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In memory of Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin – Doyenne

A credit to her community and a champion for her students past and present



It is fitting that this month's *Newsletter* features a piece to remember Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin. Muireann as many will know was a long standing member of Maynooth Community Council, an editor of the *Newsletter* and an active member on its various sub-committees.

She was responsible for the changed format of the *Newsletter* and as a result made it the main profit making initiative for the Community Employment Scheme. She oversaw the digitisation of the *Newsletter* providing an archive that is now available online. As secretary she liaised with the Department of Social Protection and she was involved in all the transitions which the Office went through, from changes of location to changes in governance and merging of schemes down

through the years. All done seamlessly due to her professionalism. These are only a few examples of her achievements on behalf of the community, the Council executive and members.

In her memory, The Community Council was very proud to introduce *The Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin* perpetual trophy at the St. Patrick's Day Parade this year for the best representation of Irish heritage and culture. Muireann has left a lasting legacy not just to the community but also to her students and colleagues in the School of Celtic Studies at Maynooth University. A statuette of Cuchulainn with the inscription "a champion for her students past and present" says it all. It was presented to her partner Don by Gavin MacAllister, President of the Celtic Society at a gathering of colleagues, students and friends on the 13th April in the University.



Muireann's partner Don, her daughter Rachel and granddaughter Cara - Presenting The Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Perpetual Trophy for the best representation of Irish culture and heritage in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, to Naoise Ó Cearúil on behalf of Noone Motors.

Muireann promoted Irish language and culture, and was Associate Dean and Senior Lecturer in the School of Celtic studies. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Centre for Irish Cultural Heritage there. This course attracts many international students who come to explore Ireland's cultural

heritage and Muireann enriched their experience. Muireann was also a member of the University's Governing Authority. Her roles in the Maynooth Community Council and the Maynooth University placed her in a unique position and gave her an overarching and informed perspective on "town and gown".

Muireann stood for everything that the excitement of learning can bring. She was pivotal and instrumental in changing the lives of those she taught. She imparted the confidence to explore, debate and to be original in thought and she instilled the idea of lifelong learning. As one of her former students (now an archaeologist) said of her "being taught by Muireann (and lecturers like her) was his idea of what going to University is all about – being taught by people with fire in their bellies". Muireann would be the first to admit that she also learned from her students and they were inspirational to her.

Muireann's work with the Labour Party was another of her passions. She enjoyed canvassing and was a worthy advocate of the Labour Party and advised on educational and other matters at a high level. She was famous for her support for the *Save Tara Campaign* a concern that was very dear to her heart. Not many people may know that she was a script writer for the Irish soap *Ros na Rún* for a time. Muireann was also gifted with a beautiful singing voice.

There are so many words and not enough to describe her abilities and qualities - She was a teacher, academic and writer; she was a local community and political activist. She displayed leadership, dedication, loyalty, empowerment, passion and spirit, all of which mark her as a polymath of the highest calibre. A member of Maynooth Community Council said that she always associated Muireann with the Festival of Bealtaine because she was helpful in providing information about the Festival and advice on a community publication.

So it is very appropriate that we remember Muireann at this Bealtaine. Given the magic that surrounds the Festival, its association with Tara, the burning fires and the coming of Summer, it is surely significant that Muireann's birthday falls during this time.

We remember her with great fondness, now that a year has gone by since her untimely passing on April 18th 2015. Tá sí caillte go mór.

*Susan Durack
Secretary, Maynooth Community Council*



Presentation in memory of Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin to Don Foley by Gavin MacAllister, President of the Celtic Society, Maynooth University on behalf of her students and colleagues



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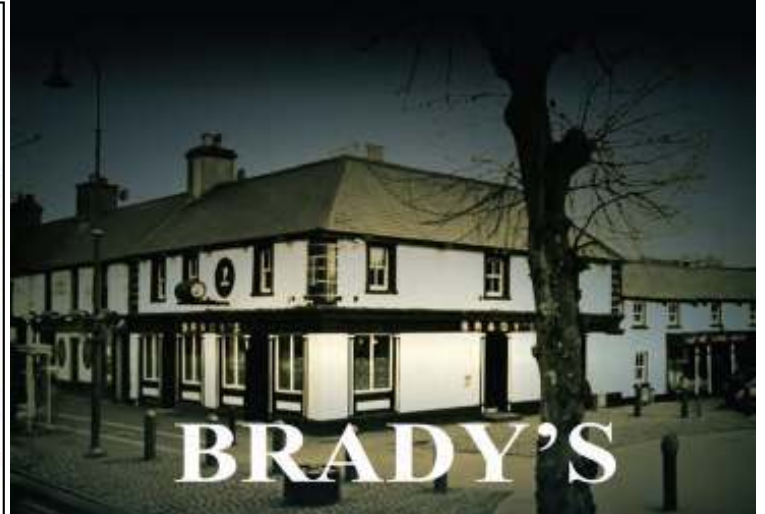
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The microchip is inserted between the shoulder blades at the base of the neck. This procedure is generally well tolerated. The microchip bears a 15 digit code which is registered and recorded on a national data base. The owner's details, name, address and telephone number are recorded. We will carry out the registration for you in our Clinic. The owner will receive a certificate of registration from the data base.

Microchipping is necessary to obtain a pet passport and will help in re-uniting stray dogs with their owners. Stray dogs usually end up in veterinary clinics and dog pounds where they can be scanned for a microchip and this will enable identification. Microchipping will also help to identify dogs causing problems, whether attacking other dogs in neighbourhoods or chasing sheep in rural areas.

Owners of dogs already chipped have the responsibility to check that the details are correctly registered on the approved data base. A high percentage of dogs already microchipped are incorrectly registered, whether it is the wrong name of the owner, an incorrect address or not registered at all. As a result of this some perfectly healthy stray dogs are either put to sleep or re-homed because the owners cannot be traced.



All puppies must now be microchipped and registered before the age of 12 weeks or before they are moved from their place of birth.

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



Festival Fundraising Quiz a Great Hit

On Friday April 8th Maynooth Festival Committee held their first fundraiser of the year at O'Neill's Bar and Steakhouse. 18 teams were put through their paces by Quizmaster Paul Daly. There were questions on various subjects with an element of fun to some of the rounds. The winning team came together on the night as they joined forces moments after meeting for the first time. Now there's community spirit!! The team represented Moyglare Abbey and The Gatehouse Restaurant. They were neck and neck with the team representing the local branch of Comhaltas until the last round when they pulled slightly ahead to win by 2 points.

A raffle was held on the night which coupled with the quiz entry fee helped raise €700 towards running this year's festival. Sincere thanks to everyone that took part. Local businesses and community groups were represented at the quiz and we thank them for their continued support. Thanks to our sponsors for the quiz: O'Neill's Bar and Steakhouse, Norman Birchall Heating and Plumbing, Supervalu Maynooth, The Beauty Boutique, James Allen Hairdressing and Maynooth Community Council

This year's Festival will take place from July 8th to 10th. Planning is well underway and some events are already confirmed. The popular SilverArm session will return to Maynooth Castle, and there are events planned for the Harbour and the Square. The 'Taste of Maynooth' raffle tickets will be on sale in the weeks leading up to the Festival. Last year's raffle saw over €2000 in vouchers for local businesses being won. Other venues will be added as we draw nearer to the Festival. Keep an eye on the Maynooth Festival Facebook page for regular updates.



Photo L to R: Paul Daly (Quizmaster) with members of the Maynooth Summer Festival Organising Committee Tom McMullon & Jacqueline Farrell

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New youth club/cafe in Maynooth?

Anyone interested in establishing a youth club or youth cafe in Maynooth? please attend a meeting on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 until 8.30 pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. Come along and meet other interested people as we make plans with Kildare Youth Services.



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Maynooth Local History Group Talk by Matt Kennedy and Jim Doyle

To mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, the Maynooth Local History Group presented a well attended duo of talks in the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth on April 11th.

In introducing the talks, the Chairman, Peter Nevin mentioned that the event was part of a series of talks by the Group as part of its contribution to 1916 commemorations. He noted that the Group was honoured recently with the "Spirit of St. Patricks" award from the St Patrick foundation recognising its contribution to the community of Maynooth.

The talks on the night focused on two different eras of Irish History. Matt Kennedy's talk on Hugh O'Neill, whose 400th anniversary of his death occurs this year, discussed the career of this historic figure and suggested he could be considered as making a contribution to the concept of an Irish State.

Jim Doyle discussed Tom Clarke, the 1916 leader and signatory to the Proclamation. Jim delivered his talk with passion with in-depth narratives of his early life and Clarke's life-long commitment to Irish republicanism.

Overall it was a fascinating and enjoyable evening. New members are invited to join the Group which meets on the last Thursday of each month, in the Maynooth Community Council offices (next to the Post Office).

Peter Nevin - Chairman



L to R Jim Doyle, Peter Nevin, and Matt Kennedy

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Meeting of April 11th held at Maynooth Community Space at 8pm

Before the meeting officially began, Robert Kennedy from Maynooth Business Association briefly addressed those present on the upcoming implementation of paid parking and the Traffic Calming Survey. A meeting with County Councillors was scheduled for Tuesday April 12th in the Glenroyal Hotel. A report will follow later in this bulletin. Robert also informed the meeting of the Irish Open to be held in the K Club from May 19th. The 5 town initiative is in place to encourage people to utilise local facilities to the fullest. The 5 towns involved are Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Clane and Straffan. It is planned to have a festival type atmosphere in Maynooth that week. Plans are in place for a Fashion Show, an open air market, and entertainment to take place in the pubs and the Square.

Businesses are invited to decorate their shop fronts in a golfing theme. There is a prize of €3000 for the best shop front in the 5 towns. Robert thanked the Festival Committee and Maynooth Tidy Towns for their support in this venture. If anybody has any ideas as to how best present our town, please forward them to Robert in The Avenue Restaurant. Mattie Callaghan from Maynooth Tidy Towns returned the thanks to the Business Association for their assistance in the local clean ups. He also thanked Ted Robinson of the Glenroyal Hotel for his assistance with equipment and refreshments for the volunteers.

The Purple Flag initiative was mentioned with Maynooth seeking approval. The flag indicates that a town is safe between 5pm and 5 am, thereby making it an attractive location to come to for socialising.

The meeting opened with Chairman Tom McMullon extending the sympathies of the Council to Josie Moore on the recent death of her sister.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read to the attendees referencing comments made at last months meeting. P Farrell expressed his disappointment at the report from Tidy Towns regarding the erection and removing of posters after the election. He felt annoyed as he personally erected and removed posters in a proper and timely fashion. He mentioned that he also removed cable ties that had been left by previous posters. He mentioned that he has worked alongside Tidy Towns for many years and asked that the comments be addressed or amended. Representatives from Maynooth Tidy Towns reminded the Council that no single person or party were singled out in last months report, and that the report was an accurate representation of how they found the town after the election. They will address the letter at their own group meeting and will correspond with P Farrell following that meeting.

John McGinley mentioned that only 2 of the candidates in the recent election adhered to Tidy Towns request to keep posters away from the Main Street and Church area. He said that people are quick to condemn but not so quick to reward those that comply with the work being done by Tidy Towns. Pádraig Ó Murchú said that good behaviour should be acknowledged in order to encourage others to do the same. This was agreed by all attending and Emmet Stagg and Reada Cronin were named as the 2 that complied with the request.

MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Paul Daly addressed the meeting in the absence of Jacqui Farrell. Plans are well underway for this years festival with July 8-10 confirmed as the dates. A brief outline of events were given. Among the events planned is the return of the popular SilverArm Sessions from last year. The Castle will be used for live entertainment on Saturday and Sunday. Leisure and activity events are planned for the Harbour. Headline acts are being negotiated with, and Liam Ó Maonlaí from the Hothouse Flowers expressed an

interest in returning this year as he rated Maynooth Festival as one of his favourite gigs of 2015. This was seen as a positive endorsement of the work of last year's Committee. The Committee are still looking for volunteers to become involved and any interested parties can contact them by email on maynoothfest15@gmail.com

A Festival fundraising quiz was held in O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse on Friday April 8th which was well attended. 18 teams took part and €700 was raised towards the running of this years events.

TIDY TOWNS

Saturday April 9th saw the best clean up in a long time with more people than ever volunteering on the day. It was National Spring Cleaning Day nationwide and Mattie Callaghan thanked the Community Council, Business Association, Residents Associations, the Glenroyal team and all those that took part on the day. Many bags of bottles and cans were collected and went for recycling. Flower beds were weeded and replanted and the flower baskets from the Main Street were removed for cleaning and repair.

Richard Farrell informed the meeting of the Food Waste Minimisation Scheme which was being introduced that night in Manor Mills to educate people about reducing the amount of food waste created. A Chef was present to show attendees how best to use leftover food. There is another such evening planned for the summer, possibly to take place during the Festival. Sunday crews are still out in force cleaning after busy weekends in the town. People are reminded that regular Tidy Towns updates appear on the groups Facebook page.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Josie Moore thanked all those that sympathised with her family on their recent bereavement.

The Green Day to celebrate St Patrick's Day was well attended by local seniors and a number from surrounding areas. Green clothing was to be seen in abundance with some going the distance and wearing tricoloured apparel. The Easter Party was scheduled for April 17th with an Easter Bonnet taking place. The Bealtaine celebrations will take place on May 15th and a number of seniors are already looking forward to their break in Kerdiffstown which will happen in the coming months. Josie informed the meeting that this is the time of year when the money raised by the Sale of Work and the sponsored walk is spent on transport and fuel. She expressed her thanks to Maynooth Golf Society who presented the Senior Citizens with a cheque for €1000. She was grateful for the donation and mentioned that it is great to see other groups appreciate the work done by the committee. Josie thanked the Tidy Towns group in this regard also.

ICA

Mary Murphy congratulated Norah McDermott on her election to Guild President. The ladies are looking forward to Federation Craft Day in Castledermot on April 30th. The members collected for Special Olympics on April 22nd. Crafts continue every Monday at 8pm in the ICA Hall.

CCE CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

Classes have recommenced since April 6th. March was a busy month for Craobh Mhaigh Nuad as they played at the Flag raising ceremony at the Educate Together School. They also played at the St Patrick's Day Breakfast, marched in the Parade, and played for the residents of Maynooth Lodge Nursing Home. They held a session in McMahon's on the evening of March 17th and in Bradys after the 1916 celebrations on Easter Monday. Members competed in the Kildare Fleadh in Kilcock on April 24th and are looking forward to their involvement in the Darkness into Light event on May 7th.

MAYNOOTH SCOUTS

Peter Garrad congratulated the 1916 Committee on their great work in putting on the 1916 celebrations. He thanked all involved from organisers to spectators and mentioned the families of the Maynooth 15 that attended. Peter expressed his sympathy to the family of Chief Scout Michael John Shinnick who passed away recently. Chief Scout Shinnick attended the opening of the Maynooth Den despite being ill at the time. Maynooth Scouts were joined by Kilcloon Scouts for the Patrick's Day Parade.

Cubs and Beavers are attending Larchill to learn emergency skills including fire lighting and backwoods cooking. Scouts will attend the Shield Competition soon to be assessed on their skill levels. They are training for the Shield in the Salesian School in Celbridge. Representatives from the Maynooth troop will attend the National Jamboree in Pallaskenry on the June bank holiday weekend. It is estimated 8000 scouts from all over Ireland will be present. The scouts are also preparing to go to Castle Sanderson for a week in July and the Venture Scouts will be going to Italy in August.

AOB

Miriam O'Keeffe Ahern said that people were welcome to walk their dogs in Rockfield estate but please be considerate and clean up after your dog.

Congratulations were extended to Noone Motors, the first recipients of the Muireann Ní Bhrolchain Perpetual Award for the float with the best Celtic/Irish content in the Parade.

The meeting with the University regarding their future development was attended by many local groups and residents. The Community Council welcomed the invitation from the University to be involved in the planning process. This invitation will be taken up and follow up reports will be given to the Council.

If there are any groups or residents that feel they are not adequately represented on the Council, please make contact with the MCC Office beside the Post Office. The Council would be happy to co-opt any interested parties.

REPORT ON PAID PARKING/TRAFFIC CALMING MEETING ON TUESDAY APRIL 12TH

Declan Kennedy of Bradys pub chaired the meeting which was attended by Cllrs Naoise O'Cearuill, John McGinley, Tim Durkan, Teresa Murray and Reada Cronin and new Kildare North TD's Frank O'Rourke and James Lawless.

Paid parking will commence in Maynooth from May 27th. Signage, markings and meters will be put in place from May 13th. The parking will be paid from 8.30am-6.30pm Monday to Saturday. There will be a 2 hour limit. Residents can apply for permits at the cost of €5 per year.

Many locals expressed concerns about the upcoming measures. Residents from Rail Park and Newtown are concerned that motorists will be pushed towards their areas. As it is Rail Park becomes a car park on Croke Park days and emergency vehicles cannot currently access the Health Board houses in Newtown. Residents of Pound Lane, Back Lane, Leinster Cottages, Doctors Lane and Main Street expressed their concerns at the lack of residential parking. A number of years ago they offered ideas in a forward thinking manner but weren't listened to, and are now left in a situation that is unworkable in their opinions.

The Ring Roads were spoken about with concerns that the new schools on Moyglare Road would commence construction before proper traffic infrastructure would be put in place. The Councillors were meeting them on April 13th to discuss the situation and promised to update in due course. Please see local Councillors notes for greater detail on the traffic calming study to take place in the coming months.

Editorial

You always know that the Maynooth University academic year is coming to an end when you see the students coming out of their rented houses in the evenings and taking a few kicks of the football on the green space in residential estates as well as sitting on the garden walls with their cup of tea or a substitute. In May, it could well be the first time that residents will see their temporary neighbours which is a pity as many students are good neighbours. At this time of the year students are preparing for exams which will determine their future. For those students who have completed their third level education in Maynooth we wish you well in your future endeavours.

Of course if your student neighbour experience has not been good the plans to grow Maynooth University student numbers to fifteen thousand in the coming years may not be a welcome thought. Failure to adequately plan for such numbers would be a mistake. While the adverts for Census 2016 said that it was important to fill out the form to help guide future planning, it is most likely much of the university population will not be counted in Maynooth.

Talking about planning it seems as if the long expected "pay parking" in Maynooth is about to become a reality. Already you will have seen the street markings and the remaining infrastructure of signage and the pay machines are to be put in place this month. Much has been made of the benefits that the rationing of limited parking spaces by charging for them will benefit business in the town centre and local residents in this area. Maynooth business has been handicapped by the phenomenon of all day commuter parking for over three decades so hopefully pay parking will benefit the business sector. However, with many residential areas around the town already being engulfed with "n plate" cars from all day student parking the addition of commuter traffic previously parked in the town centre will be an extra burden for which estate roads were never intended. It is important that residents associations monitor the impact of pay parking on their area and give feedback to Kildare County Council. It may be necessary for Health and Safety reasons to implement parking restrictions elsewhere in Maynooth especially with the risks to children in estates.

While parking control is being addressed Kildare County Council is also planning for the future traffic growth in Maynooth. In fact the council has appointed AECOM Consultants, who will be preparing the "Maynooth Traffic Management Plan" and their proposals will be available for public consultation later in the Summer. The biggest fears is that such a study will suggest future road infrastructure needs that will depend on development levies to be built. Meanwhile, Kildare County Council could well approve large additional residential, academic and commercial developments that will not deliver these roads and the benefit of additional roads when delivered will be already diminished having been outpaced by these developments.

Twenty years ago this year, the "Maynooth Planning Alliance" was formed by representatives of residents associations in Maynooth. Along with similar groups set up in many other Kildare towns campaigned for "better planning" in County Kildare. Such community led action was effective and it is always important to remember that the consequences of bad planning decisions are difficult to reverse.

Paul Croghan

Maynooth launch of Pieta House Darkness Into Light fundraising and awareness event

Taking place on Saturday, May 7th, Darkness Into Light is a unique, early morning experience which begins in darkness at **4.15am**, when thousands of people walk or run a 5km route while dawn is breaking.

The event benefits Pieta House, a suicide and self-harm crisis centre. While Darkness Into Light raises much needed funds, it is also about awareness, solidarity and local communities.

Last year was the first Darkness into Light event held in Maynooth, drawing an estimated 4,000 people and raising more than €50,000.

Online registration and further details at
www.darknessintolight.ie or
www.facebook.com/darknessintolightmaynooth.



Maynooth Scouts

Maynooth Scouts are holding a Cake Sale in St. Mary's Boys National School on Sunday the 20th of May from 10:30 - 16:00.

If you would like to volunteer your time or bake some goodies we would be delighted.

Parents and Friends Committee

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

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES - MAY 2016

Councillors Approve New Cycle Corridor in Naas

Maynooth Cycling Campaign congratulates the councillors of the Naas Municipal District on all-party approval of the Dublin Road Cycle Corridor Scheme which involves removing right hand turns and a number of car parking spaces in the town centre. The approval includes significant improvements proposed by our colleagues in the Naas Neighbourhood Greenways. This is the first time that Kildare County Council has accepted any improvement suggested by a cycling group, and despite the availability of significantly less space, Naas councillors have approved a scheme which will provide a higher quality cycling facility than the Maynooth North South Corridor Scheme. Perhaps the Maynooth councillors might look at and learn from their Naas colleagues.

Kildare Cycle Forum

In a related development, Maynooth Cycling Campaign has joined with Naas Neighbourhood Greenways in calling on the political groups in Kildare County Council to convene a meeting of the Kildare Cycle Forum. Government policy on cycling is to adopt a collaborative approach giving cycling representatives input into the development and implementation of cycling policy. Maynooth Cycling Campaign accepted an invitation to join the Forum and is looking forward to playing a full part in its work.

Galway Cycle 2016

Congratulations also to the Galway Cycle 2016 for raising over €100,000 for their nominated charity which this year is Down Syndrome Ireland.

Clane Toastmasters

If you are looking for a dynamic club at which to develop your public speaking and leadership skills in a friendly environment then look no further than Clane Toastmasters Club. We are helping our members enhance their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Meetings are held in Clane GAA, Prosperous Road, Clane, Co. Kildare, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7.45pm. Our next one is on 20th April and guests are welcome to attend any meeting for FREE. Join us for a memorable evening and even bring a friend-you won't regret it!



For further information please contact Clane Toastmasters:
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Bike week 2016

This spring has largely been windy and cold. May is now upon us so we are hoping for more spring like weather. We have also begun to plan for Bike week 2016 which runs from 11th to 19th June. Next month's Newsletter will have full detail of events.

