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Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016

Photo Gallery Inside



Fergus Finlay Guest Speaker at The Saint Patrick Foundation Breakfast in the Glenroyal Hotel on St Patrick's Morning



Scoil Rince Uí Dhughail Irish Dancers performing at the Saint Patrick Foundation Breakfast in the Glenroyal on St Patrick's Day Morning



Winners of the Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Memorial Trophy (Best Portrayal of Irish Culture) (Inaugural Award) - Michael Noone Motors



Peter Nevin & Hilda Dunne (Maynooth Local History Group) winners of the Spirit of Saint Patrick Award presented by Naoise Ó Cearúil.



The Dublin Discovery Choir performing at the Saint Patrick Foundation Concert in the Glenroyal on St Patrick's Evening



Ruth Trimble & Claire Mulligan performing at the Saint Patrick Foundation Concert in the Glenroyal on St Patrick's Evening

The St Patrick's Day Parade Committee would like to thank the following for their generous sponsorship without which the Parade would not be possible: An Siopa Milseán - Brady's Bar & Lounge - Derrinstown Stud - Jim's Shoe Repairs - John Merrick Dental Surgeon - Kildare County Council - McMahon's Bar & Lounge - Mulcahy Family Butchers - O'Neill's Bar & Steakhouse - Thornton's Recycling - Willie Kiernan Sound Services. Also all the Parade entrants & Kildare Fire Service (Maynooth).



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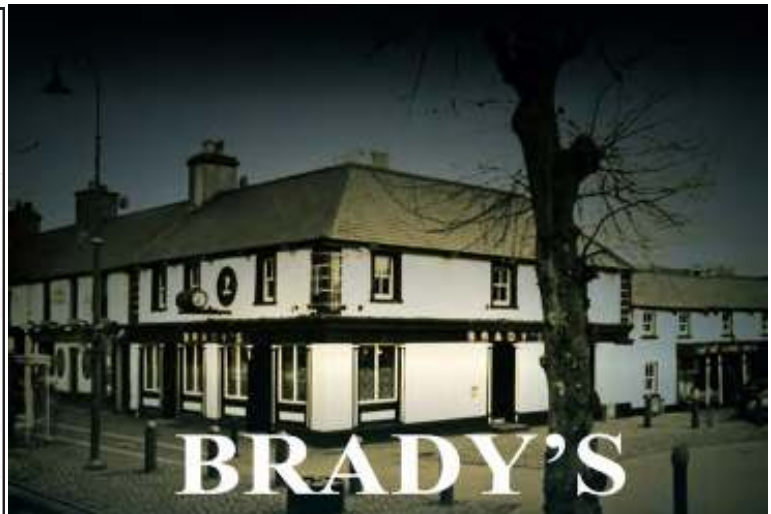
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Maynooth Post Primary School performed another blockbuster transition year musical 'EVITA' this year. The production ran for 5 nights in early February to a full house each night. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Photos courtesy of Mark Colfer



Maynooth Shop Fronts Dress Up For St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016





COMHALTAS

Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

St. Patrick's Day was one of the best yet in Maynooth, with the weather conspiring with a terrific effort from a range of displays, to make it a fantastic occasion for the entire town. As usual, Craobh Mhaigh Nuad was well represented with our ever growing cohort of young musicians playing their hearts out from early morn till sundown.

St. Patrick Foundation Breakfast

The day commenced at 8:15am with a performance in the Glenroyal Hotel, and the Craobh were honoured to play at the Saint Patrick Foundation breakfast. Following a few tunes, and a song by branch crooner Owen, a number of presentations were held, reminding all of Patrick's inspirational story and the relevance of his message and experience to the modern world. The great breakfast served by the Hotel stood us all in good stead for the day's travails ahead.

The Parade

Well fed and warmed up, the group moved on to the Parade where they slotted in, in-front of the An Nuadh Players in the marching order. The Parade was very well attended, with the sunshine bringing out record numbers to cheer along the floats. As per usual the Craobh performed a reel for the main gallery and kept the tunes lashing out all the way through the town to Tesco's car park. At this point, the musicians had a brief, but well earned breather before the next engagement.

Maynooth Lodge Nursing Home

The residents of Maynooth Lodge were then treated to a special performance – thanks to all who made this lovely session possible and extended such a warm welcome to the branch.

McMahon's

All performances now done and dusted, the members, could kick back and settle down to a serious session in our usual haunt, upstairs in McMahon's. From 5pm, the children played through their repertoire, and, year on year it is fantastic to see how this group are maturing musically. They provided 2.5 hours of quality music and song.

Of particular note was when the group were joined by Rita Doyle's dancers for a number of sets. For many of the young musicians it was their first time playing for dancers, which is an experience that is bound to stay with them. There is really nothing like playing music for such wonderful dancers. We look forward to working with you again in the near future girls!

There was still lots of traditional music being played around the town – a session outside Brady's, inside Brady's, music in the Glenroyal – it almost felt like the heady days of last July and Fleadh Laighean. So plenty of outlets for those who were not quite spent after this tiring, but very memorable day.

Easter and April

Looking forward to April, the Kildare Fleadh is being held on 24th April and is again being hosted by our neighbouring branch in Kilcock. Fleadh weekend is always good for sessions and a buzz around the town, so please attend for both the sessions and to look at the up-and-coming young performers.

Our regular Wednesday night session in McMahon's is still running from 10 or so - keep an eye out on the regular Twitter / Facebook feeds for details of these impromptu, pop-up sessions. Again, all are welcome to McMahon's sessions, young or old, and whether branch members' or not.

Go n-éirí an cheoil linn!
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Craobh Mhaigh Nuad Float, en route to the St Patrick's Day Parade



St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Newsletter Notes April

March was a very busy month for the Band with Parades in Dunboyne on Sunday 13th and the Maynooth Parade on St. Patrick's morning quickly followed by the parade on Kilcock. Thankfully the weather played its part on St. Patrick's Day and as a result huge crowds turned out for both parades. We were fortunate to have one of the biggest Bands for years in the Maynooth parade and even got a mention on the RTE 1 evening news which was a

real bonus and winning the best band in the parade award was the icing on the cake. It goes without saying that the Band really appreciates the support it gets from the Community and it was gratifying to hear so many people commenting on how attractive our new uniforms looked. It was interesting to note that of all the non-pipe bands in the parades shown on the RTE evening news the Maynooth Band uniform was way in front of any of the others.

Hopefully our performances over St. Patrick's Day will attract new members, both beginners and proficient musicians, to our Monday night rehearsals (Bank Holidays excepted) in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 8 and 9.45pm where you will

receive a warm welcome. The Secretary can be contacted on sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie for full details on membership or enquiries re band engagements or indeed any information whatsoever regarding the Band.



Community Council Notes

MCC notes from the meeting of March 14th held at Maynooth Community Space at 8pm

Rebecca Doolin from Maynooth University attended the meeting to update the Council on the document containing the Proposed Draft Vision for the University Campus. Maynooth has the fastest growing University in Ireland and the proposed vision reflects this. It needs to be emphasised that this document is NOT set in stone and its current objective is to stimulate discussion between the Uni and the residents of Maynooth.

The document explores how the University should grow in tandem with the town, the improvement of facilities, the relationship with the Community and the putting in place of methods to make the Campus more student friendly. There will be a public meeting at 7pm on Thursday April 7th in the Iontas Building on the North Campus. Professor Nolan, the President of the University will address the meeting and will seek feedback and consultation from the public and the students and staff of the University. If you want more information in order to be prepared for the meeting then you can visit maynoothuniversity.ie/campusmasterplan or call in to the Newsletter Office where a hard copy of the proposal can be viewed. It is hoped that following the consultation period, a final plan can be in place by July. Any ideas or concerns can be forwarded to the University by emailing campus.masterplan@nuim.ie

ClIr Naoise Ó Cearúil suggested that Maynooth University should liaise with KCC regarding ideas for traffic calming and parking facilities so that both sets of ideas can work in harmony. Paul Croghan went a little further and suggested that both Maynooth University and KCC consult the residents in all forward planning. The Maynooth plan should consider those inside AND outside the walls of the University.

Rebecca also invited the Community to the launch of this years Darkness into Light event. The launch will be in the University Library on April 12th. The event itself will take place on May 7th beginning at 4.15 am and registration is ongoing presently online. Please check out the Darkness into Light Maynooth Facebook page for regular updates and registration links.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Minister Michael Ring acknowledging the Councils letter to the Dept of Tourism and Sport regarding the provision of a new swimming pool in the area. The University development contains a joint proposal between Maynooth University and KCC for such a venture. In the same vein, a letter was received from a resident asking if there were any 'water confidence' classes in the area, and lamented the lack of a public pool and gym facility in the area. If anyone knows of any such classes for the public, please let us know at the Newsletter Office and the info can be passed on to the letter writer.

