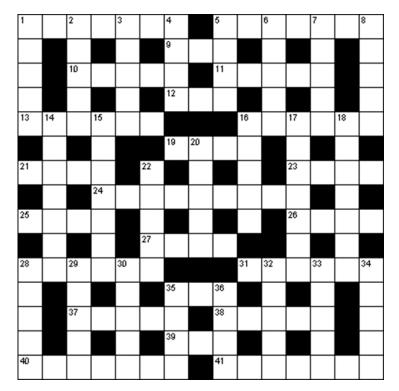


#### **Clues Across**

#### **December Crossword - No: 442**

- 1. Sarcastic (7)
- 5. Appears (7)
- 9. Lower limb (3)
- 10. Middle Eastern bread (5)
- 11. Zest (5)
- 12. Used to be (3)
- 13. Parchment roll (6)
- 16. Lecture (6)
- 19. Egg-shaped (4)
- 21. Finely powdered earth (4)
- 23. Resist openly (4)
- 24. Clogged (9)
- 25. Capital of Peru (4)
- 26. South American Indian
- (4)
- 27. Skin eruption (4)
- 28. Put in (6)
- 31. Desert in N Africa (6)
- 35. Implore (3)
- 37. Hold responsible (5)
- 38. Cinder (5)
- 39. Direct a gun (3)
- 40. Protective helmet (4,3)
- 41. Person that settles (7)





#### **Clues Down**

- 1. Weeps (5)
- 2. Higher (5)
- 3. Sum (5)
- 4. Sharp nail as on a cat (4)
- 5. Ova (4)
- 6. Result (5)
- 7. Dimness (5)
- 8. Native of Saxony (5)
- 14. Care (7)
- 15. Cake made of oatmeal (7)
- 16. Narrow openings (5)
- 17. Tinged with red (7)
- 18. Constable (7)
- 20. Scenes (5)
- 22. Nasal grunt (5)
- 28. Inhabitants of Ireland (5)
- 29. Not drunk (5)
- 30. Arrive at (5)
- 32. Superior of a monastery (5)
- 33. Fourth month (5)
- 34. Later (5)
- 35. Strike forcefully (4)
- 36. Precious stones (4)



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# More Clarity Required on Gaelcholaiste and Interim Solutions for North Kildare Students

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has welcomed the Minister's announcement today that a Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare in the long-term but cautioned that 2019 is too long to wait while youngsters in North Kildare face zero provision for education through immersion in Irish for the years 2016, 2017, & 2018. Catherine Murphy said there is no reassurance in today's announcement for those people who are looking for a place in 2016.

"The Minister needs to clarify what provision will be made for students in those intervening years and if the numbers required for 2019 would still have to be proven. How that could be achieved if Maynooth Community College is now oversubscribed – which will particularly affect students from the Gaelscoilleana in Leixlip and Kilcock."

"The demand for a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare can only be demonstrated by students attending the Aonad so those who are forced to attend Colaiste Chois Life in Lucan are not counted in terms of demand in North Kildare therefore proving the demand for a Gaelcholaiste will be problematic."

"We also need clarity from the Minister as to whether today's announcement means a new school building for North Kildare or a re-designating of Maynooth Community College as a Gaelcholaiste."

Leas Ceann Comhairle rejects Questions from Catherine Murphy Regarding the IBRC Inquiry Social Democrat TD Catherine Murphy has received letters from the Leas Ceann Comhairle disallowing questions she had asked in relation to the problems stalling the Inquiry into issues surrounding IBRC including the Siteserv transaction.

In his reply the Leas Ceann Comhairle said he was disallowing the questions on the basis that the Minister has no responsibility to the Dáil on the matter.

Catherine Murphy said she was incredulous at such an assertion:

"The job of an opposition deputy is to hold the Government to account and at this moment in time that is proving impossible as we are essentially being stonewalled."

"If, as an elected parliamentarian, he is not accountable to Dáil Éireann then who is he accountable to? If elected members of the Dáil cannot hold Minister's to account then there is a fundamental flaw in the way we operate our democracy and that must be addressed."

#### Independent TD Catherine Murphy has raised grave concerns regarding the slashing of addiction services in the Kildare area.

