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## Editorial

At the September meeting of Maynooth Community Council the members discussed the future of the community council. There is nothing strange about that because the council will be in place for forty years in 2018 and over the years the council members regularly take the opportunity to review their role in the maynooth community. The value of these reviews is that the role of the council has been confirmed and evolved to meet the changing needs of the ever growing community in the town.

Maynooth Community Council continues to have much to be proud about. Being one of the few community organisations that operates a fully staffed office in the town as well as a community centre available to many local organisations. Supporting a range of community groups in many sectors helps to sustain a vibrant community and voluntary sector in the town. The community council itself is directly involved in supporting environmental work, sport, the arts as well as organising and running the St. Patrick's Day and the Maynooth Community Festival. Over the years other sub-committees were established and spun off once they were capable of operating independently such as the Tidy Towns and the Citizen's Information Service. Others were also supported as sub-committees of the community council such as a number of youth groups and the summer projects.

The one thing that was never the case was the occasional suggestion that it was a political organisation. Yes, a number of members of the Labour Party volunteered for positions on the executive but members of all political parties were also active in the community council and everyone active in political parties left their political interests outside the door when they came to meetings. I have been a member of Maynooth Community Council for the last twenty six years and I have to say that the actions of the council were never determined by any political party.

By far the most important role that the community council has offered to Maynooth is the ongoing provision of community employment opportunities for the people in the town. Over the forty years the council has provided several thousand work and training positions. Many of our former employees have gone on to have very rewarding careers after spending a number of years with Maynooth Community Council. In 2016, there are almost thirty people working for the council. The office is a very valuable asset to the town as it is often the first place where people come for information about Maynooth. The community council also established a twinning agreement with Canet-en-Roussillon in France in 2011 and the office regularly welcomes visitors from our twinning partner.

So it is time to take stock again and as the council is very open and democratic there will be an opportunity for you to have your say. The one thing that I would urge is that the council look to further expand the services available to the people of Maynooth. I know that in many other towns around Ireland the community councils have failed because they did not stay relevant.

Maynooth Community Council is a success because of the ongoing commitment of a number of people and over the years the many other people who have come in and left but their support has also contributed to the success of this important community body. While the Maynooth Community Council is a well-recognised name perhaps a name change might be considered – Maynooth Town Council!

**Paul Croghan**

## Maynooth Strikes Gold

"Maynooth Tidy Towns won Gold" at The National Tidy Towns Awards in the Helix on Monday 26th September. Maynooth scored 314 points that is 10 points more than what we scored in 2015. Great credit must go to Mary Jennings and Olive Kerrigan who completed the Application in this year's competition on behalf of The Tidy Towns Volunteers. We will give you all a complete break down of the results when we receive the Judges report next month.

Not alone did we win Gold but we also won The Local Authority Pollinator Award worth €1,000 in The Large Town Category .

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee and Volunteers we would like to thank everyone who sponsored our projects or helped in any way to help us achieve our goal/gold for 2016.

Check our facebook page for further details on how to volunteer or just show up in Courthouse square any Saturday morning.

**Mary Molloy - Secretary - Maynooth Tidy Towns**



Left to right: John Kavanagh Chairman, Mary Jennings Treasurer, Catherine Mulready, Mary Molloy Secretary, and Vincent Mulready Assistant Chairman.



Left to Right: Mary Jennings, Mary Molloy, John Kavanagh, Tina Williams, Vincent Mulready, Gerry Lawlor, Moira Baxter and Catherine Mulready



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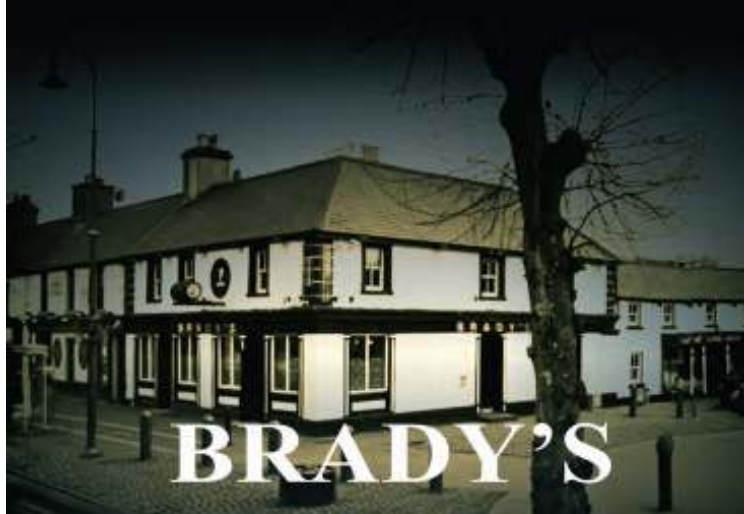
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### Poisons

In your house or home there are numerous products, obvious and otherwise, which if ingested can be lethal for your pet.

- Foods – Alcohol, coffee, raisins, grapes, chocolate (especially dark chocolate).
  - Medication – Pain killers, anti depressants, vitamins. All these should be kept safely out of reach.
  - Others – Toilet cleaners, shoe polish, anti freeze, slug and snail bait.
  - Flowers and household plants, tulips, rhododendrons and Lilies which are highly toxic especially to cats causing severe kidney damage.
- These poisons if ingested can cause serious side affects – vomiting, diarrhoea, incoordination and respiratory difficulties.

### Rat Poison

If ingested by your dog will cause internal haemorrhaging with evidence of blood in faeces and urine. Bleeding from nose can be a sign of advance poisoning. In this case it is vital to induce vomiting and vitamin K is the antidote.

### Bee Stings

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- You must register your team for that round by 5 p.m. on Friday before the round begins. If a pick is not received or you chose a team you have already picked, you will automatically be given the first team alphabetically that you have not picked.
- If your team wins you are through to the next round. If your team fails to win, you are out of the competition.
- If your team's game is called off or abandoned, you will be allocated the highest ranked team available to you from the previous round.
- If all remaining player's teams lose, then they all move forward to the next round.
- Last remaining player wins the cash prize.
- Results will be sent to all players on the Monday/Tuesday following completion of the round.
- Premiership fixtures only, cup competitions are not included.
- All money raised will be split between prize money and the ACRE Project.

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- a creative space for the community to gather and engage;
- a structured setting where young people can meet and grow;
- an interactive setting where people can learn about ecology and environmental living, and
- non-formal education through the medium of horticulture and the creative arts.

**FINAL DATE FOR ENTRIES: WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016**

## Maynooth I.C.A. Guild

We are a very active group of women, 41 members in all.  
We operate in our own cosy hall in the harbour.



We learn crafts on a Monday evening at 8pm and have a monthly meeting on the 1st Thursday of every month, where we have a competition and set the coming months crafts to be learned.