The final letter received was from Megan, a former participant in the Community Council's Employment Scheme. Using the knowledge and experience gained on the scheme, Megan has now entered full time employment and wished to thank the Council and in particular John Doogan, the supervisor of the scheme. The Council employs 25/30 people on the scheme and aims to train the participants in order to help them gain full time employment. In recent years the scheme has had 95% placement after training. Paul Croghan expressed an opinion that the MCC Office staff are under appreciated. They are responsible for the *Newsletter*, supporting the Council and its sub-committees, and are used as an Information Point by residents on community related matters. They also provide such services as CV assistance, printing, letter writing, photocopying etc. Richard Farrell pointed out that many people have passed through the scheme and have gone on to successfully gain

employment in the fields of the Environment and Social/Community Involvement. He added that the work of the Office staff needs to be publicised.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

ClIr Naoise Ó Cearúil informed the meeting that plans were finalised for the St Patrick's Day Festival. The parade would begin at 11 am from Greenfield Shopping Centre and make its way towards Tesco along the usual route. It was said that RTE would be present on the day. The day began with the St Patrick's Day Breakfast organised by the St Patrick Foundation in the Glenroyal Hotel with Fergus Finlay from Barnardos as the guest speaker. That evening there was a concert between 7pm and 9pm with Dublin Discovery Gospel Choir and Ruth Trimble.

TIDY TOWNS

Mattie Callaghan reported on the first big Saturday clean up of the year which took place on March 12th. Maynooth TT met up with Leixlip at Pike Bridge having begun in their own areas. Mattie sadly reported that trailer loads of litter had been collected. He also expressed his extreme annoyance and disappointment at the aftermath of the election. In the first place some posters had been erected haphazardly and not secured properly, resulting in injuries to the public.

Posters had slipped to head height and some had blown off poles completely. Others had been removed in acts of vandalism and had been dumped in bushes and streams. In these cases and even in some cases of the posters being removed by candidates and their teams, the amount of cable ties left on poles or just discarded where they fell was a disgrace. Mattie said that in the event of future elections posters would be banned around the church. There would be an exclusion zone, hopefully from Aldi to Tesco, in order to keep the town from looking unsightly.

It was suggested that KCC examine the possibility of charging candidates for each poster erected, with proceeds being passed on to Tidy Towns all over Kildare to aid with the clean up. Perhaps a by-law could be passed to keep posters away from town centres as most people don't pay attention to them anyway, and could be regarded as a form of litter. ClIr Ó Cearúil said this might discourage people from standing as candidates, and as such may not be a realistic option.

On March 19th there was a WEEE collection point at Tesco Maynooth. All unwanted electrical equipment was collected for recycling, which benefits Maynooth Tidy Towns when it comes to the judging process at competition time. Mattie Callaghan said that this is an important event as he had removed 2 TVs from byroads in the Maynooth area. Our area has one of the highest rates of recycling in the country so dumping of electrical goods in ditches is unnecessary.

Richard Farrell mentioned that April is National Spring Cleaning Month and Maynooth Tidy Towns have a clean up event planned for April 9th. All Residents' Associations can apply to KCC or An Taisce for refuse sacks and litter pickers to aid in the maintenance of estates. These applications can be made online. A new Committee has been elected and will be soon making the application for this years Tidy Towns Competition. Estates that have any new features should make the Committee aware of these features to be included in the application. Richard thanked outgoing committee members Mattie Callaghan, Paul Croghan and Mary Farrell for many years of service to Tidy Towns. The new committee were congratulated. John Kavanagh is the new Chairperson with Vinny Mulready as Vice-Chair. Other officers include Richard Farrell as PRO, Mary Jennings as Treasurer and Mary Molloy as Secretary.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Catherine Mulready reported on the successful Tea Dance held in February with a Valentines theme and said the

seniors were looking forward to the Green themed party on March 20th. Attendees were being encouraged to wear green to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Catherine also thanked the public for their generosity during their recent Church gate collection. The sum raised was just over €1900.

ICA

The ladies from the local ICA collected on Daffodil Day at Tesco, Supervalu and Aldi. The dignity bags from their Christmas Campaign went to a Hostel on Andrews St in Dublin. The guild meeting on April 14th will have a New Zealand theme. June 25th is the date for the AGM and on April 30th the ladies will attend a Craft Day in Castledermot.

CCE CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

Classes will resume on April 6th after the Easter break. Members attended the Flag raising ceremony at the Educate Together School and marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade. There was a session in McMahons on the evening of the 17th March with senior and junior members performing.

EDUCATE TOGETHER

The school had their flag raising ceremony on Tue 15th March with students attending in 1916 garb, which was also the theme of their entry in the Parade.

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION

Outgoing President Matt O'Boyle is currently compiling an Employability of Students register. Any local businesses that may be hiring over the summer can make contact with Matt to be added to the list. He can be contacted at president@nuimsu.com

The recent Disability Awareness week on campus was a huge success. The 'Here I Am' campaign was to the forefront with many large photos on display. This was in conjunction with Down Syndrome Ireland. Elections for new Officers of the Students Union took place recently and when the new President takes office in September, a Community Liaison Officer will be put in place to further consolidate the relationship between Maynooth University and the residents of Maynooth.

SCOUTS

Johnny Dowling reported that Scouts were looking forward to participating in the Parade. The Venturers are preparing for their trip to Italy, with Scouts going to Castle Sanderson and Beavers heading for Pallaskenry. The Hall is being well utilised by many and varied groups. The Scouts are furthering their cross border associations by exploring Facebook and Skype sessions with International Scouts in other countries. They will be checking to see if our twin town Canet has a Scout troop, and if there is such a troop then a camping trip will be planned for the future.

GUIDES

There are roughly 60 members ranging from 5-18 attending weekly meetings with all looking forward to the parade. Feb 22nd was their annual Thinking Day. A recent outing to the DSPCA was enjoyed by all attending.

MAYNOOTH SUMMER FESTIVAL

Jacqui Farrell informed the meeting that the dates for this years festival have been confirmed. July 8-10 will showcase many different events with the Harbour and Maynooth Castle being used again this year. The very popular SilverArm Sessions will return with other events including a Vintage Car Show, Adventure Sports, Tesco Family Day and a Mind-Body and Soul Centre. The Festival Committee will be holding fundraisers in the near future starting with a Table Quiz in O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse on Friday April 8th. Entry fee is €20 per table of 4 and it will start at 8.30. The Tesco Community Fund (Blue Chip) will also raise funds to aid with the costs of holding the festival. Anyone wishing to get involved can contact the Committee at maynoothfest15@gmail.com

Editorial

"Better Together" was the slogan used by the No side in the Scottish Referendum in 2014 and as we know it persuaded the majority of Scots to vote to stay in the United Kingdom. For me these two words encompass the greater benefits of mutual support and co-operation that applies in many things we do and more particularly in community activities. In Maynooth, the benefits of people with common aims working together was evident in recent events.

The St. Patrick's Festival which joined the Maynooth Community Council St. Patrick's Day events with those of the St. Patrick's Foundation brought us a daylong celebration on March 17th. The 1916 Commemoration on Easter Monday involved a number of Maynooth Groups working together to make this celebration of the "Maynooth 15" a very memorable event. It was even noticeable that a number of shop front windows were decorated with very appropriate materials with ZIPYARD and the Barber Shop having particularly relevant displays.

Another special event that showed us that combining our talent brings bigger rewards was on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, An Nuadha Players brought drama to the streets in Maynooth with the production of "Conquered Not Were We" a play written by local writer Martina Reilly. The play was performed in the town centre from the College Gates and at Carton House and brought live drama, colour and a historical lesson which reminded us of the principles that the "Maynooth 15" were willing to put their own lives in the cause of Irish Freedom and self-determination from British rule.

"Better Together" can also help us to shape the future of Maynooth. The launch of a draft strategic plan by Maynooth University outlining the longer term development plans for the University is to be welcomed. The University is planning to grow to over fifteen thousand students in the next five years which means that the population inside the University Campus will be equal to or greater than the population of the town outside the campus. In the draft strategy document called "Genius loci" placemaking - President of Maynooth University says that "the campus will grow and change significantly in the coming two decades and "that this draft vision and plan is presented to you to elicit your views and responses".