Celbridge Road

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is opposed to the proposed NTA expenditure of €100,000 on a missing section of footpath on Celbridge Road, as it will copper fasten a situation where over 1000 children have no facilities to cycle to school. We call on councillors to ensure that this work does not proceed without a clear plan on how cyclists will be catered for and the timescale involved. Otherwise money will be wasted on a short term measure which will have to be undone in the future.

Railpark

Like a number of locations in Maynooth, Railpark suffers from rat-running with drivers using Railpark to avoid delays at the Celbridge Road junction. If the problem was one of speeding, the solution would be traffic calming. However, it is a traffic management problem and the solution is filtered permeability with no through route for motor vehicles. This would involve motorists having to enter either from the Straffan Road or the Celbridge Road side, but pedestrians and cyclists would continue to use it as at present. It is also a road safety issue as allowing traffic to rat-run in a residential area is contrary to good road safety practice and needlessly increases the risk to adults and children who live there.



Maynooth Labour News

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Update on Implementation of Parking By-Laws in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update from the Area Engineer on 12 April:

"A Contractor has been awarded the contract to erect the pay parking signs. We had the initial meeting with him yesterday and he is confident of achieving the specified completion date of the 27th May. We will also be coordinating line marking to coincide with the sign erection completion date."

"We will be in touch with James Doyle (who is on leave at the moment) to have the machines in place at the same time or soon after."

This is very good news for businesses, shoppers and the residents of the Lyreen Area. The following is a summary of the Scheme:

The enforcement hours will be between 8.30 and 18.30 on each day other than Sunday or a Public Holiday.

There will be a 1 Hour Limit in the immediate Town Centre Area costing €1 for the hour.

There will be a 2 Hour Limit at the outer Parameters of the Town Centre costing €1 per Hour.

There will be a 2 Hour Limit at a cost of €3 per hour to facilitate residents at the following areas:

- Convent Lane
- Cross Lane
- Double Lane
- Back Lane
- Parson Street

The fee at the Council car park at Doctors Lane will be €1 for 1 hour, €5 all day parking and €50 for a monthly parking ticket.

Residents Parking Discs will cost €5 per year and each household can get 3 Discs per year

The fee for a Visitors parking discs shall be €15 for a book of ten, 24 hour visitor parking permits to a maximum of 160 permits (16 books) per year.

Kellys Lane, Fagans Lane and Coates Lane will be One Way-In Only

Update on the Council Car Park and the New Adjoining Private Car Park at Doctors Lane:

Cllr John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District members:

"That the Council make arrangements to ensure that the private car park at Doctors Lane, Maynooth, is joined up with the adjoining public car park, as envisaged in the Maynooth Parking By-Laws, Dwg. No. E3277"

John was given the following reply at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 April:

"In accordance with the layout presented in the planning application for the private car park, there will be vehicle access between the public and private car parks, when the development is completed."

Cllr. John McGinley was subsequently advised by the Area Engineer that issues had arisen that complicates matters. It seems that the owner of the car park will only allow customers of his premises use it, which is very disappointing to say the least.

Update on Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Residents will be aware that Cllr. John McGinley has been pressing for a Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth for some considerable time.

The Maynooth Municipal District (MD) Members got a presentation at their meeting on 13 April from Matt Foy,

AECOM Consultants, who will be carrying out the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan. The time frame is 4 months from now to completion. They will begin with the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Road Junction and have an answer on what is the preferred option after 2 months. All Objectives in the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) will be looked at including the Straffan Road/M4 junction and whether or not a new M4 Junction is needed and where it should be located, also the feasibility of the provision of a new vehicular access from Bond Bridge to the railway station.

There will be public consultation in Maynooth including a one day Workshop. The Draft Plan will probably go on public display in September (July and August being holiday months). If you have any suggestions, please send them to Cllr. John McGinley and he will ensure that they are considered.

When the Maynooth Local Area Plan was being drafted in 2013 the NRA proposed that traffic would not be able to access Maynooth at the Straffan Road/M4 junction and would have to go to a new "half Junction" at the Rathcoffey Road and then travel via a new ring road to get to the Straffan Road. Cllr. McGinley opposed that proposal then and will also do so again if proposed. What is needed is a full junction at Straffan Road (as in Kilcock) and a new full junction at Rathcoffey Road with a ring road to the Kilcock Road.

Cllr. McGinley Gets Improvements to Glenroyal/ Straffan Road Junction

When the Glenroyal Hotel applied for Planning Permission for 35 additional bedrooms recently, Cllr. John McGinley made a submission to Kildare County Council asking that improvements to the junction with the Straffan Road be made a Condition of Planning.

The Council Granted Planning Permission on 12 April and the Glenroyal has agreed to Cllr. McGinley's proposal and they will be upgrading the junction to include a left turning filter green exit signal when the right turning filter into the Glenroyal is also green. This will greatly improve traffic flow out from the Glenroyal Complex.

Update on Outer Ring Road from Moyglare Hall to Blacklion

Engineers and Planners from Meath County Council made a presentation to the Maynooth MD members at their meeting on 13 April on this proposed ring road.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that he was completely supportive of this ring road, but when he asked how it was going to be funded he was given the disappointing reply that it would cost €4.85m and that it would be developer led. Cllr. McGinley pointed out that developer led ring roads had been very slow in coming in the rest of Maynooth and he was particularly worried about this one as it was relying on future levies from employment creation zoning at Moygaddy.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that the viability of employment creation land at Moygaddy was very questionably given that there was adequate land zoned for this purpose at Maynooth University and at Collinstown opposite INTEL.

However, Kildare's Director of Services stated that he was very hopeful that the ring road could be completed by the developer of Moyglare Hall in Kildare and O'Callaghan developers in Meath.

A New Seat to be Installed Outside McMahons, Main

Street, at Cllr. McGinley's Request.

Cllr John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District members:

"Can the Council install the seat, that was removed from outside the Elite Cafe, at the bus stop outside McMahons, Main St., Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 April:

"This will be addressed in consultation with the adjacent businesses that they have no objection to the installation of the bench."

Cllr. McGinley advised the Area Engineer that the adjacent businesses had no objection.

Cast Iron and Lead Water Pipes to be Replaced at Back Lane, O'Neill Park and Old Greenfield, Maynooth:

Cllr John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District members:

"What is the timeline for replacing the old cast iron water distribution mains and lead service connection pipes at the Back Lanes, O'Neill Park and Old Greenfield, Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 April:

"Mouchel (Ireland) Ltd. have been appointed as Consulting Engineers to deliver this scheme together with a similar scheme in Kildare Town."

It is anticipated that site investigation works will be completed by Q2 2016. The procurement of a main contractor and the Construction Phase will follow with construction expected to commence in Q4 2016/Q1 2017."

The Consultant Engineer has been requested to explore the possibility of fast tracking some portions of these works, particularly in the back lanes in Maynooth. Further progress updates on this and other Minor Capital Schemes will be made available in the Monthly Management Reports."



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Question:

My father has had a stroke and is critically ill. The doctors say that he has very little time left. Am I entitled to leave from work to be with him?

Answer :

If you have a family crisis, the Parental Leave Acts 1998 and 2006 give an employee a limited right to leave from work. This is known as *force majeure* leave. You can take force majeure leave where, for urgent family reasons, your immediate presence is necessary because a close family member is ill or has been injured.

The definition of a close family member includes a child or adopted child, a spouse or partner and a parent or grandparent.

The maximum amount of leave is three days in any 12-month period or five days in a 36-month period. You are entitled to be paid while you are on force majeure leave. Your employer may grant you further leave.

However force majeure leave does not give any entitlement to leave following the death of a close family member. If your father dies following his illness, you don't have a statutory right to leave after his death.

You may be entitled to compassionate leave under your contract of employment or custom and practice in your workplace. Alternatively, you may be given some bereavement leave at your employer's discretion.

Further information about force majeure leave is available from the Workplace Relations Commission's Information and Customer Service Lo-call: 1890 80 80 90 or from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Microchipping of dogs

Question:

Should my dog be microchipped? Does the microchip replace a dog licence?

Answer:

Under the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015, all dogs born after 1 June 2015 must be microchipped and registered on an authorised database by the time they are 12 weeks old, or if they leave the property on which they were born before the age of 12 weeks.

The microchip does not replace the licence. You will still need to have a licence for your dog. Dog licences are issued by your local authority.

If your dog was born after 1 June 2015 and is now over 12 weeks old, it should already have been microchipped and registered. Since 31 March 2016, the Regulations apply to all dogs over 12 weeks old. Even if your dog has already been microchipped (for a pet passport, for example) it needs to be registered on an authorised database as well.

The microchip can only be implanted by a vet, a veterinary nurse or a person who has been trained by one of the authorised databases. The microchip contains a unique 15-digit number. When you register with an authorised database, this number is recorded on it, along with your name and address details. Microchipping and registering means that, if your dog goes missing and is found, you can be identified as its owner and be reunited with it.

If you plan to buy a new dog at any stage, you should check that it has been microchipped and registered. The seller has to give you the dog's certificate of registration and you should forward it to the relevant database to get the details updated. If you move house, you will need to update your contact details on the database.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has published a list of authorised databases, along with a set of Frequently Asked Questions, on agriculture.gov.ie.

Online dispute resolution

Question:

What can I do if I have a problem with an item I've bought online?

Answer:

If you are not happy with an item you've bought online, you should always contact the trader first to make your complaint. If you are not satisfied with their response, you may be able to get help.

If your complaint is against a trader here in Ireland, you can contact the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission for advice. If the trader is in another EU member state, you can contact the European Consumer Centre Ireland (ECC Ireland). The ECC may contact the trader and try to resolve your dispute. If this is not successful, ECC Ireland will forward your case to an alternative dispute resolution organisation in the other country.

You can also use the new Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform. The online ODR platform is operated by the European Commission for consumers living in the EU. It aims to help consumers and traders settle online disputes without the need to go to court. You use the platform to find a neutral third party (called *dispute resolution body*) to handle your dispute.

You don't have to pay when you submit a complaint using the ODR platform. However, a dispute resolution body may ask you to pay a fee if it agrees to handle your case. When a dispute resolution body agrees to handle your case they'll tell you what the rules are, including how much you have to pay.

The outcome can depend on the type of dispute resolution body and their rules and procedures. Some decisions may not be binding on the trader. If you disagree with the outcome you might be able to appeal the outcome or take your case to court. Sometimes there may be nothing more you can do.

JobPath

Question:

I've been invited to take part in the JobPath programme. What can I expect from the programme? Can I keep my social welfare payment?

Answer:

JobPath is a new employment activation programme that is intended to help jobseekers find and retain full-time employment. The Department of Social Protection selects clients for JobPath on a random basis. You cannot apply to go on JobPath. Supports from JobPath are aimed at people who are long-term unemployed and people who are newly unemployed but who may need intensive support to find work.

If you are selected for JobPath you will be referred to a JobPath company. There are two companies - Seetec and Turas Nua. You will be assigned to a personal adviser who will assess your skills, work experience and work goals. The adviser will draw up a Personal Progression Plan with you which will include a series of activities and actions designed to help you get a job. These might include work experience, training and other relevant supports. You will be given career advice and helped with CV and interview preparation. You can also get support and advice about starting your own business.