Recently the services have been cut from four counsellors and very soon it will be reduced to just one, for Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Kilcock. This is a reduction that Ms. Murphy says will have 'dire' consequences for Kildare in the immediate and the long term

"This is the ultimate example of a short-term response to a long-term problem. Clearly, when a client engages in a counselling service, a certain level of trust and confidence has to be built up and by reducing that service you leave a lot of people in a very vulnerable position."

"If we are to help people maintain or resume their role as a functioning member of society following a difficult period in their life, then we need to provide services such as those that have just reduced. Ireland has the third highest level of overdose rates per capita in Europe with an average of one person dying here every day. How, in that context, can it be justifiable to reduce such services?"

"This is another example of services being provided based on who has retired rather than what's actually needed. Things can't all be about balance sheets. Decisions like the one to reduce these services will potentially cost lives and in the long-term there will be both a financial and a social cost to such decisions."

#### Government Fails Accountability Test Once Again

Social Democrat TD Catherine Murphy has responded to this evenings interim report from the Cregan Inquiry as follows:

Having just had time for a preliminary overview of the 69 page Cregan report it seems clear to me that what the judge is saying is that this inquiry is essentially unworkable.

Judge Cregan has now raised further issues in addition to the already serious issues facing the likely continuation of the inquiry. The judge is saying he actually can't investigate alleged insider trading in Siteserv for example as well as other significant concerns surrounding the Siteserv transaction and a number of other transactions.

I am horrified that this issue was. In effect, kicked to touch by Government when the public debate was raging and now, 5 months later, we have no answers & very little realistic prospect of getting answers. That is wholly unacceptable.



# Job Opening: Sales Representative for SAP Landscapes Ltd Maintenance Division

Reporting to: Commercial Director, SAP Landscapes Ltd

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- Provide weekly progress reports to the Commercial Director.
- Assist in the refinement of set KPl's associated with the sales pipeline function
- Undertake pre-qualification submissions for tenders
- Carry out on site surveys and assessments and provide quotations for maintenance works in conjunction with the Commercial Director.

#### Requirements & Qualifications:

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- Comfortable under pressure in multitasking, adhering to deadlines and being accountable for results
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# Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

From 02/10/2015 to 19/11/2015 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	<b>Application Date</b>
151023	Kildare County Council	Anne Hoare	Catherinestown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	19/11/2015
151009	Kildare County Council	Clare Egan	Obelisk Lane, Barrogstown West, Maynooth	17/11/2015
151010	Kildare County Council	Andrew and Arlene Boland	33 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	17/11/2015
15990	Kildare County Council	Mr. Gabriel Martin & Mrs. Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/11/2015
15954	Kildare County Council	Rodica Turcanu	House between 346A and 345, Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/10/2015
15947	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited	Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/10/2015
15918	Kildare County Council	Gabriel and Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/10/2015
15921	Kildare County Council	Fiona McEvoy	9 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15922	Kildare County Council	Martin J. McMahon	Ivy House, Court House Square, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15900	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited,	Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Road, Maynooth	09/10/2015
15899	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	08/10/2015
15886	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle	Moyglare Nursing Home, Moyglare Road, Maynooth	06/10/2015
15877	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	02/10/2015

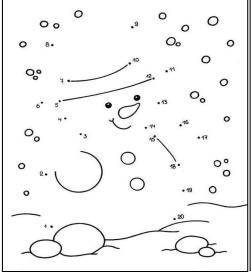
# Kildare Enforcement Notices for Maynooth Area

From 02/10/2015 to 20/11/2015 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

Enf. ID	Authority	Location	Plan Ref.	Date Received	Name
UD6700	Kildare County Council	Hayfield, Maynooth		14/10/2015	Owner (1)N/a
UD6712	Kildare County Council	34 Woodlands, College Rd, Maynooth	15/121	05/11/2015	Owner (1) Patrick Quinn

# Kiddies Fun Corner









#### BASIC SMARTPHONE GUIDE



The holidays are a major season for technology and gadgets. New phones make a great gift, but setting them up can be a hassle. It can be especially intimidating to make the switch from an older flip phone to a smartphone, but choosing a smartphone doesn't have to make you feel stupid. This guide will help you choose and set up a new smartphone.

Some people are satisfied only using their phone for talking and the occasional text message. Others, however, might like the option to do more with their phone but feel overwhelmed by the idea of switching to an unfamiliar and more complicated device. If you are contemplating making the switch (or have recently acquired a new phone), don't panic – with a little practice, you can become adept at using the many features available in a smart phone.