There are a number of public events in April where you can see the plans and you should contact Maynooth University for details or check their website. Of Course Maynooth University is an important component of the town but without being unfair it is likely that input from the wider community on aspects of the plans where the University and the wider community can work together will only improve the outcome for everyone. This is the first and possibly only opportunity that the wider community will get to help shape the future of Maynooth University and consequently the town so you should participate. After all it is already clear that "Better Together" combining mutual interests and goals can only bring benefits to all.

For the record 2016 is another "Census Year" with the 24th April 2016 being the formal date for completion of the Statutory Form which has been distributed to every house in Maynooth.

Paul Croghan

Maynooth 2016 Summer Festival 8th - 10th July

Table Quiz In Support of Maynooth Summer Festival 2016



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Maynooth Labour News

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Footpath to Educate Together Approved for Funding
Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council's Director of Services that the National Transport Authority (NTA) has approved funding of €100,000 for the construction of the missing section of footpath from Rockfield to the Educate Together School. John has been pressing for this footpath since the school opened.

The NTA has also approved €290,000 for the North / South Cycling and Walking route from the Train Station to the Moyglare Road junction with the Kilcock Road and €365,000 for the Royal Canal Cycling Route from Leixlip to The Harbour, Maynooth.

Update on Straffan Road/M4 Problems

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update to his motion at the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting 9 March:

"It is proposed to arrange a meeting of the key stakeholders – Kildare County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Maynooth Business Park – to examine peak time traffic issues with the objective of possible improvements"

Cllr. John McGinley Calls for Noise Reduction Measures for the M4

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 9 March:

"That sound reduction barriers be erected along the M4 at Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock in order to reduce the noise level from this 22 year old motorway and that pressure be put on the NRA to re-surface the M4 from Leixlip to Kilcock with low noise emitting tarmacadam."

John got the following response:

"The District Manager has raised this issue with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and is currently in discussion with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding timescales for resurfacing the M4, and the type of material to be used adjacent to residential areas. These works are scheduled to take place in late 2016 or early 2017. Once the timescale is agreed, the District Manager will update the municipal

district members."

John stated that it was very good news that the M4 was being re-surfaced and that it was essential that low noise emitting tarmacadam was used.

Cllr. John McGinley has also asked the following Clause be included in the County Development Plan being drafted at present:

"It is an objective of the Council:

To ensure that the M4 from Leixlip to Kilcock is resurfaced with low noise emitting tarmacadam and that sound barriers are erected adjacent to residential areas."

Update on Newtown Road Traffic Calming:

Cllr. John McGinley was advised that a scheme will be designed later this year for Traffic Calming on Newtown Road, Maynooth. John asked that it include Gateways and flashing "Your Speed" signs as they are very effective.

Update on Widening of Footpath at the Railpark Side of the Straffan Road/Celbridge Road Junction.

The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that he will not be proceeding with the widening of the footpath at this location as a land take is required and the landowners are not amenable to the scheme.

Update on Preventing Waste Bins from being collected before 7am

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That Bye-Laws be introduced to prevent waste bins from being collected prior to 7am" was considered at the Council Meeting on 29 February.

John got the following reply from the Director of Services:

"The concerns regarding early morning starting times has been an issue nationally for a number of years.

Following consultation with all interested stakeholders, the Department of the Environment Community and Local Government has put in place new regulations to address the issue.

The regulations introduce a new national restriction on kerbside collections which state that collections cannot

commence before 6.00 am and must finish by 10.00 pm. This restriction will apply to all areas within in a 60 kilometre speed zone or less.

(The regulations do not restrict areas where an 80 Kilometre or higher speed limit applies)

The new restrictions are effective from 1st July 2016."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that while the new Regulations are welcome they did not go far enough as 6 am is far too early for bin collection. John stated that he still wanted By-Laws introduced preventing bins from being collected before 7 am.

The Director of Services stated that he would get legal advice on whether or not the Council could do so.

Begging in Maynooth

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley, former T.D. Emmet Stagg wrote to Garda Superintendent, Gerard Wall, about the very serious issue of organized begging in Maynooth. He got the following reply on 23 February:

"The offence of begging as you are aware is a very sensitive social issue, and the Public Order Act, 2011 stipulates the offence must include harassment, assault, threatening, or obstruction of another person.

I have directed uniform and plain clothes members to give this matter attention and in the period since your correspondence, three arrests have been made in Maynooth for this offence.

There is little evidence of harassment or threats, however I appreciate the public can be alarmed by aggressive begging.

The matter will be kept under review and appropriate action taken to alleviate public concerns."

General Election Result

Whilst we are disappointed with the General Election result in Kildare North, Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank those in Maynooth who supported our candidate Emmet Stagg in the General Election on February 26th.

Emmet's Advice Service is temporarily suspended but we hope to reopen the Advice Service in the near future. We will advise you further on this.

If you need to contact Emmet on any matter of interest to you please email Emmet at emmet.stagg@votelabour.ie

Maynooth Town FC Notes

Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2016

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
10-Jan	1,7,9,15	€1,000	Jenifer Sutton - Keith Farrell - Dan Casey
17-Jan	1,18,21,25	€1,050	Conor Strickland - Ian Flanagan - Ray Browne
24-Jan	5,17,24,28	€1,100	Sheila Ganley - Jodie Lyons - Brian Connolly
31-Jan	6,16,24,25	€1,150	Paul Keogh - Miley Scanlon - Pat Power
07-Feb	9,14,16,27	€1,200	Jim's Shoe Repair - Mark & Lisa Thompson - Margaret Howard
14-Feb	3,5,6,26	€1,250	Packy Carroll - Sam Feeney - Seamus Kearney
21-Feb	8,18,21,28	€1,300	Eileen Leavey - John Saults - Fiona Flanagan
28-Feb	5,6,15,24	€1,350	Rita Flynn - Adrienne Lynam - Andrea Geraghty
06-Mar	1,6,9,14	€1,400	Hugh Faherty - Brian Connolly - Gerard Hynes
13-Mar	8,17,24,27	€1,450	Emma Gallagher - Terry Hinds - Sarah Molloy
20-Mar	7,9,14,28	€1,500	Patrick Gilligan - Daniel Hever - Conor & Stephen Saults

Cheltenham Festival 2016

Tipster Results

1st - Mark Murphy - €1000

2nd - John Maloco €100

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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 www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

Treatment Abroad Scheme

Question

I know that medical treatments available in Ireland can be accessed in other EU countries instead. What if I need a treatment that isn't available in Ireland?

Answer

If you are entitled to public health services that are available in Ireland, it is possible to access these services in the European Economic Area (EEA) and be repaid the cost under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive.

If you are a public healthcare patient and need treatment that is **not** available to you in Ireland, you may be able to use the Treatment Abroad Scheme to get the treatment in another country in the EEA or Switzerland. The Scheme may provide help with travel costs for the patient and a travelling companion, where appropriate.

You must be referred for treatment abroad by an Irish-based consultant who is treating you as a public patient. You cannot refer yourself or be referred by a GP.

You, and your referring consultant, must complete an application form and include a copy of your referral letter. Your application must be approved by the Health Service Executive (HSE) before you travel or start treatment abroad. You will get a decision on your application by letter, usually within 15 to 20 working days. If your application is not approved, you will be told the reasons and given information on how to appeal the decision.

If your application is approved, the HSE will issue a form called S2 (also known as E112). This authorises treatment abroad so that you do not have to make any payment to the healthcare provider. The treatment you have abroad must be in public healthcare under a registered medical practitioner in a recognised hospital or other institution that accepts the form S2. If you don't have the S2 at your appointment, you may be charged and not be refunded. Any treatments or consultations that are not pre-approved will not be covered.

For an application form, contact the Treatment Abroad Scheme Office. You can get the contact details for your area by calling the HSE Infoline on Callsave 1850 24 1850 or online at hse.ie/treatment abroad.

Home Renovation Incentive

Question

We plan to extend our home and hope to claim the Home Renovation Incentive. How does this scheme work?

Answer

The Home Renovation Incentive (HRI) scheme enables homeowners to claim tax relief on repairs, renovations or improvement work carried out on their homes. Landlords can also avail of the scheme. It is paid in the form of a tax credit at 13.5% of qualifying expenditure, which can be set against your income tax over 2 years. You must be paying income tax to avail of the HRI. You must also be up to date with your Local Property Tax (LPT) obligations.