You keep your jobseeker's payment while on JobPath. Generally the programme lasts for a year (52 weeks). If you find a job the Jobpath company will continue to work with you while you are in employment for up to a year. It will give particular support during the first few weeks of employment. Depending on local arrangements, while you are on JobPath you may sign on for your jobseeker's payment less often than at present, or in some situations you may not have to sign on at all.

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
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 Lwr, Straffan	24/03/2016
16303	Kildare County Council	Teresa and Patrick Carolan	482 The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth	24/03/2016
16242	Kildare County Council	The Society of The Divine Word	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/03/2016
16248	Kildare County Council	Westin Homes Ltd.	Hayfield, Greenfield, Maynooth	11/03/2016
16228	Kildare County Council	Bernadette Farrell	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/03/2016
16193	Kildare County Council	Joe, Mary & Ruth Murphy	6 Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	02/03/2016

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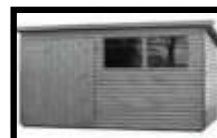
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Culture Night provides the platform to celebrate our distinct cultural and creative resources, while helping to create awareness and interest in the diversity of our cultural organisations. Events encompass all interests: from music to history, film to nature, visual art to informative lectures, bus tours, walks and workshops and are free to the public.

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MAY GARDENING



If April showers bring May flowers, what else can gardeners expect this month? Warmer weather and that can't-wait-to-get-planting feeling. The combination makes the gardening to-do list for May one of the longest lists of the season:

Here are the top to-do's to get done in May:



Take care of roses. If you want beautiful roses in June, May is the time to get to work. Prune out dead canes and then clip roses into shape. If your garden suffered the quick freeze at the end of last season, you may find your roses have died back to the ground. If so, prune out all the dead canes and fertilize to encourage new growth.

Deadhead lilacs. After lilacs have finished blooming, clip off the dead flowers to keep the shrub from going to seed and to make room for next year's flowers. If you missed out on having lilacs in your garden this season, now's the time to buy and plant lilac bushes. Even if you don't have a large garden, there are new, smaller varieties that will add colour and fragrance in the future



Add colour everywhere. Now is the time to plant up tubs, pots and window boxes. Lime-hating camellias and rhododendrons and heathers can be grown in ericaceous compost and indeed, blue hydrangeas too. They last in a big tub for years. Most things will grow in containers, provided they get the correct soil and care. Summer bedding plants, petunias, daisies, begonias, the big tuberous ones and the trailing ones, especially suited to hanging baskets, interspersed with grey and silver foliage plants, will look lovely. You must dead-head regularly, water, sometimes twice a day in warm weather and feed once or twice a week.

Keep evergreens in check. To keep evergreens from taking over the garden, pinch off the new growth as soon as it appears. Fingers are a better tool than clippers to trim off about one-third of the tight candle clusters to keep plant size manageable and to maintain its shape. Avoid using pruners because they can cut the remaining needles, turning them brown

Vegetables. Lettuce and other greens tend to grow particularly well in the still somewhat cool weather of May. If pests are a problem, try growing your lettuce in containers. It's easy to plant seeds or seedlings into shallow pots. Place containers in a location that receives half-sun. You can plant lettuce more tightly than recommended; when seedlings start to crowd each other, you can eat the thinned seedlings. Maximise harvests by only picking the outer leaves from young plants. As they mature, cut off every other leaf, leaving a one inch stub. Fertilise again after harvest, and the stubs will re-sprout. Wait to put heat loving vegetables out, such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and cucumbers, until the danger of frost has passed.



Take care of your lawn. From now on you need to mow your lawn twice a week. Set the blades fairly high. The closer you cut grass the more faults will be visible. Now is a good time for a light application of a slow-release fertilizer.



Control weeds. It's not just the plants you want that thrive at this time of year, weeds will be growing strongly too. Catch weeds while they're small by hoeing borders and the veg garden once a week. Paths, drives and patios can be kept weed free by spraying with a path weedkiller. Many of these prevent weeds returning for several months after they are applied.



Perennial weeds, such as dandelions, have roots that will regrow if you just kill the leaves. They will eventually weaken over time if you hoe them off, or you could try to dig out the roots. Alternatively, spray them with a weedkiller containing glyphosate.

Slugs Now is the time to wage war on slugs and snails. They love tulips and delicacies such as the young shoots of delphiniums, so use pet-friendly slug pellets, drench the ground with liquid slug killer to exterminate slugs below the surface. Keep an eye out for snails and pick them off.

All the Flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today!



Slow Cooker Recipes



Although we might associate slow cookers with winter time don't put away your slow cooker just yet! Slow cooker recipes are perfect for hot days because they don't heat up your kitchen like the oven does, and you can let the slow cooker do its work while you can get out and enjoy the weather with family and friends.

Slow Cooker French Onion Soup

Ingredients

- 2 tbs butter
- 2 tbs extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 sprigs fresh thyme
- 4 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 lbs yellow onions, halved and sliced
- 2 lbs red onions, halved and sliced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 8 cups low-sodium beef broth
- 1/2 cup dry sherry



Method:

Scatter butter into the slow cooker. Add oil, garlic, thyme, bay leaves and then onions. Sprinkle salt and pepper. Cover and cook on high for 8 hours. Bring broth and sherry to a boil in a saucepan. Remove the thyme sprigs and bay leaf from the slow cooker. Pour in the broth and cook on high, uncovered for 10 minutes.

Slow Cooker Moroccan Lamb Shanks

Ingredients

- 1 tbs olive oil
- 6 lamb shanks small trimmed
- 1 brown onion finely chopped
- 2 carrots peeled coarsely chopped
- 3 garlic clove crushed
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 7 cms cinnamon stick
- 1 ltr chicken stock
- 600 g sweet potato peeled coarsely chopped
- 400 g brown lentils rinsed drained
- 100 g pitted dried dates halved



Method:

In a large frying pan brown the lamb and set aside on a plate. Add onion, garlic and carrot to the pan and cook for 5 minutes. Add the cumin, turmeric, paprika and cinnamon and stir until aromatic. Place lamb, onion mixture, sweet potato, lentils, dates and stock in the slow cooker and leave covered on low for 5 hours. Uncover and cook on high for a further 30 minutes. Can be served with couscous.

Chicken, Mushroom, Potato and Thyme Stew

Ingredients

- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 4 sticks celery, chopped
- 2 parsnips, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 100g baby button mushrooms
- 4 large free range chicken legs
- 1.5 ltr chicken stock
- Few sprigs fresh thyme
- 1.5 kg new season rooster or Irish white potatoes
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method:

In a large frying pan brown the chicken legs and set aside on a plate. Add parsnips, carrots, mushrooms, onions, and celery sticks to the pan and cook till softened. Transfer chicken and vegetables to the slow cooker. Pour the stock and add the potatoes and thyme. Season and cook on high setting for 4 hours or low for 7 hours.

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Maynooth Newsletter

**Copy date for the June edition of the Maynooth
Newsletter will be Tuesday 17th May 2016**

Wedding Planning Essentials Checklist

If you are newly engaged or you're at the beginning of your wedding planning process, you may be finding it all a little daunting as you flip through the many, many wedding magazines and blogs, offering you a plethora of different advice, tips and tricks for planning the 'perfect day'.

It can be rather overwhelming to plan an event of this size for the first time. After all, most folks have never planned anything like this before. And, understandably, you want this to be a perfect, memorable day that reflects you and your partner's personalities, but that your guests also enjoy and hopefully talk about for years to come!

Well, we have good news for you, we're here to take the confusion out of choosing the perfect location and venue for your big day with our TOP 10 Essentials Checklist to help you pick the ideal setting. So, grab a cup of something hot and delicious, put your feet up, relax and read on:

TOP 10 CHECKLIST

1. How Many Wedding Guests

The first consideration when planning a wedding is always, always, always how many wedding guests are you planning for. Whether you are thinking about venue, food, accommodation, wedding favours etc. The very first thing you need to know is how many people (roughly) you are catering for.

When choosing your venue, it is no different. You need to find a venue that can accommodate your numbers comfortably. That means, if you are having a small, intimate wedding, you want a space that doesn't feel too big and empty. And if you are having a lavish, large wedding, you need a venue that can cater for all that comes with big weddings. For example, you should consider whether or not the space is big enough, can the catering department handle large numbers, and is your venue's team professional and experienced in handling big numbers?

2. How hands on/off do you want to be

Next, ask yourself how hands on/off you would like to be. When you are choosing your venue, you may be working with a wedding co-ordinator. Whether you want to be highly involved in the planning of your special day or you want somebody else to take the lead and just tell you when and where to show up, you will need to find a venue with a co-ordinator who is flexible enough to pick up the planning schedule when and where you want them to.

3. Package Deals

Package deals are a great incentive to help you choose your venue. Most venues, especially hotels will work with you on packaging/bundling a great deal on accommodation and venue and food etc. Don't be afraid to ask. Remember, they want your business!

4. In-House Wedding Co-ordinator

If you are working with a hotel or larger venue, an in-house co-ordinator can be invaluable. Having an in-house co-ordinator means that there is less 'to-ing and fro-ing', less time, less money spent and less hassle when trying to co-ordinate all of the different suppliers for your wedding. An in-house co-ordinator will usually be able to tell you who the best suppliers in the area are and they will already have working relationships with many of these people.

5. Trust/reputation of venue

A major consideration, when choosing your wedding venue should be the reputation of your venue. Do your research and make sure that your chosen venue has a reputation for high standards, friendliness, flexibility and the ability to deliver on your big day.

6. Accommodation availability

Think about your guests coming from near and far. Where will they stay? Will your wedding celebrations carry on late into the night and, if so, how will your guests return to their accommodation. Are there enough rooms available? Do you want your guests to stay together. Having your venue and accommodation under one roof is a very convenient way to manage the accommodation planning for your wedding.

7. Reviews and recommendations

Nothing can tell you more about the reputation of your potential venues than word of mouth. Ask your potential wedding venues to supply reviews and testimonials from previous bridal parties to help you make your decision.

8. Wow Factor

Think about how you can 'WOW' your guests on the big day. Ask your wedding co-ordinator how they can theme and dress your venue to provide a grand entrance, surprises for your guests, a beautiful, romantic ambience and all the extra little touches that will have your guests talking about your wedding day for years to come.

9. Entertainment for your guests

Naturally your big day will be centre stage in the entertainment stakes, but what about the day before or the day after. What attractions does the area around your venue offer. What can you and your guests do for 2-3 days in the areas that will keep everybody entertained. Is the entertainment family friendly? Is your venue family friendly for that matter?

10. You and Your Personality

Finally and probably most importantly, ask yourself if you can do enough with your chosen venue to match your personality. Does the venue offer options for theming and decorating to reflect the sparkle in your own personalities.

So that's it. Our top 10 tips for choosing your all-important venue for your special day.

If you would like to gather more information and talk to some of our very experienced team here at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, We will be more than happy to chat to you about The Glenroyal Hotel as a perfect choice for your wedding.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns hosted Food Waste Awareness Event

On Monday 11th April, Maynooth Tidy Towns hosted its first ever Food Waste Awareness Event, in an effort to raise awareness in our community around the whole issue of food waste. Gillian Duff, local chef and cooking coach, shared some of her professional tips on how we can minimise the volume of foodstuffs that we needlessly throw out on a regular basis.

