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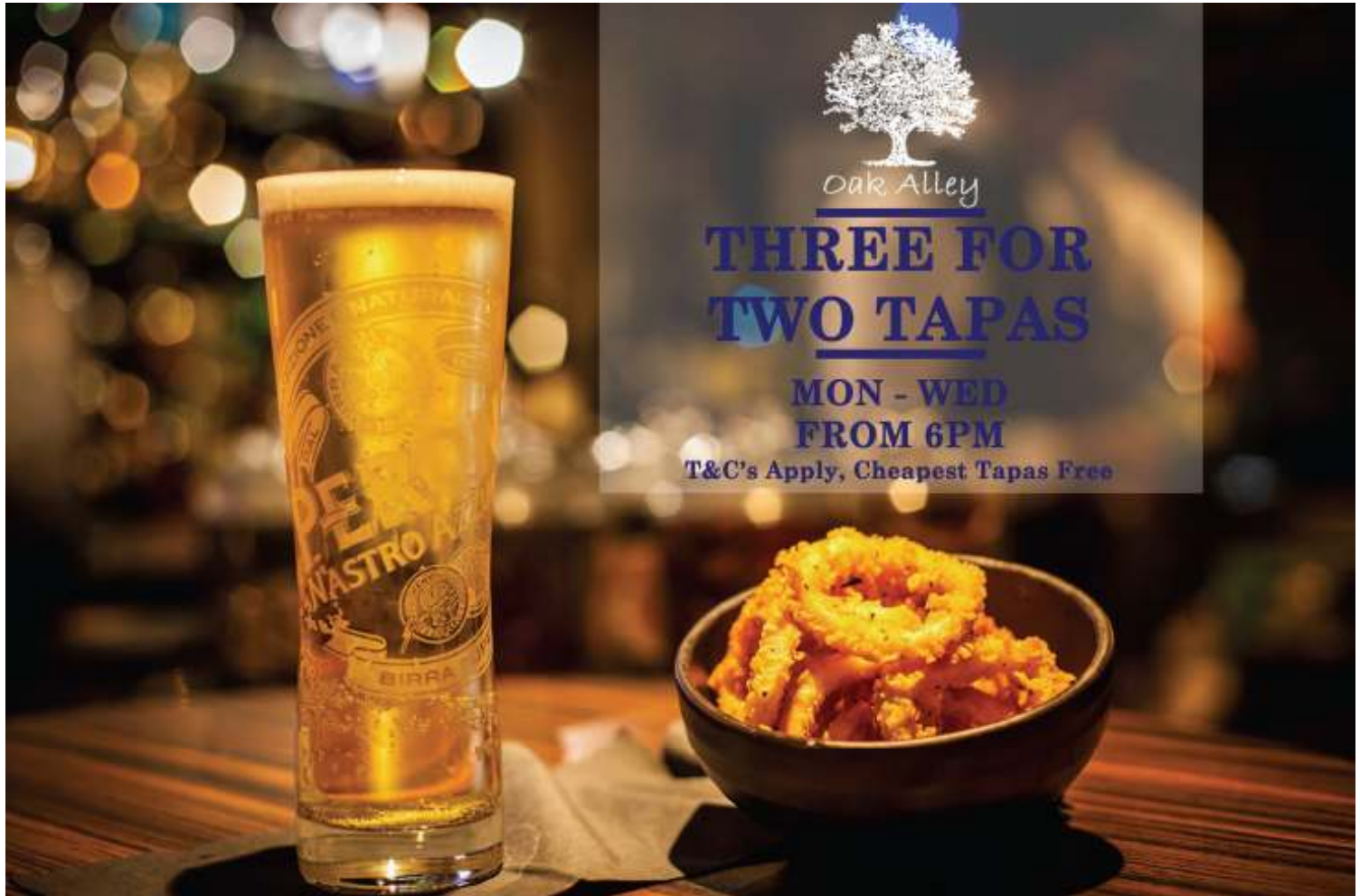



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Next, we have to teach him to come when called. This is most important as in the months and years ahead when you are exercising him in the park, the last thing you want is your puppy running off in the opposite direction. The best way to teach this 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 puppy's 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.



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## Drama News An Nuadha Players Community Theatre

### Happy New Year to all our friends in the Community of Maynooth.

2015 was a great year for the group 4 plays performed with great success. There was a number of fund raisers, Quizzes, Music Nights and the year ended with our brand new Pantomime *The Snow Queen*. This brought 2015 to an end on a high giving us the most successful year since the formation of the An Nuadha Players 13 years ago. I would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their continued support.

Now we are in 2016 and we are about to commemorate the brave 15 men of Maynooth who marched to the General Post Office and into History. An Nuadha Players are producing two plays to remember this momentous event.

A new play by Martina Reilly specially commissioned by Kildare County Council titled "Conquered Not Were We" is a play honouring the fifteen men who walked from Maynooth on Easter Sunday to fight in the rising. Seen through the eyes of Oliver Ryan, a servant boy from the college who joined the Volunteers on the day, the play will track the journey of these men from Maynooth to Dublin. This will all take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45pm and the 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45pm. Starting point: Maynooth College.

We are very grateful to Tesco, Carton House, Insight Theatre Group and O'Neill's Pub for their sponsorship and we would be even more grateful if you the reader had the urge to support this great project. Great projects cost money.

More details on Martina's Play will appear in the March edition of the Newsletter. Meanwhile to keep informed, check Martina's Facebook page on the 1916 Rising, Liffey Champion, KFM and An Nuadha Players Face book. This is an event not to be missed. In years to come your grandchildren will want to know what you were doing that great Easter 2016 when An Nuadha Players re-enacted that great event. An Nuadha Players are producing another play set 50 years after the rising written by Terry Nealon and will be performed in June 2016. More about that in the March edition. If you want to become involved in all this drama in Maynooth come and join us. Mind the Trams.

Contact **Terry Nealon at 086-8068068**  
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# Community Council Notes

## Maynooth Community Council December Notes

### PRESENTATION BY MAYNOOTH CYCLING

Deirdre McGowan of Maynooth Cycling gave a power point presentation stating their aims and ambitions.

- To encourage walking and cycling as an alternative to vehicular transport
- To increase the numbers cycling and walking to school

These aims, they state, will reduce congestion, provide more footfall in the town and thereby increase trade for local businesses, improve health and wellbeing and make the town a more attractive place to live and work. With 2 new schools opening in the future on Moyglare Rd, the fear is that without proper infrastructure 2000+ students and faculty will be passengers rather than pedestrians.

The Part 8 N/S Corridor is deemed substandard by Maynooth Cycling and they had requested substantial and improved design on the Straffan Rd, Main St, Mill St, and Moyglare Rd. The Pipers Hill scheme in Naas was offered as an acceptable alternative for the Straffan Rd and Moyglare Rd. The only positive, in their opinion, is the proposal for a new foot bridge at Manor Mills Shopping Centre.

If anyone wants more information on the vision for Maynooth from Maynooth Cycling they can be found on Facebook, and they will be happy to provide studies, surveys and photographs.

Padraig O' Murchu thanked Deirdre for her presentation and added that timely changes would bring about a safe means of travel for students, a possible Greenway to facilitate cycling tourism, and ultimately a more sustainable planet

### MCC WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paddy Holmes and Michael Ring were co-opted to MCC as representatives for Rail Park.

### PRESENTATION OF MCC INFORMATION

A document has been drawn up by Susan Durack (MCC Secretary) and John Doogan (MCC Office Manager) outlining the duties and objectives of MCC, as a number of people are not aware of the work done by the Council.

The document contains a brief history of the Council, its committees, affiliates and achievements to date. The document will be amended and made available through the Newsletter and MCC Office.

Thanks were expressed to Susan, John and the MCC staff from Maynooth Tidy Towns, Maynooth Scouts, Maynooth Comhaltas and Maynooth Festival Committee. The presentation was very well received by the entire membership.

### CONCERNS RAISED OVER STUDENT CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT

It was noted that the meeting was taking place at the same time as the Christmas Day celebrations in the University. The history of anti social behaviour associated with this event was raised. Members stated that public intoxication and unruly behaviour had been witnessed as early as lunchtime. The NUIM Students Union had planned to have the event on campus from 1pm in order to free the town of such activity. The University Body however changed the time to 4pm apparently without explanation and at short notice.

It was suggested that by doing so, the University was looking after its own interests with scant regard for Maynooth Town or its residents. It was suggested a

letter be sent to the President of the University outlining yet again the concerns of the general public regarding this particular event.

### EVENTS

The Chairman Tom McMullon reminded the attendees about the Maynooth Community Church Concert on Dec 20th in aid of Kildare Refugee Centre. He also thanked the Maynooth Business Association for the Christmas Lights display this year, and Cllr Naoise O'Cearuil for the lighting ceremony.

Maynooth Festival Committee expressed their congratulations to Brendan Kelly on his recent retirement from Maynooth Fire Service. After almost 30 years service to Maynooth, he was wished well in whatever the future holds. Congrats were also expressed to the Senior Citizens Committee on their successful Sale of Work, and thanks were expressed to the Business Association and Naoise O'Cearuil for the Christmas Lights.

### CECIL DOYLE BURSARY AWARDS GO TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Secretary Susan Durack expressed congratulations to the Festival Committee on their Cecil Doyle Bursary Award of €1500 from Naas Credit Union, and also to Maynooth Town Soccer Club and Maynooth Tidy Towns on their Bursary Awards also.

### MAYNOOTH CALLEDAR GOES ON SALE IN AID OF SVP

The Maynooth Calendar has been on sale since early December and if you haven't got one then get one quickly from one of our stockists. Thanks to Maynooth Newsletter Office, Durga Ireland, Maynooth Book Shop, The Rye Gallery, Eurosaver, Eason Manor Mills, and Masterson's Fruit n Veg for stocking the calendar. Special thanks to JN Design and Garry Print for doing such a fine job on the publication of the calendar.

Thanks to Maynooth Christmas Tree Fair, Maynooth Flower Festival and the Glenroyal Xmas Fair for allowing the calendar to be sold at their events. Sincere thanks are also due to Fr Liam Rigney PP for allowing the calendars to be sold at all masses the weekend before Christmas. All profits from the sale of the Maynooth Calendar will be donated to the local St Vincent De Paul.

### AFFILITES & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Mattie Callaghan reported that MTT received their Silver Medal at a ceremony in Skerries on Dec 1st. They also received their Value Water Certificate at the same event.

Richard Farrell expressed MTT's gratitude to Naas Credit Union for their Cecil Doyle Bursary Award of €2500. This money will go towards a Reflection Garden once a suitable site has been decided upon. Richard also thanked Cllr Naoise O'Cearuil for speaking on their behalf on TG4 with reference to the Value Water Award.

On March 19th between 10 am and 4 pm there will be a WEEE Collection point in Tesco Car Park. If you have any unwanted electrical equipment please bring it down on that day as MTT gain points in the National Tidy Towns Competition on the weight of recycled items.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Josie Moore told the meeting about the most successful Sale of Work to date with over €10,400 reported in income at that time, and how lucky they were with the weather. She thanked the Scouts for their help again this year and Tidy Towns for their promotion of Senior

Citizen events.

The Shopping day was held on Sunday 6th Dec in Supervalu. There was entertainment provided and everyone had a wonderful day. It is hoped to continue to hold this event in the afternoon in the future. The Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will take place on Dec 20th in the Glenroyal Hotel and the Club will recommence on Jan 5th.

### GIRL GUIDES

It was reported that the Brownies had made a trip to a pet fair where they had visited Santa. 2 Rangers are currently going for their Gaisce Awards. Rangers and Guides attended Moyglare Nursing Home to spend time with the residents and all age groups had attended the Musical Society Variety Show.

### SCOUTS

The Scouts have been selling their raffle tickets and Christmas Cards locally and they thanked Supervalu and the Festival Committee for providing selling points. The Beavers recently had an outing to Larchill and the newest Cubs were invested before Christmas. Maynooth and Dunboyne Scouts recently got together for an activity evening. The planned sleepover at Glenmalur was postponed due to the inclement weather.

Maynooth Scouts will be collecting the Peace Light to be delivered to the local churches on Christmas Eve. Bingo will begin again on Jan 20th at 8.30 in the Geraldine Hall. All welcome.

In Scouting circles the death of a Scout is referred to as 'Going Home' and so Maynooth Scouts remembered the young girl tragically killed at Hook Head in early December. They expressed their sympathies to the family of the Scout that had 'Gone Home'.

### ICA

Crafts will finish on Monday 21st and recommence on Jan 11th.