Your contractor must be registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) in Ireland and be tax compliant. They also have to register the work on the HRI online administration system. If you use several contractors, such as a builder, a plumber and an electrician, you can combine the cost of the works to make up the minimum qualifying expenditure of €5,000 excluding VAT at 13.5%.

Repair, renovation or improvement work subject to VAT at 13.5% all qualify for the HRI, including extensions and attic conversions; supply and fitting of kitchens, bathrooms and built-in wardrobes; fitting of windows; plumbing, tiling, rewiring and plastering. Work subject to VAT at 23% is not covered. Neither are items such as furniture, white goods or carpets.

The work must be carried out and paid for by 31 December 2016. In general, the tax credit is paid over the 2 years following the year in which the work is carried out and paid for. If you are a PAYE taxpayer, the credit will be included in your annual Tax Credit Certificates. If you are a self-assessment taxpayer, it will be incorporated into your tax assessment.

After work starts you should log in to HRI online to check that your contractor (s) have entered details of the work. You will not be able to claim the HRI tax credit if the details have not been entered onto HRI online. Once the work has been completed you can claim the HRI credit. You access the HRI online system through Revenue's my Account service or through the Revenue Online Service (ROS) if you are registered for ROS. There is detailed information for homeowners and landlords on revenue.ie.

Census 2016

Question

Can you explain how the census works? Do I have to complete the form?

Answer

The Census of Population counts every person who is in the State on a particular date. It establishes the size of the population in the State and it also helps to provide an accurate measure of population changes due to inward and outward migration.

The census takes place every 5 years and is carried out by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The next census will be on **Sunday 24 April 2016**.

The census counts everyone who is present in the State on the designated night, including visitors who usually live abroad. Under the Statistics Act 1993, you are legally obliged to complete and return the census form. If you refuse to provide this information, or if you deliberately provide false information, you may be fined.

Teams of enumerators deliver census forms to every household and to every other type of place where people may be present on census night (such as hotels, guesthouses, hospitals, ships). Everyone who is actually on the premises on census night, including visitors, should be counted. Census enumerators call to all households to deliver forms before census night and then call back to collect completed forms. Enumerators all carry ID and can help if you have

difficulty completing the form.

The form includes a wide range of questions, including age, marital status, sex, place of birth, level of education, type of employment and housing characteristics. All the information that you give on the census form is confidential. The CSO only uses it for statistical purposes and no other organisation (including government departments or agencies) can access information from the census that would identify you in any way.

When you have completed the form on census night, sign the declaration at the end of it and keep it safe until your enumerator calls back to collect it.

Discrimination when renting residential property

Question

Are advertisements saying that landlords won't accept tenants getting Rent Supplement allowed?

Answer

Equality legislation applies to lettings and accommodation. The Equal Status Acts 2000-2015 ban certain kinds of discrimination. Broadly speaking, discrimination means that you receive less favourable treatment than other people in a comparable situation on grounds of gender, civil status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race or membership of the Traveller community. Landlords cannot discriminate against potential tenants on these grounds.

Since 1 January 2016, following an amendment to the Equal Status Acts, landlords cannot discriminate against tenants because they are getting Rent Supplement or any other social welfare payment, or a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

This means that landlords can no longer state when advertising accommodation that Rent Supplement (or HAP) is not accepted and they cannot refuse to rent you accommodation because you are getting Rent Supplement, HAP or a social welfare payment.

However if you are sharing with the home owner (under the Rent a Room Scheme, for example), a license agreement exists and the Acts do not apply. There are some other exemptions.

If you feel you have been discriminated against by a landlord or their agent, you can contact the Workplace Relations Commission to find out more about making a complaint under the Equal Status Acts. Visit workplacerelations.ie for contact details.

For more information about your rights you can contact the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission..

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General Election 2016

It comes as excellent news that both of our candidates for the general election. James Lawless T.D. and Frank O'Rourke T.D. were elected. They are the constituency's newest T.D.s and Maynooth Fianna Fáil would like to congratulate them both sincerely along with Bernard Durkan and Catherine Murphy, commiserations to all the unsuccessful candidates, particularly to the outgoing TDs Emmet Stagg and Anthony Lawlor.

With two Fianna Fáil TD's in North Kildare and two, Fiona O'Loughlin and Seán Ó Fearghail, in South Kildare, we will be well serviced in the Dáil Éireann.

1916 Events in Maynooth

There were a number of events taking place in Maynooth to commemorate 1916 and we would like to congratulate the organisers of each of them. The Maynooth 1916 Committee held their annual commemoration on Easter Sunday, An Nuadha Players performed, "Conquered Not We Were" and the Maynooth Education Campus PTA had their 10km and 5km Rebellion Run.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade was bigger than ever with an estimated 8,000 people in attendance and a large number of entrants. Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil organised this year's parade for the second year. The awards for best entrants were awarded at the Saint Patrick Concert that evening.

Saint Patrick Breakfast and Saint Patrick Concert

As part of St. Patrick's Day, the Patrick Project organised their annual community breakfast and concert. Both events were well attended by all parts of our community. The highlight of the breakfast is the awarding of the Spirit of Saint Patrick Award. This year's winners were the Maynooth Local History Group, represented by Chairperson Peter Nevin and Hilda Dunne. Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil presented the award as Mayor of Maynooth.

National Transport Authority Approves Funding for Maynooth

After continuous representation from Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil and lobbying for specific projects, the NTA has awarded **€740,000 to projects in Maynooth** out of a total of **€1,400,00 for ALL OF KILDARE**, that's over half the budget for just Maynooth alone. Below are the details of our local projects.

Maynooth North South Corridor	Walking and Cycling route between R148/Moyglare Road and Maynooth Railway Station including footbridge over river on Mill Street (Beside existing bridge).	€290,000
Royal Canal Cycling	Cycle Route between Maynooth and Leixlip along the Canal starting at the Train Station	€365,000
Celbridge Road, Maynooth	Completion of missing footpath up to the Educate Together	€100,000

Local Property Tax Delivers more Maynooth Projects

The local property tax is spread across the constituency, however Cllr. Ó Cearúil has secured three projects for Maynooth. He tabled motions on Old Greenfield, supported by Cllr. McGinley, on the scouts hall and on Laraghbryan cemetery. One of his first motions was on traffic calming for the Newtown / Rathcoffey Road. With a total of **€147,000 being spent in the district, €80,000 will be spent in Maynooth.**

Old Greenfield	Footpath & Ramp repairs and remedial works on the back lanes.	€15,000
Geraldine Hall (Scouts Hall)	Tarmacadam and paving from of Geraldine Hall	€10,000
Laraghbryan Cemetery	Initial improvements and construction of footpaths from Laraghbryan	€40,000
Newtown / Rathcoffey Road	Traffic Calming Measures	€15,000

County Development Plan

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making submission on behalf of Maynooth for the County Development Plan to ensure that our town remains at the forefront of positive development and resourcing.

Re. Student Accommodation,

"That higher density student accommodation is only afforded to Maynooth University or St. Patrick's College Maynooth developments. Potential higher density developments in the environs of Maynooth will not be permitted by other bodies or developers, save for contracts awarded on behalf of Maynooth University or St. Patrick's College Maynooth"

Re. Homelessness,

"The Council will examine all avenues to provide emergency accommodation in the North of the county, presently the only emergency accommodation provided by the council is in the south of the county which is inaccessible to those from North Kildare."

Re. Employment,

"While the development of Collinstown will be examined and promoted, Maynooth will remain as the primary focus as an employment hub."

Re. Tourism,

"That Maynooth Castle is added to the list of tourist attractions"

Re. Transport to Naas Hospital ,

"That the following be included in a needs study for Kildare; "A public transport connection between the North East Metropolitan Area and the county town of Naas".

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**

A Chara,
On behalf of St. Brigids Hospice in The Curragh, I would like to thank the Management, staff and customers of Tesco Maynooth for their donation of €382.47 from their Community Fund towards my Coffee Morning. This money will be put to good use by the in house staff and the Home Care Team. I will be hosting another event later in the year and I hope I can count on the support of the community again. Remember, to die with dignity is a right, not a privilege.

Sincerely,

May Daly
Moyglare Rd
Maynooth

Thank You!

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.



Our March Tea-Dance, which we held on the 20th, was a most enjoyable day with a great atmosphere and a colourful display of green white and orange. Well done to all who entered into the spirit of the occasion. It was encouraging to see so many in attendance, especially all our neighbours from the surrounding areas.

Our next event will be our Easter Tea-Dance and bonnet competition. This will happen on Sunday April 17th and I trust by now the bonnets are taking shape.