A smartphone is a mobile that can do a lot more than just make phone calls, and it is worth investigating how it can fit into your life. With the right smartphone, you can manage email and diary appointments, get directions, keep track of your diet, shop, share information with friends, listen to music, watch movies, and much more. If you use public transportation often or have a lot of downtime in public, a smartphone can help you pass the time. The whole world is at your fingertips.

Sometimes the amount of choice can be intimidating – how do you choose between the different platforms, carriers, models, and plans?



Budget is always a concern for people as smartphones are more expensive than regular mobiles. When you are deciding how much to spend on a smartphone, you have two costs to consider: the price of the phone and the price of the plan. The price of the phone is a one-time expense. Mobile companies also tend to offer lots of promotions and discounts, especially during the holiday season, so the phone you want may be cheaper than you think. In some cases, if you sign up for a certain plan, the phone is free.

In many cases, your plan will be a bigger expense than your phone. Many people with older phones may be on a pay-as-you-go plan, and if you are looking at the cheaper smartphone models and don't think you will use lots of minutes or data, it can be a good idea to stick to one of these plans. Check with your mobile carrier to see what kind of calling and data packages they have. If you don't want to have to worry about credit and are looking at some of the higher end models, it can be cheaper to switch to a bill-pay plan with data included.

Keep in mind that while data can be expensive, smartphones can also connect to the Internet with WiFi. You may already have WiFi in your home, and it is often available at many workplaces. Free WiFi hotspots can be found in many cafes, restaurants, and libraries. Using WiFi enables you to drastically reduce the amount of data you need (some people choose to use WiFi exclusively and not have a data allowance). However, this can limit where you can use many features of your phone, so you need to decide what suits your lifestyle.

One of the next big decisions that people face is choosing the right phone. For a lot of people, picking the right smartphone is a matter of picking the right operating system (OS). The smartphone's operating system is the platform it uses to run various programmes. While they can all pretty much connect you to the web and allow you to use email and make phone calls or text, each has its own strengths and weaknesses.

The most common operating systems for smartphones today are Apple's iOS, which runs iPhones, Google's Android



system, Microsoft's Windows Mobile, and the Blackberry OS. You don't need to be a technophile to determine which of the systems is best for you. What will impact you the most is the availability of different programmes and apps across these platforms.

If you plan on using apps on your smartphone, you might want to avoid the Blackberry. The Blackberry OS is great for using email and browsing the web, but it doesn't have many apps. If you want to really explore what apps have to offer, then the Apple app store is the largest in the world. iPhones are well-designed, very user friendly, and are regularly updated. The downside is that they are expensive and your hardware choices are limited to Apple products.



Android is an open source OS originally developed by Google but which can be used by anyone. It is available on many devices from many different manufacturers, making it easier to find one that fits your budget and your lifestyle. However, updates are infrequent and can be more complicated to access. The apps are not vetted (Apple's are), so their quality is more inconsistent. A Windows Mobile is good to get if you plan on doing a lot of work on your phone. Since it runs a mobile version of Windows (which you may already have running on your computer), it can easily let you see and work on spreadsheets and documents on your phone.

Once you've decided on your phone budget, operating system, and plan, you've got one task left: deciding on a phone. Don't rush into this decision as you might end up having this phone for a couple of years, taking it everywhere with you and using it more than any other appliance (except, perhaps, the kettle). You need to make sure the actual phone suits your life.

Check out all the phones your carrier has in your price range and with the operating system that you want. Think about the tasks for which you're planning on using your phone, and try them out on the demo phones in-store. See if the keyboard is comfortable to use and how easy it is to switch between applications. Test out the touchscreen and decide if the phone will fit comfortably into your pocket or purse. Also make sure that you like the look of the phone, as it's going to be your constant accessory. You can also read reviews of a phone online to see if it has issues like getting hot after prolonged use or breaking easily.

Once you have chosen a phone, the first thing you want to do is become familiar with its main buttons and controls. Don't be afraid to just push buttons and see what happens – you won't break the phone, but you will learn a lot! The first things you'll want to learn are how to turn the phone on and off, how to raise or lower the volume, and how to get back to the home screen. These three buttons tend to be common to both Android and iPhone devices. Also check out the ports on your phone: where to plug in the charger, headphones, and any removable media. Android tends to add a set of buttons on the bottom: home, back, menu, and (sometimes) search. The back arrow takes you to the last level in an app, while the double box button shows you all of the apps you have open.