For example, she demonstrated how we can transform some overripe tomatoes into a tasty creamy tomato soup as well as making a delicious crusty chicken and broccoli bake from brown chicken meat which is usually discarded.



Mary Jennings gave a short slide show presentation, which illustrated the stark realities around the issue of food waste, the financial costs to ourselves and the implications for our environment. Between 30 and 40% of the food produced around the world is never eaten. 30% of the food we purchase ends up in the bin, which costs the average Irish household up to €700 per year. Salads - Did you know that almost 50% of what we buy we throw out!

If you want to prevent food waste then become aware of the food you throw out, you will be shocked at what you waste. Be a smart shopper and think about what you are buying. Bargain buys are not a bargain if you throw them out! Become a more mindful eater, watch portion size. This includes eating out. Say no to foods that you will not eat. Learn how to compost -, uncooked fruit and vegetables, teabags, coffee grounds, eggshells and paper. Save your food, save your money, save the environment. Our thanks to Supervalu, who provided the food, Mr. Johnny Nevin, Principal of Maynooth Post Primary, who provided the venue, and Gillian Duff who so generously gave of her time and expertise. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.



Above: MTT members Tina Williams & Marian Cawley

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Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection will take place from 19th to 22nd May in SuperValu and various locations around Maynooth for the purchase of flowers, plants and equipment.

At time of writing we are working on our National Tidy Towns application for 2016 which is to be completed by 20th May 2016.

Maynooth received its best clean-up for many years as a great number of people turned out for Maynooth Tidy Towns National Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday 9th April.

Hi-viz jackets were seen all over Maynooth as the MTT volunteers were augmented by representatives from the Community Council, Maynooth Business Association, and members of a number of Residents Associations. The Glenroyal Hotel provided members of staff, equipment, and a very welcome cup of tea, coffee and delicious sandwiches. Thanks to Ted Robinson for his continuing support.

Signage was cleaned, hanging baskets were removed the lampposts for cleaning, repairing and painting. Peat moss was collected from baskets for future use.

Hundreds of bottles, cans were collected sorted and recycled. Various pieces of plastic were also collected for recycling.

Flowers beds were weeded and some replanting done, grass cutting took place as well. Amongst the areas where work took place were Carton Avenue, Straffan Road, Meadowbrook link Road, Main Street, Harbour Field and Maynooth Castle.

Chairman John Kavanagh, on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns thanked everyone for their efforts and advised that Maynooth Tidy Towns have recommenced the Wednesday night clean ups at 7.30 meeting at the Courthouse Square. We also have Saturday mornings at 10am and Sunday mornings at 7.45am. You can keep up to date with us on Facebook.

On Monday 11 April Maynooth Tidy Towns hosted its first ever Food Waste Awareness Event in MPP Section of Manor Mills. Elsewhere you will read all about this event. Congratulations to the organisers of the Rebellion Run which took place on 24th April. Maynooth Tidy Towns had clean-up crews on 23rd and 24th April.



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Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group

Our recent Art Exhibition was held in the Maynooth Education Campus on 1st April. We would like to thank our patron Mr. Thomas Ashe, KWETB and the School for their continued support. We also extend our thanks to Artist Jim Doolan who very kindly opened the exhibition.

We had 70 works of art from 15 local artists. Many subjects and mediums were represented. We were delighted by the number of people who came to the exhibition over the weekend. It is hard to believe that this is our 18th year in existence. Look out for us again at the Maynooth Festival this year.

We meet on Tuesday evenings in the Maynooth Education Campus from 7.30-9.00 (September-end of April). Enquiries to 0877974582 (Susan)

Our final and by no means least is a big thank you to all who come and support us every year.

Check us out on Youtube:
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**Right by Emma Boyce,
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Study tips - Get into those good study habits!

Source: SPUNOUT.IE

When exams are looming, everyone needs good study habits. Try to develop the habit of studying over a period of time and it will become as natural as breathing!



- ◆ Draw up a study timetable and a subject/topic hot list. Aim to have a clear target of what you want to achieve.
- ◆ Try to develop coping skills to manage shortcomings such as lapses in concentration, a tendency to 'learn off' material that you don't fully understand, the urge to learn too many things at once, etc.
- ◆ Spread out tasks over short periods of time and take brief breaks every 20 minutes or so. It's a good idea to include a reward to enjoy at the end of a long study session.
- ◆ Follow daily routines such as studying at the same time each day and in the same place, with distractions switched off or removed. Some say it's best to try to simulate exam conditions as much as possible in your study area and that we remember best under conditions that resemble those in which the original learning took place. However, others find they study better when they have music (or even the TV!) on in the background. Figure out which way works best for you.
- ◆ Begin with something fairly difficult, even a topic you don't like. Achievement boosts confidence and energy for the rest of the session.
- ◆ Pose questions about the subject matter before, during, and at the end of a session. Self-test as you go along. Revision is an on-going process, not just a priority in the days before exams.
- ◆ Know that question-answering techniques are a huge part of exam preparation. Ask for help from your teachers on how best to answer exam questions in each subject.
- ◆ Study sample questions set by teachers (as well as previous exam questions) to ensure that the material you are learning can be applied to the types of questions that come up in exams.
- ◆ Take part in occasional study groups with other students to discuss difficult aspects of a subject, to share knowledge and techniques, to teach one another and to inject extra motivation into your study. And remember it can be good fun!
- ◆ Seek advice from a teacher or parents if stress sets in or problems arise. Parents have been there, done that, and know a lot more than you think!
- ◆ Above all: don't spend days drawing up elaborate plans. Find out what you have to do, how to do it, and then do it!
- ◆ Hopefully you will find this helpful. Just remember - it's important to stay healthy, drink a good bit of water, take a walk or some exercise after studying, and to take regular breaks.



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COMHALTAS

Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

The Branch was again busy through the end of March and into April.

Easter Commemoration

The town was buzzing over Easter weekend, with the weather again, being uncharacteristically cooperative for the Easter Monday commemoration in the Square. The kids from the Branch again toggled out to give a performance enjoyed by all, and afterwards enjoyed the many fantastic events put on by the organising committee.

Branch Session

The Branch Session in McMahon's Bar was once again well attended by both branch members, and a number of regular guest visitors. We would remind you, that all music lovers are welcome to the session held on Wednesday's from about 9.30pm – follow Facebook or Twitter for details. The next session is planned on 11th May, and it should be a real corker, being the last evening of the 2015/2016 term.

The Kildare Fleadh, hosted by Kilcock CCE, ran from 20th – 24th April. There were many events organised in association with the Fleadh catering for musicians, singers, dancers and storytellers which were enjoyed by all who participated. The Leinster Fleadh will take place in Kilkenny from 4th -10th July, and we wish all qualifiers from the Kildare Fleadh the best of luck.

Upcoming Events

We will participate in the Darkness into Light walk on 7th May, entertaining the walkers in the early hours. We are also in preparation for a performance in conjunction with Maynooth College in June. More on that in the next issue. The term ends on 11th May. The Summer months are full of music for members who can look forward to many workshops, the provincial Fleadhanna and Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann which this year takes place in Ennis from 14th to 22nd August.

Go n-éirí an cheoil linn!

Lots more information on www.ccemaighnuad.com and Facebook & Twitter CCEMaighNuad Slán go foill



Performance for the 1916 Commemoration on Maynooth Square

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Notes

The Band have been very much involved in the 1916 celebrations in Maynooth and played an important role in the ceremonies in the Square on Easter Monday. They were also involved in another commemorative event on Saturday 23rd April when they led a group of marchers from the Maynooth College South Campus Gates to the Harbour as part of the "Walk in their footsteps" organised by the Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee.



The Band will be seen again next month when they visit Castletown House in Celbridge on Sunday 29th May for a recital between 2 and 4 o'clock and we hope to do more recitals around the town during the summer months if we manage to get some sunny afternoons.

Hopefully our recent performances will attract new members, both beginners and proficient musicians, to our Monday night rehearsals (Bank Holidays excepted) in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 8 and 9.45 where you will receive a warm welcome. The Secretary can be contacted on sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie for full details on membership or enquiries re band engagements or indeed any information whatsoever regarding the Band.

Family Days out to commemorate the 1916 Rising

Revolution 1916—The Exhibition At The Ambassador Theatre

Celebrate the Centenary by paying a visit to this exhibition which will feature the largest private collection of 1916 artefacts, with over 500 items on display, on loan from the Irish Volunteers Commemorative Organisation (IVCO). Exhibits will include an original 1916 Proclamation, uniforms from the Irish Volunteers, Cumann na mBan and na Fianna, 1916 weapons including Howth Mausers, German Lugers, Peter the Painter C96 machine pistol as favoured by Patrick Pearse, French Bayonets and even the actual door handle of the G.P.O. from 1916.



A series of sets will take the visitor through the main locations of the 1916 Rising including The G.P.O., Moore Street, and recreating the 1916 Kilmainham landing and walk to the stonebreakers yard.

Revolution 1916 is a self-guided exhibition, it includes a short documentary and two levels of exhibits. You walk around at your own pace, it should take approximately an hour but you can stay longer if you wish.

Dates: Opened 27th February and runs until 3rd July 2016

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GPO Witness History

GPO Witness History is a brand new visitor attraction which opened on March 29th in the historical and iconic GPO building on O'Connell Street, Dublin. This will be a highly interactive and immersive exhibition which will focus on the 1916 Rising. Visitors will experience the events from an eyewitness perspective of active participants on both sides and bystanders caught in the middle. This engaging and interactive visitor attraction will bring history to life through electronic touchscreens, video, audio visual booths, sound and authentic artefacts - many previously unseen. This tour takes approximately 1 hour and is self guided but guided tours may be arranged in advance. For further information tel. 01 8165938 email info@gpowitnesshistory.ie.



Proclaiming a Republic - The 1916 Rising

Location: The Riding School, National Museum of Ireland - Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. The Museum has put on show one of the largest displays of materials from this period in a new exhibition entitled Proclaiming a Republic. Many of the exhibited objects have never been on public display before.



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Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club
<p>Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie</p>	<p>Opening Times Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Sat 9.30am to 1pm</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910</p>
I.C.A.	History Group	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome</p>	<p>Meetings last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre at 8.00pm. All Welcome</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth For Seated Exercise & Walking New Members Welcome</p>
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<p>Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. 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 Email: alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.com www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am www.maynoothcc.org Everyone most welcome</p>
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
<p>Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St, or contact Josephine on 087 9002296.</p>	<p>Classes every Wednesday from 7p.m. to 9.30 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. For details please contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Council Office (Next to the Post Office) New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>

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

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Easter Parade, which we held on April 17th this year, was one of the best we ever had. Holding it later than usual didn't dampen the spirits of the participants. In last month's edition I expressed hope that the bonnets were taking shape, well they certainly did. The entries were so good that everyone won a prize. Congratulations to Lee Walsh our overall winner. John and Lee attend all our tea-Dances and always enter into the spirit of the occasion. We missed our very own regular "twinkle toes" on the day, PJ Daly, as he is looking after Chris at the moment. We wish her a speedy recovery and I trust they will be back with us for our "Bealtaine" tea-dance on Sunday May 15th.