The next Guild Competition will be for 'A slice of Christmas Cake'.

Copper craft demonstrations and classes will begin again in late Jan.

Dignity bags were distributed to Fr Peter McVerry Trust, and the Simon Community which contained hats, scarves, coats and duvets.

The International Night in Feb will be about all things Kiwi, in that the topic will be New Zealand.

### COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

Medals were presented to Leinster Scor competitors at a ceremony in the GAA Club.

Craobh Mhaigh Nuad will be performing at the Community Church Concert in Manor Mills on Dec 20th.

The Craobh junior members party will be on Dec 15th with the seniors having their own trad session afterwards. Both parties will be held in McMahon's. Classes will resume on Jan 13th.

Angie Tracey of Craobh Mhaigh Nuad presented donations to Maynooth Community Council and Maynooth Scouts in recognition of the work done by both groups. A donation had been made previously to Maynooth Tidy Towns. The donations were as a result of the Leinster Fleadh.

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith McCrory reported on securing funding towards the St Patricks Foundation Lunch. It is hoped to get more funding locally in the New Year as we look towards this years St Patrick's Day Festival.

It was mentioned that the current Garda Vetting

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regarding Child Protection Services are not fit for purpose. It is proposed to seek a Child Protection Licence and Database that can constantly be updated. One person stated they had to go through 6 different Garda Clearances for 6 different groups as one Clearance will not suffice for any activity with any group. The members agreed it should be investigated.

Chairman Tom McMullon closed the meeting by wishing all a Happy Christmas.

## Maynooth Community Council January Notes

### CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Sarah O'Keeffe was co-opted to represent Straffan Wood.

### CORRECTION

It was noted that in all reporting of last months presentation, Maynooth Cycling Club should be replaced by Maynooth Cycling. Minutes have been amended to reflect same.

### NUIM PRESENTATION

This month we had Rebecca Doolin, Director of External Relations at NUIM and Michael Rafter, Director of Campus and Commercial Services at NUIM, make a presentation to MCC following concerns about the running of the Christmas Day event in the College. This presentation was also as a result of the article in the Liffey Champion expressing concerns about the aftermath of the same event.

Michael and Rebecca reported that they came on board just before the event of 2014. They ensured that there was a full event management plan in place with the backing of local Gardai. The event was ticketed which greatly reduced non students attending. There were extra security teams, extra paramedics, and clean up teams on the night and the following morning. It was a joint effort with the Students Union which they believe proved successful as there were less incidents of anti social behaviour.

In 2015 further measures on top of the previous years event plan included a number of non alcohol related events. A fun run took place on the Monday morning and a Toy Drive for Temple St Hospital proved beneficial to patients. The event was started later than usual in an attempt to minimise alcohol consumption, and a bar-ex was organised to try to contain the event to Campus. While the event was not incident free, reports show that there was a further reduction in anti social behaviour, and efforts to de-emphasize the relationship between this event and alcohol consumption will continue.

A Community feedback form is available on the NUIM website under the 'Security' heading. This will allow all concerns to be collated in a central location, thereby minimizing the risks of correspondence being missed. A Student Code of Conduct is in place and all new arrivals to the University are informed of what is expected of them as students and residents of Maynooth. A Disciplinary Committee is in place to deal with students whose behaviour is deemed unacceptable.

Josie Moore was of the opinion that students do not respect their surroundings nor the residents of the town, with particular emphasis on our Senior Citizens. She suggested that a Zero Tolerance stance should be in place.

Naoise O'Cearuill complimented the University and the

Students Union on their handling of the event in recent years. With over 10,000 students in the college, there are relatively few trouble makers. He commented that the University had eliminated Rag Week and that had gone some way to reducing the adverse effect on the town.

Miriam O'Keeffe Ahern stated that the late change of the start time of the event had caused friction among students. They had bought tickets for an event due to start at 1pm but that was changed to 4pm. It was felt that this led to early drinking at home and in the bars in the town. As a consequence of this, the students going to the SU crossed paths with children and young people leaving the local schools. Closer attention needs to be paid to the timing of events.

Padraig O'Murchu suggested that a meeting take place between MCC and the University in advance of the 2016 Christmas Event. Both MCC and the representatives from NUIM agreed.

Paul Croghan welcomed the broad spectrum of the presentation but stated that there is currently no communication between the University and MCC, whereas in previous years there had been. He said that the students themselves are a lost resource to the town both socially and culturally. He also mentioned the development and expansion of the Campus which has turned some estates on the Moyglare Road into temporary car parks. That point was taken on board by Rebecca and Michael and they mentioned the current Campus Master Plan. There will be public engagement sought as this plan moves forward.

The general feeling was that the University needs to be more aware of the needs of the town, the University needs to engage with the MCC and they need to take a stronger stance on anti social behaviour. The Chairman invited the representatives to submit articles and information pieces to the Newsletter in order to get their voice heard by the community. The speakers were thanked for their attendance and input.

### MATTERS ARISING

REF: Maynooth Cycling Presentation

Clarification was sought from the attending County Councillors regarding markings on the plans for the North/South Corridor. Indications were that CPO's would be needed on Moyglare Road but that was denied. There would be no CPO's due to financial restraints according to Cllr O'Cearuill. There was a question about whether there would be dividing lines between the cycling portion and the pedestrian portion of the shared space on the N/S Corridor drawings. Cllr McGinley has since passed on information from the County Engineer stating that there will be NO dividing line on shared cyclist/pedestrian spaces.

### CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of a letter received by the office was addressed during the University Presentation but could not be read out as it was not addressed to the Council, but rather had come through a third party. The subject matter was student behaviour on private property.

A letter from our French twin town Canet en Roussillon to the Council asked if positions could be found for 2 trainee executive assistants seeking work experience. The Chairman, Tom McMullon will correspond with NUIM President Philip Nolan in this regard.

### SWIMMING POOL FOR NORTH KILDARE

A question was raised after the December meeting regarding an article in the Kildare Times which stated that despite assurances from Councillors that there would be a proposal regarding a pool, the Minister for Sport had not received any such proposal. Paul Daly

wrote to our 9 local Councillors asking for clarification on the article. Only one Councillor replied, Cllr McGinley, and he kept the Executive apprised of the situation. It was confirmed that the Minister has acknowledged the receipt of a joint venture proposal between KCC and NUIM for a pool with an ancillary building for Community requirements.

It was proposed that letters be sent to KCC, NUIM, and the Minister himself outlining the support of MCC for such a venture, and asking for consideration be given to including a fully operational Community Centre as part of the proposed Complex.

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN MAYNOOTH

A meeting will be sought with Councillors and TD's after the election to answer questions from MCC and the residents of Maynooth in general about the perceived lack of support they have for each other in local matters, but particularly regarding the funding of Community projects. Cathaoirleach of Maynooth Municipal District Cllr Naoise O'Cearuill said that all local representatives do their best for the area but they must also be mindful of fairness. It was stated that Maynooth received considerable funding last year and that the MMD covers a large area and one town cannot receive funding to the detriment of another. Each Cllr may have their own political affiliations and agenda, but ultimately they work for the good of the entire catchment area.

The subject of a Community Centre was raised. Nothing has been put in place since the demolition of the old Parish Hall, and all attending agreed that there was a real need for such a building in Maynooth. It was mentioned that the Geraldine Hall could be considered a Community Centre as it is used by many different groups, however something more 'fit for purpose' would be appropriate. John McGinley mentioned that a committee had been in place previously but agreement couldn't be reached among the residents about what exactly was needed. This was strongly disagreed with by a number of members present. John also stated that a report from the previous committee could be made available.

It was reported that a condition of the Tesco development of their current store, was that a portion of the old shop unit be given over to the Community but the recession had temporarily halted those plans. They can be revisited should further development begin on the Tesco site. Mattie Callaghan suggested that when the new schools are built on Moyglare Rd, the large new extension of the current Post Primary School be given over for revitalisation into a Community Centre. Richard Farrell agreed as some Community monies went towards that project. The suggestion of seeking Lottery funding was also mentioned.

John McGinley said that the joint proposal between NUIM and KCC for the Pool would cost in the region of 12 million Euro, and that provision could be sought to have a Community Centre attached as previously mentioned above. He added that rather than seeking yet another site, priority should be given to the proposed Swimming Pool Complex. Cllr O'Cearuill added that significant input would be required from a sub-committee and the population of Maynooth in order to see these plans through.

### AFFILITES & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### TIDY TOWNS

The Tidy Towns Committee had planned to take a little time off over the Christmas period. This turned out not to be the case as the town was left in an awful state after

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Christmas Eve and New Years Eve celebrations. The town needed cleaning before the raising of the Maynooth 15 flag at 12 noon on New Years Day.

The Big Belly compactors continue to work well and are being used. On Oct 16th Maynooth was judged as part of the IBAL competition, and while this has nothing to do with Tidy Towns, it does give an impression of how others view our town. Maynooth came in the top 20 tidy large towns.

Richard Farrell, on behalf of Tidy Towns, requested that candidates in the forthcoming election refrain from placing posters on Main Street and in Courthouse Square. A question was asked of attending Councillors if any progress had been made on submissions to KCC on the revamping of Courthouse Square. John McGinley said that a number of submissions had been made including one from Maynooth Tidy Towns. Essentially it will all come down to funding as the removal and replacement of the small cobblestones would cost 70,000 alone. In light of the Centenary celebrations, Cllr O'Cearuill raised the possibility of renaming the Square to Cearnog Ua Buachalla but that this idea is still at the exploratory stage.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Josie Moore said the Committee were easing back into the swing of things with the Club reopened and operating on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 156 people attended the Christmas Dinner in the Glenroyal on Dec 20th. Plans for the near future include attending the School Musical and preparing for the Valentines Tea Dance on Feb 21st.

## ICA

The ICA would welcome new members and for those new to Maynooth the ICA Hall is situated in the Harbour. If local ladies are interested in crafts, outings

and participating in the community, please get in contact.

The members are very involved with charity work and recently have been distributing Dignity Bags to the Simon Community, Crosscare, and the Salvation Army, all of whom work with the homeless.

The Daffodil Day launch was on Jan 16th and some members attended. The ladies will be collecting on March 11th for that charity. Crafts continue every Monday night in the ICA Hall. These include crochet, knitting and needlework. On Jan 30th and Feb 6th John Farrell will be instructing the ladies on Copper Craft. The Federation Tea Party was held in the Kildrought Lounge in Celbridge and a great day was had by all. Members will mark the 1916 Centenary in An Grianan on March 12th.

## CCE CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

Maynooth Comhaltas were delighted to play at the Christmas Lights Ceremony and the Community Church Concert, both in December. Their Christmas parties were a success and the musicians are already in demand for events in 2016. Classes reconvened on Jan 13th and this year Harp classes have been added to the list of instruments taught.

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith McCrory thanked all involved with their Concert on Dec 20th in aid of Kildare Refugee Centre. Plans for St Patrick's Day are moving along and the St Patrick's Foundation event will be a breakfast and an evening concert. MCC will be kept informed of developments. Keith will also represent the Foundation at future meetings.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

A meeting will be held on Mon 18 Jan to begin preparations for this year's Parade. It is hoped that there

will be a full day of events planned and the theme will be '1916 Commemoration, 2016 Celebration'. The Parade Committee will work alongside the St Patrick's Foundation plans for the day. An information leaflet will be made available outlining all events happening on St Patrick's Day. A mass in Irish and a pub quiz are already at the planning stage.

## MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Committee are exploring the many funding possibilities including a grant from the Arts Council. The proposed dates for the Festival have to be confirmed but it will be in July again this year.

## AOB

Sympathy was expressed to the family of the late Leo McAtamney who had been a member of MCC for many years. A letter of condolence will be sent from the Council.

Mary Murphy mentioned the reappearance of chewing gum on the streets again and asked if KCC could organise another street cleaning.

Paddy Nolan thanked MCC for inviting him to the council to represent the Mortality Society which was founded in 1837. Paddy also mentioned that the first ever Community Council met 50 years ago and that he was the Chairman back then.

Meetings will take place at 8pm on the second Monday of each month going forward. If anyone feels that their estate/organisation/group/school or indeed their own personal views are not being represented, please send an email to [maynoothcc@eircom.net](mailto:maynoothcc@eircom.net) with the heading 'MCC Membership' and ask to be considered for co-option to the Council. The greater the membership, the greater the influence we have in local matters.

