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Maynooth Welcomes the Irish Golf Open 2016 with a Reception in the Avenue Restaurant



Maynooth Business Association held a pre-tournament reception in the Avenue Restaurant to welcome the Irish Open 2016 Golf to Maynooth. Kevin Phelan and Gary Hurley, a Graduate of Maynooth University attended the reception representing the European Tour. *(Photos by John Boyd)*



L to R Mark Nolan (MBA), Declan Kennedy (MBA), Kevin Phelan, Gary Hurley, Ted Robinson (Glenroyal Hotel), and Robert Kennedy (MBA)



Kevin Phelan (Maynooth Golf Ambassador), Ted Robinson General Manager Glenroyal Hotel and Gary Hurley Maynooth Golf Ambassador



Emma Boyce and Susan Durack (Maynooth Community Council) at the Irish Open Reception.



Kevin Phelan, Peter Minnock (Kildare County Council) And Gary Hurley



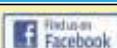
Rory McIlroy wins the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open

Tournament host Rory McIlroy produced a sensational finish to win the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open for the first time at The K Club. McIlroy will donate the first prize of €666,660 to the Rory Foundation. The three charities to benefit in the Kildare-Dublin region are Barretstown, the Jack & Jill Foundation and Laura Lynn Children's Hospice.

"I don't really get emotional when I win but I was trying to hold back the tears on the 18th green, looking up and seeing all my friends and family. "I don't get the chance to play in front of them very often so to play like that and to finish like that today, I will never forget it."

Summer Festival 2016 Friday 8th - Sunday 10th July

If you wish to get involved contact: maynoothfest15@gmail.com



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ALLERGY SEASON



Summer is comingwe hope!! With the Summer season comes the allergy season for some of your dogs and cats.

Flea Allergic Dermatitis is a very common cause of scratching in pets. In our Clinics we have seen a big increase in the number of cats suffering from this condition over the last few years. It used to be the case where the cat quite happily brought the flea on it's back into the house and gave it to the dog with no ill effect to the cat. Now both our cats and dogs are prime targets.

Life Cycle of Fleas

The most common flea found on your pets is *Ctenocephalides Felis*.

The female flea lives on your dog and cat. They can also live on wild animals especially hedgehogs. The flea lays eggs. Eggs fall off your pet and hatch into larvae to pupae which is very resistant to a lot of chemicals. Adult fleas can emerge within 2 weeks or longer, and so the life cycle continues. Fleas will bite your pet with the purpose of sucking blood. In this process the flea injects saliva into the skin and this causes an allergic reaction resulting in the following; excessive scratching and grooming evidence of fleas and flea dirt on your pet's coat a connection in the life cycle of tapeworm and the flea which will necessitate your pet to be wormed and treated for fleas at the same time. The treatment involves both your pet and the house environment.

Other allergies for example pollen can be inhaled by your pet and can cause symptoms similar to hay fever in people i.e. sneezing etc. **Get in touch with us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 and we will advise you on the best available treatment.**



Why Should You Get Your Dog Clipped and Groomed

Besides all the obvious there is one very good reason to keep your dog groomed. In Maynooth Clinic every Summer we see a few cases of what we call Blowfly Strike. This disturbing and very serious condition can happen generally in older dogs with a very heavy and sometimes faecal contaminated coat. These dogs generally lie around for a large part of the day near flower beds and under trees. Flies are attracted to this type of environment as the ambient temperature rises. They lay eggs on the dog which can develop into larvae and within a space of a few days we have a maggot infestation. If this infestation is missed this condition is fatal.

Irish Association of Supported Employment Job Shadow Day Maynooth 27th April 2016

Job Shadow Day in Maynooth was a huge success which brought people with disabilities and local employers together for one day to promote equal employment opportunities. The participants involved explored the world of work by 'shadowing' someone in the workplace as they went about their normal working routine.

A big thanks goes out to the employers involved, Divine Word Missionaries, Moyglare Rd, Siopa Milséan, Main St, Mc Mahon's Main St., Sportsworld, Tesco Shopping Centre, and Angela Brennan in the Elite Café, Main St, their support and enthusiasm for the project was brilliant.

Employers in Maynooth can find out more about supported employment by contacting: **Irish Association of Supported Employment** on 097 82894 www.iase.ie or e-mail jobshadow@iase.ie.



Above Left : Mark Mahony (Middle) assisting in Siopa Milséan Main St with James Kelly and Emer O' Brien.
Above Right : L to R Simon Walsh, John Fagan, John Nally, Neill Mc Caffery, Martin Gorman and Mohammed Nurdin in Sports World, Maynooth.



Above Left: In Divine Word Missionaries Ella Jane Moore (Left) assisting Muireann Ní Chrualaoí (middle) and Mary Oros. Above Right: In Mc Mahon's Noel Maher (middle) assisting Sean Cunningham and Anna Poreba



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Local club member Marie McEneaney wins Curvette Finalist 2016 award

Marie McEneaney at 72 years old is celebrated for using Curves to help her live life to the full

May 2016 – The national finalists for Curves' Curvette of the Year Award have been announced, with local Maynooth club member, Marie McEneaney taking home a Curvette Finalist 2016 award. Judges awarded Marie 'Irish 60+ Curvette of the Year, 2016'. Marie joined Curves after seeing the results in a colleague and hasn't looked back since. She is so dedicated to the 30 minute workout that she has even used her pass at Curves clubs while abroad. Marie had been advised by her doctor to visit a physiotherapist after breaking a bone but was told she didn't need treatment due to her strength and flexibility – impressive for a 72 year old! Marie says Curves helps her to feel young, and has taught her that age is just a mental attitude. Curves, one of the largest chains of fitness clubs for women in the world, initiated the Curvette of the Year Award to celebrate the success of their members who have made great strides while working out at Curves, with the awards split into three categories and a national finalist for each:

Inspirational Curvette: A member who has transformed her life such as overcoming health ailments, significant challenges and obstacles in her life through exercising at Curves and/or healthy eating and exercise with Curves.

Transformed Curvette: A member who has seen a transformation in their physical appearance and/or their attitude towards a healthy lifestyle through exercising at Curves.

60+ Curvette: A member who, during 1st January 2015 – 1st January 2016, was 60 years or over and who has achieved greater wellbeing and a higher quality of life as a result of her Curves membership.

For her Curvette Finalist 2016 achievement, Marie wins a €200 voucher and six months free membership at her Curves club. As one of Ireland's three national finalists, Marie is in with a chance of becoming the overall Irish Curvette of the Year winner. The national winner will join fellow country winners from the UK, France, Italy, Spain, and Sweden for an amazing trip to Amsterdam to enjoy the sightseeing and be pampered with a photo and video shoot; their six month's free membership will also be upgraded to a year.

Asli Bilgin, International Marketing Director at Curves said: "We were incredibly moved by the heartfelt experiences shared by members in their entries. Curves aims to help women feel strong on the inside and out and to hear how Marie's club made such a difference to her is incredibly rewarding for us. It's a joy to celebrate and reward Marie in return for her dedication and achievement, and share how inspirational she is with other women."

Famous for its 30-minute circuit that works every major muscle group with Strength Training, cardio and stretching, and with one-on-one expert coaches to assist and encourage, Curves offers women a supportive environment where they can concentrate on their goals and even partake in a customisable meal plan. If you would like to try it out for yourself, please visit <http://www.curves.eu/> to find your local club who would be happy to welcome you.

About Curves International, Inc.

Curves International, Inc. is one of the largest chains of fitness centers for women in the world and is famous for its 30-minute Circuit with a Coach that works every major muscle group with Strength Training, cardio and stretching. The new Curves Specialty Classes** offer workout moves for key focus areas like balance, flexibility and strength. Classes include Body Balance, Arms-Core-Legs, and Stretch & Strength. With Curves Complete, women have a fully integrated, personalized weight loss and weight management solution that includes the Curves fitness program, customizable meal plans and one-on-one coaching and support. Curves is committed to providing women with the tools necessary to empower them to live more fulfilling lives. For more information, please visit <http://www.curves.eu/ie/>.



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Darkness Into Light

It's hard to know where to start when it comes to saying thanks to everyone who woke from their sleepy slumber in Ireland and around the world in the early hours of May 7th to walk from Darkness Into Light.

To all those who shared the light so spectacularly... **THANK YOU**
Your incredible support and generosity of spirit means SO much to us and we'll be forever in your debt, forever humbled and overwhelmed for some time to come.

Warmest Regards,
Brian Higgins - CEO Pieta House



Maynooth Community Council Notes

Meeting of Maynooth Community Council, May 9th in Maynooth Community Space

PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION

Vanessa Harte, the new manager of the local Bank of Ireland branch addressed the group to make us aware of the fact Maynooth is a nominee for the Enterprise Town Initiative. The initiative is built on 3 pillars - Business, Groups such as Tidy Towns and Community Games, and Schools. The aim is to promote and showcase the best in work and leisure in Maynooth and support the community. The 2 day Expo will take place on Friday and Saturday 10/11 of June. The venue has yet to be finalised but Maynooth University is being considered.

Friday 10th will run from 4-7pm and both new and established businesses will be displaying goods and services.

Sat 11th will be the day for Schools and Community Groups. Sports competitions and school activities will be promoted. It is expected to run from either 11-3 or 12-4.

Both days will also be used as a recruitment drive. It will be free to take part in the Expo and you do not need to be a BOI. account holder nor VAT registered. A guest speaker will be booked for the event.

The launch took place in O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse on Thursday May 12th.

MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman, Tom McMullon, informed the meeting that due to insurance restrictions, the proposed mini-craft market due to be part of the Irish Open Week celebrations cannot now take place. It is an unfortunate turn of events and MCC will look into methods to ensure that future events are not affected in the same way.

The Chair made reference to the recent passing of Council member Paddy Nolan. Paddy had recently re-joined the Council and was well known in Maynooth as a Peace Commissioner and an active promoter of the local Mortality Society. A minutes silence was observed in his honour.

FESTIVAL

Jacqui Farrell informed the meeting that Festival events are being confirmed on a weekly basis. The Festival will open in the Square on Friday July 8th. There will be entertainment on the Main St and in the Square.