Mayday, as you know, corresponds with the Irish Festival of "La Bealtaine" which officially heralded the beginning of Summer. Its name appears to derive from the old Irish words "Bel Taine" which means "Bright Fire". This festival was surrounded by a large number of folk beliefs, some of which had pagan origins. As the name of the festival suggests, bonfires played an important part in these activities and were often lit on prominent local landmarks. If Muireann Ní Bhrolacáin was still with us she would write pages on this subject as it was so dear to her heart.

However in this context "Bealtaine" represents Art and Culture and it is an opportunity for people to give new and challenging work a chance to communicate traditions between the generations. It can be a chance to give a hidden talent a new outlet. So out with the brushes and the needles and create your own masterpiece.


Our June Tea-Dance will be on Sunday the 19th, after which "Kerdiffstown" beckons. Our morning club continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30 - 12.30 and if you have not yet joined us, why not take the leap now. All our seniors are welcome.

Finally, may I express our sympathy to Jim and Helen Doyle on the Passing of Jim's mother.

Ar Dheis De go raibh Anam.
Josephine Moore.



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Bus Service To Link Up Kildare North Towns With Blanchardstown.

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) that a Bus Service for Rathcoffey is now being considered as part of a link route between Naas, Maynooth, Blanchardstown and Blanchardstown Hospital.

'With others, I have been campaigning for a bus service for Rathcoffey, either as an adjunct to an existing Bus Eireann service, or part of a new service, which could link Rathcoffey to existing transport nodes, in either Kilcock, Clane or Maynooth.'

'The NTA have now informed me that a new service is now being considered linking Naas, Maynooth, Blanchardstown and Blanchardstown Hospital which will include a stop in Rathcoffey.'

'I welcome this news, great credit is due to residents of Rathcoffey for persistently raising this issue with me and others. At last, we have a unique opportunity to provide a public transport service for Rathcoffey and we must all keep the pressure on to ensure that this becomes a reality.' Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

'I intend to continue to make representations until a public transport service is provided for Rathcoffey. The proposed route, which will link Naas to Blanchardstown via Maynooth and Rathcoffey will be of benefit for many commuters as we fill another gap in the public transport network.

This service will provide a service for working commuters, students travelling to college, people

travelling to the Hospital linking Naas, Clane, Maynooth, Rathcoffey, Blanchardstown and the Hospital, which would be a very significant improvement in the existing service.'

'I was delighted that we saw an improvement in the Bus Service to and from Kilcock recently. 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.' Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Start Solving Housing Crises Ahead Of Government Formation.

Kildare North TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said that when the Dail meets next week, an all-party approach to dealing with the housing crisis must be put at the top of the Dail's agenda.

'We must set aside the partisan approach to dealing with this crisis. We have all been elected to represent the people in the best way possible and this housing crisis gives us an opportunity to demonstrate political maturity in dealing with the major crisis of homelessness.'

'Like many other public representatives, I have spent much of my time dealing with the housing crisis. Nationally, there are 130,000 households – close to 350,000 individuals – on the social housing waiting list. Based on current trends, more than two new families are becoming homeless every single day and new figures released at the Housing and Homeless forum shows that 208 families became homeless in the first two months of this year compared to 739 during

the whole of last year.'

'This is happening at a time when vulture funds are reportedly linked to the sale of property which is making the housing crisis more acute.'

'I strongly feel that a comprehensive framework of protection for mortgage holders and tenants who are at risk from the actions of vulture funds should be put in place. NAMA should be more pro-active in preventing these so called vulture funds exacerbating the situation.'

'We must set targets for NAMA to provide more social housing units, given its access to a large amount of land which potentially could be used for social housing and given its access to relatively low cost finance.'

'Local authorities need to become more proactive in facilitating the delivery of housing units through the private sector. Lending institutions need to consider longer mortgage terms as happens in some Nordic countries and we need to strengthen the rights of tenants, which are property rights.'

'We need also to change the tax system for distressed debt and other financial assets, so that we penalise rather than reward speculation on distressed residential debt. It is unbelievable that vulture funds or speculators are either exacerbating or benefiting from this housing crisis.'

'Many proposed solutions for the housing crisis would have all party support which could be put in place in parallel to government formation. The only constant in relation to the housing crisis in recent months has been lack of action.' *Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.*



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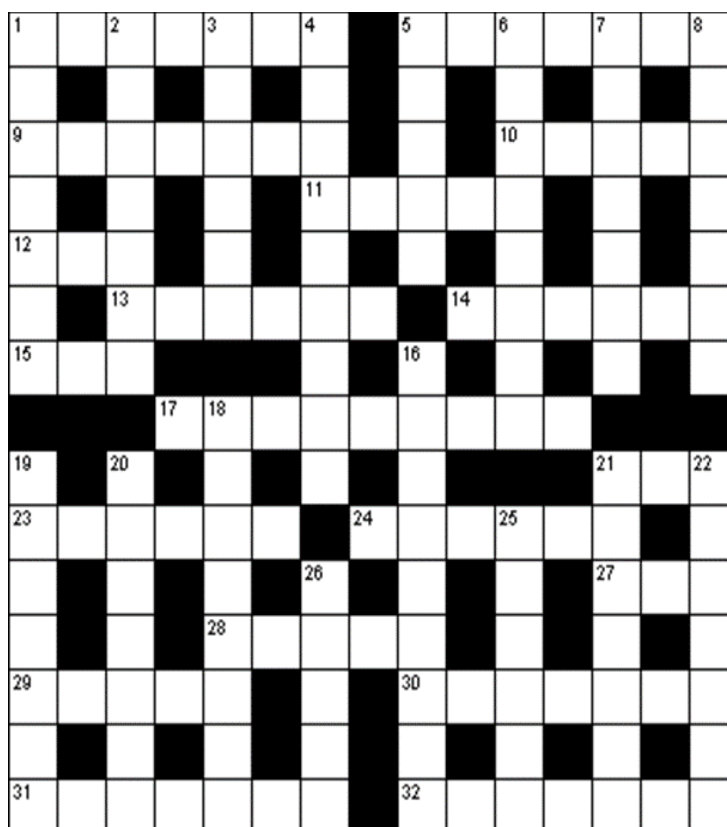
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Clues Across

1. Nevertheless (7)
5. Diabolical (7)
9. Mistrust (7)
10. Person that loses (5)
11. Path (5)
12. Advanced in years (3)
13. Subsides (6)
14. Takes fright (6)
15. Lock opener (3)
17. Alien (9)
21. Sink or bend downward (3)
23. Concurs (6)
24. Toepiece (6)
27. Besides (3)
28. Seaport in NW Israel (5)
29. Tomb (5)
30. Loudly (7)
31. Refuge (7)
32. Flap attached to a cap (7)



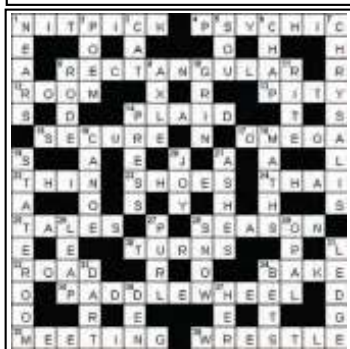
May Crossword - No: 446



Clues Down

1. Cushion for kneeling (7)
2. Day for washing clothes (7)
3. Capital of Austria (6)
4. Dog trained to retrieve game (9)
5. Rub vigorously (5)
6. Put up with (8)
7. Opening of the nose (7)
8. Pertaining to Cornwall (7)
16. Lack of knowledge (9)
18. Heat to excess (8)
19. Car shelters (7)
20. Warship (7)
21. Sporting dog (7)
22. Command to a horse (7)
25. Roe of sturgeon (6)
26. More pleasant (5)

Answers to Crossword No 445

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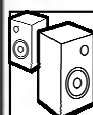
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University Expansion:

As readers will probably be aware, the University is proposing a significant expansion which would develop greater facilities on the northern campus, including theatre, cinema, a new swimming pool and other arts and recreational facilities. The college has also incorporated extra accommodation into these plans to cater for the expected increase in student numbers over the next decade.

The plans also include greater linkage of the north and south campus, for which the main road through the middle poses challenges. I met with President Philip Nolan privately to discuss these plans and also attended the public meeting in the college on the issue. Broadly I support the plans as I feel it is an asset to the constituency to have a university on our doorstep and it gives our children an option to attend third level without having to commute or move away. I also feel the plans provide an opportunity to the wider community to avail of the increased facilities including the theatre and potentially a swimming pool and stressed in my meetings that the partnership between town and college was the correct approach and should continue as it has always done.

The plans also highlight again the need for the ring road to be accelerated and presents another argument to make the case for funding to complete these and address the traffic issues in the town.

Pay Parking Introduction:

I attended a recent meeting in the Glenroyal organised by the Maynooth Business Association and well done to them for taking the initiative. I understand that the Council have decided to implement a pay parking scheme around the town centre and I listened on the night to various concerns from local residents and associations. The experience of other towns in the county has been that unregulated parking leads to abuses.

Commonly commuters from out of town and other similar users generate inappropriate all day parking which takes away spaces from those that need them including shoppers and people with business in the town who can then not get spaces. Regulation of parking should mean a turnover of spaces which means spaces are more readily available for those that do need them for short stays. Against this must be balanced the need for local estates not to become spill over car parks and this must be managed carefully.

I have discussed these proposals since the meeting with the Director of Service in Kildare County Council and will continue to feed back the views of residents and businesses on this scheme to the authorities as this is implemented. Feel free to contact me on this matter if you wish to.

Traffic Management Plan:

During my election campaign, traffic issues around the town were the most frequently raised complaint in Maynooth. I am pleased to advise that 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.

New School Build:

I am aware there is growing concern amongst parents that the new school build should commence as soon as possible in order to be ready for opening doors in September 2018 at least. I have contacted the Department on this matter and have met with parents representatives and expect an announcement. I will keep you updated.

Catherine Murphy TD Kildare North

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North Kildare Looks Set to Lose Direct Community Welfare Services from Mid-April

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has said it is disgraceful that North Kildare is to lose access to direct Community Welfare facilities following a recent decision by the Department of Social Protection. Community Welfare Services are the safety net of the Social Protection System and play a pivotal role in ensuring people do not fall between the cracks of the system. In an unprecedented move the Department of Social Protection have apparently decided to remove all community welfare facilities across the County from April 18th.

Speaking about the decision Catherine Murphy said: "The Community Welfare Officers have built up a great deal of local knowledge about families in the area and serve an important function in the County overall. In many cases the CWOs have become a vital protection for citizens suffering due to lack of adequate service provision in the County. Without these vital supports many families and individuals will find themselves in vulnerable positions."

"If the DSP intend to cut these vital services I would call on them to outline the rationale for their decision and I would urge them to consider the impact this decision will have on those families or individuals who need support, on older residents and on the wider community with whom important connections and communications have been developed in order to protect those in our communities who, for one reason or another, are in need of assistance at different points in their life."

Maynooth Golf Society

John Tiernan Cup sponsored by Eurofarm Foods

Portarlington Results

1st - Barry Farrell (27) - 40pts
2nd - Darren Weafer (7) - 39pts
3rd - Sean Moore (23) - 39pts
4th - Willian Farrelly (16) - 38pts
5th - Barry Doyle (26) - 36pts
6th - Barry Desmond (10) - 36pts
7th - Sean Farrelly (18) - 35pts
Over 50s - Liam Farrelly - 35pts
F9 - Declan Byrne - 18pts
B9 - Sean Lennon - 19pts
Nearest Pin - Niall Farrell
2's Club - Niall Farrell - Norman Kavanagh - Mick O'Rourke

April's outing was "The John Tiernan Cup" sponsored by Eurofarm Foods Ltd. 36 players took part on the day. Prize giving took place afterwards in McMahon's. McMahon's kindly provided finger food on the night to all who attended the presentation.