## Editorial

As Spring is officially here the stretch in the evenings means that everyone becomes conscious of the longer hours of daylight. Many will have already started and even some already ended the New Year resolutions of taking more exercise. Going out for a walk around Maynooth gives you the opportunity to rediscover much of the natural beauty of our semi-rural town. Unfortunately some people do not appreciate our environment as Maynooth still has a very significant litter problem. In the period between Christmas and New Year the town centre was heavily littered, which was aggravated by a reduced cleaning service. The contrast between bright seasonal Christmas lighting and the litter were stark.

We continue to owe a significant debt to the Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers who came down and cleaned up in advance of the New Year's Day 1916 Centenary event. The main National focus this year will be the centenary celebrations for 1916. Maynooth has our own special interest in marking this anniversary and with a group planning local events you can expect many colourful activities to take place during the year. These events will be highlighted in this publication.

Coming back to 2016, Maynooth was spared from the devastation of the floods that hit many other towns and villages at the end of last year and the beginning of this one. It was interesting to compare the views of people affected in Ireland and UK during the flooding. In Ireland many people blamed the Authorities for bad planning decisions and the lack of flood protection. In the UK people seemed to take the view that it was their own fault for buying a house in a flood plain area. As Maynooth develops further, there should be a zero tolerance approach by planners regarding permission for the building of houses on "flood plains" regardless of other reasons to develop such sites. Hard pressed home owners should be owed such a duty of care by the planning authority.

In Maynooth, while I have seen the local rivers and the Royal Canal flood over the years, the biggest risk is from blocked drains on the streets and roads, so maybe you can check the ones nearest your home when doing your own "Spring Clean" and take advantage of the stretch in the evenings.

**Paul Croghan**

## Letter to the Editor

### Joint Patronage for Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad awarded to An Foras Pátrúntachta and KWETB.

A Eagarthóir, a chara,  
D'fhógair an Roinn Oideachais is Scileanna (ROS) samhail comh-pátrúntachta do Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad. Tá áthas orainn go bhfuil an ROS sásta seirbhís oideachais lán-Ghaeilge, i shuíomh lán-Ghaeilge a sholáthar sa cheantar. Is céim chun cinn mór é seo do thuismitheoirí na bpáistí gur mhian leo a chuid oideachais a shealbhú trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Is cuspa Comh-Pátrúntachta a bheidh sa scoil nua. Tá Aonad ag feidhmiú i gColáiste Pobail Mhaigh Nuad ó 2014 faoi Pátrúntacht Bhord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Contae Chill Dara is Co. Chill Mhantáin. Is faoi an Bhord seo i dteannta le An Foras Pátrúntachta a bhronnadh an samhail comh-pátrúntachta. Feidhmíonn na Pátrúin mar Iontaoibhthe ar an bPobalscoil. Is iad Cumann na Scoileanna Pobail agus Cuimsitheacha (C.S.P.C.) scáth Chumainn na scoileanna comh-pátrúntachta in Éirinn. Feidhmíonn said ar breis is nócha Pobalscoil comh-pátrúntachta in Éirinn. Is iad an C.S.P.C. a rachaidh i mbun idirbheartaíochta leis an dhá Pátrún maidir leis an próiseis idirghabhálaithe roimh shíniú Beartais na hIontaoibhthe. Táimid ag súil go mbeidh an Coiste in ann Beartais na

hIontaoibhthe a chur faoi bhráid na dtuismitheoirí go luath san Earraigh.

The joint Patronage model for Gaelcholáiste Mhaigh Nuad as announced by The Department of Education and Skills is a welcome development. Parents who want their children to continue their education through the medium of Irish have campaigned consistently for this announcement. Kildare and Wicklow E.T.B. were awarded joint patronage with An Foras Pátrúntachta. The Patrons will act as Trustees of the new school. The Association of Community and Comprehensive Schools is the umbrella organisation charged with the creation and development of joint patronage schools in Ireland. It is this body who will begin negotiations between the patrons with a view to compiling the Deeds of Trustees for the school. We are confident that An Coiste Bunaithe will be able to present the deeds to a meeting of the parents and community interests in February 2016.

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# Maynooth Labour News

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## **Maynooth Councillors Vote Against Allocating Funds for Tidy Towns and Christmas Lights**

At the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) Meeting on 13 January Councillors voted by 7 votes to 2 against Cllr. John McGinley's Motion to allocate a modest €50,000 from the Local Property Tax (LPT) for community projects throughout the Municipal District.

**A bit of background:** In the 2016 Budget Kildare Councillors voted to charge householders 7.5% more in LPT than householders in Dublin. That 7.5% amounts to €333,000 for each of the five Municipal District (MD) in county Kildare.

All of the MD's, except Maynooth, voted to allocate most of this LPT for Community use i.e.

<b>Athy</b>	<b>€153,000</b>
<b>Kildare/Newbridge</b>	<b>€222,000</b>
<b>Celbridge/Leixlip</b>	<b>€208,000</b>
<b>Naas</b>	<b>€318,000</b>
<b>Maynooth</b>	<b>NOTHING</b>

Cllr. McGinley's modest proposal would help worthwhile projects such as Christmas Lights, Tidy Towns or Residents' Associations so that all householders could see a benefit from the additional property tax that they paid. If the Councillors allocated €50,000, out of €333,000, for such community projects they would still only be giving a small fraction of what the other MD's give.

They would also not have to face the bad publicity that they got in the Press over the Christmas for giving nothing for Maynooth Christmas lights and the Maynooth Tidy Towns only got €250 for their Insect Hotel Project in Grants from the Council last year.

After all it is the extra 7.5% of what the householders in the Maynooth MD paid in LPT and in Cllr. McGinley's opinion the best way for them to benefit from it is through community projects. The rest of the LPT money of course goes into the Central Melting pot in Naas.

Sadly, Cllr. McGinley's motion was defeated by 7 votes to 2 with only Cllr. Cronin supporting it. Since then Cllr. O'Ceairuill has defending his opposition to John's motion on Facebook by stating *"The other MD's were able to do this because they have significant additional income from Paid Parking. When we do have paid parking in Maynooth, then we will be able to allocate money to a community fund."* However, this is nonsense as Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal District (MD) operate Pay Parking at a loss of €125,000 each year and they still gave €208,000 for Community Projects this year.

## **Cllr. McGinley Calls for Traffic Signals to be Installed at Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Road Junction**

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at its meeting on 13 January:

*"What urgent steps is the Council taking to have traffic signals installed at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link junction now that houses in Hayfield have been occupied prior to the traffic signals being in place, which is in conflict with Condition 42 of the Planning Permission Granted in June 2009 and extended in October 2014?"*

John got the following response from Council Officials:  
*"Kildare County Council is currently engaged in a procurement process to appoint a consulting engineer to undertake a traffic management plan on this section of road – to include all junctions – before traffic lights are installed at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link junction. Kildare County Council senior management directed that this traffic management plan be undertaken. Roads Transportation and Public Safety is in liaison with the developer's engineers in relation to the traffic lights."*

Cllr. McGinley responded as follows:

*"I have been raising the issue of this very dangerous junction at every meeting for at least the last 4 years. As Planning Permission was granted in 2009 and extended in 2014 why was the National Roads Authority (NRA) not asked for their approval of the traffic lights at this junction until April 2015? It should have been done ages ago. Now houses are being occupied which is in conflict with*

*Planning Condition No. 42. These lights have to be prioritised and their installation won't cost the Council anything as the developer of Hayfield will install them. We cannot wait until the Consultant has carried out the Traffic Management Plan for the whole town as that could take a year."*

The Council's Director of Services, Niall Morrissey, advised John that the Consultant is being appointed on 22 January and that the Junction Lights will be his No. 1 priority.

## **Cllr. McGinley Asks for Shores and Drains to be Cleaned**

Cllr. McGinley and other Councillors asked for shores and drains to be cleaned as soon as possible in order to prevent further flooding.

John pointed out that Laurence Avenue required particular attention as it floods frequently. The Area Engineer stated that the surface water pipe in Laurence Avenue is blocked with roots of trees and that it needs to be replaced, which is a big job. Residents can be assured that Cllr. McGinley will follow up to ensure that the pipe is replaced as soon as possible.

## **Cllr. McGinley Asks the Council to Enforce the Litter Laws in Maynooth**

Following the massive amount of litter on the footpaths over the Christmas period, particularly the morning of 27th December, Cllr. McGinley contacted the Councils Director of Services, Joe Boland, asking him to enforce the Litter Laws as it relates to litter outside business premises. The Director assured John that he would do so. John raised it again at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 January and he will raise it on a regular basis until action is taken.

## **Provision of Maynooth Pay Parking is "Full steam ahead"**

The Council's Director of Services has advised Cllr. McGinley that it is "full steam ahead" for the implementation of Pay Parking in Maynooth.

## **Update on Extending the 66 Bus Service to Newtown**

The Councils Director of Services advised the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 January that he had meetings with both the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Dublin Bus on extending the 66 bus service to Newtown. The NTA told him that they will fund it if the Council is serious about it.

Dublin Bus agreed that it should be done but funding could be a problem as well as local objections.

## **The Council Agree to Cllr. McGinley's Motion on the Collection of Paint Tins at the Maynooth Depot.**

Cllr. McGinley was given the following good news on his Motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 January:

*"Environment section is currently obtaining quotations from appropriate operators who provide this service. It is planned to hold the collection day in April of this year."*

## **UPDATE ON CYCLE PATHS ON STRAFFAN ROAD AND MOYGLARE ROAD**

Following queries from members of the public the Area Engineer has advised Cllr John McGinley as follows, on the questions raised:

1. Is the marking of the new paths on the Straffan Road completed? **Yes.** Will there be no demarcation between the cycle paths and the footpath? **No, new thinking by the NTA/Cycle manual on marking of shared space cycle ways... curious to know the publics thoughts on this**
2. Will the proposed new one have demarcation between cyclists and pedestrians? **No, not when it is shared space ... see reasons above**
3. Will there be any CPO's of peoples gardens for the Moyglare Paths? **No, ...no private CPO's but we may need to re-profile some entrances within the public space to accommodate the 12m corridor (2m footpath, 6m road, 4m cyclepath/footpath). There may be pinch points here and there but we will not be straying onto private land. Any hedgerows or planting which has grown into public space will be cut right back to original boundaries.**

## **DESIGN TEAM RECOMMEND PREFERRED CONTRACT FOR 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 the Tender Report recommending the preferred contractor has recently been received in the Department.

Contractors stated Deputy Stagg had tendered for this major project and the Design Team has now chosen their preferred contractor and made their recommendation to the Department.

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.

Welcoming the continuing progress on the two new secondary schools for Maynooth Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to apply pressure on the Minister to accept the recommendations of the Tender Report and to give Kildare ad Wicklow Education and Training Board the go ahead to appoint a contractor so work can commence on site.

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILL BENEFIT FROM LABOUR'S CHILDCARE PLAN – STAGG**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has declared that Children and Families across Kildare will benefit from Labour's plan to introduce a €2 per hour childcare system by 2021 following the publication of the Labour Party's childcare proposals.

This state has never sufficiently invested in childcare. As the economy recovers, Labour will change that for once and for all.

We have an ambitious and detailed plan to put in place a national childcare scheme.

Parents will be allowed to access subsidised childcare for all children under the age of 12 – covering pre-school children as well as after school care.

By 2021, the cost to parents will be €2 per hour, for up to 40 hours per week. Our approach will save Kildare parents thousands each year and for a parent with two children in full-time care savings will be in the region of €9,400 a year. Labour stated Deputy Stagg will move immediately to cap the cost of childcare for all children under 12 to €4.25 per hour for up to 40 hours of childcare a week in 2017. Then gradually over each year up to 2021 we will reduce this cost to €2 per hour, or a maximum cost of €80 per week.

"When Labour entered Government in 2011 we had to make a number of difficult decisions that were necessary to put this country back on a stable path. Having persevered and restored the public finances, I am pleased that we now have the room to raise living standards for people and invest in families and childcare."

## **STAGG PRESSES CASE FOR NATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN MAYNOOTH**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has met with his colleague the Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. to press the case for a new National Training Centre for pre-apprenticeship and post apprenticeship training in Ireland to be located in Maynooth.

Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board stated Deputy Stagg have submitted a business case for the new Training Facility to the Department with the support of the Technical, Engineering and Electrical Union. The Training centre is required to deliver new high end training to existing workers, to deliver new apprenticeships in partnership with other ETB's and to cater for the demand for a Centre of Excellence in Training in IT, PharmaChem and Food Processing Sectors. A clear case has been made for this New National Training Centre and a site has been identified in Maynooth which would cater for the needs of the proposal.