We are always looking for new members and as long as you are 16 and over you are very welcome, you can come to two Monday meetings at which time you must decide to join us or not, our present age for our members begins at 16, plus, plus, plus. You can also bring a new craft along to show us as well, new ideas are always welcome.

We have won numerous prizes both at County Kildare and national levels. Nell McLaughlin one of our members recently won the overall prize for crafts in County Kildare. Mary O'Gorman another member won an overall national competition for making a teddy bear from used fabrics and the same talented lady got third in beading a necklace at an Grianan's garden party, which is held in July each year.

Our up and coming new crafts to learn are macramé bracelets and broaches, and a variety of Christmas decorations, plus many more.

We also go on outings to various exhibitions and to other areas for craft classes, all worth while events which broaden our exposure to a vast variety of crafts. We partake in local festivals and we raise money for charity along with helping at worthwhile collections. Each evening ends with a chat and a cup of tea which is a very social event and a great way of sharing thoughts, ideas and is a constant source of lively discussions and debate.

**Contact: Heather McWeeney**  
**086 4037389**

## St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band



The Band played at the relaunch of the Credit Union last month and entertained the members and passers-by for almost two hours, the weather was kind to us, the music was enjoyable and a good time was had by everyone.

There was a certain amount of misunderstanding regarding our annual street collection scheduled for the 10th and 11th of September as we were given to understand that a number of events for the Mark Nugent Fund were being planned for the same week-end. Not wanting to interfere with such a good cause we have postponed our collection to 5th and 6th of November and hopefully things will go well for us on the new dates.

The dates have also been set for the two most important events of our year which is our Annual Mass for Deceased Members on 13th November and our End of Year Concert in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College on Sunday 4th December and we will have more details on both of these in the next Newsletter.

As always we invite musicians living in the area who would like to play with the band to drop in to the Band Hall in Pound Lane between 8 and 9.30pm any Monday night (except Bank Holidays) where you will receive a very warm welcome. In recent months we have been joined by musicians from Clondalkin, Celbridge and even as far away as Italy and there is always room for more no matter where you live.



### Flu Vaccine – It's a lifesaver

Flu doesn't sound very threatening but in fact it causes the deaths of some Irish people every year. Many more are affected by severe complications such as pneumonia and worsening of existing medical conditions like asthma, bronchitis or heart failure. Looking at the last few years, on average each year more than 1000 people were hospitalised due to flu, with 100 people requiring intensive care and 65 people dying with flu related illness

Flu symptoms come on suddenly with a fever, muscle aches, headache and fatigue. A cold is a much less severe illness than flu. A cold usually starts gradually with a sore throat and a blocked or runny nose. Symptoms of a cold are generally mild compared to flu.

We can protect those most at risk with a once yearly flu vaccine - It is also recommended for the healthcare workers that look after them. The flu vaccine is safe and effective and been in use for over 60 years. The vaccine contains three different flu strains and is tailored each year to match the strains of flu likely to be circulating.

It is well known that flu vaccine is recommended for people over 65. Younger people (from 6 months of age) should also get the flu vaccine every year if they have a medical condition such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, neurological disorders such as Multiple Sclerosis, kidney disease, liver disease, severe obesity or a weakened immune system. Children who are prone to chest infections including those with Down Syndrome or with conditions such as Cerebral Palsy should also get the vaccine. Pregnant women are recommended to get the vaccine because they have a higher risk of severe complications if they catch the flu. The vaccine also protects their new-born baby for the first few months of life.

People in the high risk groups are entitled to the vaccine free of charge but there can be a charge for vaccine administration. Many pharmacies also offer flu vaccine now making it easy to access.

Healthcare workers who have not been vaccinated run the risk of passing infection on to vulnerable patients. They might continue to work before they realise that they have the flu, putting the lives of the people they care for in danger. Some of the people who are most at risk if they get the flu have weak immune systems and are less able to fully benefit from having the vaccine themselves. These include frail elderly people, small babies and people being treated for cancer. This puts a duty on those of us caring for such people to get ourselves vaccinated. By getting the vaccine healthcare workers can also protect themselves and their own families.

People can also prevent the spread of infection by practicing good hygiene especially good hand hygiene when they have coughs and colds. They also should avoid unnecessary contact with vulnerable people such as small babies, elderly people and people with weak immune systems when we are sick.

**Ruth McDermott**

**Ruth McDermott is a Public Health Doctor in the Department of Public Health (East). For vaccine information see: [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie) (National Immunisation Office) For information on infectious diseases see: [www.hpsc.ie](http://www.hpsc.ie) (Health Protection Surveillance Centre)**



# Maynooth Community Council Notes

## MINUTES

Questions were asked about any response from relevant bodies written to in reference to the ongoing parking problems experienced by residents of Pound Lane and surrounding lanes, and the cutting of hedges at Rockfield. The Council hadn't received any replies at the time of the meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A number of letters were read to the assembled council.

Firstly a letter was read from Adrienne Flynn informing the council of her intention to stand down as Vice Chair with immediate effect. Adrienne has moved out of the area and as such can no longer attend meetings. The Chairman asked the group for candidates to fill the void. Sarah O'Keeffe expressed an interest and was proposed by Willie Sauls and seconded by Pdraig O Murchu.

The group was informed by email about a hazardous waste collection at Intel Carpark on Sept 17th. This was a joint venture between KCC and Intel.

A letter was sent to Maynooth Festival by Dublin Bus Community Spirit Awards Committee expressing their regret that the Festival Committee were unsuccessful in this years application for sponsorship funding.

## TIDY TOWNS

Although no members of Tidy Towns were present, congratulations were expressed to them on their recent IBAL success and their upcoming acceptance of an award at the Helix Theatre at the 2016 Tidy Towns Awards on Sept 26th.

## SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Josie Moore informed the meeting that the club had reopened on the 6th of Sept. Their current project is Safety in the Home focusing specifically on the dangers of Carbon Monoxide. The launch of the awareness campaign was on Sept 27th at the Geraldine Hall. The aim is to inform local senior citizens of the dangers associated with both gas and open fires, and to stress the importance of spark guards and smoke alarms. It is aimed to provide all senior citizens with Carbon Monoxide alarms and to educate them in their use.

The Halloween party was scheduled for October 16th. This years Sale of Work will take place on November 20th. Josie asked that the change of venue be noted by all. The event will now take place in the Post Primary School.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Naoise O'Cearuil and all concerned for using some of the discretionary fund to tarmac the entrance to the Geraldine Hall. This will make it easier on any senior citizens using walking aids.

## CCE CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

Registration for new members was on Wednesday 7th of Sept. Classes began on Wednesday 14th at Maynooth Post Primary School.

The first excursion of the new term was on Culture Night (16th Sept) when the group played at Maynooth Library.