When you have that done you can start on your art, craft, needlework etc. in preparation for Bealtaine, which we all know by now is the

celebration of May and our Heritage. With all that exhausting work out of the way you can start packing for a welcome break in Kerdiffstown on June 19th straight after our Summer Tea-Dance.

Our morning club is in full swing every Tuesday and Thursday in the Geraldine Hall and all Seniors are welcome.

Finally may I express our heartfelt sympathy to Lily O'Riordan and the Dempsey / Byrne families on the passing of Mona Byrne. Mona was a member of our committee in the early years and continued as a helper until she became ill. Also to Helen Doyle and the Nolan / Connolly families on the passing of Kitty Connolly.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.
Josephine Moore.

Maynooth Scouts

Parents and Friends Committee

The Parents and Friends Committee is desperately looking for new members. There is no set time commitment, so if you can help at one event a year or on a weekly basis we would love to hear from you. maynoothscoutsec@gmail.com

Bingo

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Maynooth Tidy Towns and Leixlip Tidy Towns did a joint clean up on the Dublin Road on Saturday 12th March. Three trailer loads of litter was collected. Very welcome refreshments were provided by Leixlip Tidy Towns at Pikes Bridge. Thanks to all who helped.

The theme for Maynooth Tidy Towns St Patrick's Day Parade float was Volunteering combining 1916 and 2016. Also our target is going for gold in the future.

Congratulations to John Kavanagh and his team for putting together the float. Flowers were supplied by Eddie Casey of Supervalu and have since been planted around Maynooth. Later on St. Patrick's Day, Mattie Callaghan was presented by Naoise Ó Cearúil with a trophy for the environmental awareness section of the parade.

WEEE Ireland were in Maynooth on Saturday 19th March in Tesco Car Park from 10am to 4pm. Thank you to all from Maynooth Tidy Towns who helped with sorting out of electrical goods. Two and a half 40ft trailers loads of electrical goods were collected.

The Shop Front on Main St. has been updated with new photos, certificates and trophies.

An Taisce's National Spring clean will be held during the month of April.

Maynooth Tidy Towns will be holding their clean up on Saturday 9th April. Details will be on our Facebook page. We are back cleaning up and planting on Saturdays meet the Courthouse Square @ 10am and for Sunday clean up meet at the Courthouse Square @ 7.45am. If you have an hour or two to spare we could do with your help.

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Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2016 Report

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This year marked the thirtieth year of the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade and it seems that it was the busiest one yet. The town was packed with people, estimates of over 8,000 and there was an extremely jovial atmosphere. There were thirty eight entrants and each participant brought something different. Many people would have seen the parade on RTÉ News and UTV, something that we are particularly proud of this year. The theme was, "Commemorating 1916 & Celebrating 2016".

Naturally with any event of this size and nature there is a massive amount of work and numerous people that help on the day. I would like to pay particular thanks to John Doogan and all the staff of Maynooth Community Council's Community Employment Scheme for their help with all aspects of the preparation which was key and couldn't have been done without them. Pat Farrell was instrumental in preparing the town for the event, from putting out barriers to arranging the Reviewing Stand which I am hugely grateful. Thanks also to Morgan & Rob from Manor Cabs for the use of their facilities.

On the day we had help from Richard Farrell, Jacqueline Farrell and some students from Maynooth University; Déirdre Ní Chearúil, Aedraen Ó Dubhghaill and Leon Diop who stewarded the parade. Once again Paul Croghan was excellent as M.C. and kept the crowds entertained throughout. Tom McMullon, Chairperson of M.C.C. gave the opening speech and I am thankful for this.

To make an event like this look and feel great, there is always extra work in the background, thank you to Maynooth Tidy Towns who had the town looking immaculate once again. Thanks also to Mattie Callaghan and Seamus Kennedy for erecting the stairs which was supplied by Eve Larine House for the reviewing stand. Also to Maynooth B.N.S. and Marie Gleeson for chairs and to Willie Kiernan for rigging the entire town with the sound system he provided.

Without our sponsors, this event could simply not go ahead and I respectfully ask people to support these businesses; *Thornton's Recycling, Willie Kiernan Sound Engineering, Derrinstown Stud, Brady's Bar & Lounge, McMahon's Bar & Lounge, O'Neills Public House, An Siopa Milseán, Jim's Shoe Repairs, Mulcahy's Butchers, John Merrick Dental Surgeon.*

This year's parade was also part of the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Festival with events taking place all day. The Saint Patrick Foundation under the stewardship of

Rev. Keith McCrory organised their annual Saint Patrick Breakfast and for the first time, the Saint Patrick Concert. Both events were excellent and the awards for the parade were given out at the concert. Throughout the day, Manor Mills Shopping Centre and the Glenroyal Hotel held family fun day's which continued the community spirit throughout the day.

The winners for the parade were as follows;

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Memorial Trophy (Best Portrayal of Irish Culture)

(Inaugural Award) = Michael Noone Motors

Best Band = St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Best Portrayal of Theme = An Nuadha Players

Best Commercial Entry = The Glenroyal Hotel

Best School Float = Maynooth Post Primary TY, Formula 24

Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness = Maynooth Tidy Towns

Owen Byrne Perpetual Trophy, Best Community Float = Maynooth Educate Together

The stars of the parade were the participants with groups and organisations from the locality showcasing themselves, their skills and their community spirit. Particular mention to the amount of effort everyone put into their entry with particular emphasis on the theme.

We also had a competition for Best Shop fronts and the winners were;

1st The Zipyard

2nd The Barbers, Richie Mulligan

3rd Maynooth Office Supplies.

The parade is primarily funded through grants from Kildare County Council which we are extremely grateful for yet again and the supply of barriers on the day.

Finally thank you to everybody who turned up on the day to cheer on all of the participants and I look forward to seeing you all next year and at the Maynooth Summer Festival.

Is mise le meas,
Naoise Ó Cearúil

Best Shop fronts winners were; 1st The Zipyard; 2nd The Barbers, Richie Mulligan; 3rd Maynooth Office Supplies.



Scoil Rince Uí Dhughail Irish Dancers entertaining the crowd at the Family Fun Day in The Manor Mills Shopping Centre.

Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club
<p>Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
I.C.A.	History Group	Arthritis Ireland
<p>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</p>	<p>Meetings last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre at 8.00pm. All Welcome</p>	<p>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</p>
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
<p>Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	Kildare Intercultural Action Group (KIA)	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189</p>	<p>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/kiamaynooth</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am www.maynoothcc.org Everyone most welcome</p>
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	VINCENT'S
<p>Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St, or contact Josephine on 087 9002296.</p>	<p>Classes every Wednesday from 7p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. For details please contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Volunteers Urgently Required Vincent's Charity Shop Greenfield Shopping Centre Minimum commitment 3½ hours per week Contact Susan Kelly 086-2098871</p>

Diary entries are published free of charge for all Community Groups. E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition. E-mail: maynoothcc@eircom.net. Phone: 01-6285922
(The content of the Monthly Planner Dairy is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups)

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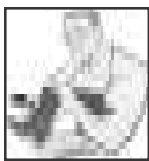
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Highest ever first preference applications for Maynooth University

Maynooth Bachelor of Arts degree the most popular course in the country

Maynooth University has experienced its highest ever level of demand, with more than 3,250 students first preference applications this year. The figure represents a 5% increase from last year. Maynooth University's Bachelor of Arts is now the most popular course in the country, with first preference applications increasing by 16%.

With overall applications to the CAO growing by 2% year on year, this represents a significant first-in-sector achievement for the University, which launched its new undergraduate curriculum at the beginning of the 2015-16 academic year. The model adopted by Maynooth University is unique in the Irish university sector, offering greater flexibility, choice and breadth in degree programmes and expanding opportunities for students to study across disciplines. Maynooth University also made the decision to significantly reduce its number of entry routes—from more than 50 to approximately 30. These broader entry routes greatly simplify the CAO process for students, giving them more time to make the best decisions for their future.

The level of first preference applications the University received this year demonstrates the appeal of the new curriculum across every major field. The Maynooth Arts Degree has seen growth in applications of 16%, while Business and Science have seen significant increases in applications of 5% and 4% respectively. Individual courses with exceptional growth include: Science Education (+40%), Product Design (+11%) and Accounting (+10%).