Sat 9th will see both the Harbour and the Castle utilised with events finishing on Sunday with another event in the Castle and a closing event in O'Neill's Bar and Steakhouse.

There will be a call for Stewards so if anyone wishes to give a few hours of their time, the Committee would be grateful for your support. Paul Croghan mentioned adding cultural diversity to the event and suggested that Kildare Intercultural Group could be of assistance.

TIDY TOWNS

Activities are ongoing and recently the hanging baskets were removed for painting and repair. Some have been placed in Pound Park opposite the

Coffee Mill. Clean ups continue on Saturdays and on a rotation basis on Sundays. Volunteers are always welcome.

The Tidy Towns Collection was between 12-15 May.

The application for this year's Tidy Towns competition is ready for submission. If residents' associations have any new features, please let the TT know and they'll add them to the submission. The group was pleased that the banner they used in the St Patrick's Day Parade, which had been presented to the 1916 Committee, was used in the 'March to Dublin' festivities.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Club is operating twice a week in the Geraldine Hall with Tea Dances continuing in the GAA Club.

The Easter party was a great success with seniors from Maynooth and surrounding areas enjoying the afternoon. The next party will be the Bealtaine event.

ICA

Crafts continue on Mondays with demonstrations in ribbon embroidery and cushion making coming up soon.

The members had an in-house collection for the Alzheimers Association.

Members are looking forward to being a part of the Festival on the Saturday in the Harbour.

A number of the ladies attended the one to one digital course in the University. They passed on their thanks to the students who were both patient and informative. Thanks were also extended to Maynooth University for their wonderful initiative.

COMHALTAS

Classes were due to finish on May 11th for the summer break. Members were congratulated on their success at the recent Kildare Fleadh held in Kilcock. Winners will go on to compete at the Leinster Fleadh on the 9/10 July. The Maynooth branch has competitors in 15 disciplines.

Thanks were extended to McMahons for their support in regular music sessions. The group are booked for many upcoming events and are looking forward to classes recommencing in September.

SCOUTS

Beavers recently enjoyed a trip to Dublin Zoo.

Some of the older scouts are preparing for the County Shield in Larchill. 14 troops from Kildare will compete. Camping trips are coming up soon in Pallaskenry and Castle Sanderson.

Scouts recently volunteered as litter wardens at the recent Darkness into Light event. Johnny Dowling thanked Supervalu and Mulcahy's Butchers for their sponsorship of food items for the Scout breakfast after the Darkness into Light event.

Venture Scouts will be volunteering at Kerdiffstown House during the summer.

Johnny also called for anyone in a position to donate or sponsor a tall step ladder to the Scouts to please do so. They would be most grateful.

STUDENTS' UNION

Matt O'Boyle thanked the Council for their support

over the past year. His tenure as SU President is coming to an end with Dillon Grace replacing him at the helm of the SU. Maynooth University recently won a Community Awareness award at the recent Irish Student Awards.

Information on Clubs and Socs is now available online and not just at Fairs Day. This initiative is being co-pioneered with University College Limerick.

EDUCATE TOGETHER

Educate Together: Thanks to Maynooth 1916 Commemoration Committee for their assistance with the flag raising ceremony and to the community Garda for visiting the school. The new parents' information evening is on May 18th at 8pm and the new junior infants will visit the school on 20th May. The school will take part in the inaugural Educate Together Basketball tournament. The GAA coaching continues on Fridays and 4th class are having swimming lessons in St Raphael's pool in Celbridge. Transition year students from Maynooth and Celbridge continue their work experience in the school on Fridays. Fifth class have taken part in an RTE recording of a children's program Swipe TV on RTE2 which will be shown on 13th May.

ST PATRICK FOUNDATION

Keith McCrory thanked those that helped in any way with their St Patrick's Day events. Their Arts Festival will take place in the Square on August 19th.

AOB

The Arthritis Walking Group are holding an event on Tue 17th May from 7-9 pm with Rochelle Flanagan giving a talk on diet and exercise. Admission is free.

On the same day at 11am the 3rd Age group are having a walk and talk to mark Green Ribbon Month in St Catherine's Park in Lucan Demense.

Maynooth Local History Group had a talk on Ireland's first Ponzi Scheme. Declan O'Connor spoke about Dr Singer and Shanahan's stamp auctions. The group were delighted to receive the St Patrick's Award earlier this year from the St Patrick's Foundation.

Paul Daly congratulated the Committee of the recent Darkness into Light event in aid of Pieta House. He also thanked them for asking him to be MC for the event. He continued to say that the message given was so important, and that if anyone needs help with a personal dilemma, Pieta House is one organisation that can be approached confidentially for help. Sean Tracey added his congratulations both to the organisers and to Paul for his involvement as MC.

If any resident or group feels that they are not represented at Council level, please contact the MCC Office and the Council will seek to redress the imbalance by co-opting them to the Council to have their concerns raised.

Editorial

With the cow parsley popping up for the annual visit to our roadside verges around semi-rural Maynooth and the flowers gone from the Cherry Blossoms trees, we have to be in June racing towards the mid- point of the year. This is the time of year where you find some people, most likely the younger people beginning their summer holidays from school. Of course, not all school pupils are free to enjoy this time just yet. Those sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams will spend much of this month imparting their knowledge to answer the questions on the exam papers. The very best of luck to all and I hope that the questions are the ones that you have prepared to answer. For those ready to enjoy your school break, it means in many cases having somewhat of a planned routine for the coming weeks. For younger pupils a series of camps will have been arranged so that children get to try new things and we are lucky that there are a huge range of such camps either within or a short travelling distance from Maynooth.

In my youth there was a distinct lack of camps in Roscommon town and school holidays were usually spent working so that you could earn pocket money for the rest of the year. There is not enough space to list the number of summer jobs that I had here, but to summarise they included working on farms, building firms and in turf bogs. We did everything from putting on a roof to working down a large hole and it still amazes me that some of this work still survives to-day. So why do I mention this here? Mainly two reasons, firstly because much of the population of Maynooth were born elsewhere in the country so will reminisce with me and secondly, to remind us all that in recent decades as parents we are unlikely to allow our children to do the kind of summer jobs that us adults enjoyed and from which we learned so much as children. This is such a pity.

For anybody with time on your hands, I know that volunteering could be also rewarding in that you could learn a skill even if you do not get paid. For example the Maynooth Tidy Towns' volunteers will be out working every evening in June undertaking the projects that they committed to complete for this year's National Tidy Towns competition. I know that they welcome help especially on Wednesday evenings as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings. Their work in enhancing the town is widely appreciated and brings a feeling of summer to the town with their planting and other enhancement works. This is despite the potential for bad weather and the ever present scourge of litter to dampen their positive efforts. Good luck in the National Tidy Towns competition and we look forward to the results in early September.

In Maynooth, no summer would be complete without the Maynooth Community Council Summer Festival. You will find more details elsewhere in this publication so you can plan ahead on the events that you want to attend. I know that the Maynooth Community Council sub-committee members that have planned and arranged the events have tried to further extend the number and range of events again this year so that as many people as possible will want to attend at these events. But just like Maynooth Tidy Towns the Festival events are run by volunteers and I have no doubt that they would also welcome others to help them so that the events run safely and well as in previous years. No pressure on anybody but did I mention that the school holidays began in June and that volunteering is a positive way of spending some spare time.

Paul Croghan

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

Bikeweek 2016

Bikeweek 2016 runs from the 11-19th June and as in previous years, Maynooth Cycling Campaign has organised a number of events. Last year the Heritage Cycle went from Leixlip to Celbridge along the first part of Arthur's Way, the Arthur Guinness heritage trail. This year we propose following the second half from Celbridge to Oughterard on the 12th June. Please note that we will be starting from the Main Gates of Castletown House at 2:30pm. On Sunday, 19th June, the Family Cycle will start from Courthouse Square in Maynooth at 2:30pm and visit the Arcadian Gardens at Larchill.

Correction to May Notes

In the May Notes, we stated that in the vote on the Part 8 Proposals for the Naas Dublin Road Corridor Scheme, there was all-party support for the proposals. This was a mistake as the vote was passed with cross-part support. Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Sinn Féin voted in favour with other parties opposing the proposals.

New Website!!!

Maynooth Cycling Campaign has launched a new improved website. It includes additional articles that have not generally been released and can be found at the following location:

<https://maynoothcyclingcampaign1.wordpress.com/>
or a link on our Facebook page.

Stop Climate Chaos

Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network which is the umbrella for Irish local cycling campaign groups, has joined **STOP CLIMATE CHAOS**, an alliance of organisations which wants the Irish government to seriously address the problem of climate change.

Royal Canal Greenway - Public Consultation

Maynooth Cycling Campaign strongly supports the development of the Royal Canal as a greenway. However, we recommend that any decision on the current Part 8 proposals be postponed until outstanding issues have been addressed particularly the clarification of the proposed width.

This greenway is an important element of the national and EuroVelo cycle network and has the potential, if properly designed, to reduce congestion in Maynooth/Leixlip/Celbridge, develop the region's tourism potential and provide a fantastic amenity for the residents of North Kildare.

Kildare County Development Plan 2017-23

Kildare County Council has launched the public consultation for the new County Development Plan 2017-23. The public has until 13th July to make observations.

Maynooth North Ring

Meath County Council has also commenced public consultation on part of the northern ring road around Maynooth between Moyglare Hall and the Dunboyne Road. The consultation period lasts until 5th July. Note that submissions must be forwarded to Meath County Council and not Kildare as is usual.

Maynooth Cycling is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Its aims are to promote cycling as a healthy leisure pursuit and as a safe, enjoyable and efficient mode of transport for everyone in the Maynooth area. It is affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.



Maynooth Scouts

Bingo

Maynooth Scouts would like to thank everybody who supported and attended Bingo over the past few months but unfortunately we have had to cancel it for now.

Darkness Into Light

The Maynooth Scouts and Girl Guides assisted with stewarding at the Darkness Into Light event in Maynooth. They were in position at 2:30am managing the car parks, helping with traffic flow and then all along the event route and some of them even followed behind picking up the rubbish left by the participants.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mulcahy Butchers for sponsoring breakfast for the volunteers.