The group was reminded that Comhaltas is a registered charitable organisation. They do not charge for appearances and keep lesson charges for students to a minimum. In order to raise funds there is a national raffle running at the moment with tickets

available from any CCE member at a cost of 5 Euro.

## MAYNOOTH SCOUTS

No representatives were present at the meeting, however in their absence congratulations were expressed to the Ostrich Patrol on winning silver at the recent All Ireland Shield Competition in Mountmellory. The Scouts will hold their Christmas Fair on Nov 27th from 10 am to 4 pm in the Geraldine Hall.

## ICA

Crafts have resumed with embroidery, macrame, and tin whistle classes will begin soon. Meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month.

## MAYNOOTH STUDENTS UNION

New NUIM SU President Dillon Grace addressed the meeting outlining plans for the coming term. He said event plans will be in place for all SU events during his tenure. The SU have met with local Gardai and have clean up teams organised for all high volume and large scale events. The clean up teams are organised in conjunction with Thorntons, Maynooth Tidy Towns and the Green Campus organisation. The SU Charity of the Year has yet to be decided and applications are welcome from local groups as well as national charities.

## AOB

Miriam O'Keeffe Ahern warned the meeting of bogus charity collectors going door to door in local estates. The people collecting were in their teens and claimed to be representing Celbridge GAA, The Peter Mc Verry trust and Maynooth Senior Citizens. The young people claimed to be students of Maynooth Post Primary and became abusive when challenged. Josie Moore said the Senior Citizens Committee never send anyone to collect on their behalf. Committee members do all collecting themselves.

## Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

Anne Nolan Birchall addressed the group about the new Maynooth Community Centre Partnership. Maigh Nuad Comhpháirtíocht Ionad Pobail

## The Mission Statement from Maynooth Community Centre Partnership:

Develop a community centre for the people of Maynooth that will become home to the widest possible range of activities The centre will :

1. Have an environment of welcome, warmth and belonging.
2. Be non-denominational and inclusive.
3. Be a community resource for all generations, for individuals, for voluntary groups and community organizations.
4. Cater for artistic, cultural and sporting needs.
5. Provide a community information and outreach centre resource.

## Aims:

- Provide a much needed Community Centre in Maynooth.
- Provide a space for people to meet in a safe and welcoming environment.
- It should be located in a suitable central location in the town.
- Provide a suitable meeting place for individual groups and organisations of the Maynooth Community
- It should become the principal meeting place for Maynooth.

It was reported that upon completion of the new Boys National School renovation, there will be no parking in the confines of the school grounds at any time. Thirty spaces for staff vehicles at the rear of the school may be available on Sundays. Questions were asked as to what people were supposed to do when attending mass, weddings, funerals or indeed any event taking place in the church. During the discussion it was confirmed that the car park had been leased to the Dept of Education.

The problem of speeding on the Newtown Road was addressed. It was suggested that the speed limit should be reduced to 30 mph from the Nursing Home to Bond Bridge. The presence of the Garda Speed Van would also be welcomed. Calming measures of some sort are needed and the proposed roundabout at Castledawson is not the answer according to the Chairman.

There have been requests for a Cycle Lane which have come to nothing and if the proposed bus route were to go ahead, serious changes would need to be made in this area. Accidents have already occurred at the entrance to Woodlands.

Proposals from the assembly included Garda monitoring of speed, chicanes to slow drivers and the implementation of Jakes Law.

Tesco will be losing 47 car park spaces should the proposed planning application for a drive through cafe be granted. It was noted that the planning notice was difficult to find even for those specifically looking for it.

A Festival volunteer list needs to be formatted. The festival is a major source of fundraising for the Council. The Festival Committee and volunteers need to increase their knowledge of all sponsorship applications open to them. All members of the Council should be helping in some way whether it be ticket selling, stewarding or fundraising.

The process of re-branding MCC will begin soon with a public meeting and the utilisation of a facilitator. New ideas and new members will be welcome. The original charter for MCC is somewhat outdated and needs refreshing. This will be the prime aim in the re-branding. In order to inform new residents of the Council it was suggested that local auctioneers be sent packs about MCC representation.

## Pilates Classes

## Personal Training

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## Maynooth Labour News

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### **Cllr. McGinley Asks the Council to Seek Government Funding for the Maynooth Ring Road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road**

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

*"That the Council look for Infrastructural Funding from the Government for the ring road from Blacklion to the Celbridge Road and from the Celbridge Road to the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in order to allow the development of sites at Dunboyne Road and Old Greenfield (Dublin City Council has already sought €80m for such Infrastructural Funding)."*

John got the following unsatisfactory reply from Council Officials:

*"Kildare County Council are presently examining a number of towns in the County in order to determine priorities in regard to Roads Infrastructure in each town. Once agreement is reached in regard to the priority for each town, in addition to securing a local funding source, e.g. Development Levies, the Roads Department will proceed to the Route Selection stage for each project. Once route selection is determined, Kildare County Council will then be in a better position to make a case to the Department of Transport for funding. Alternatively once we secure agreement in regard to route selection, potential applicants for planning approval in the vicinity of such routes will have certainty in regard to route locations, if they wish to proceed with development in advance of any state funding being provided for such projects."*

*Determination of priority routes in each town will be based on their ability to support future residential, commercial and industrial development. In addition, once these priority routes for each town are agreed, we will immediately commence discussions with the Department of Transport in order to make them aware of our plans."*

Cllr. McGinley stated that he was very disappointed with the reply. He pointed out that it is over 4 months since the Government made €200m available for infrastructure that was holding up development of houses. Dublin City Council acted immediately and applied for €80m. John pointed out that it makes no sense waiting to see what the priority is for each town in the County.

The Council should apply for funding for Maynooth without any further delay. He pointed out that Maynooth is the only town in the County that has housing development held up because the ring road from Blacklion to the Straffan Road is not in place and that there is no need for any delay in applying for funding as the route of the ring road is already identified in the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP). Also, the big benefit of having the ring road in place would be the reduction of traffic in the town centre.

The Officials are to further consider Cllr. McGinley's motion and report back to Councillors before the next MD meeting.

### **Cllr. McGinley Calls on the Council to Repair the road at the Straffan Road/Glenroyal Junction:**

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

*"When will road works be carried out at the Straffan Road/Glenroyal Junction? (The road is collapsing at the pedestrian crossings)."*

John got the following reply:

*"Phase 3 of the North South corridor which consists of renewing the footpaths, cycle paths and roads on the Straffan Road from the Glenroyal as far as the Celbridge Road junction will commence on the 19 September and*

*will last 10-12 weeks."*

### **Cllr. McGinley Calls for Preventative Measures to Stop Caravans from Parking at the Entrance to The Harbour, Maynooth:**

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

*"What preventative measures are the council and Waterways Ireland taking to prevent the parking of caravans at the entrance to the Harbour, Maynooth?"*

John got the following highly unsatisfactory reply from Council Officials:

*"No physical preventative measures are planned. Illegal encampments will be addressed in the usual way based on the application of the appropriate legislation."*

Cllr. McGinley stated that he was very disappointed with the reply from Council Officials as he had already put a number of suggestions to both the Council and Waterways Ireland.