Overview of Android, Apple and Windows home screens

All smartphones are controlled through the touchscreen, meaning that all you need are taps and swipes to work it. These gestures can take some getting used to, but these are the main ones you need to know:

Single tap: open up apps, menus, etc.

**Double tap:** allows you to zoom in when using a browser or view maps.

Swipe left to right/vice versa: Unlock phone, switch between browser tabs, certain apps use it as a 'return' feature **Swipe top down:** brings down the notifications screen alerting you to any messages or missed calls. Can be accessed on the lock screen.

Swipe bottom up: On the lock screen, it activates the camera or shortcuts like the flashlight and other settings. For Android, you can activate Google Now.

**Pinch screen:** zoom in, usually features in browsers or viewing maps. Doing the reverse allows you to zoom out.

**Press and hold:** for your main screen, this allows you to move apps around, place them into folders and delete them.

Smartphones include several built-in apps that you will want to explore straight away:

Phone and contacts: check how to add contacts, answer an incoming call, and hang up

Camera: check how to focus, take a photo, share photos, and where the photos are stored

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Email: check how to send email, move emails around, and

create attachments **App store:** find the search function, how to download apps,

and where they end up

Notification centre: see what it shows you and what functions it allows you to use

**Settings:** very important to managing your phone, check how you can customise your phone

Messages: test how to send and read text messages

#### Handy tips:

The Lock Screen: Similar to ordinary phones, the lock screen alerts you to any missed calls or texts as well as any app notifications. You can control what notifications you receive on your screen through Settings, and you also have the option to remove previews for any text messages and emails you receive. You can lock your screen with a PIN code, but depending on the phone, you can add a more complex password. Given the amount of personal information stored on a smartphone, you should definitely protect it with some kind of password.



Setting main apps and folders: You can place your most commonly used apps at the bottom of the screen. These apps will remain in the same fixed position on each screen, so you can easily access them. Press and hold down on the app you want to move and when it expands, move it down to the bottom. If you can't place an app on the bottom, you must then remove one first before you can place it there. If you want to create a folder, press and hold down the app so you can move it, but instead, place it on top of another app you want to pair it with. Doing this will create a folder which you can then name.

Switching between apps: On iPhones, pressing the home button twice brings up the list of activated apps. Either tap on one to open it or swipe upwards to turn it off. Android has a button dedicated to opening up and switching between apps, while on a Windows Phone, if you hold down the back button, it brings up the five most recent apps you were using. Swiping up or across turns off the app.

Connecting the WiFi: Connecting your smartphone up to a WiFi connection is practically the same as you would on your computer. Found in Settings, your phone will pick up any connections within range, and all you must do is click on the network you want and type the password when prompted.

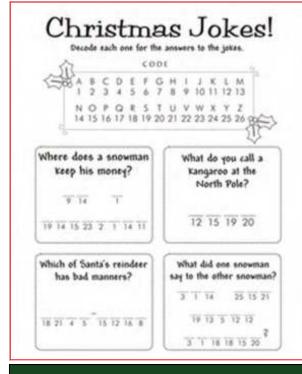
Manipulating text: If you are reading or writing something, you can tap on a word and then drag the highlighted space across the word(s) you want copied. Many options will then pop up, such as cut, copy, paste, or define.



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Maynooth Tidy Towns received an invitation from Kildare County Council to the County Awards in the IONTAS Building in

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Maynooth University on Wednesday 4th November.

A wonderful evening took place culminating with a presentation of Merit Award Certificates to the Transition Year Students from Maynooth Post Primary School by the Mayor of Kildare Clr. Brendan Weld. Maynooth Tidy Towns also received a Certificate for winning a Silver Medal in the 2015 National Tidy Towns competition.

As in previous years Jim Doyle will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Buckley's House adjacent to the Garda Station. After Christmas please recycle your tree in Kildare County Council depot yard beside the Fire Station in Leinster St. Maynooth.

The WEEE Ireland Collection of electrical goods and batteries will take place on 19th March 2016 in the Tesco Shopping Car Park

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns we wish Staff and readers of Maynooth Newsletter and all who supported us a very Happy Christmas and litter free New Year.