Parents and Friends Committee

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

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Maynooth Labour News

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Cllr. John McGinley Makes Submission on Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023

The Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 is on Public Display until 13th July. Any Observations/Submissions must be with the Council by that date. The Draft Plan can be viewed On Line or in Public Libraries.

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission on the Draft Plan:

1. Add to Table 6.1: Priority Road and Bridge Projects
 - Between the Straffan Road (A) and the Celbridge Road (B), Maynooth, as per Maynooth Local Area Plan TRO 2 (a)
 - Between the Celbridge Road (B) and the Leixlip Road (E) as per the Maynooth Local Plan TRO 2 (C)

Update on Implementation of Pay Parking By-Laws in Maynooth

The Council have advised Cllr. McGinley that implementation of Pay Parking By-Laws will be 29 May. Only warning Notices for breaches of the By-Laws will be issued for the first two weeks, with full implementation after that. The introduction of the By-Laws will be a great relief to the residents of the Lyreen Area as non-residents abandon their cars there at present.

Maynooth Outer Orbital Route Mariavilla to R157 Moygaddy Junction has Gone on Public Display

Planning through Part 8 process for the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route has gone on public display.

This information is available on www.kildarecoco.ie and www.meath.ie
Please note that submissions should be made to Meath County Council (detailed below)

Documents are available for inspection during opening hours at Maynooth Library, and Roads And Transportation Department, Level 4, Aras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare or online at <http://www.meath.ie/County Council/Planning/Part8s/>. Submissions or Observations should be made in writing and addressed to Planning Department, Meath County Council, Dublin Road, Navan, Co. Meath or by e-mail to planning@meathcoco.ie on or before July 05th 2016

Community and Festival Grant Allocation agreed

The Maynooth Municipal District (MD) agreed the following allocation of Grants at its meeting on 11 May:

- €2,500 for Maynooth Community Council towards the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Summer Festival
- €1,000 to St. Patrick's Foundation for their St. Patrick's Day Festival Breakfast
- €1,200 to Maynooth Mens Shed to erect North East Kildare Heritage Route Map.

Collection of Empty Paint Tins Hopefully in September

Residents will recall that Cllr. John McGinley made a proposal some time ago that the Council should provide a paint tin collection service once a year to make up for the absence of Re-Cycling Centre in North Kildare.

It is proving particularly difficult to get a suitable location but, the council hope to have secured agreement on a location by September.

Up Date on Deputation on behalf of Barrogstown and Kilmacredock

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on his proposal to have a Special Meeting of the Maynooth MD to discuss this serious issue:

"Water Services has been in contact with the Secretary of the Barrogstown and Kilmacredock Waste Water scheme group and is awaiting the submission of further documentation as discussed following the recent deputations. Upon receipt and consideration of the submission, a meeting will be arranged with council officials and members of both the Maynooth and Celbridge/Leixlip Municipal Districts."



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Carer's Support Grant

Question:

What are the changes to the grant for respite care this year? How do I apply for the grant?

Answer

The name of the Respite Care Grant was changed in 2016 and it is now called the Carer's Support Grant. The grant is an annual payment made to carers by the Department of Social Protection. Carers can use the grant in whatever way they wish. You can use the grant to pay for respite care if you wish, but you do not have to do so. In 2016 the grant will be €1,700 (increased from €1,300).

You do not qualify if you are working more than 15 hours a week outside the home, if you are taking part in an education or training course for more than 15 hours a week, if you are getting a jobseeker's payment or if you are signing on for jobseeker credits. You also do not qualify if you are living in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution. If you are caring for more than one person, a grant is paid for **each** of them.

In June of each year (usually on the first Thursday of the month), the Department of Social Protection pays the grant automatically to carers getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance or Prescribed Relative's Allowance. If you are not getting one of these payments and you did not get the grant last year, you should fill in an application form. You can apply for this year's grant from 7 April 2016 (8 weeks before the grant is payable).

If you got the grant last year you do not need to reapply. You will get a letter at the end of April from the Carer's Support Grant section in the Department of Social Protection with a short questionnaire. You must answer the questions on the back and return the letter to the Carer's Support Grant section. A freepost envelope will be included with your letter. After you return the letter, the Department will use this and the information on file to reassess you for the Carer's Support Grant.

You can apply for a Carer's Support Grant for any given year until 31 December of the following year. So, for example, you can apply for a grant for 2015 up until 31 December 2016.

The Homemaker's Scheme

Question:

I'm going to take some time off work to look after my children. What effect will this have on my contributions for the State pension?

Answer

Under the Homemaker's Scheme, time you spend out of the workforce caring for children or a person with a disability can be disregarded when calculating your entitlement for a State Pension (Contributory). The scheme came into effect on 6 April 1994 (time spent homemaking before this is not taken into account).

You do not get credits for years spent out of the workforce. Instead these years will be disregarded when working out your entitlement to a State Pension (Contributory). However, you may get credits for the remainder of the year you leave the workforce, and for part of the year when you re-join the workforce.

A homemaker, for the purposes of the Homemaker's Scheme is a man or woman who provides full-time care for a child under the age of 12 or an ill or disabled person aged 12 or over. A homemaking year is a year in which you are out of the workforce for the full tax year. Up to a maximum of 20 homemaking years can be disregarded when working out your entitlement to a State Pension (Contributory).

To qualify for a State Pension (Contributory) you must have a minimum yearly average number of contributions from when you entered social insurance to pension age. The Homemaker's scheme provides that full contribution years spent caring in the home are disregarded in calculating a person's yearly average number of contributions. Take, for example, a woman who started work in 1985, took 10 years out of work to care for children from 1995 to 2005 and then returned to work for another 20 years before retiring in 2025 and applying for a State Pension. Her yearly average would be calculated over 30 years instead of 40 years when the 10 years spent in the home are disregarded.

Challenging a school's policies

Question:

My son shaved his head on Saturday and was sent home from secondary school on

the following Monday. The school is using school policy to justify suspending him for one week until his hair starts to grow. What can I do?

Answer:

All schools should have policies in place to deal with issues as they arise in the normal day-to-day running of a school (codes of behavior, school rules and other policies). These should be provided or made available to parents of children attending the school. If you are unhappy about a school's policy or the implementation of a school's policy you can make a complaint to the school. The school should have a formal complaints procedure that you can follow.

The complaints procedure usually involves contacting the principal with your complaint. (The school's procedures may ask you to speak to another member of staff before speaking with the principal.) If having spoken with the school principal, you are still not happy that your complaint has been resolved you may contact the chairperson of the school's management authority.

If the chairperson cannot resolve your complaint they should discuss the matter at a meeting of the management authority. The school's Board of Management is usually the management authority. However, in the case of Education and Training Board schools you should contact the Education and Training Board responsible for the school.

Shortly after reaching its decision, the management authority will let you know its decision on your complaint. This decision ends the school complaints process. The Department of Education and Skills provides information about making a complaint to a school on their website.

If you have followed the school's complaints procedures and you are not satisfied with the outcome you can escalate your complaint about the school to the Ombudsman for Children's Office. The key criterion for any intervention by the Ombudsman for Children is that the action complained of has or may have adversely affected the child. The Ombudsman can examine any administrative actions of the school, staff or Board of Management including whether the school's policies have been followed correctly or if those policies are fair.

Rules on operating drones

Question:

I intend to buy a drone. Are there any rules I should be aware of?

Answer:

Drones and model aircraft are both considered small unmanned aircraft and the same rules apply to their operation. The rules are set out in the Small Unmanned Aircraft (Drones) and Rockets Order 2015 (SI 563/2015).

Under the rules, all drones weighing 1kg or more must be registered with the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA). This includes the weight of the battery and all attached equipment, including cargo, at the start of its flight. You must be over 16 years of age to register a drone, otherwise it must be registered by a parent or legal guardian. You register your drone online at iaa.ie/drones.

You must never operate a drone in a negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger the life or property of others and you must have permission from the landowner for take-off and landing. You must never operate it:

- Farther than 300 metres from you or out of your direct line of sight
- Over 120 metres above ground level
- Over urban areas or over a group of 12 or more people
- Within 120 metres of any person, vessel or structure not under your control
- Closer than 5 kilometres from an aerodrome
- If it will be a hazard to another aircraft in flight
- In civil or military controlled airspace or in restricted areas such as prisons

If you want to operate your drone outside these limits, you must apply to the IAA for a specific operating permission and complete a drone safety training course. If your drone weighs 4kg or more, you must complete a drone safety training course before operating it.

You should be aware that there may be privacy or trespass issues if you operate a drone over private property. While you do not need insurance to operate a drone it is recommended that you are insured and that you complete a drone safety training course.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

From 2/3/2016 to 15/4/2016 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
16517	Kildare County Council	John and Fiona Merrick	21 Rockfield Square, Railpark, Maynooth	20/05/2016
16508	Kildare County Council	John and Breda McLoughlin	1 The Avenue Newtownhall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	18/05/2016
16485	Kildare County Council	Rev Liam Rigney PP on behalf of The Parish Council of St. Marys and Ladychapel	Mill Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/05/2016
16483	Kildare County Council	Donal Houlihan	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	10/05/2016
16466	Kildare County Council	Pauline Dunne	Clonfert South, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/05/2016
16460	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Limited	Celbridge Primary Care Centre, Adjacent the Maynooth Road, Celbridge	03/05/2016
16439	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Limited,	Celbridge Primary Care Centre, Adjacent the Maynooth Road, Celbridge	28/04/2016
16440	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Limited,	Celbridge Primary Care Centre, Adjacent the Maynooth Road, Celbridge	28/04/2016
16427	Kildare County Council	Donal Houlihan	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/04/2016
16416	Kildare County Council	Three Ireland (Hutchinson) Ltd.	Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/04/2016
16408	Kildare County Council	Aine Hoare	Catherinestown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/04/2016
16373	Kildare County Council	Rose and Michael Dillane	Gleann Corbaire, Railpark, Maynooth	15/04/2016
16330	Kildare County Council	Trustees of St. Patrick's College Maynooth,	St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	01/04/2016
16328	Kildare County Council	Forward Thinking, Future Planning Limited	Buckley House, Parson Street, Maynooth	01/04/2016
16332	Kildare County Council	Sheila & Don Holmes	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/04/2016
16329	Kildare County Council	Boldnote Developments Ltd	Carton Demense, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/04/2016
16311	Kildare County Council	Society of the Divine Word	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	29/03/2016
16301	Kildare County Council	Wayil Kubba	Maynooth to Barberstown Rd, Barberstown Lower, Straffan	24/03/2016
16303	Kildare County Council	Teresa and Patrick Carolan	482 The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth	24/03/2016

Hi Folks,
An update on the plans for An Nuadha Players for June 2016.