Residents of Maynooth will be well aware that 5 mobile homes and numerous vehicles were parked between the gated area and the ICA Hall for two weeks in July. The inhabitants of the mobile homes left the area in a terrible state with nappies and other filth thrown all over the place. As this area is the property of Waterways Ireland Cllr. McGinley submitted the following suggestions to them:

**As a minimum they should erect "No Overnight Parking" signs. Preferably they should hand over this small area to Kildare County Council so that it could be included in the Pay Parking Scheme. The area in question is not used by Waterways Ireland. If they are not prepared to make the area public, then they should put double lines there. Cllr. McGinley pointed out that this solution should be a last resort as it would eliminate 10 parking spaces.**

### **The Council is Going to Replace the fence at Beaufield Green, opposite the Shopping Centre.**

Cllr. McGinley and Cllr. Murray have been looking for the replacement of this badly damaged fence for some time.

At the Maynooth MD meeting on the 14 September the Council Officials gave the following good news:

*"It is proposed to remove the existing fence line and replace with two lines of Post and Rail fencing with a planted beech hedge between the two lines. Works are scheduled for later this year."*

### **Update on the Proposed New Bus Terminus at The Nursing Home, Rathcoffey Road:**

At the Maynooth MD meeting on the 14 September the Council Officials gave the following update:

*"Kildare County Council Roads Section have completed a draft design of the proposed bus turning bay in the Nursing Home Site, Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth. This design has been forwarded to both the owner/developer of the Nursing Home and Dublin Bus for their comments and agreement. We have received no reply from them both to date. Therefore, we cannot confirm a timeline for the completion of the works."*

The Engineer present at the meeting advised Cllr. McGinley that the Council Director of Services is in ongoing discussions with Dublin Bus.

### **Light at Entrance to Greenfield Shopping Centre to be Replaced**

As residents will know this light has been out of order since the beginning of the year.

Cllr. McGinley reported the fault to Airtricity and the Council and he got the following reply from the Council on 30 August:

*"The cable feeding this light is badly damaged. The cable is unrepairable and would need to be completely replaced with the result of excavating over 40 metres of concrete footpath. We have decided to remove the light and pole completely and replace it with a new pole and light on the opposite side of the road feeding from the last light in Straffan Way. The new pole and light are to be also upgraded to match the lighting on the Straffan Road (8m pole and 96w LED).*

*This work is planned to be carried out in September."*

### **Stagg Welcomes Additional Audiologist Recruitment**

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision to recruit additional Audiologists in the Kildare/West Wicklow and Dublin South region. Mr. Stagg stated that at present routine appointments for hearing complaints at the Audiology Department in Naas have an unacceptable waiting time of a year. This meant that public patients with hearing loss were unable to access hearing aids to remedy their loss of hearing. This is disconcerting to people suffering from such complaints and has a significant impact on their daily lives.

The HSE have now advised Mr. Stagg that there are currently 7 audiologists working in the Kildare/West Wicklow and Dublin South Region and that interviews are currently underway to recruit an additional 3 audiologists to the service. In time this will reduce the waiting time for assessments to 6 months.

Welcoming the move to reduce the waiting time for assessment, Mr. Stagg stated that public patients should not have to wait so long for an assessment. The recruitment currently underway will substantially reduce waiting times but there should be further recruitment to eliminate waiting times to a month at the maximum. Mr. Stagg vowed to press the HSE to continue to recruit audiologists to this vital service to effectively eliminate waiting times for assessment.

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Anyone who has purchased goods or services for private use from someone selling them in the course of business may submit a claim using the Small Claims procedure. You can make claims for faulty goods or bad workmanship, minor damage to property and for the non-return of rent deposits for certain kinds of rented properties. Businesses involved in disputes with other businesses can also use the Small Claims procedure.

To make a claim, you complete an application form, which you can get from the Small Claims Registrar at your local District Court office. You can also get help in completing the form from the Registrar. Make sure you use the correct name and address of the person or company against whom you want to make the claim. The completed form with a fee of €25 should be lodged with the Small Claims Registrar. You can also apply online at the Courts Service Online website, [csol.ie](http://csol.ie).

The Registrar sends a copy of your application to the person against whom you are making the claim. If the other party does not reply within 15 days of receiving your application, your claim will be automatically treated as undisputed and you can apply for a court order in your favour. But, if your claim is disputed, the Registrar will contact you and let you have a copy of the reasons why the other party is disputing your claim. The Registrar will try to negotiate a settlement to the dispute. If no settlement can be reached, the matter is then set down for a court hearing in the District Court.

#### **Payslips**

##### **Question**

*I started a new job 3 weeks ago. Although I have been paid each week, I don't know if I have paid any tax or PRSI. How do I find that out?*

##### **Answer**

You should have been given a pay slip by your employer when you were paid. Your pay slip can be provided to you either in electronic format or in hard copy. Under the Payment of Wages Act 1991 all employees have the right to a pay slip which shows the gross pay and details of all deductions. A pay slip is essentially a written statement from the employer to the employee that outlines the total pay before tax and all details of any deductions from pay.

Certain deductions from pay are allowed under the Act. They include deductions that are required by law, for example, tax (PAYE), Universal Social Charge (USC) and social insurance (PRSI). Deductions provided for in your contract of employment, such as occupational pension contributions, are also allowed.

You should ask your employer for pay slips for the three weeks that you have already worked. If your employer fails to give you those pay slips and continues to pay you without giving you a pay slip, you may make a complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC). To do this, you make a complaint under the Payment of Wages Act using the online complaint form available on the WRC website, [workplacelrelations.ie](http://workplacelrelations.ie).

The Workplace Relations Commission also provides information on your rights and entitlements under employment legislation. For further information about your employment rights on pay slips and deductions from wages, you can contact its Information and Customer

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#### **Donations to Charity**

##### **Question**

*I make regular donations to charity. Can I claim tax back on my donations?*

##### **Answer**

The tax code provides for tax relief for “eligible charities” and other “approved bodies” including schools and educational institutions. Revenue lists bodies that have been granted a charitable tax exemption on its website.

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The amount repaid to a charity for any tax year cannot be more than the amount of tax actually paid by the donor for that year. For example, if your income tax liability for 2015 is €350 (which you have paid), the repayment to the charity is restricted to that amount. The minimum qualifying donation for individuals in a year of assessment is €250 and the maximum qualifying donation is €1 million. (Note that corporate donations are treated differently.)