Minister Sullivan advised Deputy Stagg that her Department and Solas are examining the proposal and a meeting will be set up shortly between KWETB, Solas and the Department to go through the proposal in detail and to clarify issues. In conclusion Deputy Stagg thanked Minister Sullivan for meeting with him on this most important proposal and vowed to continue to press the case for the New National Training Centre in Maynooth.

# Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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## Upgrade of Roads and Footpaths in Old Greenfield Roads and Footpaths

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has arranged that the council use Local Property Tax funds to upgrade and improve the roads and footpaths in Old Greenfield. The area that is in most need of attention is the secondary road in behind which has been left in a terrible state and is dangerous. This work will be carried out in 2016.

## Homeless People on Maynooth Main Street

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has raised the issue of people sleeping rough on Maynooth's Main Street and engaged with these individuals with the help of KCC. Places were found for the three individuals in a Homeless centre in Dublin and they are no longer sleeping rough in Maynooth. If you come across any homeless people, please get in touch with Cllr. Ó Cearúil.

## Taking in Charge of Estates

Beaufield Gardens and Silken Vale & the Arches have now been taken in charge by KCC after deputations by Residents Associations and Cllr. Ó Cearúil. The council will now address issues in these estates pertaining to lights, roads, footpaths and drainage/

## Bus Service to the Newtown / Rathcoffey Road area of Maynooth

After calls by Cllr. Ó Cearúil for progress on this issue, the District Manager is awaiting a discussion with the Head of Operations in Dublin Bus to determine if funding is still available for this project. If funding is available the project will proceed as soon as possible following the passing of a part 8.

## Ramps in Moyglare Abbey

Following representations on the degradation of Ramps in Moyglare Abbey, the council have now committed to restoring them in the near future.

## Flooding

Cllr. Ó Cearúil worked extremely hard over the past number of weeks with the Area Engineer's office and the Fire Service to address all flooding issues in Maynooth. The main problem arose at the canal with the Community Care Unit under threat. This was addressed as quick as possible with sandbags and thankfully no damage was caused.

## Maynooth Paid Parking

A tender for these works has been awarded and works are to commence on roads markings over the next three weeks. The Area Manager has committed to Cllr. Ó Cearúil that a detailed schedule of works will be publicised in the next two weeks.

## Re-naming of Maynooth Court-House Square

Cllr. Ó Cearúil is proposing to re-name Court-House Square, Cearnóg Ua Buachalla / Buckley Square in commemoration of Domhnall Ua Buachalla, the last Governor General of Ireland and the leader of the Maynooth 15 in 1916. The proposal includes an information board about Ua Buachalla and the Maynooth 15. If you have any thoughts on the issue, please get in touch with Cllr. Ó Cearúil.

## Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis

The Fianna Fáil 77<sup>th</sup> Ard Fheis took place in the CityWest Hotel on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January. The theme was "An Ireland For All". The party has laid out its platform for the forthcoming general election, focusing on a fairer recovery with a focus on public services instead of tax breaks for the wealthiest under Fine Gael. Our General Election Candidates in Kildare North are Cllr. James Lawless and Cllr. Frank O'Rourke.

## 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

## Cllr Frank O'Rourke – Fianna Fáil General Election Candidate A New Voice For Kildare North.

As your Fianna Fáil candidate and following my recent canvass in Maynooth, I want to thank you for the courtesy shown to me and my canvass team. 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 my work has had a positive impact on our local community in Maynooth and surrounding area. 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, Supports for our Older People, Childcare and measures to support our small businesses.**

As a **first time Dail Election candidate**, taken together with my experience as a councillor, I offer you a **new way** of dealing with these issues and a **new choice** on your ballot paper.

If you want to raise any local or national issue with me please contact me directly on Tel No. 087 2555257, e-mail [frankorourke1@gmail.com](mailto:frankorourke1@gmail.com) or my **clinic** in Maynooth.

## Housing Adaption Grant – Older People, People with Disabilities

Kildare Co. Co. operates a grant system for older people and people with disabilities to carry out housing adaption to make life easier for those to live at home. I have fought, and will continue to fight, for increased resources for the Housing Adaption Grants. Please contact me if you need any further information on these grants or contact Kildare Co. Co. directly on 045 980705 or <http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/housing/Grants/>

## Solving Crime: Civilians should be posted to Garda stations to carry out administrative work:

### New Solutions Required

I have called for an expansion of the civilian recruitment programme within An Garda Síochána to free up Gardaí for community duties. The sustained cuts to Garda resources have left many Gardaí who should be on the beat stuck in Garda stations filling out paper work. This proposal would allow Gardaí to get away from desk work and concentrate on solving crime and crime prevention.

## 400 medical cards taken from Kildare Pensioners over the last year

This Government removed some important benefits from older people since it came to office. These include the removal of medical cards, scrapped the telephone allowance, abolished the bereavement grant, increased prescription charges fivefold and removed over a million home help hours. I will fight to reinstate these benefits for those that need them most.

## Mortgage Fairness: Fianna Fáil Bill sets out pathway to ending variable mortgage rate rip-off – New Ideas

## required

We need to end the scandal of banks massively overcharging customers on standard variable mortgage rates. 300,000 mortgage holders nationwide on variable rates are paying hundreds of euro more per month than they should and significantly more than they pay in other countries. The Government voted down a Bill in the Dail prepared by our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD to address this inequality. If elected, I will put forward this bill, with my colleagues, in the new Dail.

## Clinics: Every Monday (except Bank Holidays):

**Location: Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.**

**Contact Frank on 087 2555257 or by e-mail [frankorourke1@gmail.com](mailto:frankorourke1@gmail.com) to arrange a suitable time. Working with fellow Cllrs; Naoise O Cearuil, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Paul Ward**

## Cllr. James Lawless - Working for you in Maynooth - Your General Election Candidate

### Public Meeting on Mental Health

I recently held a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on "Mental Health Matters". The meeting was addressed by a psychologist and lecturer from the Royal College of Surgeons, Dr. Ciarán McMahon on Internet Behaviours and how mental health can be upset online. The audience included parents, students from NUIM college, representatives of TeenLine Ireland charity and public representatives, Cllrs. Naoise O'Cearuil (Maynooth) and Cllr. Paul Ward (Kilcock). Dr. McMahon gave advice on avoiding and tackling negative online behaviours as well as much practical advice for parents on the latest internet technologies and safety settings on same. It is an ongoing balance to manage freedom of information and speech against the potential for harm to vulnerable, often younger, adults and children. In my professional capacity as a barrister, I made a submission to the law reform commission on this topic last year as part of their review into harassment and stalking offences.

## Social Housing

At the recent Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis I called for a re-start of the social housing building program and pointed out that the rate of construction of new social housing had fallen by 90% since this government came into office. Fianna Fáil, even in the last term of office during the crisis built 15,000 new council houses, FG/Labour have managed only 1200 in the intervening five years. I know from my own clinics and speaking to people all across North Kildare that there is a real crisis in accommodation and housing in this county. In fact Kildare has the third longest waiting list in the country, second only to the cities of Dublin and Cork. This is not acceptable to me.

## Crime Prevention

Having worked with many community alert and text schemes around North Kildare I understand peoples concerns over burglaries and opportunist crime. Recent statistics revealed that the Leixlip Garda HQ has the lowest rate of crime detections in the state. This can only be attributed to the fact that the Gardaí are stretched so thinly covering an area from Leixlip to the Offaly border and with the lowest number of Garda per head in County Kildare. Whilst they do their level best they simply cannot be expected cope with those resources.

Thank you for your time and courtesy in recent times whilst we have been campaigning for the general election. I am committed to serving Maynooth and North Kildare at every level and would be honoured to represent you in Dáil Éireann. I humbly ask you to vote Number 1 James Lawless and to continue your No. 2 preference for my party colleague Cllr. O'Rourke. "

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**Maynooth Toastmasters**

With the rapid advance in technology and all the social media sites, you might wonder is there still a place for verbal communication in everyday life and business, my response would be to welcome all forms of communication, possibly in the future we will have electronic aids which will mimic speech and do all the hard work at voice command!



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For further information on Clane Toastmasters contact: Ray Lucey (087)9579941 raylucey@gmail.com

**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.

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## Run For Mum Maynooth St Stephen's Day 2015

Run for Mum was a 3 kilometre fun run / walk organised by the family and friends of the late Deirdre Cusker in her memory. The aim of the event, held in Maynooth every St. Stephen's morning, is to remember not only Deirdre but also all local victims of suicide in a positive way while promoting the message that there is help out there and it is always OK to ask for it.

Funds raised from the event, which stand at over €35,000 since its beginning in 2010 where 33 started out in the snow has now grown to over 800 this year "in the teeming rain" go directly to suicide prevention charities.

The event was open to all, whether you can run, walk or need to be pushed and is seen as a great social event and a way of getting the community of Maynooth and surrounding areas together over the festive period.



Starting at 12pm from the top Main Street in Maynooth the route took them down the Dublin Road, Blacklion Road and back up the beautiful tree lined Carton Avenue.

There were prizes on the day, including one for best costume for those who are brave enough to dress up. Tea coffee and water was available at the start/finish line and everyone was invited back to O'Neill's pub Main Street, Maynooth directly afterwards for light refreshments kindly provided by O'Neill's management.

Run for Mum 2015 race results. Winner: Philip Nyland (Time 8 minutes 30 seconds) Prize: Ger Breslin Cuff Links + Dunne's Stores voucher. 1st Female: Nicole O' Malley, Prize: Becks Beauty Salon Maynooth Voucher and goodie bag. 1st Masters Section; Damian Tolan, Prize: SuperValu voucher. Fastest Child; Luke Mc Donald: Prize, Selection of board games. We would like to thank everyone who helped on the day and look forward to seeing you again next year

**For the more information please see Facebook and Twitter pages.**







Value Water Awards €1,000 each – Sponsored by Irish Water and presented by Dr. James Reilly, T.D. and Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and Dr. Roisin Bradford, Technical Communications Specialist, Irish Water to joint winner Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Accepting the award are Mary Farrell and Mary Molloy from Maynooth.



Naas Credit Union Chairman, Peter Fullam, presented Maynooth Tidy Towns with a cheque for €2500 from the Cecil Doyle Community Bursary 2015 in the Nun's Chapel, McAuley Place, Naas on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015. This is to be used for the development of a Reflection Garden in Maynooth.



Silver Medal being presented by Dr. James Reilly T.D. Minister for Children and Youth Affairs to Mattie Callaghan Chair, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Richard Farrell, PRO. Maynooth Tidy Towns and Des O'Mahony, Marketing Manager of Superval

## Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes

Maynooth Tidy Towns received €2500 from the Naas Credit Union Cecil Doyle Bursary fund, this money will be used towards the development of a Reflection Garden in Maynooth. We were presented with our National Tidy Towns Silver Medal by Minister James Reilly in Skerries at the Regional Awards Ceremony on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We also received a Value Water Certificate on the same night.

Although we were supposed to be on a break a few volunteers were out keeping Maynooth tidy during the Christmas holidays and for the commencement of the Maynooth 2016 celebrations with the raising of the Maynooth 15 Flag in Courthouse Square.

Thank you to all who recycled Christmas trees with Kildare County Council.

Elsewhere you will find the latest IBAL results, while it is nothing to do with Maynooth Tidy Towns it gives us an idea how other people see us.

We are making representations to all who are running in the General Election to keep the centre of Maynooth poster free and to take away cable ties after the election.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Glenroyal Hotel @8pm.

WEEE Ireland will be in Maynooth in the Tesco car park near the Maynooth Community Council office on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March and anything with a plug or battery can be brought along for recycling.

Richard Farrell  
PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns.



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## Winter Warmers

### Quick Beef Stew

serves 4

#### 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  
1 ¼ pints beef stock  
1 tbsp finely chopped thyme leaves  
2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped



#### Method

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. Serve hot.

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### Vegetable Stew with Couscous

serves 4

#### Ingredients

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



#### Method

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

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### Speedy Paella

serves 4

#### Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil  
1 onion, thinly sliced  
1 red pepper, sliced  
100g chorizo, sliced  
200g long grain rice  
1 ½ pints of boiling fish stock  
Pinch of saffron threads  
140g frozen peas  
200g cooled peeled tiger prawns  
Salt and pepper



#### Method

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

## Indoor Herb Gardens



The winter weather can leave gardeners wistful for the fresh produce of warmer months. However, you can keep the growing season going by starting an indoor herb garden. Cultivating an extensive herb garden is wonderful if you have the outdoor space and the drainage, but luckily most herbs also grow well inside. Even if you have little experience with plants and little space to work with, herb gardens are compact and require little more than a sunny window. Fresh herbs are a cook's best friend and can add a new dimension of flavour to your dishes. They are expensive to buy at the store but simple and fun to grow at home.