After the very successful play by Martina Reilly on the 15 men who walked to the GPO and into history, our new production Echoes from a room by Terry Nealon is now in rehearsal. The play will be performed in the Presentation Girls school Maynooth from Wednesday 29th June to Sunday 3rd July with Curtain up at 8pm.

Echoes is a play set in 1966 in a factory in Dublin's inner city. It highlights the situation of nine women and the lives they lead in a city with very little opportunity because you're labelled by your address. At this time the inner city was plagued with moneylenders and they prospered on the back of poor people. RTE made a programme highlighting this problem, lifting the lid on a major scandal that the people in the leafy suburbs were not aware of.

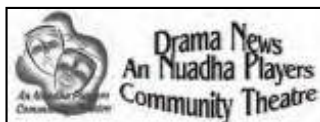
So the question is asked, what had changed for women since the rising?

Inner city people were living in tenements up to 1974. On occasion a house would collapse with dire consequences. At this very time in 1966 London was swinging but Dublin's inner city was dangling.

The play will show the lives of these women. The echoes in the room are of laughter – tears – arguments – regrets – comradery – even more laughter and of course disappointment.

The characters stories are fact and some are fiction, I like to call the play faction. This play covers a whole range of emotions so it should make a good night out for you and your friends.

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**Increased Capacity Welcome on
Some Rail Routes but Urgently
Required on Others**

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has posed a series of questions to the Minister for Transport regarding the capacity issues on many of the Irish Rail routes serving North Kildare.

Catherine Murphy TD said:

“During the recent election campaign the issue of overcrowded trains came up quite a lot and on foot of those interactions I tabled a series of questions to both the Minister for Transport and Irish Rail who have now confirmed that they have added an extra 4 carriages to the 7:15 train from Maynooth with the intention of adding further capacity if the option becomes available and this is very welcome news.”

“There are still capacity issues on other lines including the route that arrives from Longford which is grossly under-resourced in terms of carriage space and I am awaiting an update from Irish Rail in relation to that particular issue. I have repeatedly made the point that there is no point in investing in upgrades of stations and platforms etc. if the trains are not equipped to handle sufficient passenger numbers. We have to be encouraging people to use public transport where possible and that will only happen if the service is efficient, effective and comfortable.”

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Maynooth Students Union shortlisted for 7 National Awards! With more on the way!

This year Maynooth Students' Union were nominated for an astonishing 7 awards at the Student Achievement Awards Ireland (SAAI awards). The awards they were nominated for were as follows: **Part Time Officer of the Year:** Leon Diop, MSU Promotions Officer. **Society of the Year:** Mental Health Society. **Welfare campaign of the Year:** Soulifest, a mental health week ran by Siona Cahill, VP for Welfare and Equality. Siona has now gone on to become the VP Elect for Equality and Citizenship in the USI. **Community Awareness Campaign of the Year:** "The Maynooth Green Project" a campaign run by Matt O' Boyle, SU President to bring the issue of Climate change to the fore at a local and national level. **Student Leader of the Year:** Matt O' Boyle, SU President

MSU then went on to win the following awards:

Feachtas Gaeilge na Bliana (Irish Language Campaign of the year): An dátheangachas i Mhá Nuad. **Education Campaign of the Year:** May the force be with MU- A Star Wars themed de-stress campaign which ran during the University's Christmas Exams. It was run by Siona Cahill, and Dillon Grace, current education officer and incoming President. Maynooth were delighted with their haul this year, and even more delighted to receive more nominations than any other institution in the country.

They recently became aware that they will be collecting another award for their work with the Access programme. MSU worked with disadvantaged schools this year to give them a taste of what college could be like, yielding them the award. VP for Clubs and Societies, Eric Lawless has also been nominated for the Student Sport Ireland Leadership Award. Due to Eric's long history with sport, this achievement will cap his time in Maynooth nicely, let's hope he's successful! At the moment MSU are wishing their students the best of luck in the ongoing summer exams, and are eagerly looking forward to an eventful and fruitful summer! On behalf of the current team, Matt O' Boyle wishes to thank all students and locals that made Maynooth so great this year, míle buíochas! .



Congratulations to Maynooth Education Campus Choir

We wish heartiest congratulations to Maynooth Education Campus choir on their fantastic, recent success. As first time entrants to the Navan Choral Festival (a national competition held on 5th May last) they were awarded third place overall in this prestigious competition. Of particular note is that the mixed voice choir comprises of 132 students from 1st to 6th year and is all inclusive, with no audition process. Furthermore, it was the largest choir ever to compete in the competition. The next largest entrant being only half their number. Their success in this elite competition was heightened when taken in the context of their seasoned choral competitors.

The students performed two pieces in very different styles, both a cappella. First there was a choral arrangement of the famous Scottish folksong 'Loch Lomond' with solo performed by 5th year student, Meghan Killalea. Following this was the haunting spiritual setting of 'Elijah Rock'. Both were stunning performances that could not fail to impress and that they did! The performance was strongly received getting rapturous applause in the venue.

The choir was led by Mr Jonathan Hanlon, Choral Director and Conductor. He was assisted by Ms Elaine Clarke, Ms Aisling Murtagh, Ms Erin Dollard, Ms Lorraine Cormican, Ms Paula Farrell and Mr Fergal Brennan. Mr Hanlon was singled out for particular praise by the adjudicators for his ability to command so successfully the attention of such a large choir. Indeed, the students must be commended for their exemplary behaviour and dedication. The many long Friday afternoon, weekend and holiday rehearsals most definitely paid off and built on a long established, strong choral tradition in the school. The sense of pride and achievement in their success was palpable among students and staff alike on the day. Well done to all involved. We look forward to their building on this success in to the future!

(You can watch the performances on the schools' Facebook pages of Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth Community College.)



BEST MALE PERFORMANCE Caolann Haughton

It was an unprecedented day of musical success in Maynooth Education Campus. On the same day as the choral success above, Maynooth Post Primary student Caolann Haughton, after singing with the choir in Navan dashed to the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre in Dublin. There he won 'Best Male Performance in a Leading Role' at the Bord Gáis Energy Student Theatre Awards for his performance as lead in 'Jesus Christ, Superstar', the school musical of 2015.



It was an Oscar style award ceremony presented by Two Tube TV presenters Bláthnaid Treacy and Stephen Byrne recognising talent from throughout the country. Caolann was presented with his award by Amy Huberman in recognition of his role as Jesus Christ encompassing his singing and acting abilities.

The judges summed him up with the one word 'professional' and deemed him to have 'acting abilities beyond his years'. Caolann was very magnanimous upon receiving his award saying that it was 'really a reflection of all the time and hard work put in by everyone and I'm thrilled to be able to share it with everyone'. Well done to Caolann and to all the musical cast and crew that made this success possible.





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Allow for problems, hold-ups and traffic jams on the way and make sure you arrive with time to spare so that you can go in calmly rather than in a frantic rush.

It may sound stupid, but...

Don't forget to read the instructions and make sure you know what you are being asked to do. You should go into the exam well aware of what is expected of you, but



you should always check. Don't, however, waste a lot of time on this.

Zzzzz: Try to get a good night's sleep the night before any exam. Hangovers: Try to avoid alcohol the night before an exam, especially in quantity, as a bad hangover is among the very worst things to be suffering from in an exam room.

Writing Tips

1: Don't get carried away and overload your writing with too many obvious connectives and contrastives; if every sentence has two or three such words or expressions, then the writing can seem strained and artificial. Remember - you can try too hard as well as not hard enough.

2: Write on alternate lines (leaving every second line blank) so that you have space to make changes when checking through your work.

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Maynooth Town Football Club

Cup Finals Weekend



Maynooth 16 Premier team had for many of the past few seasons lived in the shadows of Ratoath Harps, but they finally stepped out from under the shadow in their cup final battle with them winning by 2 goals to 1. A tense and very even first half ended 0-0. Early in the second half Camille opened the score for Maynooth with a well taken opportunity from a tricky angle.

Ratoath soon equalized, but Conchur O Gilioain sealed the win with a sensational free kick with 15 minutes remaining.

Back row L-R: Chillli Farrell(Coach) , Ciaran Krahn, James Heaver, Tom Fagan, Conchur O' Giolainn, Sean Ledwidge, Charly McMyler, Andrew Maguire, Cathal Keaveney.

Front Row L-R: Louis Hayes, Dave Bonus, Oran Holland, Cian Herbert(Capt), Kamil Schwan's, Aidan Keegan, Ronan Walsh, Cathal Quinn.



The under 12 girls rounded off an incredible season by beating Dalkey United 2-1 in the eFlow Cup final. Goals from Niamh Hayes and Ava Cullen - captain and player of the match sealed the win for a Maynooth team who never gave up. They are the first girls team in the club to bring home a cup.

Back Row (L-R) Aoife Ganly, Orlaith Mooney, Aisling Moore , Niamh Hayes, Ava Cullen (Captain), Gracie Garvey

Front Row (L-R) Holly Keely, Isabella Maher, Ciara McDonald, Eva Lowen, Roisin Nolan, Eimear Quinn, Clodhna Walsh.



Back Row (L-R): Harry McCahey, Luke Murnane, Patrick Kellet, Paudie Doran, Adam Byrne, Matthew Eustace, Timofei Cotorbai, Eoghan Creighton, David Qualter.

Front Row (L-R): Cathal O'Donovan, Connor Walsh, Adam Jordan, David Byrne, Gearoid Hogan, James Sutton, Shane Curran, Dawid Koziel
Unavailable on the day: Luke Kosinski, Daniel Gligor

The U/14 Umbro Cup Final took place on Saturday 14th May at the NDSL Training Centre on Oscar Traynor Road. The two finalists Swords Celtic FC and Maynooth Town FC had faced each other once so far this season and it ended in a competitive 2-2 draw. So the Cup Final was bound to be a tight affair.