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#### **Paternity Benefit**

##### **Question**

*My partner and I are expecting a baby in September. Can I claim the new Paternity Benefit? Are there any other benefits I can claim?*

##### **Answer**

Paternity Benefit is a new payment for employed and self-employed people who are on paternity leave from work and covered by social insurance (PRSI). The PRSI classes that count for Paternity Benefit are A, E, H (with the exception of serving members of the Defence Forces) and S (self-employed).

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You must notify your employer four weeks before you intend to go on paternity leave (12 weeks if you are self-employed). You must provide proof of the expected date of birth (this is a certificate from your spouse’s or partner’s doctor confirming when the baby is due) or confirmation of the birth if you are applying after the baby has been born. In the case of adoption, you must produce a certificate of placement.

Paternity Benefit is available from 1 September 2016. You can apply online at [mywelfare.ie](http://mywelfare.ie) for Paternity Benefit from 5 September 2016 (your payment will be backdated if necessary). You must have a Public Services Card to apply for Paternity Benefit.

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## Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

September saw our local branch returning to lessons, with registration taking place on Wednesday 7th. We are delighted to see so many familiar faces returning and also to welcome very many new enthusiastic musicians. It's still not too late to join up – just pop down to Maynooth Post Primary School from 7pm to 9.00 pm. on Wednesday nights. Our classes are very good value, great fun and we promise you plenty of craic also !! Bigí linn!!!

The branch entertained some Australian visitors at an Irish night for Kids@Play – thanks for the invitation Evelyn. The Longines Irish Champions Weekend took place in Leopardstown on Saturday 10th September 2016 and at the Curragh on Sunday 11th September. On what was an amazing sporting and social event combining history, spectacle, glamour, excitement and prestige, Kildare Comhaltas were honoured to participate. The county's branches including Leixlip, Clane, Kiltel and Kilcock played some great tunes for the arriving guests in the windy conditions. "It gives all the branches a chance to play at this prestigious event in the Curragh, and we'd like to say a big 'thank you' to Evan Arkwright from the Curragh Racecourse for asking us along, it's nice to be asked," said Tom Dillon, chairman of the County Board. Below are our neighbouring branch from Kilcock, backed by Craobh Mhaigh Nuad.

Culture Night was a further opportunity for branch members to strut their considerable talents. The show in Maynooth Library was organised by the indefatigable Rita Doyle, who's dancers were also on hand to provide entertainment for the crowd in attendance. Have a think about taking up an instrument yourself, we would also love to add new junior members to add to the fantastic group we've had with us for the last number of years. Our youngest members start from about 7 or 8, but, as with adults, it's never too late to join up. New members are always welcome – young and old. Tuition is currently offered in Accordion, Banjo, Bodhrán, Concertina, Fiddle, Flute, Guitar, and Tin Whistle. There are a number of other instruments in which members have expressed an interest. If sufficient numbers were available for a class (min 3), then we do have access to qualified teachers, prepared to give lessons. So if you are interested in a class not currently being offered, then by all means inquire. We have the possibility of adding Bouzouki and Uilleann Pipes, and are generally open to all suggestions.

Branch members were also playing for Breeda Cullen Shortt's 50th year as a member of Comhaltas in Kildare on 24th Sept in Millicent Golf Club, Clane. Next year will be Comhaltas' 50th anniversary in Kildare and Breeda has been on board from day one. A superb contribution to the cultural life of the county! Go raibh mile maith agat Breeda! Sessions will continue as before in Brady's, the Newtown Inn and the Roost, so plenty of opportunities for enjoying or playing our traditional music locally.

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## The “Maynooth Fifteen” Remembered

This 56 page book gives an insight into the 100 years since the Rising in 1916 up to the Centenary Celebrations in 2016 including photographs and obituaries on the Maynooth 15. The book is on sale at various locations in Maynooth including Maynooth Community Council’s office.

### Foreword

The century following Ireland’s 1916 Rising has given cause to reflect on the events that preceded the conflict, the hostilities and on the decisions and changes that followed. Much of the public discourse has examined the international context, issues for Irish society and the varied lives of the leading participants. For posterity, it is fitting that the records of the fifteen Irish Volunteers from Maynooth involved in the Dublin fighting are compiled as a legacy of the centennial generation. This publication draws together the accounts of their lives and reveals some of the thoughts and ideals that motivated them.

On behalf of the Kildare Decade of Commemorations Committee, I would like to thank James Durney, Kildare’s Historian in Residence, Henry Flynn for sourcing the photographs and Ken Maddock and the Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee for their work on this valuable historical record.

*Councillor Pádraig McEvoy - Chairperson - Kildare Decade of Commemorations Committee*

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## The ‘Maynooth Fifteen’ Remembered



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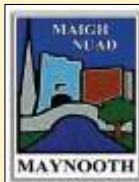
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As always in IBAL litter surveys, the University of Maynooth scored highly and the approach roads from Dunboyne and Dublin were in very good order.

Dunboyne Approach Road: **Grade A.** All was in good order along this busy approach route into Maynooth. Plenty of trees and shrubs add to the overall appearance.

Approach from Kilcock: **Grade B.** There was a mix of food related litter along this road, particularly along the grass bank / verges.

University of Maynooth: **Grade A.** Not only was there an absence of litter in the area surveyed but many aspects of the environment surveyed were in very good order e.g. shrubbery, visitor information notices, bins, grass area etc. A lovely cobbled paved area looked exceptionally well.

St. Mary's Primary School: **Grade A.** There was no litter reported in the grounds and area immediately outside St. Mary's Primary School.

Main Street: **Grade A.** The Main Street was the best the surveyor had observed in a long number of years of IBAL Litter survey. The overall presentation of the street was greatly enhanced by attractive cobbled paving, seating, new bins and ornamental trees. All in all, it was a top ranking site throughout.

Aldi: **Grade A.** (opposite University of Maynooth) Aldi was the cleanest that this IBAL surveyor had seen it. It was clear of litter and the hedges / shrubbery areas were in good order.

Recycle Centre in Aldi: **Grade B.** This recycle bank just missed getting the top litter grade. A large piece of cardboard had been discarded beside the clothing bank and some items had been stuffed between the bottle recycle bins.

Maynooth Train Station: **Grade A.** The overall impression of this train station was a fresh one. The entrance was clear of litter and signage, bin, cigarette butt collector etc. were all in very good order.

Public Park: **Grade A.** (opposite Dunnes Stores) This was another site in Maynooth which has presented much better than previous surveys. It is a lovely open space in a mature setting. All appeared in good order and clear of litter.

Dublin to Maynooth Link Road: **Grade A.** Surveyor reported that all was in very good order along this stretch of road and scored very well with regard to lack of litter.