#### Commonly Grown Herbs

Each herb has a different aroma and taste. Choose the ones you use most in your meals, but also consider experimenting with others as you might find that they inspire your cooking.

**Rosemary** is an evergreen herb that is generally found in warm climates but will do well inside in containers in colder areas. It has a strong aroma and flavour and is generally used in Mediterranean cuisine.

**Basil** is a member of the mint family. The most popular kind of basil used in Italian cooking is sweet basil, but another widely-known type is Thai basil.

**Chives** are a member of the onion family. They grow in clumps like grass, producing hollow, thin leaves. Another popular variety is garlic chives. Both varieties have a mild flavour.

**Coriander** (also known as cilantro or Chinese parsley) is used in many Indian, Chinese, Thai, and Mexican dishes. Both seeds and leaves are useful in cooking. Dried coriander loses flavour quickly so this is a good one to grow yourself.

**Oregano** is another Mediterranean herb with a strong flavour; it's a favourite in Greek and Mexican cuisine. Another herb with a similar flavour profile is **Marjoram**.

**Thyme** has woody stems with small, intensely aromatic green leaves. It is a classic addition to French cuisine and pairs well with numerous vegetables, meats and egg dishes.



**Parsley** comes in two main varieties: curled leaf and Italian. The Italian variety is milder and most often used in cooking. It adds freshness to a dish.

**Sage** is a beautiful evergreen subshrub with a soft greyish-green colour. Like oregano and rosemary, it's another strong herb with a savoury, slightly peppery flavour.

**Mint** comes in two main varieties: spearmint and peppermint. Peppermint is the stronger of the two and is the mint of choice for soothing upset stomachs. Both are used for cooking purposes.

#### Caring for your herbs

Light is the most important element in growing indoor herbs. Herbs need a bare minimum of 5 hours of light a day, but they prefer 6 to 8 hours. If you find your herbs are growing long stems and few leaves, then they are not getting enough light and are stretching to find it. Basil and coriander in particular need more light than other herbs to thrive.

Choose containers large enough to accommodate growth. Any type of container can work, and you can add a fun and creative flair to your home décor through your herb garden. The most important thing to keep in mind is that herbs require fast draining soil and won't grow with swampy roots. Add small stones, gravel, or broken bits of Styrofoam to the bottom to improve drainage. You can grow multiple herbs together in larger or longer containers such as a window box, but mint grows like a weed and can easily crowd out other herbs so is best planted in its own container.

To test whether your herbs need watering, insert your finger into the soil up the knuckle. If the soil is dry, water the herbs. Testing the soil for dryness will prevent you from overwatering. Leaves turning yellow are one of the first signs of overwatering. Plant herbs with similar watering needs together to make this easier. Rosemary grows best on the dry side while basil requires water more frequently.

Regular clipping will promote further growth. Even young plants need to be clipped regularly to encourage them to branch out, but don't cut off more than a third. If they start flowering, they are not being clipped regularly enough. Wait a couple weeks before you first start feeding your plants to encourage root growth. Once they are well established, feed them every two weeks with a half-strength nutrient mix. Adding some liquid seaweed with help promote essential oil production, which is what gives herbs their flavour and aroma.





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## Maynooth Youths picked for the Taekwondo World Championships

Leah and Calum Duncan from Old Greenfield, Maynooth have been selected to fight in the Taekwondo World Championships in Germany having won the Irish and Meath Open's last year. The 21st International Children's World Championships 2016 will be held on the 6/7th of February in Glaspalast Sindelfingen, Stuttgart, Germany. Calum (pictured right) will compete in male under 8/9 -28kg and Leah (pictured far right) will contest in female u12/13 -35kg. On their return to Ireland they will compete in the Irish Nationals on 25th February. We wish them both every success in their respective competitions.



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# TECHNOLOGY CORNER

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



The "Internet of Things" (IoT) is becoming an increasingly common term and will likely enter everyday terminology in the same manner as words like "wi-fi" have. It is a growing topic of conversation in the workplace and the home with the potential to impact both how we live and how we work. Although the Internet of Things has become a part of our everyday lives, many people have only a vague understanding of what this encompasses. As it becomes a regular feature of technology, it is more and more important to understand the effects and potential consequences, both positive and negative.

The first thing to understand is how the prevalence of the Internet is spreading. Technology costs are largely going down along with the cost of connecting to the Internet. Broadband Internet is widely available, more devices are being created with wi-fi capabilities and other sensors build into them, and smart phones are commonplace. All of these factors are creating a perfect storm for the Internet of Things.

In simple terms, the concept of IoT refers to connecting any device with an on/off switch to the Internet (and/or each other). This includes everything from cars, mobiles, coffee makers, washing machines, toasters, headphones, lamps, watches, insulin pumps, heart implants, and almost anything else you can imagine. It also applies to components of machines such as the jet engine of an airplane, the drill of an oil rig, or the computer that operates the electronic parts of your car. If it has an on/off switch, it can likely be part of the IoT, and chances are that in the future, it will be.

Analyst firms predict that by 2020, there could be over 100 billion connected devices – a network of interconnected devices on this scale is difficult to fully comprehend, and people will form a part of this network. The relationships on this network work between people to people, people to things, and things to things. The Internet of Things presupposes that in the future, anything that can be connected, will be connected by default.

One question that has people talking is why would you want so many connected devices talking to each other? The IoT can offer some advantages in our personal lives. If you are on your way to a meeting, your car could have access to your calendar and to live traffic reports and will know the best route to take. If the traffic is heavy or there is a delay, your car could send a text to the other party notifying them that you will be late. When your alarm wakes you in the morning, it could notify your coffee maker to start brewing or your kettle to boil. Stocking office supplies will be simplified as equipment will have the ability to detect when



something is running low and automatically re-order more. Heart implants and other medical devices could alert emergency services when needed.

On a broader scale, the IoT can be applied to transportation networks, energy grids, and food supplies across the country, helping to create "smart cities" which can reduce waste and improve efficiency. Field operation devices can assist firefighters and search and rescue teams. DNA analysis devices could create a comprehensive network that monitors pathogens and other health threats. The reality is that the IoT allows for virtually endless opportunities and connections to take place. The possibilities of so many connected devices are so vast that even technology experts cannot fully understand or predict the impact the IoT is going to have on our everyday life.

The Internet of Things has the potential to empower people, make government more transparent, and broaden information access. However, it also opens up people and companies to serious threats, and we are already starting to see the effects of a new generation of hackers and security crises. The advent of computers connecting to each other through the Internet led to a new realm of security threats with which we still struggle. The potential for damage is only being magnified as more devices are connecting to each other, particularly as most companies are only interested in getting their products connected to the Internet as quickly as possible. While computer companies have a vested interest and lots of experience in making their products as secure and protected as possible, a toaster manufacturer is mainly concerned with making toasters rather than defending their product from hackers. This has never been an issue before, but if someone can hack into your toaster and gain access to your entire network of connected devices, the potential for harm is enormous.



These security threats are even more serious for companies across the world. Another issue (and one which we struggle with today even without billions of connected devices) is privacy and data sharing. These connected devices will be collecting vast amounts of information about every detail of people's lives. Our entire notion of privacy is being rewritten – through this connected network of devices, your toaster will know when you wake up every day, everywhere you go, your upcoming meetings and events.

This technology is being implemented rapidly and without appropriate consideration of the profound security challenges involved. Regulatory bodies haven't even begun to catch up to the IoT. Consider some of the devices that are starting to become widely available for home use: people can control their home's power and heating while away from home, install devices which allow them to unlock their doors remotely or check in on children or pets from a webcam. A new search engine called Shodan has been developed that is specifically designed for the Internet of Things. It now includes a section for viewing feeds from vulnerable webcams.

With no technical knowledge or even a paid Shodan account, you can snoop on people's homes, residential neighbourhoods, and other spaces. With little effort, you can view live feeds of sleeping babies and children without



their parents' knowledge or consent. People have purchased these devices to be able to monitor their homes and families without realising that strangers across the internet are able to do the same. Security researchers warn that we are heading into a future where poorly secured devices run our lives. Webcam manufacturers are racing to deliver gadgets the lowest prices, resulting in cutting corners in features that cost a lot in terms of time and research – such as security.

Cybersecurity experts note that many Internet-connected appliances can already monitor people in their own homes without knowledge or consent, including televisions, kitchen appliances, cameras, and thermostats. Hackers have demonstrated the ability to control insulin pumps and other medical devices. The U.S National Security Agency has already reported that the Internet of Things is a rich source of intelligence data that is growing daily. Their recent intelligence report maintained that a new black market is developing for aggregated sensor data in the IoT which allows criminals to identify and monitor vulnerable targets.

One final concern is the environmental and consumer impact of the Internet of Things. Because the concept of the IoT entails adding electronics to otherwise mundane devices (such as simple light switches) and because the major driving factor for the replacement of electronic components is often obsolescence rather than actual failure to function, we can expect that items which were previously used for many decades will now have much shorter lifespans.

A modern house built with light switches set up for IoT might see each switch and outlet replaced every few years. Modern electronics are replete with a wide variety of heavy metals, rare-earth metals, and highly toxic synthetic chemicals which makes them extremely difficult to recycle. Electronic components are often simply incinerated or dumped in regular landfills, thereby polluting soil, groundwater, and the air. The growing demand for rare-earth metals used in modern electronic components has caused a huge upsurge in mining for them with few of them ever being recovered for reuse. As more mundane items start using IoT electronics, these problems will grow.

The Internet of Things is here, and it is only going to get much bigger and become an ingrained part of our lives. It offers many benefits but also comes with many risks. Currently, the technology is growing so quickly that it is outpacing security measures, leaving many people vulnerable to an entirely new kind of cyberattacks. We cannot predict how the Internet of Things will develop, but there is a growing need for increased consumer awareness in the face of these changes.





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# Craobh Mhaigh Nuad Notes

Christmas is a lively time for all our branch members between social get-togethers and sessions springing up as we re-connect with family and friends who are home for the holidays. Craobh Mhaigh Nuad was also busy with many "official" items on the festive agenda, among which were the switching on of the Christmas lights on Main street, with our young members providing some great entertainment in Brady's, thanks to Declan and his staff for their hospitality, participation in the GAA Scór competition in The Downs, Co. Westmeath, and a fundraising concert for the Kildare Refugee centre held in Manor Mills, thanks to Rev. Keith for the invitation.

Our Christmas Party held in McMahon's was a resounding success beginning with a junior session which included a visit by a special guest in a red suit bearing gifts, and finishing up with an adult session in the bar. A cracking night was had by all. Thanks to the organisers, musicians and management and staff of McMahon's, who as always provided excellent food and service. Our regular Wednesday night sessions continue in McMahon's, keep an eye out for the regular feeds for details of these pop up sessions.

Our new term gets under way on 13<sup>th</sup> January in Maynooth Post Primary school at 7.00 p.m. Come along and join our classes looked after by our fantastic teaching team consisting of Aimeé Farrell Courtney (Bodhrán), Cillian McCabe (Banjo/Mandolin), Ellen Godley (Concertina), James Cahill (Guitar), Jason McGuinness (Fiddle), Lauren Tracey (Whistle), Rita Doyle (Dancing), Sean Tracey (Button Accordion) Sean Ó Mhorgha (Comhra Gaeilge), Alannah Thornburgh (Harp), Karen Tracey (Flute) and Troy O' Neill (Ukulele). One lesson per month is given over to group playing, which is designed to reflect the importance of collaborating and playing with other musicians. Below are a number of shots from our class sessions last year. There will be one junior session per month on Sunday afternoon in McMahon's, starting at 3.00pm. Our adult sessions are held a minimum of one a month, but you'll find a hardy bunch out most Wednesday nights for a few tunes and songs. All musicians are welcome to join us in McMahon's, young and old, branch members or not, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Tesco Maynooth have very kindly included Craobh Mhaigh Nuad in their Blue Chip Community Fund initiative, so please support the branch and pop your blue chip into our funnel when shopping in your local Tesco store, "every little helps".