Both sides would have to contend not only with the wide pitch at Oscar Traynor, but the energy sapping temperatures on a beautiful sunny day.

Swords started the better of the two teams and pinned the Kildare team back into their own half for the first ten minutes. They created a few half chances but the agility of Luke Kosinski in goal and the centre back partnership of Matthew Eustace and Harry McCahey kept them at bay. Gradually Maynooth settled into the game and started to pass the ball and move with greater confidence. The two wide players for Maynooth started to exploit the width of the pitch to telling effect. 15 minutes into the game and after some intricate passing in midfield the ball went wide to Adam Jordan, who found Shane Curran on the wing who sent a dangerous cross to the far post. Maynooth's dynamic striker Timofei Cotorbai took a shot which rebounded off the Swords centre back. Midfielder Dawid Koziel managed to get the ball and placed a wonderful left footed shot past the keeper. 1-0 to Maynooth.

Swords continued to press in search of an equaliser but by this stage Maynooth's midfield were gaining the upper hand. Again after some great passing and moving on the left, David Qualter opened the Swords defence in the 29th minute with a marvellous through ball to Timofei Cotorbai and the striker didn't miss. 2-0 to Maynooth.

Swords never gave up on their quest to get back into the game and the Maynooth full backs David Byrne and Luke Murnane were constantly called upon to cut out crosses and stop the pacy Swords wingers from doing any damage.

The second half saw Maynooth introduce some much needed fresh legs with Patrick Kellet and Adam Byrne introduced to stop Swords building momentum. With more and more pressure from Swords Cathal O'Donovan and James Sutton came on to replace the exhausted full backs and Gearoid Hogan, Connor Walsh and Daniel Gligor to add some energy and speed in the attacking third of the pitch.

As the match neared its end, Swords pressed hard and only for some outstanding goalkeeping might have found themselves even further behind. At the conclusion of a highly entertaining match the 22 players on the pitch were exhausted at the final whistle. The two teams meet again in the league at the end of May and Swords could stop Maynooth's ambitions of a U/14 league and cup double.

Maynooth Town Football Club

Cup Finals Weekend (Cont)



Joe Kirby Cup Final Maynooth Town U13P 1 v St. Kevin's Boys U13P 4

Back Row L-R: Aidan Duffy, Josh Kilkenney, Cain Allende, Andre Allende, Patrick Odumade, Michael Burns

Front Row: L-R Sean O'Sullivan, Adam Dunne, Fionn O'Giollain, Sean Hever, Conor Whyte, Jack Murnane, Evan Hartnett, Ryan Moran, Aaron Hendricks

Maynooth Town U13P were involved in a highly entertaining and great footballing cup final on 8th May 2016. St. Kevin's are a formidable opponent and were only beaten in the semi-final of the All Ireland SFAI U13 Cup this season. However Maynooth produced some excellent football as they have done all season. Early on in the game Maynooth should have taken the lead before St. Kevin's struck with 2 clinical finishes on the counter attack. Kevin's defence were doubling up in an attempt to keep Maynooth's striker Patrick Odumade under control, but, Patrick was utilising his power and strength to terrorise the Kevin's defence. 2-0 down at half time Maynooth came out for the second half and played without fear and produced some of their best football. On a number of occasions Maynooth went agonisingly close but lady luck was not on their side. Once again Kevin's scored on the counter attack this time from long range. Not giving up Maynooth launched a number of counter attacks themselves and their hard work paid off when Michael Burns scored an excellent goal using his speed to beat two of Kevin's defenders and smashing the ball into the bottom left hand corner. It was an excellent team move and a goal that was richly deserved. Before the end of the game Kevin's scored a fourth. The score line did not reflect the game and in fact the score flattered St. Kevin's. However that's football! This whole squad of 16 players can be proud of their performance and can use the disappointment to challenge for a cup final appearance next year. Well done to all.

2015/2016 has been a very exciting season for Maynooth Town F.C. with the launch of our partnership with the Worlds Number 1 Technical Skills Coaching Program Coerver Coaching. With a fantastic history over 32 years Coerver Coaching is partnered with some of the biggest clubs & federations in the world. Over the past 12 months we have seen 24 Coaches & Managers from the club & the Academy complete the Coerver Introductory Certificate, 9 Coaches & managers complete the Youth Diploma 1 and 4 Coaches complete the Youth Diploma 2 which was only the 4th course to be ran globally. All this development by the managers only enhances the experiences for the players.

Over the past year managers have done a fantastic job with their teams. With the season coming to an end we are in 6 Cup Finals this year and very close to winning 5 Leagues as we enter the final weeks. The Focus has been on Development for all and as plans are being completed for next season there plans to be a very ambitious project being rolled out ensuring that every player in the club benefits from the developments in the club. 2016/2017 will be a great time to be involved both as a player, parents or manager in the club and if you wish to get involved, be it to play or coach, we would be delighted to welcome you in.

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Maynooth Town FC U12A team came into the Kevin Moran (Premier/A) Cup Final following wins over Premier division Swords Celtic, Ratoath Harps and then Rivermede FC in the semi-final. The opposition in the Final came in the form of Darndale FC - a team unbeaten in the league and Cup all season and the reigning NDSL Premier league and cup champions. Maynooth started brightly with good performances from Ryan McHale and Conor Walsh in attack while the defense was tested by a fast and skillful Darndale team. Darndale scored twice in quick succession half way through the first half and Maynooth went in 2-0 down at the break. Despite a rousing half time team talk by team captain Daniel O'Meara, Darndale scored a third halfway through the second half. Maynooth had chances through Patrick McNally and Calum Ward while Tom Grehan worked tirelessly in midfield. Darndale's class shone through with two late goals to put the tie beyond dispute. A great achievement for this U12A division side to reach a cup final and play at this level and they got over their cup defeat by winning their A league the following week in some style.

Pictured.

Back Row Left to Right: Daniel Farrell, Dawid Sumera, Calum Ward, Ultan Dolan, Patrick McNally, Tom Grehan, Ryan McHale

Front Row Left to Right: Sean Mahon, Oisín Kearney, Conor Walsh, Darragh Power, Daniel O'Meara. Manager: Keith Farrell - Assistant Manager: Lukasz Presnen



Maynooth U10s win 3-0 against Balrath FC in the Muriel McCroarty Cup Final. Hughie O'Donnell got the opener with a great strike following a tense start. Paul O'Dea scored from outside the box to stretch the lead in the second half and Sean O'Donnell sealed the deal late on. Fantastic team performance.

Back Row: Conor O'Dea - Coach, Oisín O'Giollain, Conor Doyle, Hughie O'Domhnaill, Conor Keane, Kallum Gilligan, Finn Conheady, Jimmy Conheady - Coach

Front Row: Anna Kelly, Paul O'Dea, James O'Sullivan, Sean O'Donnell, Oisín O'Donnell, Dylan Raleigh.



Thanks to all who contributed to our Annual Collection in May.

We very much appreciate the work that was put in by our collectors.

Our very comprehensive National Tidy Towns entry has been submitted.

A new team comprising of Mary Jennings, Mary Molloy and Olive Kerrigan put the application together.

As can be seen we have revamped the planters in the square with new floral displays.

Also new triple planters will be in position in the near future on Courthouse Square.

As part of our biodiversity programme two new beds have been made ready for plants and shrubs at O'Neill Park to attract bees and butterflies.

New bird boxes which were made and presented by the Maynooth Mens Shed have been positioned in the grounds of the Divine Word Missionaries.

Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as judging starts in June until the end of August.

If you wish to volunteer please contact us on 087-3153189 or on Facebook.

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Maynooth Golf Society Eddie Kavanagh Cup sponsored by Ollie Bright Knockanally Results

- 1st - Darren Weafer (6) - 39ptsB9
2nd - Marty Maguire (26) - 39pts
3rd - Mick Fahey (23) - 35ptsB9
4th - Tommy Campbell (25) 35ptsB6
5th - John Carroll (15) -35pts
Over 50s - Joey Edwards -33pts
F9 - Norman Kavanag -18pts
B9 - Eamon Murphy -19pts
Nearest Pin - Pat Connolly
2's Club -Darren Weafer

May's outing was "The Eddie Kavanagh Cup" sponsored by Ollie Bright. 28 players took part on the day. Prize giving took place afterwards in Brady's Bar who kindly provided finger food on the night to all who attended the presentation.

Our next outing is the Weekend Away to Nenagh on the 20th and 21st May 2016. We will be playing golf in Portumna on the Friday and Nenagh on the Saturday.



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COMHALTAS

Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

We have come to the end of our 2015/2016 term, during which time we've been kept very busy, engaging in many community events, together with our Wednesday night classes covering whistle, flute, banjo/mandolin, button accordion, fiddle, bodhrán, harp, guitar, concertina, Irish dance and comhrá gaeilge. Combining a healthy balance of work and fun, we had a great year in Craobh Mhaigh Nuad. The major event of last month was the Kildare Fleadh, which was hosted again, by our neighbouring branch in Kilcock – go raibh míle maith agaibh!

The branch had a long list of competitors, who all performed with distinction and did the branch proud. Success in the competition is not the be all and end all of the branch – but preparing for, and performing in the Fleadh, is something from which the students learn an enormous amount – and hopefully have a lot of fun along the way.

The list of members qualifying from Kildare and going to the “Leinsters” is growing each year; a tribute to the hard work of everyone associated with our Craobh. The Leinster Fleadh is held this year in Kilkenny from 4th to 10th July, so best wishes to the following performers; Tom Ó Catháin, James McEntire, Shane Mc Nerney, Síle Flood, Susie Nestor, Killian Ó Fearail, Déaglán Ó Conchubhair,

Aoife McNerney, Conor Mc Nerney, Tom Ó Catháin, Kirsten Ní Fhearail, Róisín Howley, Emma Keane.
Bígi ag cleachtú sna seachtaine seo chugainn!

While classes come to a close for the summer, there are plenty of opportunities to continue your music, song and dance, with many workshops and Summer schools taking place countrywide. CCE Maigh Nuad is delighted our Chair Sean Tracey and Secretary Angela received a certificate and Gradam medal in appreciation of service and dedication to Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and the promotions of Ireland's Native Culture. The award was presented at the Dublin Fleadh and is in recognition of the service and dedication they have contributed over the years to the organisation. All members in Maynooth owe a deep debt of gratitude for the incredible work done by Sean and Angela since 2012 in the local branch – the result of which is the fantastic community of musicians, developed in Maynooth, involved in the local branch and the increasing profile of the traditional arts in the town.