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| I.C.A.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Arthritis Ireland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.</p> <p>Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.</p> <p>New members welcome</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Council Office (Next to the Post Office)</p> <p>New Members Welcome</p> <p>Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth)</p> <p>Group will re-commence on Monday 5th Sept 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| University of Third Age (U3A)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Maynooth Men's Sheds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p> <p>New Members Welcome</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm</p> <p>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.</p> <p>For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 16982    | Kildare County Council | Pamela Halton                                    | Rosetown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare                             | 16/09/2016       |
| 16977    | Kildare County Council | Justin & Grainne Dunne                           | Mayglare Village Shop, Moyglare Roads, Maynooth             | 14/09/2016       |
| 16934    | Kildare County Council | Brian Connaughton                                | 25 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare                     | 02/09/2016       |
| 16937    | Kildare County Council | Orivo Properties Ltd.,                           | Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare                          | 02/09/2016       |
| 16929    | Kildare County Council | Dublin Bus                                       | Dublin Bus Stop No. 3981, Main Street (southwest,) Maynooth | 01/09/2016       |
| 16867    | Kildare County Council | Electricity Supply Board                         | Hayfield, Straffan Road, Maynooth                           | 16/08/2016       |
| 16863    | Kildare County Council | Donal & Laura O'Leary                            | 16 Temple Wood, Carton Demense, Maynooth                    | 15/08/2016       |
| 16854    | Kildare County Council | Aldi Stores (Ireland) Limited,                   | Aldi Discount Foodstore, Maynooth Road, Celbridge           | 12/08/2016       |
| 16849    | Kildare County Council | Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board,    | Maynooth Post Primary Sch, Moyglare Road, Maynooth          | 11/08/2016       |
| 16825    | Kildare County Council | Derrinstown Stud Limited                         | Cowanstown Gate Lodge, Cowanstown, Maynooth                 | 05/08/2016       |
| 16827    | Kildare County Council | Fiona McEvoy,                                    | 9 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth                     | 05/08/2016       |
| 16820    | Kildare County Council | Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board | Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare                        | 04/08/2016       |

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### **Maynooth University ranking highlights need for third level investment – O'Rourke - Universities starved of staff and resources for too long**

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says the Government must urgently prioritise third level investment if Irish universities are to realise their potential and be able to compete on the world stage. His comments come following the publication of the latest QS World University 2016/2017 Rankings which has seen Maynooth University slide from 551-600 in 2015 to 651-700 this year.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "These new rankings are very worrying, not only for Maynooth University, but for third level institutions as a whole. The fact that all Irish universities have fallen down the rankings points to a wider problem and it is no secret that funding and resources are a real issue".

"Funding shortages have led to a sharp increase in staff/student ratios. Over the past five years they've increased from 1:15 to 1:19.5. The OECD average is 1:14. These increases have a direct result on the quality of teaching and are jeopardising our international reputation. This is a big worry for Maynooth and other universities, who are competing with other international institutions for students and staff."

"The Fine Gael-Labour Government allowed third level education to fall down the priority list and unfortunately we are now seeing the results of this neglect. This is not an area that can afford to be ignored any longer. Maynooth University has a proud tradition, not only here in Kildare, but right across the country. However, without adequate supports and investment, its ability to maintain its reputation, is being severely restricted."

"Fianna Fáil has been consistently clear that €100 million core funding needs to be invested from general taxation in our higher level institutions to enhance quality and bolster our universities competitiveness."

"Ireland has a proud history of producing world class graduates, and is something that should not be taken for granted. However, in order to maintain these standards, investment is urgently needed. Every student living in Ireland deserves to have access to a world class education and I am urging Minister Bruton and his Cabinet colleagues to prioritise the sector and ensure it has the investment it needs to compete effectively on a national, European and global scale".

### **New Bus Routes announced for Tallaght IT**

IT Tallaght along with the NTA and Dualway Coaches have announced two new bus routes servicing the Institute starting on September 19th.

The first route will connect Kildare Town to IT Tallaght stopping off at Newbridge town, Naas & Rathcoole, while the second route will service Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Lucan & Clondalkin. This is very welcome news, as I am currently working on delivering a service connecting Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth & Blanchardstown, along with a Naas-Maynooth Orbital Route to help alleviate the current pressure on NUI Maynooth Student Accommodation. I have already successfully campaigned for additional Dublin Bus 67 & 67X services for Celbridge, along

with an increased frequency Sunday service which is due to commence in Autumn 2016.

I will continue to work alongside Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus and the NTA to deliver additional improved services for commuters in the constituency.

### **EU must not undermine Ireland's Taxation policy says O'Rourke**

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to adopt a strong negotiation stance with the EU in relation to our Taxation policy, following the European Commission's decision in relation to Apple's tax liability.

'Irish Tax policy is the competency of the Irish Government and not that of the EU. It is vital that during the current debate on Apple's Tax liability, that damage is not done to Ireland's reputation in relation to its policy of attracting Foreign Direct Investment.' Stated Deputy O'Rourke who highlighted Kildare's success in attracting Foreign Direct Investment.

'Kildare is home to many multinationals and provides valuable employment to many Irish citizens. The EU must not undermine our taxation policy and our track record in relation to attracting Foreign Direct Investment.'

'It is vital from Ireland's perspective that the country's corporation tax system, which is an essential part of the country's overall inward investment strategy, is defended. Of course, we have many other attributes that attract multinationals to Ireland, including access to markets, the availability of skills, a flexible labour force and the ease of doing business from a legal point of view.'

'However, having control of our taxation system is critical and we must maintain that control. The EU must not undermine a country like Ireland in relation to its industrial policy. As we emerge from a financial crisis we need support from the EU not undermining.'

'It is not possible to defend the low tax level that Apple paid, however, this is a global issue and must be viewed in that context.' stated Deputy O'Rourke who has kept in touch with Multinationals based in Kildare since getting elected as a TD for Kildare North.

### **O'Rourke welcomes CCPC investigation into motor insurance industry**

#### **- Anti-competitive practices to be reviewed -**

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the decision by the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to launch an investigation into anti-competitive practices in the motor insurance sector.

"Motor insurance costs have become the biggest issue facing Irish consumers. The most recent figures reveal that premiums have risen by almost 40% in the last year – that is simply unsustainable and there appears to be no justification for the rate at which costs are accelerating. I raised this issue at a recent meeting of Oireachtas Finance Committee, which was attended by AA Ireland", explained Deputy O'Rourke.

"I also raised the issue of the cost of claims, as the figures show that the amount paid out fell from €1.5 billion in 2011 to €1.01 billion in 2014. This should

have led to reduced premiums not increased renewals.

"Fianna Fáil has been consistent in highlighting these rocketing costs. I spoke on the issue in the Dáil chamber earlier this year, when I called on the Government to consider opening up the EU car insurance market for Irish drivers."

"The last 18 months has seen premiums spiral out of control, as the Government dragged its feet on this crucial consumer issue, putting more and more pressure on motorists."