**Finally, to all our committee, members, friends and supporters, best wishes for a lively 2016.  
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**Please contact Sean 086 2225540, Angie 087 1409722, [www.ccemaighnuad.com](http://www.ccemaighnuad.com) or follow us on twitter and [facebook.com/craobh.maighnuad](https://www.facebook.com/craobh.maighnuad).**



**Junior Session at Christmas Party 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, McMahon's**



**Class session in Maynooth Post Primary on 25th Nov**



## PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2015

The proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2015 amounting to €3,357 were handed over to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Sunday 20th December, 2015. A cheque for the sum was presented to Josie Moore, Chairperson of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee by Deputy Emmet Stagg.

Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank all those who participated in the Walk and those who kindly sponsored our walkers. We would also like to thank Conor Mallaghan and Carton House Hotel for allowing us to walk through Carton.

*Included in the photo above - left to right. Ellen Leavy, Josie Moore, Emmet Stagg T.D., and Rose Comerford*



## Pieta House Fundraiser

On the evening of the 27th November, 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 €3,280 for what all present felt was a cause worthy of such strong support. Pieta house is well known 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. As Pieta House depends in the main on donations for its continued operations, local fundraising events such as this one are vital to its survival.

Tony Savino, distinctive voice and tuxedo to match, was compere for the evening and Naas based group 'Myles Fancy' (pictured below) opened the evening with a lively set. '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 a mellow tone for the night. Also featured were trad musicians 'Push for Porter' who are Thursday night regulars at the Newtown Inn and local crooner Brian O Kane entertained with a solo set. Well polished duo 'Sidewinder' rounded off the evening with well worked cover versions that had the audience up and dancing until the small hours. Ken Pearson, one of the owners of KnB, bravely, and successfully, managed the sound for the entire motley crew

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 provided and prepared by local chef Simon Duffy. The evening also featured the usual raffle with over 30 spot prizes very generously sponsored by local individuals and businesses.

It proved a great night of music and fun and again this year there was a palpable sense of community spirit that in itself, aside from the funds raised, made this evening a resounding success.





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### History Group

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### Community Library

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

### 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](http://maynoothbridgeclub.com). Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

### 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

### 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 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 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

### Maynooth Community Church

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

### Kildare Intercultural Action Group (KIA)

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

## ***The Maynooth Education Campus***

*Parent Teacher Association invite you to our fundraising event to celebrate the advancements in education over the last 100 years by entering our 10K or Family 5K on the Sunday morning of the **24<sup>th</sup> April 2016** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **24<sup>th</sup> April 1916** Easter Rebellion*

### **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**

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				2				

Win a €10 book voucher if you are the first entry drawn with both puzzles correct.

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**Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth**  
 Collect prize from Newsletter Office

**Super Difficult**

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9	7		2					
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## Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

With 2015 well and truly behind us now, we can look back with relief and consider how well it all went. Our Golden Jubilee celebration and the launch of our book "The Golden Years" was the highlight of our year, so we can glide into 2016 with a certain calm. Once again I would like to thank those who contributed to all our events and helped to make it the most memorable year thus far. Our morning club is in full swing now every Tuesday and Thursday in the Geraldine Hall and all Senior Citizens are welcome. Our next event will be the Post Primary School Musical "Evita" which takes place from Feb. 3rd to Feb. 7th and our Valentine's Tea-Dance will take place on Feb. 21st at 3pm in the GAA club. Our Annual collection will take place this year on March 12th & 13th and St. Patrick's Tea-Dance will take place on Sun March 20th. You will find our full year's programme on our web page which is part the Parish Website.

*Josephine Moore.*

## St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

The Band would like to express their sincere thanks to all who contributed to their Christmas Carol music collection at Tesco, Supervalu and Greenfield Shopping Centres in the lead up to Christmas Day. Your generosity is really appreciated as running a band is quite an expensive operation and the income from public appearances, the majority of which are either free or low cost, still leaves a considerable shortfall in funds at the end of the year.



December was a really busy month for the band as apart from the Christmas Carol music we also had our Christmas Concert and the Catholic and Church of Ireland Carol Services. In addition to this some of our Band Members provided the fanfare for the raising of the Maynooth 1916-2016 Flag in the Square on New Year's Day.

The Band also played Christmas Carols in the Church grounds after 11.30 Mass on Christmas morning, a tradition that has been carried on since 1931 through hail, rain and snow. Indeed last Christmas morning the heavy rain was very much in evidence, but the band appreciated the support of the many mass goers who stayed to listen to the music despite the rain.

Normal rehearsals resumed on Monday 11th January and the Band are busy preparing for the St. Patrick's Day parades in Maynooth, Dunboyne and Kilcock. There have been requests from other parade organisers but unless their parades are on a different day to St. Patrick's Day, it is unfortunately physically impossible to attend every parade.

The Band again extends a warm welcome to musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to **drop in to rehearsals between 8pm and 9.30pm any Monday night except Bank Holidays.**

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**The copy date for the March edition of the Maynooth Newsletter is 16th February. The Editorial Board would encourage all Community Groups to avail of the Newsletter to keep their membership and the wider community of Maynooth informed of their activities.**

## Maynooth Cycling Notes

In the November issue of the Newsletter, there were three items which referred either directly or indirectly to cycling.

The first was the Tidy Towns Adjudication Report for Maynooth. The judges reported that *'It is great to be in a town with so many clear, good quality cycle lanes and to see so many people using them.'* Maynooth Cycling takes issue with this statement in relation to 'good quality cycle lanes' and with 'so many people using them'.

At that time of the judging, the surface of the cycle track on the Straffan Road was so poor that even Kildare County Council accepted upgrading was overdue. In the 2011 Census, the level of level of bike use in Maynooth was 2.2% for commuting purposes so it is unlikely that 'many' people were using the cycle lanes.

We appreciate the fact that the judges include active transport as one of their judging criteria. We are also mindful that the country is starting from a very low base in relation to cycle infrastructure and while we accept that judges bring a wide range of skills to the job of adjudication, we consider that they should be given some guidance on high quality infrastructure and levels of cycling. Maynooth Cycling contends that Town Reports should detail

- the level of service of existing cycling facilities and any upgrading proposals
- the level of cycling in the community – at minimum it should include 2011 census figures or other indicator of level of cycling in the community, and progress, if any, towards the government target of 10% of trips by bike by 2020.

The second issue was a concern expressed at the previous Community Council meeting over Moyglare Road traffic at the Kilcock Road junction being disadvantaged. Maynooth Cycling contends that pedestrians in Maynooth are the most seriously disadvantaged group and if traffic from Moyglare Road is to be prioritised, it implies that either pedestrians or traffic on other roads would have a lower priority. Maynooth Cycling asserts that Moyglare Road is not disadvantaged by traffic signals – it is disadvantaged by too much traffic, especially by people who could use alternative modes of transport for short trips.

The third issue referred was concern over the lack of cycle lane road markings at the RC Church. Maynooth Cycling contends that the lining should have been renewed several years ago – if for no other reason than its close proximity to St. Mary's Boys School. The pupils complained to the Council about the markings in 2010 but their complaints have been ignored.

Finally, in the December issue of the Newsletter, the Community Council notes reported that 'common sense prevailed' in relation to the decision on the North South Corridor. As a group which is against traffic congestion and global warming and in favour of an active community, common sense did not prevail.

*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.*



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#### Application Form

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Name

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

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Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office  
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- 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.

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- 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).
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- solid understanding of HR processes.

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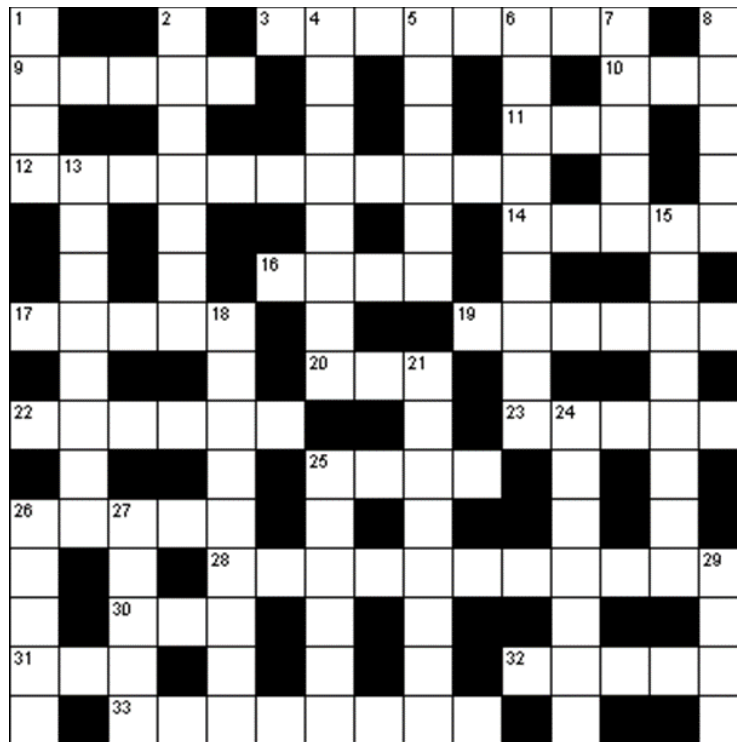
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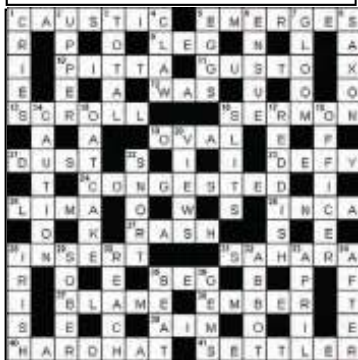


**Clues Across****February Crossword - No: 443****Clues Down**

3. Wonderful (8)  
 9. Trademark (5)  
 10. Affirmative vote (3)  
 11. Haul (3)  
 12. Coins of small denomination (5,6)  
 14. Semisynthetic textile (5)  
 16. Radiograph (1-3)  
 17. Precipitous (5)  
 19. Leased (6)  
 20. Nevertheless (3)  
 22. Person who operates a farm (6)  
 23. Tawdry (5)  
 25. Possesses (4)  
 26. Fabric of jeans (5)  
 28. Painting executed in oil (3,8)  
 30. Adult males (3)  
 31. Very small (3)  
 32. Entrances (5)  
 33. Diamond (8)



1. Mountains (4)  
 2. Puncture (7)  
 4. Like a mother (8)  
 5. Emaciated (6)  
 6. Cut off (9)  
 7. Ungainly (5)  
 8. Start (5)  
 13. Property debt (8)  
 15. Capsize (8)  
 18. Inflammation of the lungs (9)  
 21. Feeler (8)  
 24. Smokers receptacle (7)  
 25. By the clock (6)  
 26. Destroy by immersion (5)  
 27. Titles (5)  
 29. Sudden blast of wind (4)

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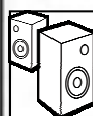
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## Smacking Children

### **Question:**

I heard that smacking a child is now illegal. What exactly are the rules?

### **Answer:**

The Children First Act 2015 provides for a number of key child protection measures. Changes aimed at banning corporal punishment or use of force against children came into effect on 11 December 2015. Since that date, a person who physically punishes a child can no longer rely on the defence of “reasonable chastisement” in the courts.

Before this change, parents or others acting *in loco parentis* could use physical force to punish their children, even though a law allowing parents to use force against their children was repealed in 2001. They could do this by relying on the common law defence of “reasonable chastisement”. This meant that a person who hit or smacked a child could argue that they did so to discipline the child. This was a defence to what would otherwise be an assault on the child. This defence can no longer be used in the courts.

No new offence has been created and there are no laws that directly ban the smacking of children. However the withdrawal of the “reasonable chastisement” defence means that an effective ban is in place.

You can visit Parenting24seven, an online resource from Tusla, the Child and Family Agency, to get information that is relevant to children and families at different stages of childhood and in different situations.

## The New PRSI credit

### **Question:**

I earn €377 a week and pay Class A PRSI on my earnings. Will I get the new PRSI credit?

### **Answer:**

Starting on 1 January 2016, a new Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) credit applies to earnings between €352.01 and €424 per week. (If you earn less than €352 you do not pay any PRSI.) Previously people who earned very little more than €352 had to pay 4% PRSI on all their earnings. The new credit will reduce the amount of PRSI you have to pay. The credit is tapered and the amount of the credit depends on your earnings. The maximum credit is €12.