Commenting on the figures, Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, said: "This is a real milestone for Maynooth University. Last year, we presented a fresh proposition to Irish students in the form of the new curriculum, and today we have received a resounding endorsement for it. It is a tremendous vindication for the bold steps we took to offer students a unique opportunity to have greater flexibility and more control over their education. It is Maynooth University's dedication to listening to students and delivering a different model of education that it tailored to their needs—and the needs of the job market they will encounter upon graduation - that has made us Ireland's fastest growing university." "This continued growth means Maynooth University can continue to invest in campus infrastructure and facilities, which attract world-class researchers, entrepreneurial activity, and highly motivated students to the University today and into the future," Professor Nolan concluded.

Maynooth University Announces Public Consultation Dates for Campus Master Plan

Maynooth University has announced dates for public consultation on its Campus Master Plan, a vision for the future of the University campus to 2025. The University invites the community to a Town Hall meeting and presentation on the draft plan, at which Maynooth University President, President Philip Nolan, will discuss the University's plans and ideas for the campus and listen to ideas, questions and suggestions from the community.

The event will be held on **Thursday, 7th April, 2016 at 7pm in the Iontas Building Lecture Theatre** on the North Campus. Campus Map available at: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/campus-life/campus-map. The draft plan will be on display for public viewing in the Iontas Building Foyer until 15th April. A suggestion box will be available to accept comments. The draft plan can be viewed online at: www.maynoothuniversity.ie/CampusMasterPlan. The public can also provide feedback via that website.

Frank O'Rourke T.D.

Contact Details: Dial Office: 01 6183000 - Mobile: 087 2555257

Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel. - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

Traffic Management Update For Straffan Road in Maynooth -- Deputy O'Rourke.

At my weekly clinics in Maynooth and while canvassing there during the recent General Election a large number of Residents raised the traffic management issue with me regarding the junction at Hayfield Estate on the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

Following my ongoing representations, the Council have confirmed that the developer has engaged with the Council regarding their obligation and planning condition to install signal lights at this junction. However the Council have engaged consultants to carry out traffic movement surveys in Maynooth and in this general location before this condition is complied with in an effort to ensure the outcome will work to operate in a positive way at this location.

The Council have also confirmed to me that the proposed traffic management for this location will be agreed with all stakeholders within three months with the junction been signalised within six months from now. This is the programme that they are operating to deliver.

A roundabout has been suggested at this location, the

Council have confirmed that a roundabout will not be installed at this junction as it will not give safe access and movement to all road users and in particular pedestrians, cyclists, people with disabilities etc. the Council have highlighted to me in regard to this junction and in general that traffic management is about all road users getting there safely, it is not about getting there faster.

If you have any further queries on this or any other issue please make contact with me.

O'Rourke Presses For Improved Broadband Services In Kildare.

Newly elected TD for Kildare North has again raised the issue of poor Broadband coverage in Kildare.

'Having major Multinational IT companies and it simply beggars belief that there are still communities in Kildare which are not served with adequate broadband coverage.'

'Access to an adequate broadband coverage, in terms of capacity and speed, is critical for a whole range of reasons. Businesses, those working from home, students trying to access educational material all require broadband coverage.'

'Recently I met with residents across rural and urban Kildare North to discuss the poor broadband coverage. I gave them a commitment that I would invite them to address the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, once it has been established, to articulate the consequences of poor broadband coverage. I will honour that commitment once the committee has been established.'

'I appreciate that over the last ten years, progress has been made in improving broadband coverage nationally. However, we need to focus now on the areas that have a poor broadband service.'

'I have again made contact with the Minister for Communications and made representations to have the level of broadband services improved. I will continue to lobby for improvements. I was delighted, that in recent months, we secured new cabinets which allow for faster internet speeds in parts of the North Kildare area. We now must finish the job and I look forward to continuing to work with the community to ensure that we succeed.'

'Adequate Broadband Coverage is now a basic infrastructural requirement, and access to it must be considered like other utilities, such as Electricity.'

Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



Maynooth Cycling Campaign

We first changed the name of our organisation from Maynooth Cycling Campaign to Maynooth Cycling a number of years ago. Since then, a local bike shop Maynooth Cycles has opened and an associated cycling club has been formed. We welcome the presence of a local bike shop in the town and wish the club well. However, as there has been some confusion over the name of the different entities, we have decided to revert to our original name Maynooth Cycling Campaign. Everything else will be unchanged so we will still retain our links to *Cyclist.ie - the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network* and through them affiliation to the *European Cycling Federation*.

Clarification - 'DEEMED' vs 'IS'

In a recent article in the Newsletter on the presentation by Maynooth Cycling to the Community Council, the report stated that the (proposed) Moyglare Road cycling track was deemed to be substandard.

The use of 'deemed' is problematic as it seems to imply that the view of the proposed Moyglare Road cycle track as substandard was a personal view of the presenter or one held by Maynooth Cycling. I wish to confirm that the Moyglare Road cycle track **IS** substandard by the objective criteria set out in the (Irish) National Transport Authority's *National Cycle Manual* as well as by UK and Dutch standards.

Low Standards



For many years, pedestrians and cyclists from Moyglare Hall have had to make a long detour to go to Maynooth town centre. While people can see the new junction on the Moyglare Road, the link to Moyglare Hall is not yet on the horizon. New design standards are supposed to place pedestrians and cyclists at the top of the hierarchy of urban road users. Looking at the new junction, it is hard to imagine that any thought has been given to pedestrians on the Moyglare Road and of course there are no segregated cycle facilities on what will be a rat run for traffic going to and from the proposed secondary schools. So much for standards!

The National Transport Authority has revealed its proposed funding of €1.4M to Kildare County Council. In Maynooth, the North South Corridor has been allocated €290,000, the Royal Canal has received €365,000 for development of the towpath and Celbridge Road has received €100,000 for a missing section of footpath. Despite having policies to encourage cycling, there are two schools on the Celbridge Road serving nearly 800 pupils with cycle facilities to neither and people wonder why Maynooth is congested with traffic. Another brilliant planning decision by Kildare County Council!

Maynooth University will also receive €100,000 for a new access gate for pedestrians

and cyclists onto Parsons Street. It is assumed that this will be near Bond Bridge.

Public Consultation on the Royal Canal – Confey to Maynooth

Maynooth Cycling recently made a submission as part of the public consultation on the proposal development of the Royal Canal between Confey and Maynooth. The development forms part of the Dublin-Galway greenway which ran into difficulty with farmers west of the Shannon. As a result, the government switched emphasis to the Royal Canal west of Maynooth as well as the section between Maynooth and Confey. The Dublin Galway route forms part of EuroVelo Route 2 which when finished will allow cycling from Galway to Moscow.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign 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.

Clane Toastmasters



In the first International Club Contest held at Clane Toastmasters recently we heard 5 quality speeches and had a worthy evaluation contest. A big congratulations to the two winners, Yvonne Flynn and Billy Grennan, who will now represent Clane Toastmasters at the upcoming Area Contest. Good luck to both of you!

If you are looking for a dynamic club at which to develop your public speaking and leaderships skills in a friendly environment then look no further than Clane Toastmasters Club. We are helping our members enhance their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Meetings are held in Clane GAA, Prosperous Road, Clane, Co. Kildare, **on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7.45pm.** Our next one is on **6th April** and guests are welcome to attend any meeting for FREE. Join us for a memorable evening and maybe bring a friend you won't regret it!

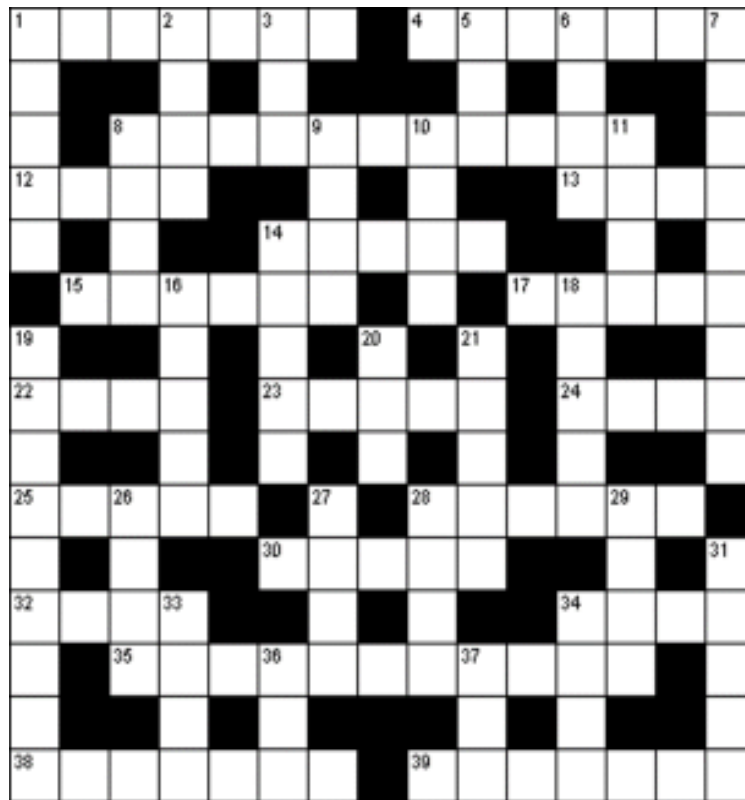
For further information please contact Clane Toastmasters: Ray Lucey (087) 9579941 or Maureen Giblin (087) 2258020