Our next outing is to Knockanally on the 7th May followed by the weekend away at the end of May.

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Maynooth Town Football Club

Senior Division 1A Sunday Results

Date	Home	Result	Away
22/04/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	4 - 2	St. James Gate
15/04/2016	Peamount United	0 - 5	Maynooth University Town FC
08/04/2016	Newbridge Town FC	2 - 1	Maynooth University Town FC
03/04/2016	Pegasus/St. James Ath	0 - 1	Maynooth University Town FC
08/03/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 0	Lucan United FC
04/03/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 3	Beggsboro AFC
01/03/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	1 - 1	Newtown Rangers
19/02/2016	Beggsboro AFC	3 - 1	Maynooth University Town FC
14/02/2016	Celbridge Town	1 - 2	Maynooth University Town FC
09/02/2016	St. James Gate	2 - 3	Maynooth University Town FC
07/02/2016	Lucan United FC	0 - 0	Maynooth University Town FC
08/01/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 3	Newbridge Town FC
05/12/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 0	St. John Bosco
27/11/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	1 - 1	Mt. Merrion FC
14/11/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 3	Edenderry Town
01/11/2015	Portmarnock AFC	2 - 0	Maynooth University Town FC
16/10/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	3 - 1	Pegasus/St. James Ath
27/09/2015	St. John Bosco	2 - 0	Maynooth University Town FC
11/09/2015	Mt. Merrion FC	2 - 6	Maynooth University Town FC
06/09/2015	Ballymun United	1 - 0	Maynooth University Town FC
26/08/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	3 - 2	Celbridge Town
21/08/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	0 - 1	Peamount United

Major 1B Saturday Results

Date	Home	Result	Away
14/04/2016	Glenville FC	2 - 3	Maynooth University Town FC
09/04/2016	Dunboyne AFC	1 - 3	Maynooth University Town FC
19/03/2016	Tymon Celtic	1 - 3	Maynooth University Town FC
20/02/2016	Kilnamanagh AFC	2 - 2	Maynooth University Town FC
12/02/2016	Arklow Town FC	2 - 2	Maynooth University Town FC
06/02/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	2 - 1	Valeview Shankill
23/01/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	2 - 2	Killinarden Athletic
16/01/2016	Maynooth University Town FC	2 - 2	St. John Bosco
21/11/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	3 - 3	Kilnamanagh AFC
07/11/2015	UCD AFC	1 - 2	Maynooth University Town FC
31/10/2015	Valeview Shankill	2 - 2	Maynooth University Town FC
10/10/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	1 - 1	Arklow Town FC
03/10/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	6 - 1	Tymon Celtic
05/09/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	1 - 1	Glenville FC
31/08/2015	Maynooth University Town FC	7 - 1	Dunboyne AFC
29/08/2015	Ballyfermot United	2 - 4	Maynooth University Town FC

Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2016

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
10-Jan	1,7,9,15	€1,000	Jenifer Sutton - Keith Farrell - Dan Casey
17-Jan	1,18,21,25	€1,050	Conor Strickland - Ian Flanagan - Ray Browne
24-Jan	5,17,24,28	€1,100	Sheila Ganley - Jodie Lyons - Brian Connolly
31-Jan	6,16,24,25	€1,150	Paul Keogh - Miley Scanlon - Pat Power
07-Feb	9,14,16,27	€1,200	Jim's Shoe Repair - Mark & Lisa Thompson - Margaret Howard
14-Feb	3,5,6,26	€1,250	Packy Carroll - Sam Feeney - Seamus Kearney
21-Feb	8,18,21,28	€1,300	Eileen Leavey - John Saults - Fiona Flanagan
28-Feb	5,6,15,24	€1,350	Rita Flynn - Adrienne Lynam - Andrea Geraghty
06-Mar	1,6,9,14	€1,400	Hugh Faherty - Brian Connolly - Gerard Hynes
13-Mar	8,17,24,27	€1,450	Emma Gallagher - Terry Hinds - Sarah Molloy
20-Mar	7,9,14,28	€1,500	Patrick Gilligan - Daniel Hever - Conor & Stephen Saults
27-Mar	20,22,26,27	€1,550	Conor Strickland - C & C Gallagher - 'CHA'
03-Apr	14,15,21,28	€1,600	Lily Murphy - Paul Lanigan - Mary Claire Mathias
10-Apr	3,14,16,17	€1,650	Mick McGovern - Claudia Toderic - Mick Ryan
17-Apr	4,8,22,27	€1,700	Noel Donovan - Emer Hewson - Stephen Finnegan

Maynooth Town F.C. Receive Cheque from Intel Involved Program

Maynooth Town Football Club received a cheque for \$7,850 from the Intel Involved Program recently. The Intel involved program pays €10 for every volunteered hour by Intel employees in approved charities or sporting organisations. If you work in Intel (Blue Badge only) and do any coaching (including bringing kids to games etc.) with Maynooth Town please contact james.j.kearney@intel.com and he will get you registered as an Intel volunteer.



Photo - Left to right: Leonard Hobbs (Intel), Tom Monnelly (Intel/MTFC), Seamus Kearney, (Intel/MTFC), Hugh Franklin (Treasurer MTFC) & FAI Representative.

Leinster Senior League Major 1B Saturday

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
St. John Bosco	16	13	1	2	49	18	31	40
Maynooth University Town FC	16	8	8	0	45	25	20	32
Killinarden Athletic	15	10	2	3	39	26	13	32
Arklow Town FC	15	9	4	2	53	33	20	31
UCD AFC	17	9	3	5	42	27	15	30
Valeview Shankill	18	6	3	9	45	36	9	21
Glenville FC	15	5	4	6	28	32	-4	19
Dunboyne AFC	17	4	3	10	32	55	-23	15
Kilnamanagh AFC	15	2	4	9	21	38	-17	10
Tymon Celtic	15	2	1	12	22	57	-35	7
Ballyfermot United	15	0	5	10	20	49	-29	5
Newbridge Town FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

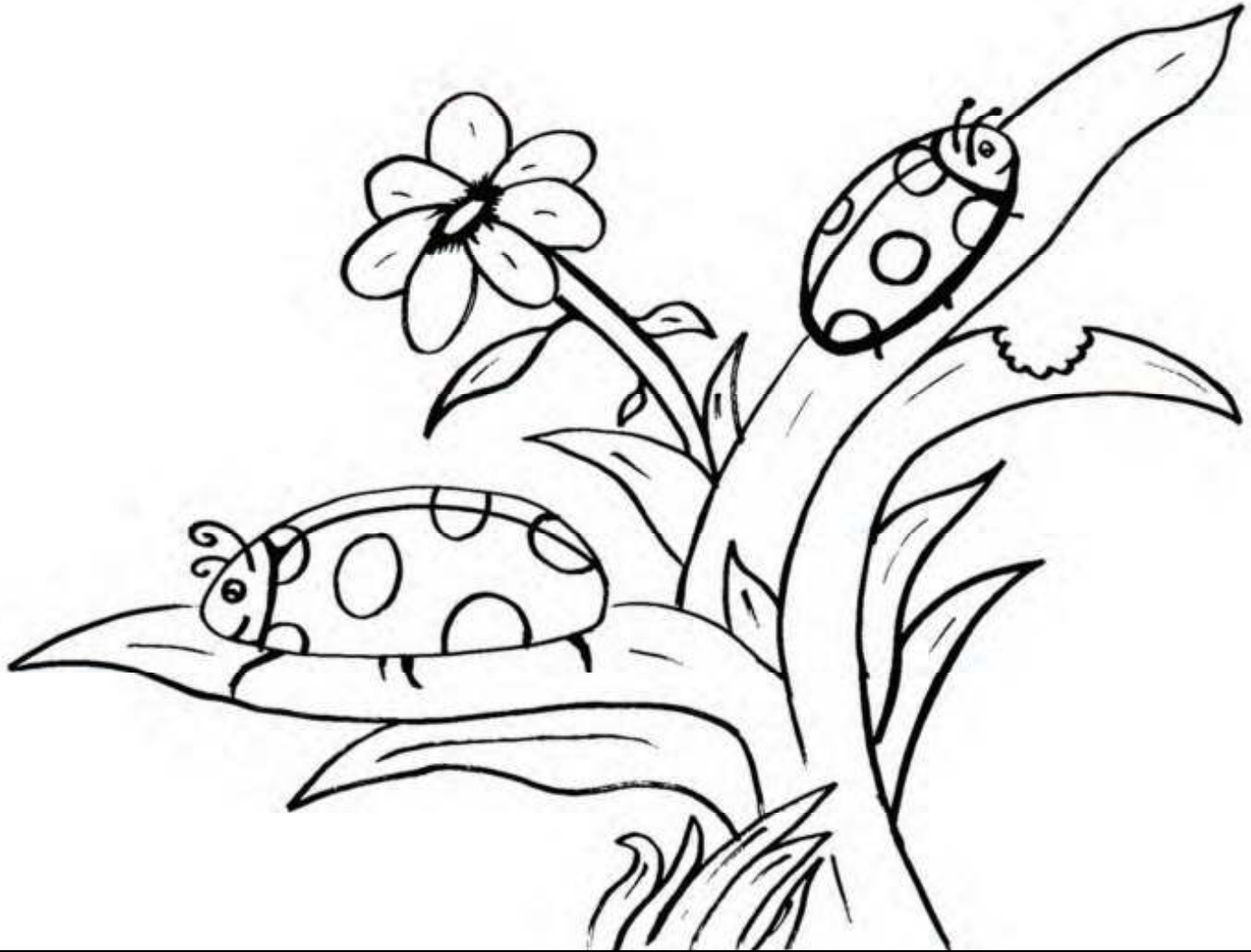
Leinster Senior League 1A Sunday

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Newbridge Town FC	19	15	4	0	52	20	32	49
Edenderry Town	20	13	5	2	51	19	32	44
St. John Bosco	15	10	2	3	32	24	8	32
Beggsboro AFC	21	9	4	8	30	31	-1	31
Ballymun United	21	9	3	9	33	26	7	30
Maynooth University Town FC	22	8	5	9	31	32	-1	29
Mt. Merrion FC	22	8	5	9	35	43	-8	29
Lucan United FC	21	7	6	8	35	29	6	27
Peamount United	22	8	1	13	28	52	-24	25
Portmarnock AFC	15	7	3	5	31	26	5	24
Newtown Rangers	20	5	5	10	33	40	-7	20
St. James Gate	22	5	4	13	29	44	-15	19
Celbridge Town	20	5	4	11	36	52	-16	19
Pegasus/St. James Ath	22	4	5	13	30	48	-18	17



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For our land to regain its soul, pray bring back the Maypole

As I sit here writing these few words we still have no government that we can complain about.

It such a long time since the election I can't remember what it is they do or why they do it. Now it's easy for me to sit here and be cynical of people who put themselves forward for the greater good. I genuinely admire anyone who volunteers to enter politics. The things they do well will not be reported and for one decision that is perceived as bad they will never be allowed to forget it.