For example, if you earn €352.01 per week, you will get the maximum PRSI credit of €12. On these earnings of €352.01, your PRSI charge (calculated at 4% of your earnings) would be **€14.08**. After the €12 credit is deducted, you will pay PRSI of **€2.08** instead. If you earn between €352.01 and €424 per week, the maximum credit of €12 is reduced by one-sixth of the amount of your weekly earnings over €352.01. You work out how much PRSI you will pay in four steps. First, calculate one-sixth of your earnings over €352.01. Then subtract this from the maximum credit of €12 to get your PRSI credit. Then calculate the basic PRSI charge at 4% of your earnings. Finally, deduct your PRSI credit from the PRSI charge. The result is the amount of PRSI you pay.

For example, for gross weekly earnings of €377:

1. One-sixth of your earnings over €352.01 is €377-€352.01 = €24.99, divided by 6 = **€4.17**.
2. Subtract this from the maximum credit of €12, giving you a credit of **€7.83**.
3. The basic PRSI charge is 4% of €377 = **€15.08**.
4. You will pay **€7.25 PRSI weekly in 2016** (€15.08 minus your €7.83 PRSI credit).

## The Minimum Wage

### **Question:**

I heard that the minimum wage has increased to €9.15 an hour. My employer says that this only applies to adults and that, as I am under 18, he won't be increasing my hourly rate of pay. Is that right?

### **Answer:**

No. Since 1 January 2016, the statutory minimum wage for an experienced adult has increased to €9.15 per hour. Under the National Minimum Wage Act 2000, there are also pro-rata increases for those aged under 18 and for trainees. The new rates are as follows:

Employee Type	Minimum hourly rate	% of minimum wage
Experienced adult worker	€9.15	100%
Aged under 18	€6.41	70%
First year from date of first employment aged over 18	€7.32	80%
Second year from date of first employment aged over 18	€8.24	90%
Employee aged over 18, in structured training during work:	Minimum hourly rate	% of minimum wage
In the 1 <sup>st</sup> one-third period	€6.86	75%
In the 2 <sup>nd</sup> one-third period	€7.32	80%
In the 3 <sup>rd</sup> one-third period	€8.24	90%

If your employer is not paying you the appropriate minimum wage, you can make a complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) using the online complaint form available on [workplacereactions.ie](http://workplacereactions.ie). In the complaint form you have two options. You may either request an inspector from the WRC to investigate a claim that the national minimum wage is not being paid or you may refer a dispute to a WRC adjudicator. However, you can only refer a dispute if you have requested a statement from your employer outlining the calculation of the average hourly pay.

You can get more information on the minimum wage and your employment rights from the WRC Information and Customer Service (Lo-call 1890 80 80 90 or [workplacereactions.ie](http://workplacereactions.ie)) or from the Citizens Information Centre.

## Refusal to prosecute

### **Question:**

A friend of mine was very seriously assaulted but has been told that the person who was arrested will not be prosecuted. Can she find out the reason for this?

### **Answer:**

Yes she can. Since 16 November 2015, if the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) decides not to prosecute, the victim can ask the DPP for a summary of the reasons for the decision not to prosecute. In a fatal case a family member of the victim can ask. If the decision not to prosecute was made by the Gardaí, you must ask the Gardaí for a summary of the reasons for the decision. To request a summary of the reasons for the

decision by the DPP not to prosecute you must send a Request for a Summary of Reasons form to the: Communications and Victims Liaison Unit, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Infirmary Road, Dublin 7

The form is available on [dppireland.ie](http://dppireland.ie) or from or from your local Garda station. You must send your request for reasons within 28 days of the date you are told of the decision not to prosecute. In some cases the DPP might extend this time limit.

If you are not satisfied, you can request a review of a decision. The review will be carried out by a lawyer who was not involved in making the original decision. If you have already requested a summary of the reasons for the decision, you must make your request for a review within 28 days of the date on the letter telling you of the reasons. If you have not asked for the reasons for the decision, you must make your request for a review within 56 days (8 weeks) of the date you are told of the decision not to prosecute. To request a review of the DPP's decision, you should write to the Communications and Victims Liaison Unit.

## Noisy neighbours

### **Question:**

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?

### **Answer:**

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 anti-social 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.



## Aonach na Nollag survives Storm Desmond

Aonach na Nollag was a huge success despite the best efforts of Storm Desmond to thwart 10 weeks of preparation. A change of venue had to be procured 24 hours before the event was due to take place. Sincere thanks were expressed to Maynooth Post Primary Staff for the use of their school. Within an hour of being approached, the school had signed off on the event.

The school opened at 8 am for decorating and for stall holders to set up. By 11 am everything was in place, and by midday the public had begun to arrive in droves. It is estimated that between 1500/2000 attended with some stall holders selling out of their wares before the appointed finishing time of 5 pm. Santa made an appearance at 2 pm and sang songs with Musical Tots and The Brennan Academy of Performing Arts. The feedback on the event was so positive that the Aonach should become a permanent fixture on the Maynooth Calendar of Events. Thanks to the following for their assistance with Aonach na Nollag:

Maynooth Post Primary School; Maynooth Community Council; Kildare County Council; The OPW; Maynooth University; Maynooth Students Union; NUIM Cuallacht Cholmcille; NUIM Business and Entrepreneurship Society; O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse; Barretts of Maynooth; Bradys Auctioneers; Mark Nolan and Maynooth Cabs; Quickstitch Embroidery and Promotional Solutions; Jim Doyle Xmas Trees; Kevin Shields; KFM Radio; Liffey Champion; Leinster Leader; Maynooth Tidy Towns; The Transition Year Choir; Maynooth Folk Group; Brennan Academy of Performing Arts; Musical Tots; all our stall holders mentioned below; all the volunteers for the set up and clean down and to the people of Maynooth for trusting us to put on an event worth coming to and for turning out in such numbers.

The stall holders on the day are as follows:

1. Maynooth University Cuallacht Cholmcille
2. KT Metal - metal crafts
3. Karen Dunne - Baker
4. Ruth Cahill - Duckblue Crafts
5. Hilda Cullinan - Hilda's Homemades (jams/preserves)
6. Tracey McMullen - T&R Cupcakes
7. Lisa Farrell- Sewing/crafts
8. Maynooth Branch Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann
9. Barbara Colfer/Bernadette Hickey - Baking
10. Maynooth Scouts
11. Catherine O'Donoghue - Forever Living
12. Claire Waters - Creative Crochet
13. Carmel Avery - Pastry Boutique Baking
14. Aine Marriot - Knitting Crafts
15. Roberta Hines - Artist
16. Deirdre Crawford - Childrens Books
17. The Gatehouse Restaurant
18. The Glass Doll, Courthouse Square
19. Denise Dalton - Gluten Free Baking
20. Catherine Carey - Creative Crafts
21. Paul Byrne- Artist
22. Jennifer Dalton - Natures Sculptures
23. Maynooth University Business and Entrepreneurship Society
24. Carmel Sheerin - Hand Crafted Fairy Doors
25. Frances Whelan - Frantastic Cakes
26. Dave Farrelly- Artist
27. Maynooth Festival Calendar
28. Sonia Vizi - U Casali Olive Oil
29. Kenneth Boylan - Genil Training Centre- Crafts
30. Fiona Germain - Baking
31. Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group
32. Emma Higgins - Decoupage Crafts

We would encourage Maynooth residents to support the local businesses that support the Community. Look out for developments on this years Summer Festival. If anyone would like to help organise the festivals for the coming year please send an email to [maynoothfest15@gmail.com](mailto:maynoothfest15@gmail.com) letting us know of your interest.

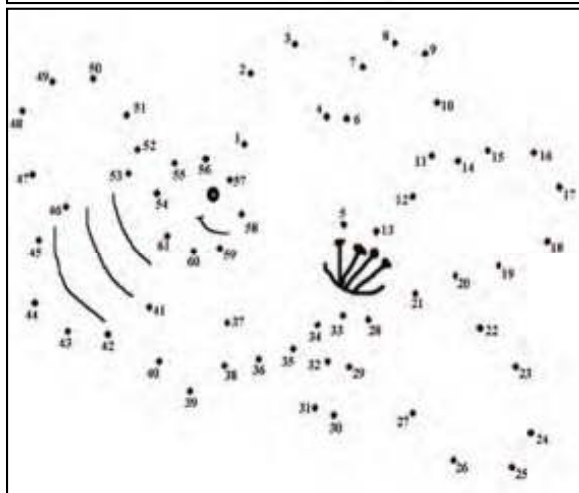
Again, many thanks to all involved, and hopefully we can count on your support this year.

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
1633	Kildare County Council	Kim Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	19/01/2016
1634	Kildare County Council	Ian Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	19/01/2016
1625	Kildare County Council	David Durate	100 Castledawson, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/01/2016
151188	Kildare County Council	Westin Homes Ltd.	Hayfield, Greenfield, Maynooth	23/12/2015
151174	Kildare County Council	Mycete Homes Ltd.	The Walk, Moyglare Hall, Mariavilla, Maynooth	22/12/2015
151178	Kildare County Council	Roger Satchwell	Mariaville, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/12/2015
151153	Kildare County Council	Michael and Maeve Donovan	Maynooth Road, Straffan, Co. Kildare.	18/12/2015
151159	Kildare County Council	Andrea Foley	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	18/12/2015
151131	Kildare County Council	BDS Alliance Limited	368 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.	14/12/2015
151118	Kildare County Council	Patrick Fallon	Ballycurraghan, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/12/2015
151125	Kildare County Council	Mark and Stephanie Nolan	120 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/12/2015
151086	Kildare County Council	Stephen & Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	04/12/2015
151091	Kildare County Council	Gerry Collins	2 Courthouse Square, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	04/12/2015
151077	Kildare County Council	Andrew Boland and Arlene Boland	33 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	02/12/2015
151083	Kildare County Council	Aisling Bean	Mariaville, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	02/12/2015
151056	Kildare County Council	Steven McEleney	37 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.	26/11/2015
151023	Kildare County Council	Aine 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, 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



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L to R Declan O'Connor, Rita Edwards, Peter Curran, and Peter Nevin from the History Group

after years of turmoil.. It was agreed that such personal letters gave a unique and human insight into history at a point in time. John Colgan will present on Major John Colgan in the Scouts Hall on February 15th at 8p.m. Major Colgan was leading member of the Maynooth contingent to march to the GPO in 1916, in support the rising. Major Colgan had a successful career in the Irish Army subsequently and wrote extensively on the Maynooth involvement in 1916.

Peter Nevin presented a peculiar piece of office machinery, called a "comptometer". Arguably a forerunner to the modern day computer, it a mechanical device with 103 buttons (including grooved "home" keys) and a side handle. It performed additions with ability to account for millions and would take great skill to operate. Estimated date of manufacture 1920 at latest. Manufactured and patented by Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company for the U.S.A. and United Kingdom markets. Developed by Dorr Eugene Felt and Robert Tarrant in 1887 producing a range of 8 machines, 4 of which was sold to the US Treasury, a marketing coup of considerable importance. Training on how to use the machine was a major issue in the early days and led to training being an equally importance part of the business. While hitting peak sales in 1915, the partnership split in on the issue of providing listing recording work. The famous "shoe box" design, which Peter demonstrated was the most popular model. This model was discontinued soon after the death of its designer of 1930. Some further oiling of parts and a search of a works manual is needed for this piece of curiosity to operate again. Any volunteers!

Peter Nevin - Chairman, Maynooth Local History Group.

## Maynooth Local History Group

Memorabilia Evening – January 18<sup>th</sup>

A lively and interesting evening was enjoyed by attendees at this year's Memorabilia Evening held in the Community Space in Maynooth. A wide variety of books, letters and objects were shown with high level of enthusiasm both from presenters and the audience. While attendance was somewhat down on previous years there was no reduction in enjoyment for all who braved the cold weather to come out.

Among the many exhibits, the following were particularly noteworthy;

Declan O'Connor presented an old postcard of Maynooth Castle, estimated to printed in 1911 on the occasion of the Royal visit of the newly crowned George V and Queen Mary to Maynooth. The postcard was in colour and newly developed German technique. Declan had a copy of the postcard mounted as a picture which looked particularly beautiful.



Declan, also presented a book of poems by John Francis McEntee, dated prior to 1916 and in pristine condition. The book was signed by the author and very much in the Victorian/ Edwardian style. Better known as Sean McEntee, he fought in 1916 Rebellion, the war of independence and sided with the Anti-treaty element in the civil war. A close ally of Eamon DeValera, serving as a minister in the various DeValera governments. Though considered to be heir apparent to succeed DeValera as leader of Fianna Fail, he was narrowly defeated by Sean Lemass in the succession stakes. Sean McEntee served as Tanaiste to Lemass. He retired from the Dail in 1969 aged 80. He sister Maire, a celebrity in her own right, married Conor Cruise O'Brien.