Clues Across

April Crossword - No: 445

Clues Down

1. Niggle (7)
4. Clairvoyant (7)
8. Shaped like a rectangle (11)
12. Chamber (4)
13. Be sorry for (4)
14. Tartan (5)
15. Safe (6)
17. Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
22. Lean (4)
23. Foot-wear (5)
24. Native of Thailand (4)
25. Stories (5)
28. Period of the year (6)
30. Rotates (5)
32. Highway (4)
34. Harden by heat (4)
35. Wheel for propelling a ship (6,5)
38. Assembly (7)
39. Engage in wrestling (7)



1. Approaches (5)
2. Composition in verse (4)
3. Small domesticated carnivore (3)
5. Former coin of France (3)
6. Fellow (4)
7. Hard-shelled pupa (9)
8. Part of verb to ride (4)
9. Wheel shaft (4)
10. Broad smile (4)
11. Religious practice (4)
14. Squeeze (5)
16. Slender boat (5)
18. Mathematics (5)
19. Private room on a ship (9)
20. Happiness (3)
21. Remains of a fire (5)
26. Jump (4)
27. Knitting stitch (4)
28. Frozen water vapour (4)
29. Gemstone (4)
31. Flat shelf (5)
33. Slender missile (4)
34. Wagers (4)
36. Lair (3)
37. Pronoun (3)



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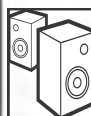
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Drama News An Nuadha Players Community Theatre

**If you like a bit of drama in your life,
you are in the right place.**

Easter Saturday and Monday we witnessed the pageant "Conquered Not Were We" by Martina Reilly. 15 men from Maynooth walked from the College gate through the town, continued on its way through Carton Ave and ending in Carton House under a hail of gunfire and bombs.

From the reaction to the many people and families who followed the play from the start to finish it was a great day out. It gave local people a better understanding of the Maynooth 15 who walked into history.

A really great tribute to these men who believed in a principle and were willing to put their lives on the line to see it through. Regardless of your opinion of the rising, men and women died for something they believed in and it's important we remember and respect their sacrifice.

As you are reading this Red Embers Theatre Company will perform "All For The Bloody Land" 3 one-act plays focusing on World War One, directed by Tom Byrne.

"The Land" by Pauric Brennan "War Stories" by Emma Gibson and Rob Johnson "This Other Land" by Tom Byrne. Castletown House is the spot on April 1st and 2nd at 8pm. Good luck to Tom and Red Embers.

And if that is not enough culture for you, Insight Theatre Group

Celbridge will perform "The Risen People" by James Plunkett and directed by Joe Bergin. This play covers the General Strike known as the 1913 lockout and the people who followed Big Jim Larkin and the fight for the working class to join a much-needed union. Great stuff not to be missed. This will take place at the Kildrought Pub Celbridge on Tues 12th April to Sat 16th and Tues 19th to Fri 22nd. Looking forward to all of these plays.

Just as An Nuadha Players remove their 1916 costumes from Martina's play they will go straight into rehearsal on their next production. "Echoes from a Room" a new play by Terry Nealon set in the inner city in 1966. It asks the question what has changed in the 50 years since 1916. The play is funny, it's sad and at times quite tragic. Come along and enjoy the experience. Directed by Bill Elliffe and assisted by Siomha Glynn. The Play is now in rehearsal and will be performed in the Presentation Convent Wed 29th June to July 3rd. More on this next month.

The great thing about these commemorations is that it gives people a better understanding of what happened at that difficult time and with so many groups and schools involved, it also brings the green white and orange of the Irish flag back to all of the people of Ireland.

Keep the ol plays and the culture going its very good for ya.

By the way has anyone noticed that exits appear to be on the way out?

Mid the Trens.

Terry Nealon

"Conquered Not Were We" by Martina Reilly **Photos by Ian Moore Photography**



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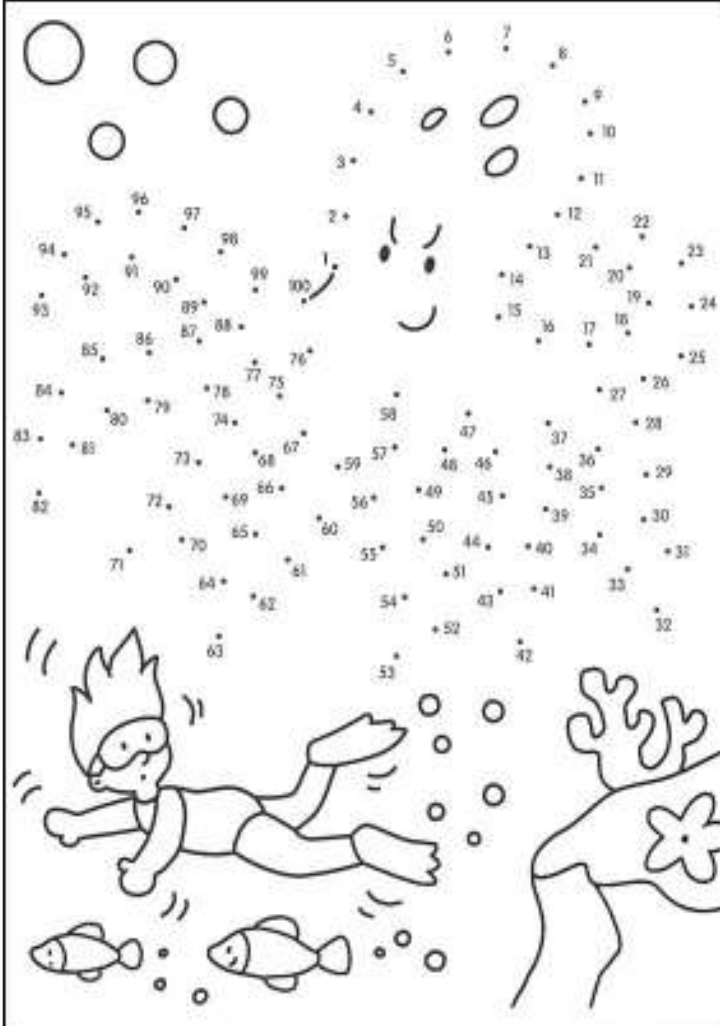
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MICHAEL COLLINS

Starring: LIAM NEESON, AIDAN QUINN & ALAN RICKMAN



In the year in which we commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the 1916 Rising, it is somewhat fitting that *Michael Collins* has been re-released in a digitally remastered print on DVD/Blu-ray and in cinemas nationwide. Writer-director Neil Jordan's rousing historical epic, with an estimated budget of 25 million, was one of the most successful Irish films ever made on its initial release in 1996. It was also decidedly controversial in its subject matter in a political era where 'The Troubles' were ongoing. Jordan's film inevitably courted a degree of criticism both for its incendiary content and historical inaccuracies.

The Dublin-born director had been nurturing his biographical story on the 'Big Fella' for about a decade before the release of *Michael Collins*. A script had been written and backers for a film version sought. It was only with the successes of *The Crying Game* and *Interview with the Vampire* that it was possible for Jordan to attract the Hollywood big guns.



In the early part of the 20th century, a certain Irish Nationalist called Michael Collins took decisive steps towards the cause of Irish independence and sovereignty. He utilised innovative urban guerrilla warfare tactics in an attempt to tackle the strangle-hold of the British Empire. Several books have been written on the iconic Collins and his turbulent role in the path to Irish freedom. He casts a long shadow over our troubled history.