Sincere thanks also to parents/guardians of junior members who have given us their support and assistance throughout the year. Your dedication to bringing our members to classes on a weekly basis, and to events outside of regular class time is very much appreciated. Finally, we wish to thank our group of teachers, who are dedicated to the promotion of our traditional heritage, and share their knowledge and skills in a patient and caring

manner to all who are willing and prepared to learn. We are grateful for their time and their talents for this year, and look forward to working with you all next year again.

Registration for the 2016/2017 Comhaltas year will take place in early September. We are a totally inclusive organisation and new members are always welcome – young and old. Full details regarding registration date and time will be published in due course. Keep an eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information.

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Committee Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Bealtaine celebrations on May 15th was a most enjoyable occasion. Once again we had a great crowd from all the surrounding areas. There were wonderful exhibits of all kinds of art on the day and while Susan Durack from the Castle Keep Art Group, our adjudicator, deemed all entries worthy of a prize, our overall winner was Teresa Murray for her painting. Teresa, from Leixlip, has entered many wonderful pieces over the years. Well done to all the entries, you are very talented indeed.

Our next Tea-Dance will be on June 19th which is also the start of your week in Kerdiffstown. So those who are travelling please don't forget to take your luggage to the bus on your way to the Tea-Dance or you will be, as the song says, “Travelling Light”. All we need now is for the weather to hold, or at least to return for a while.

Our morning club continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of June and Tuesdays only until the end of July, when we will have our final Tea-Dance for this season. We will be closed for August to recharge our batteries and we will re-open on September 6th. However there is a lot of fun to be had before then.

Josephine Moore.



Teresa Murray overall winner for her painting (displayed on left) being presented with her prize by Susan Durack (Adjudicator).



Eileen McGlynn participant in “Bealtaine Festival”



L-R Phyllis Hefernan, Bill Donovan and Lima Higgins at the “Bealtaine Festival”

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<p>Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth.</p> <p>For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie</p>	<p>Opening Times</p> <p>Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm</p> <p>Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm</p> <p>Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm</p> <p>Sat 9.30am to 1pm</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com.</p> <p>Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910</p>
I.C.A.	Local History Group	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.</p> <p>Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.</p> <p>New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month at 8pm in the Maynooth Community Council Office (Next to the Post Office)</p> <p>New Members Welcome</p> <p>Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon</p> <p>Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC</p> <p>Carton Park, Maynooth</p> <p>For Seated Exercise & Walking New Members Welcome</p>
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
<p>Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC</p> <p>Carton Park, Maynooth</p> <p>New Members Welcome</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.</p> <p>Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC</p> <p>Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth.</p> <p>For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work.</p> <p>Contact Number 087 3153189</p>	<p>Informal café atmosphere for people with Dementia & their partners family & friends. Free of charge. Venue Ryevale Nursing Home. Every second Wednesday of each month 7-9pm. Call 0894933533</p> <p>Email: alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie</p> <p>www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill)</p> <p>Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am</p> <p>www.maynoothcc.org</p> <p>Everyone most welcome</p>
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	NORTH KILDARE BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.
<p>Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St, or contact Josephine on 087 9002296.</p>	<p>Classes every Wednesday from 7p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road.</p> <p>For details please contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Bee Site required for 3 Bee Hives by Beekeeper within 20km of Maynooth by a member of NKBYA. kevindunne7@gmail.com</p>

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Business Community continue the process to secure Purple Flag status for Maynooth

The Purple Flag programme for excellence in the evening and night-time economy (ENTE) has fully established itself in Ireland, following successful applications by Dublin and Ennis in 2013, the total number of flag holders has since risen to 18 on the island of Ireland. A new group of five applicant towns are now striving for this prestigious international accreditation, which is the “gold standard” for ENTE destinations. Like Blue Flag for beaches, places that meet the stringent criteria can proudly fly the flag.

As part of Ireland's Purple Flag Academy programme, the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) has recently held a hands-on conference and night-walk in Waterford. This event saw over 20 key stakeholders from new applicant towns and cities including Dublin, Maynooth, Limerick, Tralee and Wexford learning from the experience of the Waterford team.

The North Kildare Chamber team consisted of Jennifer Forster (North Kildare Chamber), Ronan Twohig (Chamber Executive Committee Member), Martin McMahon (Picaderos Restaurant) and Clair Barbour (The Glenroyal Hotel).

Jennifer Forster, Membership and Events Manager of the Chamber said: “The awarding of the Purple Flag to Maynooth will further secure its footing as a town looking to the future, thinking innovatively and working together to ensure it will be a strong, energetic, entertaining and adaptable town going forward. We are looking forward to submitting a very strong application and working with all key stakeholders in Maynooth. Through effective collaboration, I am sure Maynooth will be the first town in Kildare to be awarded the Purple Flag.”

The Waterford visit is part of the Purple Flag Academy programme which has been guiding the new applicants with five specialist modules to prepare for their Purple Flag submission in October. At the core of

the application procedure for the Purple Flag award is an evaluation of the ENTE by the town/city stakeholders themselves – called the self-assessment. This useful and self-critical tool is designed to strengthen collaboration and awareness of the issues, as well as the positive aspects of the experience in that location between 5pm and 5am. Opportunities for the use of the accreditation in tourism promotion are numerous – in particular through the country's airports, which have multiple connections to Purple Flag towns and cities in the UK.



Picture : Ronan Twohig (Executive Committee Member of the Chamber), Clair Barbour (The Glenroyal Hotel) Jennifer Forster (Membership and Events Manager of the Chamber) and Martin McMahon (Picaderos Restaurant)

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25% increase in commuters at Maynooth Rail Station over the last four years says Deputy O'Rourke.

2,824 commuters boarded the train at the Maynooth Rail Station when the National Transport Authority carried out a census to determine the number of rail passengers using its services on a day last November, which is a 25% increase of the figure 4 years ago, according to Local Fianna Fail TD Frank O'Rourke.

'In November each year, the NTA undertakes a census to determine the number of rail passengers boarding and alighting services at each station on the rail network, and I asked the NTA to share with me, the updated figures for North Kildare,' stated Deputy O'Rourke.

'Between 2011 and 2015, Maynooth has seen the number of passengers boarding at its rail station increase from 2,270 to 2824, which is an increase of 25% over a four year period.'

'In the same period, Leixlip saw an increase of approximately 10% to 1084, Kilcock saw an increase of 15% to 271, Hazelhatch remains unchanged and Naas/Sallins saw an increase of 15% to 966 commuters,' stated Deputy O'Rourke.

'Since getting elected, I have made contact with the NTA, Minister for Transport, Bus Eireann, Iarnrod Eireann and Kildare Co Co to make representations to have the public transport services improved. I have met with public transport users in Kilcock last week and residents in Rathcoffey seeking public transport the week before. Every week, Public Transport is an issue that comes up at my clinics.'

'We are making progress on the public transport front. We have made progress on the Bus Service for Kilcock Commuters; the NTA have assured me that it is committed to easing the current Fare Structure for Kilcock Rail Commuters, when compared to other rail users inside the Short Hop Zone (SHZ); the NTA recently allocated €100,000 to Kildare Co Co to carry out a study to examine the need for a park and ride facility along the M4 corridor between Kilcock and Leixlip; the NTA is now considering the feasibility of an orbital bus service linking Naas to Blanchardstown Hospital, via Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth; and later this year the Celbridge and Naas rail commuters, using the Kildare Line, will be offered an opportunity to participate in a public consultation process in relation to

changes to the timetable as a result of the investment to link the Kildare line through the Phoenix park tunnel into Connolly station.'

'As a user of public transport myself, I know that once we provide a regular and reliable service, with back up facilities such as park and ride, we will attract more and more people to use the public transport.' Concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Kildare secures only 5 Summer Works Schemes says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail Deputy Frank O'Rourke, has expressed disappointment in relation to the relatively poor allocation that Kildare received in the recent allocations to schools by the Department of Education under the summer works scheme.

'Five schools in the whole of County Kildare have secured funding under the Summer Works Scheme. 197 schools throughout the country have benefited from this scheme and 5 seems a relative low success rate.'

'As I have articulated before, I believe that funds allocated for Summer Works Scheme can be almost self-financing. Summer Works Schemes can be small in nature, which can benefit local contractors, local building materials suppliers and provide jobs for people locally. This can provide much needed local jobs.'

'The circular governing the scheme, states that applications would be prioritised under a number of categories. One of these categories includes projects for Special Needs Students and I believe that we need to give this category extra priority to facilitate special needs education in our schools.'

'I have established, by way of Parliamentary Question that Kildare has seen a dramatic drop in funding for summer works scheme in recent years, from €4.188m in 2010 to just over €1m last year. This is a retrograde step. If you capture the reduced school maintenance costs, better educational experience, increased business for local building suppliers, increased tax take from those working in the sector, reduced unemployment and the nurturing of construction skill sets, I believe that we will see that funds allocated for Summer Works Scheme could largely be self-financing. I intend to campaign to secure more resources for the summer works scheme,' concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Strong Support From Clane Residents For Proposed

New Bus Service Linking Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has received positive feedback for his support for a proposed new bus service linking Clane to Maynooth, from many residents in Clane.

'Following representations that I made to the National Transport Authority (NTA) in connection with providing better public transport service for public transport users in North Kildare, and in particular, to provide an orbital public transport bus route linking towns such as Clane and Maynooth, the NTA informed me that they are considering a bus route linking Naas, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Blanchardstown.'

'I have met with some local businesses and residents in Clane over the weekend and they have agreed to sign a petition to support the proposed bus service. I have asked NUI Maynooth to consider the potential benefit of such a bus service for its staff and students, and I am asking Residents' Association's in Clane to also consider and support the proposed service. Obviously the NTA will have to consider the commercial viability of the service, the social inclusivity aspect and overall public transport policy, but I am convinced that it will generate public support, if the service is put in place.'