"I hope that, in addition to the work being undertaken by my colleague John McGuinness, as Chair of the Finance Committee, who is investigating motor insurance in Ireland, this investigation by the CCPC will see premiums reduce quickly," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



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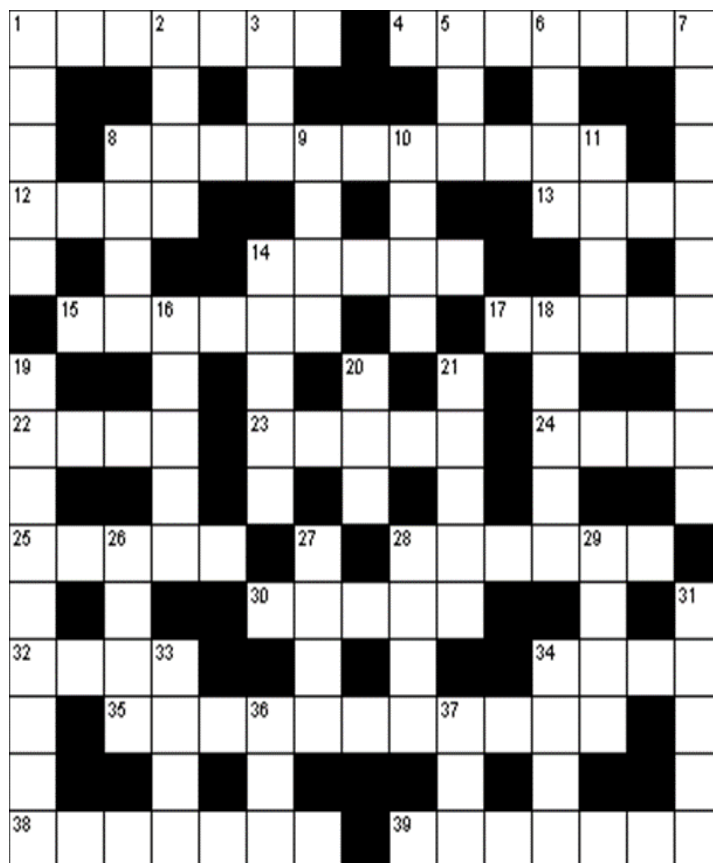
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## Clues Across

1. Shutting (7)
4. Grassland (7)
8. Enduring (4-7)
12. Outer garment (4)
13. Departed (4)
14. Humped ruminant (5)
15. Penniless person (6)
17. Narrowest part of the torso (5)
22. Underground mammal (4)
23. Free of ice (2-3)
24. Against (4)
25. Ascends (5)
28. Head armour (6)
30. More recent (5)
32. Thick slice (4)
34. Barbarous person (4)
35. French national holiday (8,3)
38. Ultraviolet lamp (7)
39. Waterproof fabric (7)

## October Crossword - No. 451



## Clues Down

1. Slight sharp sound (5)
2. Small blemish (4)
3. Annoy by persistent fault finding (3)
5. Statute (3)
6. Strong taste (4)
7. Amuse (9)
8. Gammy (4)
9. Person who lies (4)
10. Propagative part of a plant (4)
11. Desert in E Asia (4)
14. Parlour game (5)
16. Farm birds (5)
18. Fright (5)
19. Foods of the gods (9)
20. Hog (3)
21. Not ever (5)
26. Thrust with a knife (4)
27. Abominable snowman (4)
28. Make healthy (4)
29. Nervously irritable (4)
31. Started (5)
33. Remove water from a boat (4)
34. Cereal food (4)
36. Male cat (3)
37. Biblical high priest (3)



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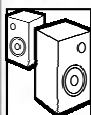
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### Maynooth Constituency Office

My Maynooth Office is now open every Monday from 10am to 4pm. Located just off Maynooth's Main Street with access via the lane between DNG and Oak Alley. Just pop in as no appointment necessary or call me on **01 6183587** for any advice/assistance you require.

### Maynooth Purple Flag Application

I am delighted that the process is continuing on track for Maynooth to be awarded the Purple Flag. The Purple Flag is the Gold Standard for night time destinations. North Kildare Chamber along with Kildare County Council are currently working on this project. If awarded Maynooth will fly the purple flag which means it is a town of choice for excellent restaurants, evening entertainment locations, and premium hotel breaks. It is a step in the right direction for Maynooth and the final submission is due to be lodged mid-October with the assessment taking place in early December. The announcement of the final awarding decision is due in January 2017. Currently there are 19 towns which hold the purple flag.

### Current Maynooth Municipal District Works.

Contractors for Kildare County Council have started to commence work on the reconstruction of the footpaths and cycle ways along the Straffan Road, Maynooth. The main area of work is from the Maxol Garage Junction to the traffic lights at the Glenroyal Junction. This work will have a considerable impact on local traffic during the 10-12 weeks construction period.

### Train Station and Public Transport

I met with Irish Rail and Dublin Bus to discuss public transport to Maynooth and the surrounding area. One issue that has been raised with me is the parking at Maynooth Station. I have also sought a progress report on electrifying the line to allow link up with the Dart.

### Traffic Management Plan

Maynooth town continues to have a number of pressure points where traffic is backed up. A study is currently underway by the council to address this in the short term whilst the ring road remains a long term solution. Please contact me for further information.

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## Halloween Fun Events

There are zillions of spooky (yet family-friendly) events happening nearby, it is impossible to choose, so here are just a few suggestions.



### Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park

Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park hosts its now infamous "Halloween Happenings" for seven spooky days Saturday 29th October to 4th November 10am to 6pm daily. Lots of ghastly ghouls and terrifying treats in store including Haunted Holograms, Terror Train Trips (be prepared for Zombie Attacks!!), Terror Treasure Hunts, and freaky fun in the devilish den of play - the Funky Forest. One Terror Train Trip per family included in admission. The Train is recommended for age 7+, but it is totally up to the individual child, and they advise parents to use their discretion. There is plenty of other fun for the under 7's including funky forest and the outdoor play area and golf.

Address: Lullymore, Rathangan Co. Kildare.

Usual family admissions apply - no extra cost for Halloween activities. For more information telephone 045 870238.

### Nightmare Plants - A Halloween Special at the Botanic Gardens

In collaboration with the Dublin Bram Stoker Festival, a rare opportunity to cross the threshold of the National Botanic Gardens after dark, for a thrilling, immersive experience in the Victorian Glasshouse. As night falls on the garden's oasis of calm and beauty, a dark heart begins to beat deep in the Victorian glasshouse. Welcome to the world of *Nightmare Plants*, where nature's power to poison, seduce and intoxicate is on display. Your host is a centuries old plant hunter; a mysterious purveyor of new and unusual species. He has trailed and tested the most deadly of Mother Nature's creations. Now, for the first time, he's opening his glass palace for guests to see his life's work. Find out for yourself what secrets lie within, and what memories must be exorcised before the sun rises.