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

# Behind Garda Station

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#### And Support Maynooth Tidy Towns

#### **Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteers Evening**

The Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Volunteer Evening was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 6th November 2015. The evening commenced with Music by the Junior section of Maynooth Ceoltas. A slide show of the many aspects of the volunteer work of Maynooth Tidy Towns and its volunteers was shown to the large attendance at the function throughout the evening.

Paul Croghan Vice-Chair of Maynooth Tidy Towns formally welcomed all to our celebration evening and called on Mattie Callaghan Chairman to address the large attendance. Mattie thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication during the year. Our major achievement this year was the winning of a Silver Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition and also being a winner in the inaugural Value Water competition sponsored by Irish Water.

Junior volunteers Darragh Bergin and Nicole Byrne were presented with certificates and a commemorative mugs by Mattie Callaghan. Transition Year Students- LENS - Laura Monaghan, Emma Dunne, Nicola Fitzsimons and Sarah Heaslip were presented by Mary Jennings School Liaison Officer with a framed copy of photos of the Utility Boxes that they painted so beautifully during the summer. On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns she thanked them for their cooperation on this project. A copy will be displayed in the window on Main St. shortly.

Mary briefly spoke about how the project had evolved having met them at Maynooth Educate Together School where they had painted murals on the outside of the ASD Unit and also painted the wooden fence around the playground.

Darren Mooney of Quickstitch sponsored and presented our two Junior Volunteers with Polo Shirts, also Chairman Mattie Callaghan accepted a Polo Shirt on behalf of all the volunteers who will be getting theirs in due course.

Tina Williams was presented with a floral display planter by Richard Farrell and

Mattie Callaghan for her great work on Saturday mornings in all weathers. Sean Treacy Chairman of the Leinster Fleadh presented Mary Farrell Treasurer of Maynooth Tidy Towns with a Cheque. Sean thanked Maynooth Tidy Towns for their work before, during and after the Fleadh.

Naoise Ó Cearúil, Cathaoirleach of Maynooth Municipal District Council presented Sean Cushen, Vinny Mulready, Ray Murphy and Moira Baxter with a Certificate from Kildare County Council for winning the inaugural Bug Hotel competition.

Paul Croghan and Mattie Callaghan presented Marian Cawley with a floral display planter to congratulate her success as a National Supervalu Local Hero. A copy of her certificate will be on display in the window in Main St. shortly which she received at the National Tidy Towns Awards at the Helix in Dublin on 28th September 2015.

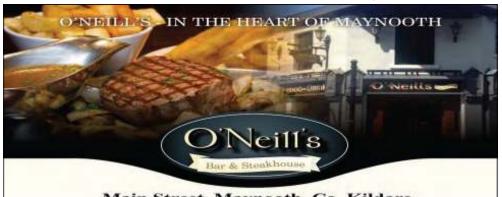
Richard Farrell gave background information to the nomination and thanked her for her dedication to Maynooth Tidy Towns.
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With Christmas and a new year fast approaching, it is a triumphed in the prestigious acting categories. Still timely occasion to look back at the film highlights of 2015. Some of the cinematic delights of the past year might just provide ideas for that perfect Christmas present! It has certainly been an interesting year for Irish cinema-goers with many and varied screen offerings.

In early January, Clint Eastwood's hugely popular American Sniper hit Irish screens. It was a rather jingoistic take on the life of the late Navy SEAL Chris Kyle and his sniper activities in the Iraq War. Bradley Cooper's bulked-up performance as the most lethal sniper in US history was excellent (earning him a nod at the Oscars), but the film itself was a mixed bag and rather unsatisfactory as a whole.

The American star has had a good year in terms of exercising his acting chops. In theatre, Cooper wowed Broadway and the West End with his blistering performance as the Elephant Man. Cooper is currently cooking up histrionics as a troubled Michelin chef in the predictable comedy-drama, Burnt.



The quirky, spectacular black comedy Birdman saw the resurrection of Michael Keaton's career. A star of 80s cult comedies and Batman films, his film career has taken a nosedive in recent years. Keaton's role as a washed-up film star, making one last stand to revive his flagging career and life, ironically echoed the actor's own real-life situation. He always excelled in manic roles, and his faded Birdman hero is superb, energetic, moving and hilarious by turns. Not surprisingly, it earned him an Oscar nomination.