'Linking Naas, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Blanchardstown would address one of the missing public transport services. Naas, Clane, Maynooth and Blanchardstown are all key employment towns, four towns are key retail centres, Maynooth has a University and three of the towns have hospitals.'

'We tend, quite rightly, to focus on improving the service for Dublin bound commuters from Kildare, however, we need to consider other public transport needs including linking commuters towns. A reasonable service exists in linking Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth and we now need to consider other services,' stated Deputy O'Rourke.

'Once we achieve a regular, reliable and inclusive public transport service, we will attract more people to use it and thereby make it more efficient. I am now a public transport user myself and use public transport to commute to the Dail. Public transport is socially inclusive and we need to continue to improve the level of public transport service,'

Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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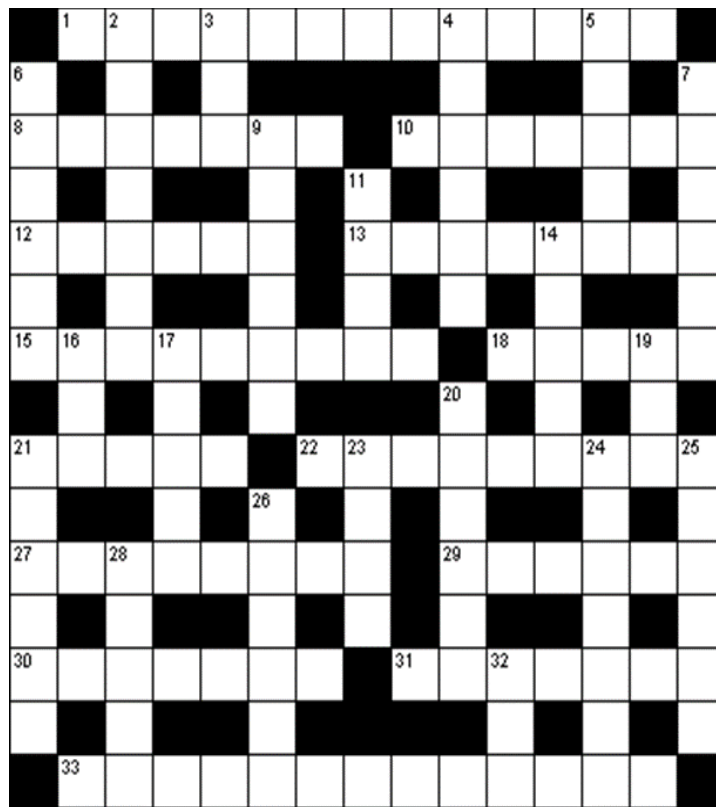
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Clues Across

June Crossword - No. 447

Clues Down

1. One who studies the climate (13)
8. Pertaining to an orbit (7)
10. Inflatable rubber bag (7)
12. Glossy (6)
13. Altercation (8)
15. Rectory (9)
18. Capital of France (5)
21. Church singers (5)
22. Expert in science (9)
27. Forebear (8)
29. Child who has lost both parents (6)
30. Office head (7)
31. Chief (4,3)
33. Mayonnaise (5,8)



2. Marine crustacean (7)
3. Encountered (3)
4. Encountered (6)
5. Rock (5)
6. Idle talk (6)
7. Combines (6)
9. Anybody (6)
11. Sharp pain (4)
14. Intended (5)
16. Exclamation of surprise (3)
17. Connected series of rooms (5)
19. It is (3)
20. Far distant (6)
21. Cold and damp (6)
23. Maize (4)
24. Brutal (7)
25. Occupant (6)
26. Be present at (6)
28. Cuban ballroom dance (5)
32. Donkey (3)



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Traffic Management Plan: Kildare County Council have now initiated a Traffic Management Survey which will run over the next three months and will assess the peak stress points around the town. I would be delighted to assist any residents or groups who wish to make submissions on the traffic management plan.

Maynooth University Sean Lemass Cumman: I was delighted to speak at a recent meeting of the Sean Lemass Cumman from Maynooth University. The University's Fianna Fáil branch have been a great help to my election campaign and do dedicated work in the local community.

Dublin Bus Services: In the coming weeks I will be meeting with officials from Dublin Bus to discuss the service to Maynooth, the 66, 67, and Express services. I will be advocating for more Express services in the mornings and evenings while also looking to see an increase in the volume of bus routes on Sundays. If you have any issues or comments in relation to Dublin Bus services to Maynooth please don't hesitate to contact me as I will make your views known.

Pay Parking: I am aware of the residents' concerns with the new paid parking which has been brought into the area. I have been on site with residents who are affected to examine the individual streets. If you wish to contact me on the same please do as I will be raising this matter with Kildare County Council.

Breakfast in the Glenroyal: Many congrats to Eamon O'Flaherty, Ted Robinson, Maynooth GAA and the staff of the Glenroyal for another successful fundraiser. I was delighted to attend the successful and enjoyable morning in the Glenroyal recently.

Art Exhibition

16 Up Close

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Antoon Knaap

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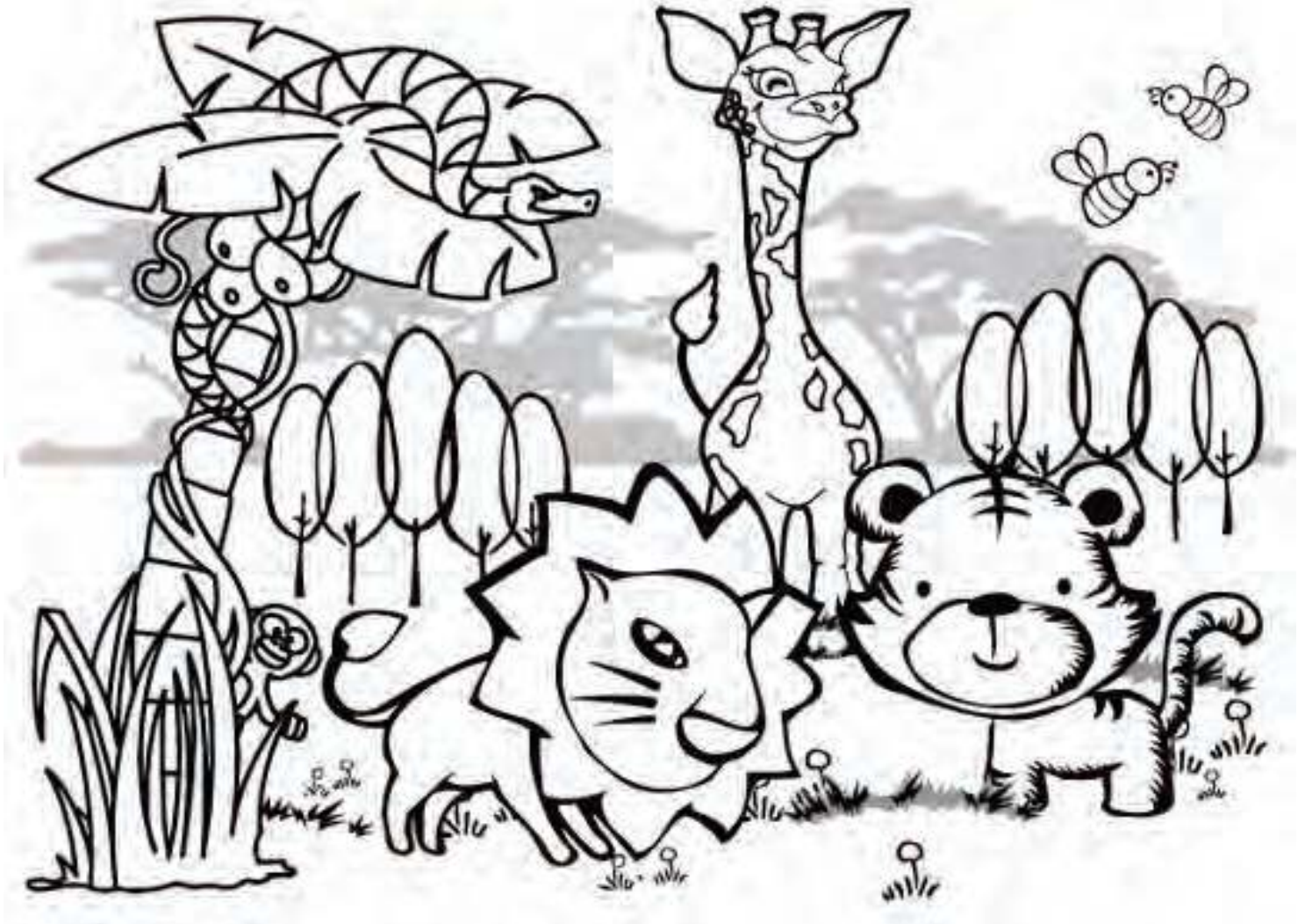
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Barbecue Recipes



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Chicken satay sticks with cucumber salad

Ingredients:

- 4 skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 1 red pepper, cut into 2 cm dice
- 100 ml natural yogurt
- 3 tbsps crunchy peanut butter
- 3 tbsps sweet chilli sauce for the cucumber salad
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh coriander
- 1 cucumber, halved lengthways and thinly sliced
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 1 tbsp Thai fish sauce (nam pla)



Method:

Place the yogurt, peanut butter and sweet chilli sauce in a bowl and mix together. Add the cubed chicken and coat well. The chicken can be left in this marinade for 2 to 3 hours in the fridge.

For the cucumber salad, mix together the cucumber, red onion, lemon juice, Thai fish sauce and coriander in a large bowl. Chill until ready to serve.

Pre heat the barbecue to a medium heat.

Shake off any excess marinade from the chicken. Thread the chicken pieces on to the skewers, alternating with the diced red peppers.

Season with salt and pepper.

Place the skewers on the barbecue and cook, turning from time to time, until browned and cooked through.

These chicken satay sticks are a real hit with children and if you wish you can remove them from the skewers and place them in wraps.

Pork & Apricot Kebabs

Ingredients:

- 450g/1lb of boneless pork
- 12 apricots, dried ready to eat
- 2 medium courgettes, trimmed and cut into chunks
- 3 medium red onions, peeled and quartered

For the marinade

- 110g/4 oz. of marmalade
- 2 tbs. of pure orange juice
- 1 1/2 tbs of wholegrain mustard
- 1 tbs of Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tps of fresh root ginger, peeled and grated
- 1/2 tps of mixed herbs or herbs de Provence
- Black pepper to taste



Method:

In a large bowl place the marmalade, orange juice, mustard, ginger and mixed herbs. Stir until the mixture is smooth and season with pepper.