Rita Edwards presented and discussed a commemorative 1966 book on the subject of the 1916 Rebellion. It was published by the Medical Missionaries of Mary in Drogheda. It detailed many of the events held in that year to commemorate the insurrection, including a National Gallery exhibition. Rita noted the high level of control the establishment had on events and content of publications and speeches in that year.



John Colgan of Leixlip who is researching the genealogy (utilising DNA techniques) and history of the many aspects of the Colgan clan, read and discussed a letter from an Edward Colgan dated 1924. It was written to a brother in America from his stately home in Clonbrin House, near Rathangan. While updating the brother on family matters, it gave a brief personal insight of the state of Ireland at the time, which Edward wrote, was returning to normality,







*"Many of us had never handled a gun prior to this and much practicing in the loading and unloading of our weapons now took place" Colgan noted.*

It was 7.15pm on Easter Monday 1916 before the men left Maynooth. By this stage, the Rising was well underway in Dublin and key positions had been seized by the rebels.

Before leaving Maynooth, the men proceeded through the main street to the College. Colgan noted that *"there were rumours to the effect that some of the students were anxious to join us"* and the Volunteers also wanted to interview one of their own who had answered the original mobilisation call. *"Our quest for this employee brought us to the building occupied by the late Very Rev. J. Hogan, D.D, President of the College"* The President called on Domhnall Ua Buachalla to return home and to see to it his fellow Volunteers did the same. Undaunted, the men marched out the south-east gate of the College, and were now on route to Dublin.

The men proceeded to follow the Royal Canal to Leixlip, and from there take to the railway tracks. The men would march through Glasnevin Cemetery on route to the action, and Colgan noted that it was shortly after this point that they would encounter the first sign of the insurrection-two Volunteers armed with rifles on cross Guns Bridge.

Making their way to the General Post Office, it was the face of James Connolly that would first greet the Maynooth men. *We must have appeared as a motley crew of warriors to him, yet the welcoming smile which he gave us made us feel very full of ourselves"*

They were to provide relief to the Citizen Army men who were surrounded at the Evening Mail office. Their journey there was nothing if not exciting, owing to the old man guarding the toll bridge. Demanding the toll, which the Volunteers did not

have to hand, it was not until Lieutenant O' Kelly drew a revolver that the man capitulated. Later, when coming back to the Southside of the city, Colgan noted that *"...following the example set me by Lieutenant O' Kelly I presented my .32 revolver and received a free passage"*

These men had fallen into trouble, owing to the difficulties of the ICA at City Hall, where Captain Sean Connolly had fallen, and British forces had seized the Hall early on. City Hall had been abandoned, with William Oman of the ICA noting that on seeing the mobs in Werburgh Street *"cheering the troops"* the men with him had decided that *"each man should take his chance individually in getting away"* He would ultimately end up in Jacobs, where a handful of other ICA men were to be found having retreated from Davy's pub at Portobello Bridge.

The Maynooth men that arrived on the scene then found themselves seizing the Exchange Hotel on Parliament Street. They themselves would come under fire from Dublin Castle. Patrick Colgan found himself returning to the rebel HQ at the GPO to inform Connolly that only Domhnall Ua Buachalla was armed with a rifle at the Hotel. Ultimately, it was only a matter of time until these men would end up back at the GPO, after a retreat up Temple lane, which Colgan noted was the only time he had ever *"....come near to breaking an athletic record"*

The men would assist in the defence of the General Post Office, and Patrick Colgan would later end up in The Coliseum building on Sackville Street, but was to be captured on Liffey Street later. He described encountering an *"extremely decent"* man named Boland, of Carlow, who he stated was somewhat sympathetic to the *"Sinn Feiners"*, yet confused they had not waited until Irish men had returned from the War.

In 1966, Thomas Harris, Patrick Weafer, Timothy Tyrell, Joseph Ledwidge and Jack Maguire found themselves as guests in Maynooth College. Today, in the town square, a monument stands to them and the other men who assembled in Maynooth in 1916 to partake in the rebellion. Interestingly, the official report into the rebellion and its aftermath noted that there was now significant support for Irish separatists in Maynooth, something not present before the rebellion and executions of the leading figures. Domhnall Ua Buachalla would be elected a Sinn Féin TD for Kildare in 1918. The family hardware store in Maynooth, founded in 1853, remained in operation until 2005. Buckley's Lane is named after him today. Many of the other Maynooth men also remained active within the republican movement after being released for their roles in the Easter Rising.



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# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

## 2016 FILM YEAR IN PREVIEW



2016 is only a month old and already it looks like a particularly exciting year ahead for Irish interests in the entertainment industry. The Oscar nominations on 14th January proved remarkably fruitful with no less than nine nods in our direction. To paraphrase Collin Welland's famous rallying cry at the 1982 Academy Awards, the Irish are coming!

Lenny Abrahamson's *Room* and John Crowley's *Brooklyn* were both nominated for Best Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay. Remarkably, Abrahamson best known for *Frank, Garage and Adam&Paul* is in the Best Director category as well.

American actress/singer Brie Larson, fresh from her Golden Globe success, is also nominated for Best Actress in *Room*. As expected, Saoirse Ronan has earned an Oscar nomination for her brilliant performance as a young Irish emigrant in 1950s-set *Brooklyn*. This is her second Oscar nomination. She was previously up in the Best Supporting Actress group for her break-through performance in *Atonement* in 2007.



No surprise to see Michael Fassbender nominated for Best actor for his blistering take on the Apple co-founder in *Steve Jobs*. He's in the running for a BAFTA as well. Benjamin Cleary's live action short, *Stutterer* rounds up the Irish nominations. Both *Room* (a harrowing tale of motherhood) and *Brooklyn* (an adaptation of Colin Tobin's novel) were produced in co-operation with the Irish Film Board.

*The Revenant* swept the board with twelve Oscar nominations and has been receiving rave reviews in the press. Fassbender will face stiff competition from Leonardo DiCaprio as Best Actor. Five times nominated, it is surely the American actor's year.

*The Revenant* is the first must-see blockbuster of 2016 and likely to be paved in Oscar glory come the end of February. It is just two nominations off the most nominated film in Oscar history. DiCaprio by all accounts suffered for his art! Director Alejandro Inarritu (*Birdman*) puts the actor through his paces as a wronged explorer hell bent on revenge in 1820s America. On an unforgiving frontier, DiCaprio's character fights a savage battle with the wilderness for survival. The actor delivers a tour-de-force performance. A malevolent Tom Hardy (nominated as Best Supporting Actor) and Domhnall Gleeson make up an impressive supporting cast.



As usual in any new year, the film crop for 2016 is plentiful. In no particular order of importance, here are the film releases of 2016 that you might consider pencilling into your diary:

**Dad's Army** (D. Oliver Parker) Toby Jones, Bill Nighy and Michael Gambon star in the big-screen adaptation of the 70s BBC comedy series. It remains to be seen how successful this transfer of a comic classic from the small to the big screen will turn out. Lord knows what Captain Mainwaring would make of it all! He might be tempted to admonish Parker with his catchphrase 'Stupid boy!' The cast of British veterans looks promising though.

**Hail, Caesar** (D. Joel Coen, Ethan Coen) George Clooney and Josh Brolin star not in an adaptation of Shakespeare's most famous play, but rather in a comedy

caper about a not-so smart matinee idol in 1950s Hollywood. Egos and tensions flare up during the making of a Roman epic. As it's the Cohen Brothers at the helm, expect quirky, surreal humour and grandiose flourishes.

**Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice** (D. Zach Snyder) The two most famous comic-book superheroes, Batman, (Ben Affleck), and Superman (Henry Cavill) are finally getting acquainted on the big screen. The most eagerly anticipated film of 2016 promises action fireworks with displays of brute-force masculinity aplenty. The brawny Affleck and Cavill should have no difficulty inhabiting their roles, and locking horns, as the Caped Crusader and Man of Steel respectively.



**The Jungle Book** (D. Jon Favreau) The 50 year-old Rudyard Kipling-inspired classic film has been reworked for a modern audience. Newcomer, Neel Sethi plays the role of jungle boy Mowgli raised by various animal friends and is the only live-action performer in this latest 3D adaptation. An all-star cast, includes the voices of Scarlett Johansson, Ben Kingsley, Christopher Walken and Bill Murray who sings 'The Bare Necessities'. Should be fun!

**Huntsman: Winter's War** (D. Cedric Nicolas-Troyan) This is a prequel to 2012's *Snow White and the Huntsman*. Chris Hemsworth and Charlize Theron return as the titular woods man and evil Queen but Kristen Stewart's Snow White will be absent this time. *Huntsman* is loosely based on Hans Christian Andersen's *The Snow Queen*. Emily Blunt features as Ice Queen, Freya, whose menacing powers include the ability to freeze any opponent. Sumptuous visuals are guaranteed then in this latest fairytale offering.

**X-Men Apocalypse** (D. Bryan Singer) In terms of both budget and scope, this is the biggest X-movie to date. It is also the ninth in the series. A deadly mutant villain, Apocalypse (Oscar Issac), emerges from hibernation in the 1980s intent on world domination. James MacAvoy's Xavier and Jennifer Lawrence's Raven attempt to foil his dastardly plan but Apocalypse has picked four 'Horsemen' as his defenders. One of them will be very familiar - Xavier's old ally/foe Magneto (Michael Fassbender). Expect special effects of the highest order. Writer/producer Simon Kinberg guarantees "death, destruction, loss and longing on a global scale".



**Ghostbusters** (D. Paul Feig) "Who you gonna call?" Well it won't be Murray, Aykroyd or Ramis as your friendly ectoplasm/spook-removing service has undergone a change - of sex that is. Years in the making, Paul Feig (*Bridesmaids, Spy*) has revamped the cult classic with a female-led cast this time round. Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wigg and Kate McKinnon promise to enliven the ghostly proceedings. The originals (Murray, Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver) turn up in cameo roles. Will it erase memories of a beloved classic though? We shall see.

**Independence Day: Resurgence** (D. Ronald Emmerich) The original *Independence Day* is 20 years old. With its ground-breaking special effects (massive spaceships plundering national monuments), this sci-fi classic reinvented the whole man-versus alien story-line for a new generation. Ronald Emmerich returns in the director's chair for *ID: Resurgence* which promises even more spectacular effects. Will Smith is replaced by Liam Hemsworth (brother of

Chris) as defender of the earth, but cast originals, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman and Judd Hirsch, are back for good measure.

Intriguingly, an adaptation of Paula Hawkins's best-selling thriller novel of 2015, *The Girl On The Train*, will reach cinemas later this year. Its mysterious story centres on a character, played by Emily Blunt, who becomes obsessed with the lives of a couple she sees on her daily train commute. Word of mouth is that it will be this year's *Gone Girl*.

### Actors to watch out for in 2016:



**Tom Hiddleston:** The striking British actor impressed as Sir Thomas Sharpe in the gothic horror-romance *Crimson Peak* in 2015. He will shortly be seen in the disturbing J.G. Ballard adaptation *High-Rise*, in which the residents of a state-of-the-art 40-storey tower block turn on each other with animalistic savagery. Hiddleston is a skilled mimic, and his talent was put to good use in the Hank Williams bio-pic *I Saw the Light*. Like Kevin Spacey in *Beyond the Sea*, Hiddleston's actual voice is used in the renditions of Williams' songs. This makes his performance as the tragic singer all the more skilled and moving. Hiddleston will also star in the BBC's six-part adaptation of a Le Carre novel, *The Night Manager*, in February. So we will be seeing a lot of Mr Hiddleston in 2016.



**Jamie Dornan:** The Irish actor will be prominent in 2016. Three of his projects are set for cinematic release: *Jadoville*, (recounting the shameful treatment of Irish soldiers in 1960s Congo); *Anthropoid* (the story of Czech operatives who assassinated one of Hitler's notorious henchmen). Cork man Cillian Murphy co-stars in this exciting period film which will have its premier at the Cannes Film Festival in May. The supernatural thriller *The Ninth Life of Louis Drax* is also expected to release at some point. We will also see him in the third and final series of *The Fall* later this year.

**Dakota Johnson:** The American actress daughter of Melanie Griffith has been increasingly in the spotlight and treading many red carpets in recent months. Last year saw her paired with Johnny Depp in the gangster flick *Black Mass*. Her comedic skills will be put to good use in the upcoming *How To Be Single* and she will shortly co-star with Ralph Fiennes and Matthias Schoenaertges (Far from the Madding Crowd) in the erotic thriller *A Bigger Splash*.



  
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