Colin Firth turned up in the entertaining Kingsman: The Secret Service. Based upon the acclaimed comic book, director Matthew Vaughan (Layer Cake, X-Men: First Class) had enormous fun sending up the spy genre. If you like your action-flicks stylish and subversive, then this is the film for you. Firth is surprisingly effective as a Bond-like secret agent and equally at home with the physical kick-ass stuff as he is with the witty one-liners. The young apprentice agent, played by newcomer Taron Egerton, is also an actor to watch out for.



The 2015 Oscar race saw Birdman, American Sniper, The Theory of Everything and The Imitation Game battling it out for the top honours. In the end, Birdman dominated with four of the top awards. Surprisingly, American Sniper, despite its financial clout (always a good-sign in Hollywood) was spectacularly snubbed by

In smaller films, Julianne Moore and Eddie Redmayne

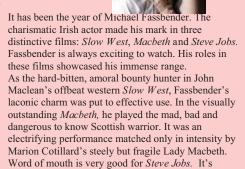
Alice is elevated by Moore's portrayal of a woman experiencing the early on-set of Alzheimer's disease. The versatile actress' performance is subtle, underplayed and genuinely moving in a heartfelt drama that treats its difficult subject-matter with sensitivity. Still Alice also does not shy away from showing the negative and devastating consequences of the illness on the woman and her family. For this, it is to be commended. Not an easy watch though.

English actor Eddie Redmayne excelled in the role of the famous physicist Stephen Hawking in biopic The Theory of Everything. Based on his wife's memoir 'My Life with Stephen, the film is a fictionalised account of their relationship and Hawking's battle with motor neurone disease. Redmayne and Felicity Jones, as his wife Jane, make for an affecting screen couple. The former in particular is extraordinary, pulling out all the stops in a physically demanding role. The film is at its best when depicting the human drama at the heart of his personal life.



this Christmas!

In the most hyped film of 2015, Jamie Dornan took on the controversial role of Christian Grey in the film adaptation of EL James' Fifty Shades of Grey. Though wildly successful in financial terms, the film itself was too many shades of disappointing, and snarky critics had a field day. Dakota Johnson's performance as the ingénue Ana was its one saving grace. Overall, a weak rushed script, diluted carnality and an underwritten part for Dornan made Fifty Shades a rather dull, grey affair!



With a powerhouse performance from Fassbender and Aaron Sorkin's red-hot script, Danny Boyle delivers a

Fassbender's best chance at an Oscar yet.



fascinating look at Apple's co-founder and genius. Jobs was ground-breaking in his changes to the world of technology, but his less desirable traits are highlighted in Sorkin's piercing screenplay. Fassbender brilliantly plays up the self-centred, abrasive and ruthless side to Jobs' personality. Kate Winslet lends superb support as his frustrated work colleague. Steve Jobs is absorbing, enjoyable, intelligently made and a sure-fire Oscar contender come 2016.

Our own Saoirse Ronan is another likely contender for an award next year. Her captivating performance as the Irish émigré in the coming-of-age tear-jerker Brookyln is one of the best of 2015.

The summer of 2015 was dominated by entertaining and slick reworkings of classic spy romps like The Man from U.N.C.L.E. and Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation. Part of the viewer's pleasure in these franchises is the built-in familiarity factor. Studios play to these expectations. These films easily filled

Minions. Although the most entertaining spectacle of 2015 was undoubtedly the 40 foot giant minion making an impromptu appearance on a Dublin motorway in

cineplexes as did crowd-pleasers Jurassic World and

August!

One of the best films of the year was Thomas Vinterberg's visually sumptuous take on a Hardy classic, Far from the Madding Crowd. The brilliant Carey Mulligan (Suffragettes) and Belgian actor Matthias Schoenaertes lit up the screen as would-be lovers in this rural tale of thwarted love and passions in 19th century Wessex. Everything about Vinterberg's film is exquisite: cinematography, screenplay, music and exemplary performances all combine to magical

2015, make it this one.



The winter months have brought the latest chapter in the age-defying Bond franchise. Spectre is the followup to the very popular Skyfall of 2012. As expected, there are stunning action set-pieces aplenty (with an amazing opening scene) but a rather lack-lustre script lets it all down. Spectre is not the rollercoaster-ride that made its predecessor so compelling. Daniel Craig has hinted that this may be his last outing as 007. On the plus side, he is still eminently watchable as Bond, and the dapper Christopher Waltz was born to play a Bond villain.

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