Jordan's film attempts to tackle this shadow head on and begins with the disastrous stand-off at the GPO and the executions of the patriots in Easter week 1916. Michael Collins (Liam Neeson), a minor player in the uprising, is the catalyst for change. He realises in the wake of the Rising that engaging in by-the-book combat against the might of the British is no longer a viable proposition. After a spell in prison, Collins plans a new offensive. The IRA leader mobilises a formidable force, the Irish Volunteers, who engage in cloak-and-dagger subversive activities (planting bombs and dispensing summary executions to the enemies of Irish autonomy). The war of terror eventually succeeds in bringing the British Empire to its knees, but the controversial Treaty produced results in a compromised Collins and bloody Civil War. The rest as they say is history.



Neil Jordan's film is a big old-fashioned epic. He paints Irish history in broad strokes delivering an entertaining thrilling experience. By necessity the complexity of the period is simplified by Jordan and events streamlined to fit into the constraints of a two-hour blockbuster. *Michael Collins* is also populated with composite characters and some stretching of the facts.

Stephen Rea's Dublin Castle 'G man' Ned Broy is in fact a composite of three characters of the period. Jordan's most controversial scene in the film depicts the 'Bloody Sunday' massacre at Croke Park. We witness an armoured tank being driven onto the field (mid-match) of the football stadium and the assembled crowd being riddled mercilessly by staccato machine gun-fire. History tells us it didn't quite happen this way but Jordan's alteration does make for a scene of

heightened tension and drama. We can forgive him his moment of poetic licence.



Liam Neeson was always Jordan's first choice to portray the charismatic military statesman. Big, rugged and handsome, the Ballymena-born actor easily inhabited the role of the heroic Collins. He swaggers across the screen with forceful masculinity, confidence and a degree of arrogance as befits his character. Is it his best role? I would argue that his Oscar-nominated performance in *Schindler's List* is better. Still Neeson gives an undeniably magnetic account of the self-proclaimed 'minister for gunrunning, daylight robbery and general mayhem'.



Jordan does a great job of creating a remarkably atmospheric Dublin in the 1916-1922 period of time. *Michael Collins* plays out like an espionage thriller or gangster film of the 1920s; where the body-count piles up at an alarming rate, and where spies, informers and architects of terror in suits have clandestine meetings on murky, dimly-lit night streets. Chris Menges's persuasive cinematography assists this impression along with sombre grey and blue hues. The intercutting of wedding preparations with an assassination in the later stages has distinct echoes of *The Godfather* films.

The striking period reconstruction by set designer Anthony Pratt involved the construction of full-scale replicas of the GPO and The Four Courts. *Michael Collins* was one of the biggest Irish productions of its day. Dublin would never look so spectacularly beautiful again. Remarkably, thousands of unpaid extras in period costume turned up at various locations anxious to participate in Jordan's epic. Precisely because the director didn't resort to fancy CGI effects, the crowd scenes are especially effective and exhilarating in *Michael Collins*. We rarely get this level of authenticity in films nowadays.



The supporting cast is uniformly excellent. Casting the late Alan Rickman as Collin's arch-rival Éamon de Valera was a master stroke on Jordan's part. The English actor perfectly captures the halting affected mannerisms and rigid personality of the young de Valera. Rickman's cold intellect is the perfect foil to Neeson's passionate and fiery politician. Perhaps unfairly, Jordan sets Rickman's calculating de Valera up as the villain of the piece. Though, history would cast the future leader and President of the Irish Republic in the same role as well. More controversially, Jordan's film seems to implicate de Valera in the death of Collins at Béal Na Bláth.



Aidan Quinn is impressive and affecting in his role as Collins's best friend Harry Boland. Where the film falters is in the introduction of Julia Roberts's Kitty Kiernan to the proceedings. The pace of the film slows down every time she appears. The American actress adds nothing to the story, apart from being the superficial love interest, and her Irish accent is woefully inadequate. Doubtless her presence in *Michael Collins* was a big-name sop to the Hollywood financiers of the film.

Although, Roberts's character is involved in a love triangle with both Neeson and Quinn, the real romance of *Michael Collins* is showcased in the more interesting relationship between Collins and Boland. Their bromance is fascinating to observe and the two actors beautifully capture the fun, comradeship and love of that tragic friendship.



In the role of Ned Broy, Stephen Rea is quietly effective as the covert double agent in the Castle who assists Collins in his war on the British. Ian Hart also does stellar work as Collins's right-hand man, Joe O' Reilly.

Mid-way through the film Liam Neeson's military strategist reveals his philosophy towards the British. He doesn't hate them for their race or brutality but 'because they've left us no way out'. When it comes to Collins's use of violence, Jordan is at pains to show an honorable man forced to extremes by a brutal and uncaring British regime. The words terrorist and freedom fighter are equally applicable when it comes to Michael Collins.

Jordan's biopic is a strikingly visual love-letter and tribute to the vital, determined and courageous force that was Collins in the early years of Irish independence. Jordan's film does not shy away from Collins's obvious flaws as a man and ruthless efficiency in dispatching enemies. But the director cleverly shows us the man behind the politician. We witness the compassion, warmth and charm of Ireland's greatest patriot. A man who desires 'peace and quiet so much', he is willing to die for it. The founding member of the IRA is depicted as a man weary of violence and willing to compromise with the British for the sake of peace and the greater good of the Irish State..



Michael Collins is Neil Jordan's most ambitious and successful film. It is beautifully photographed and vibrant costumes by Sandy Powell help to bring the period to strikingly to life. The editing of the film is razor sharp bringing great urgency to the action scenes. Eliot Goldenthal's soundtrack is haunting and effective. In its 20th year anniversary, *Michael Collins* has never looked better and is certainly worth a second look whether on DVD or on the big screen.

THE MAYNOOTH 10K/5K REBELLION RUN

The Maynooth 10k/5k Rebellion Run will take place on “The 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Rebellion” Sunday 24th April at 10.30am.

The Maynooth Education Campus Parent Teacher Association invite past and present pupils, their families and the general public to celebrate this historic anniversary and the advancements in education over the last 100 years by taking part in our 10K or Family 5K fundraising event. Since 1916 Educational facilities in Maynooth have developed to include second level, and a third level lay University, together catering for almost 14,000 pupils and students.

**Check-in at Maynooth Post Primary School:
Saturday 23rd 2pm - 4pm. Sunday 24th from 8am.
Parking and cloak-room facilities available.**

Entry Form

First Name _____

Last Name _____ Gender _____

Address _____

Email _____ Ph/ Mob _____

Individual entry fee: €20

Family 5K entry fee: €40 *

Please tick box to indicate entry type

10K	<input type="checkbox"/>	5K	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family 5K	<input type="checkbox"/>
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and return completed entry form and fee to the reception at Maynooth Post Primary School Moyglare Road Maynooth, marked 10K/5K.

* Family is a maximum of two adults and one or more children, online entry at

www.maynooth10k.ie

All participants will receive a Rebellion Run medal



L to R: Johnny Nevin, (Principal, Maynooth Post Primary), Paul Robinson (Irish International Athlete), Siobhán McCauley (Principal, Maynooth Community College), Gerry Quinn (Race Marshall) at the launch of The Rebellion Run 2016

Speaking at the launch of the 2016 Maynooth 10k/5k Rebellion Run to be held on Sunday 24th April “The 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising” Mr Johnny Nevin pointed out that in 1966 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary, Maynooth GAA officially opened their new playing field and dressing rooms. He paid tribute to the then GAA grounds committee who raised £8,200 of the development costs of £8,400 locally and thanked the GAA for the use of their playing fields over the decades. He also expressed his thanks to the PTA who organise the 10k and 5k to raise funds for the new multi-purpose playing fields for school and community use which are been developed in partnership with Maynooth GAA. Ms Siobhan McCauley also added her thanks and praised the people of Maynooth, the business community, St Patrick’s College, Carton House, the Gardaí, Kildare County Council and the Maynooth Newsletter for their help and support for the 10k and 5k. Mr Gerry Quinn also added his thanks saying that the number of entrance had grown steadily over the last five years and the route, which starts in St Patrick’s College and continues up Main Street to Pike Bridge and into Carton Demesne, is fast, flat and is popular with runners, joggers and walkers. He also thanked the 100+ volunteers who help make the event such a huge success.



L to R Ciarán Ó Domhnaill, Siobhán McCauley (Principal, Maynooth Community College), Johnny Nevin, (Principal, Maynooth Post Primary) Paul Robinson (Irish International Athlete), Jacinta Murphy, Brendan Broderick. At the launch of The Rebellion Run 2016



On Sunday morning 20th March, starting at 7.00am members of Maynooth 10k committee along with the Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee and personal from Maynooth Fire brigade decorated Court House Square with 1,200 meters of tricolour bunting.

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