Which brings me to my plan to change politics forever. Legend has it when you dance round the maypole the people who dance the longest are honest and good, people of great character and wisdom. Can we ask for more?

I suggest that after the election all the elected candidates go down to the Spire in O'Connell Street.

This wonderful erection will be decked with flowers and garlands and a ribbon for each elected candidate. All must take part including the people who are afraid of going into government in case their friends and followers will fall out with them, the flat earth society who thinks water is free - all of these people must take part.

Each man and woman must take a ribbon and run round the Spire for 1 hour. After the hour the politicians left standing will form the government. The people who do not complete the task are to old or not fit --- for government. Can anyone think of a better way? If you do send it on to the Maynooth



Newsletter. Best entry will receive a free newsletter for the remainder of their life.

Insight Theatre Group Celbridge performed the Risen People by James Plunkett at the end of April. Directed by Joe Bergin with Joe Canavan on lights / sound / graphics, much was expected of this production and what we received was a top class version of this great play. Joe and performers take a bow.

As all this was going on over in Prosperous the Orla Gildea school of Speech and Drama were performing 1916 – An Act of Bravery. Compiled, written and directed by Orla this recital is based on material gathered on the rising. Performed by her pupils with great confidence the future of the Arts looks very healthy. Special mention Finula Haran on costumes and Mick Berry

lighting and sound.

You can contact Orla at
www.orlagildea.com



At the end of June An Nuadha Players will perform a new play, Echoes from a Room, by Terry Nealon. Set in 1966 it looks at the lives of women 50 years after the rising. Performances will be in the Presentation Convent. You can get full information at An Nuadha Players Facebook or contact 0868068068 for more details. Lots more about this in our next issue.

Attached are some photographs of Martina Reilly's play "Conquered Not We Were"

What a great day out. Looking forward to the next rising!

Mind the Trams Terry Nealon



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The Great Irish Bake for Temple Street in Tesco Maynooth

Thanks to everyone in Maynooth who supported The Great Irish Bake for Temple Street Hospital which took place in Tesco's Maynooth on 15th April which raised much needed funds for Temple Street Hospital and research which it provides for sick children. A big thanks to Bernie and all her helpers in Tesco and our Local Firefighters who took time out to rattle the buckets. Some of the local children were lucky enough to get a drive in the fire engine and give the sirens a good blast.

Photos: Below left: Tesco staff who helped make the event such a success. Below centre : A selection of the goods on sale. Below right: Joseph Flavin who helped the Maynooth Firemen fill the buckets for Temple Street.



Making Hay while the Sun Shines - Bee Hay



You might quite rightly say, it's far too early to even consider making hay and of course you would be right .

This proverb is about seizing the moment, at a particular period of time and making good. Bumble bees are very adept at making the right call, as they venture out on their perilous journey early in the spring to provide food resources for their fledgling young brood, who will develop and take over the role of foragers and pollinators .

Bumble bees are able to effectively operate at much lower temperatures than honey bees and this is one of the reasons why they are so important as pollinators but it's still a mighty struggle in the initial stages of building the colony, being too far away from a source of pollen or nectar runs the risk of energy depletion as flying is hard work, so Can We Help. Yes U Can!

As farmers, landowners, institutions or gardeners all can help in making the task a bit easier for bumble bees initially early in the season and later in the summer and autumn, by making informed choices in what is beneficial to plant and what habitats to retain.

Willows are excellent sources of pollen and nectar early in the spring at a time when food resources are critical for queen bumble bees . Many willows are native Irish plants and grow very well in a range of soil types, possibly best near a source of water.



Maynooth Tidy Towns as always are ahead of the posse and have already initiated a scheme of willow planting alongside a stream area in Maynooth, over 500 hardwood cuttings were planted by volunteers, which within 2 years will provide new sources of pollen and nectar for pollinating insects. Other institutions could enrich the biodiversity in the grounds by replicating the scheme of planting hardwood cuttings of willows at suitable locations in support of pollinating insects.

Have you considered sowing in May, Blue Phacelia and White Buckwheat to create a bumble bee meadow all summer long.



Peter Cuthbert

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BROOKLYN

Starring: SAOIRSE RONAN, DOMHNALL GLEESON & EMORY COHEN



The immigrant experience is not uniquely Irish but it is a compelling part of our history. Every family in Ireland has or knows someone who has left our shores for a better life on foreign soil. Director John Crowley's film tackles this very subject in the coming-of-age immigrant drama, *Brooklyn*. It's an adaptation of Irish writer Colm Tóibín's 2009 award-winning novel of love, loss, grief, loneliness, nostalgia and identity.

Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) is a presentable young woman living in 50s Ireland with her mother (Jane Brennan) and older sister Rose (Fiona Glascott). Life in Enniscorthy is sedate, conservative and somewhat stifling. When the opportunity to up sticks and move to New York presents itself, Eilis practically rushes at it.



After a torturous, vomit-inducing boat journey to the States, Eilis lands up among the alien brownstone buildings and fast-paced life of the Brooklyn borough. Thanks to a benevolent priest (Jim Broadbent), Eilis is set up with accommodation in a respectable boarding house for Irish girls and employment on arrival.

Despite a job in a swanky department store, the young woman struggles to find her footing and inevitable homesickness and loneliness devastates her. A book-keeping course and the appearance of an Italian-American suitor (Emory Cohen) on Eilis's horizon gradually brighten her perspective and things quickly start to take off for the Irish émigré. That is, until tragedy pulls Eilis back to the old country once again. In Ireland new possibilities emerge including a romance with a local boy (Domhnall Gleeson). Eilis's two worlds collide with an impossible choice ahead of her...



Brooklyn tells a familiar tale (there have been countless films on the immigration theme) but it is the way this particular story is transmitted that truly captivates. *Brooklyn* as a film sucks you in like the pages of a really good book. It's a simple, uncomplicated narrative structure exalted by Nick Hornby's marvellous writing and superb performances. Hornby who showed his writing skills in *About a Boy* has adapted Colm Tóibín's novel with great sensitivity and clarity. Sharply observed and dealing in strong heartfelt emotions, *Brooklyn* is romantic but rarely sentimental or schmaltzy. It has a realistic core at its centre. That core is helped immeasurably by Saoirse Ronan's Oscar-nominated central performance.

Ronan is every inch the star of *Brooklyn*. She has that uncanny ability to convey every nuance, feeling or emotion by the mere flicker of an eyebrow or a look in her transparent blue eyes. Saoirse's face in luminous close-up is a canvass charting the shades, tones and changing colours in her character's journey. She plays Eilis as inexperienced and guarded but also as an intelligent, pragmatic, observant young girl on the cusp of womanhood. Ronan's calm poise anchors every scene she's in.



Initially, Eilis is a fish out of water in a culture significantly different to her own. She's wary, shy and reserved. Too reserved for American tastes. In this new environment and in her interactions (her strict boss, customers and work

colleagues), Eilis's sense of discomfort is excruciatingly palpable. Ronan conveys this uneasiness in embarrassing and comic detail. You will be squirming in your seat at the early scenes in the store.



Crowley's depiction of isolation and heartache is also tellingly conveyed in several gut-wrenching scenes. Letters are a vital means of communication in a pre-internet age. Simple words on a page take on powerful resonance and importance for the reader on both sides of the Atlantic divide. Rose relates to her sister that even if Eilis's "letters were two pages long...they still wouldn't be enough" for their mother.

A scene depicting a Christmas dinner for homeless Irish men, organised by Broadbent's charitable priest, is especially poignant. These are the lost generation of Irish men who went out to the US to build bridges and tunnels, fell through the cracks and never returned home. Displaced, destitute and forgotten about - handouts, booze and memories are now their only companions. A Gaelic lament sung by one of the men at the party registers powerfully. A tear-stained Eilis and the old men are equals in this moment, united in their common yearning for their homeland. It is quiet moments like this that pack a powerful emotional punch for the viewer. Crowley's film is understated and all the better for it.



Emory Cohen gives a remarkable performance as the shyly persistent and endearing Tony "with a thing for Irish girls". The actor exudes great charisma, vulnerability and passion in his performance as Ronan's love interest in *Brooklyn*. He has been compared to Brando in his heyday and the comparison isn't too far off the mark. His character is a sensitive, loving, supportive male presence in Eilis's life. The two young stars create terrific chemistry and intensity on screen.

Eilis's relationship with the Italian-American illustrates her growing confidence. Tony represents for Eilis the possibility of rediscovering familiarity and comfort in a foreign land. He helps her to realise that she has a life here that she didn't have before she met him. Ironically, Tony reminds Eilis at a later and crucial juncture in the film that "Home is home".



Two vistas open up for Eilis on her personal journey: an exciting Long Island future with Tony in America; or a gentler pace of existence back home and a life with the well-intentioned Jim Farrell. Domhnall Gleeson is excellent in a rather unshowy role as Eilis's sensitive Irish admirer.

Yves Belanger's use of light and colour is stunning as he initially frames Ireland's narrow streets and small towns as drab and mundane (reflecting its limited prospects for 50s women). Belanger injects a world of colour into the frame when Eilis first sets foot in New York. In a symbolic gesture, blinding light awaits Eilis as she passes through the door on Ellis Island. She is literally stepping into a new world of opportunities. Screen

colours become warmer in relation to Eilis's increasing self-assurance as she settles into her new life in Brooklyn.

The period detail of 50s America and Ireland is lovingly recreated with precision and care. A splendid Coney Island sequence brings a burst of glorious technicolour on to the screen. When a more mature Eilis returns home to Ireland in the second half of the film she brings some of that colour and panache back with her. A striking beach scene emphasises the allure of home better than anything else. Costumes by Odile Dicks-Mireaux are sublime.



John Crowley has assembled an amazing fully-rounded supporting cast for *Brooklyn*. Julie Walters is hilarious as Eilis's matriarchal, sharp-tongued landlady who pokes her nose in her tenants' lives at every available opportunity. Jim Broadbent gives his usual solid performance as Eilis's kind-hearted mentor, Father Flood. Jessica Paré (*Mad Men*) brings empathy to a bitchy and quirky role as Eilis's glamorous boss providing her employee with lessons in Brooklyn-style etiquette.

Nora-Jane Noone, Emily-Bett Rickards and Jenn Murray bring a welcome dose of hilarity and shenanigans to proceedings as Eilis's fellow boarding house mates. In particular, Murray gives an amusing and sharp turn as a none-too-bright Cavan girl. Fiona Glascott and Jane Brennan succeed in giving nuanced and moving performances considering their relatively brief time on screen.



Brooklyn combines an old-fashioned love story with a thoughtful examination of the immigrant experience. Eilis's predicament is not so much competing suitors as the search for independence, a sense of belonging and the elusive definition of what 'home' really means. *Brooklyn* is a beautiful and absorbing period drama about a young woman's rite of passage. An understated film with no histrionics or major plot devices. Simple, unfussy storytelling delivers emotional impact. *Brooklyn* is a film as radiant and layered as its multi-dimensional protagonists.

At the heart of *Brooklyn* is Saoirse Ronan's tremendous lead performance. She invests her character with remarkable force, empathy, sensitivity and rich humanity. We become immersed in her story. *Brooklyn* deals in universal themes. That's what makes Eilis and her personal struggles so relatable and engaging for the viewer. *Brooklyn* is easily one of the best Irish films of recent times and is highly recommended.





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