Trim any fat from the pork and cut into chunks.

Add the pork to the marinade and coat well. Leave to marinate in the fridge for at least 2 to 3 hours.

Thread a piece of pork, apricot, pork, courgette, pork and an onion segment and continue until skewer is full. Place the kebabs on top of barbecue and cook for 8 to 10 minutes on each side.

Ensure the food is thoroughly cooked by checking that all juices run clear.

Mexican corn on the cob

Ingredients:

- 4 corn cobs
- 100g butter softened
- Zest 1 lime
- 2tsp of chopped fresh chilli or 1tsp of chilli powder
- Lime wedges, to serve



Method

Soak corn in cold water for 15 minutes. Place corn directly on the bars. Cook for 30-40 minutes turning regularly until the corn is tender and charred in spots. Meanwhile, mash the butter with the lime, zest and chilli. When the cob is done top each with a knob of flavoured butter and serve with lime wedges.



June Gardening

There is no question about it, June equals Summer time and warmer conditions for ourselves and our garden plants to enjoy. With the longer evenings June truly is a month that we can get the most out of our garden. Summer solstice falls on June 22nd and this marks the longest day of the year, meaning from that point forward the days are already getting shorter! June is a wonderful month in the garden, everything leafs up fully and is full of growth.

Maintenance is top priority in June. Staying on top of general garden tasks can take up most of your time. You will need to water plants more frequently during the longer days and warmer weather. Plants in pots, hanging baskets and containers can dry out within a few hours, so pay special attention to watering them. Newly planted trees and shrubs also need regular watering to avoid shrivelled pressure. Leafy green vegetables are also vulnerable to drying out in warm weather. Water other plants deeply, but less frequently, to encourage them to grow deeper root systems that will protect them during warm weather. Collecting rainwater or using kitchen water that is not too greasy or soapy is a good way to conserve water.



Unfortunately, weeds also love the extra hours of daylight and will experience rapid growth. One of your biggest challenges this month will be to keep on top of weeding. Hoe borders regularly to keep weeds down. Don't let seed heads develop or your problems will multiply. The best time to pull weeds is after a light rainfall as the ground will be softer.

Fruit & Veg Garden

Feed plants with a liquid fertiliser and water well. Thin out vegetable rows that have been sown directly.

Continue to sow vegetables for a late Autumn harvest, you still have time to sow peas, cabbage lettuce, broccoli, beetroot carrots and parsnips. Sow seeds of swede turnips for winter use.

Weed between rows regularly, especially younger crops.

Potatoes should be earthed up once it has 10cm of foliage growth above soil level.



Garden Beds & Borders

Mulch up around the base of plants to provide weed control, moisture retention and fertiliser.

Plant out Summer herbaceous seedlings such as Marigolds, Delphiniums, Cosmos, Asters amongst others.

Cut back geraniums after flowering.

Train wisteria and honeysuckle to a support frame.



Inspect your roses for blackspot – pick off infected leaves or spray to control the disease.

Continue to tie in the new shoots of climbing roses so that they will be in the correct position for training later.

During hot days, containers can dry out very rapidly and it is essential to water every day in some cases, especially with well fed lush plants that are used to frequent watering.

When the plants cover the top of the pot, rainfall is never adequate as it is likely to run off. Make sure that all containers are given liquid fertilizer every two or three weeks, at least.



Lawn Care

Grass growth slows in June. Cutting the grass every 10 days should be sufficient.

Mulch grass once each month.

Apply weed killer to control broadleaf weeds on your lawns. Lawn weeds, such as clover and dandelions, can be killed now, lawn weedkillers work well in warm weather if the soil is moist.

Feed lawns with fertilizer once each month.

Keep lawn edges trimmed for a neat line to borders.



Don't let the grass grow under your feet!

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I SAW THE LIGHT

Starring: Tom Hiddleston & Elizabeth Olsen



The troubled short life and career of Hiram King 'Hank' Williams is the subject matter of writer-director Marc Abraham's biopic, *I Saw the Light*. Dubbed the 'Hillbilly Shakespeare', Williams was one of the most influential country music singer-songwriters of the 20th Century. Legends like Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen were directly influenced by him. The singer trailed a blaze on the Country music scene in '40s and early '50s America before his life was tragically cut short.



The first shot of Hank Williams (Tom Hiddleston) in *I Saw the Light* is with his head bowed singing 'Cold, Cold Heart'. As a camera swirls around him, the spotlight is firmly on this central lone figure bathed in golden light. The opening number of the film is appropriate as the rest of the film seems to be infused with this same coldness.

By the age of 25, Hank Williams was a Country Music star. By the time of his death in 1953, his fame had reached Elvis-like levels of worship in America's Deep South. The Alabama-born Williams was a superstar of his era. We first encounter a 21-year old Williams at a Texaco station in 1944. He is in the process of marrying his first wife Audrey Sheppard (Elizabeth Olsen). Hank's childhood (a standard feature of these kinds of biopics) is skipped over entirely in Abraham's film.



The film subsequently traces Williams's career highs (a number one hit with 'Lovesick Blues' and ascent to Country music royalty as a performer at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville) and personal lows. The singer as depicted on screen croons 'Your Cheatin' Heart' and then puts it vigorously into practice as an active womaniser who is consistently drunk, unfaithful, unreliable, missing gigs and abusing drugs to alleviate chronic back pain.

This was possibly true of the real-life Hank Williams but do we really need to see it displayed in all its depressing detail on screen? *I Saw the Light* is stripped of any light or joy and we are dragged unwillingly into Williams's darkness instead. And it's a very dark place indeed. This makes for a long, unrelenting and dour film.



Williams's marital difficulties take up a considerable proportion of screen time. Elisabeth Olsen's Audrey is depicted as resentful of her husband's success as a song-writer/singer. Even though she can't hit a note to save her life, she is determined to jump on stage with Hank at every available opportunity. Her narcissism hurts his marketability as a star and causes much volatility in their relationship. Their marriage grinds Williams's spirit.



In a better director's hands, this could have been riveting stuff but the marriage discord on offer becomes tiresome and repetitive very quickly. When you compare this biopic of a music legend to another film adaptation of a singing giant – Johnny Cash's life story in *Walk the Line* – it's sadly wanting.

Writer-director Abraham's film adaptation of Williams's life is based on *Hank Williams: The Biography* by Colin Escott. Marc Abraham has his imprint all over this Williams biopic. As well as writing the script and directing the film, he also produced. *I Saw the Light* is a frustrating mess and only more marginally interesting than watching paint dry. It's not deep enough to offer any clarity into Williams's troubled persona and doesn't have a strong enough narrative arc to be a convincing story.

The film doesn't flow as it should but rather meanders pointlessly through the various stages of Williams's short life. Marital dramas, infidelities overshadow more potentially interesting stories – like how Williams composed his songs, his inspirations and how he got the creative juices flowing. This is a shame. His love-hate relationship with his band, *The Drifting Cowboys*, and the underlying tensions therein are also not sufficiently developed. Even Hank's quest to reach the Country music Mecca – The Grand Ole Opry – is sidelined in *I Saw the Light*.



There are some consolations to be had in *I Saw the Light*. Two in fact: Hiddleston's compelling performance and the electrifying musical numbers. The casting of Tom Hiddleston in the role of Hank Williams is pivotal but was not without controversy. The family of the late singer were seemingly not happy with a posh British actor taking on the mantle of the American singing genius. In fact, Williams's grandson went so far as to castigate the Shakespearean actor for having 'no moan or soul in (his) voice' as he saw it.

Remarkably Hiddleston had never been in a band or even sung professionally before he decided to throw his cowboy hat at the role of Hank Williams. In order to prepare for his singing role in *I Saw the Light*, he took up residence in the Country and Western capital, Nashville, Tennessee for six weeks. Under the guidance of an experienced musician called Rodney Crowell, the actor practiced hard to get the imitable voice of Hank Williams down pat.

Hiddleston succeeds in nailing the thick Southern twang (he's quite an accomplished mimic in real life) but not only that he

inhabits the soul of Williams too. He puts grit and pain into his subject and a charge into an otherwise lifeless movie. Getting under the skin of Williams, Hiddleston delivers a compelling, layered performance that hints at the darkness just beneath the surface.



The English actor displays Williams's 'thousand-mile-stare', charismatic smile and gangly charm to a fault, delivering a magnetic performance. A sequence where a strung-out Williams turns a picnic performance into an Old Testament rant is strikingly effective. Another scene where Hiddleston stares into an audience while booze-sweat pumps from his face is blisteringly conveyed.

Tom Hiddleston also brilliantly captures Williams's voice and singing style in several hugely enjoyable sequences. The film takes fire in renditions of classics such as 'Lovesick Blues' and 'Move It On Over'. Hiddleston's uncanny musical performances – filmed live – help to redeem a very flawed film. The actor channels Hank's darkest loneliest moments. In one late scene as he strums the guitar to one of the last songs that Williams wrote – 'Your Cheatin' Heart' – Hiddleston looks as transparent and haunted as a spectre. The actor transforms himself into Williams before our very eyes.



The supporting cast haven't much to do in *I Saw the Light*. This is very much a one-man show. Elisabeth Olsen makes a decent stab at her role as Hank's pushy and ambitious wife, Audrey. Her scenes with Hiddleston in the early stages of the film do generate some sparks. Maddie Hanson in the thankless role of Williams's second wife, Billie-Jean, bears mostly silent witness to the singers decline and death in the later stages of the film.

The writer-director is more interested in ticking boxes than providing a visceral or involving experience for the most part. Abraham's warts and all chronicles of Williams's addictions and adulterous behaviour overwhelm insights into anything else. It's an overly familiar story – the self-destructive life of a musical genius – with little new to say.

Ultimately, Tom Hiddleston is the best thing about *I Saw the Light* even if the film itself lacks momentum, impetus and never really catches fire. See it though for Hiddleston's superb performance as Hank Williams and some truly stand-out musical numbers.





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