*Nightmare Plants* is an immersive performance, told by an ensemble of actors. Devised, written and directed by Michelle McMahon.

**Date: 28th and 29th October**

Show duration approx. 30 minutes. Nine performances each night.

Times: 17.30; 18.05; 18.40; 19.35; 20.10; 20.45; 21.40; 22.15 and 22.50.

Suitable for ages 14+. Under 16s should be accompanied by an adult.

**For more information and to book tickets visit [www.botanicgardens.ie](http://www.botanicgardens.ie)**

### Clonfert Pet Farm



This Halloween Clonfert Pet Farm is holding a great fun day out for the whole family to enjoy. Visit the haunted stables, trick or treat in the haunted walkways, pony rides and lots more fun. There will be raffle tickets on sale to enter a draw with some super prizes all proceeds will go to Temple Street Children's Hospital.

Entry prices remain as usual meaning you get to enjoy the entire farm along with all the fun and games. For more information on dates and times visit [www.clonfertpetfarm.com](http://www.clonfertpetfarm.com) or telephone 01 6285422.

### Spooktacular Boo at Dublin Zoo

The Dublin Zoo's Halloween Spooktacular takes place on the Great Lawn where children can look forward to a truly spooky makeover, special face painters will be on hand to transform the kids into their favourite spooky characters. There will be lots of activities for kids, colouring competition, pumpkin carving and mask making demonstrations. There will be spooky story telling sessions, trick or treat goodies and a monster disco on the main lawn. All children are encouraged to come in fancy dress costume and will have a chance to join the witches and gremlins in the parade.



Date: 31st October

Normal admission rates apply and there is no booking necessary. For more information visit [www.dublinzoo.ie](http://www.dublinzoo.ie) or telephone 01 4748900.





# Writers Corner

## Two Admirals and a Commodore

Where is the centre of London? Recently, my wife and I had to decide this tricky question. We had only a few hours to spend before taking the train to Stansted for our flight back to Dublin and, since we were carrying travelling bags, it would be best to pick a spot that would allow us to savour the throbbing heart of the metropolis without exhausting ourselves. It didn't take us long to opt for Trafalgar Square, a place I had first seen as a student more than fifty years previously and that we had both visited many times since, enticed by the National Gallery and the exciting ambience.

Emerging from the Underground at Leicester Square, we walked down crowded Charing Cross Road, passed St Martin-in-the Fields church and there was Nelson's Column rising majestically before us! Turning right before the National Gallery, we headed across the North Terrace to the balustrade flanking the upper part of the Square and, immediately, were spectators in a vast arena filled with life and colour. Behind us there was a gleaming white yacht, advertising the Round-the-World Yacht Race starting in September from St Katherine Docks and below us the crowded square with its fountains, statues and meandering tourists. There were no pigeons, however, the feeding of these once-familiar birds – or pests, depending on ones opinion – having been banned in 2007 on health grounds.

A large aquamarine-blue cockerel standing on a plinth at the right-hand corner of the Square contrasted vividly with the sober statues of generals on the other corner plinths, while near us, a street performer painted silver from head to toe and supported only by a silver walking stick hovered about two feet above the pavement, much

to the amazement of onlookers. Jets of water issuing from the mouths of dolphins held by bronze mermen in the large fountains below added a cooling effect in the sultry afternoon while, near them, children and young adults climbed onto the backs of the four lions crouched at the base of Nelson's column. I wondered if the column had a staircase like the winding one I had once climbed inside Dublin's Nelson's Pillar.

What a pity that our government didn't act in time to replace the statue of the admiral with someone more acceptable to those ultra-nationalists who in 1966 blew up his pillar? The general opinion at the time was that nobody could agree on who should be given the honor of gazing out over the Dublin rooftops but if they had only confined the choice to naval figures the task would have been relatively simple. We have three obvious candidates: Brendan, the Kerry saint, who in the 6th Century reputedly sailed as far as America; Admiral William Brown, born in Mayo in 1777, who was imprisoned in France during the Napoleonic Wars but ended up as 'Father of the Argentine Navy' and, finally, Commodore John Barry, born in Co Wexford in 1745, who was also active during the Napoleonic Wars and rose to be 'Father of the American Navy.' But, that said, I quite like the gleaming spire, or 'Monument of Light', which now rises above O'Connell Street.

A burst of enthusiastic cheering drew our attention to the far side of the Square, where a crowd had gathered. Presently, we saw a stream of cyclists approaching from the south. They were taking part in the Ride London 100, a modified version of the London 2012 Olympic Road Race. They swept up either Whitehall or The Mall, passed the Admiralty Arch and sped along the lower edge of the Square. The excitement that this event

generated in people who must be well used to spectacles was both surprising and heart-warming.

Skirting a group gathered around a second street performer, we made our way down steps to the lower level, passing the gaudy blue cockerel that, we discovered, had been created by a German lady artist. For a while we paused to look up at a Chinese teenager struggling to haul herself onto a lion's back. Close-up these lions are massive and their piercing gazes convey the haughty self-confidence of Britain in its days of triumph. A man – perhaps her father – eventually helped the girl and she sat proudly on the back of the King of Beasts while the man took her photo. In one or two places the black patina had been rubbed off the lion by constant friction, but, to their credit, the authorities don't discourage climbers.

It was now time for us to get some refreshments, so we made our way up to a Pret a Manger café. Purchasing sandwiches and drinks, we 'dined' by the large plate glass window, gazing out at the multinational stream of humanity passing by a few feet away: suntanned men in casual gear, lassies in skimpy summer outfits, parents with excited children, an occasional Londoner seemingly indifferent to the holiday atmosphere. It was all there, the colourful stream of humanity swirling around by South Africa House, Admiralty Arch, Canada House, this navel of an empire on which the sun never set and, high up above it all, the one-eyed hero of Trafalgar presiding over a modern empire of natives, tourists and assorted ex-colonials that has replaced the one swept away by two World Wars.

*By Patrick Devaney*

## Household Fire Safety Tips

### Safety Plan.

Make sure all family members know what to do in the event of a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two ways of escaping every room. Make a drawing for each floor. Dimensions do not need to be correct. Make sure the plan shows important details: stairs, hallways and windows that can be used as fire escape routes.

Test windows and doors—do they open easy enough? Are they wide enough. Or tall enough? Choose a safe meeting place outside the house. Practice alerting other members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and flashlight in each bedroom.

Always sleep with the bedroom doors closed. This will keep deadly heat and smoke out of bedrooms, giving you additional time to escape.

Find a way for everyone to sound a family alarm. Yelling, pounding on walls, a whistle etc. are good examples. In a fire time is critical, don't waste time getting dressed, don't search for valuables, just get out. Roll out of bed, stay low. Practice evacuating the building blindfolded. In a real fire situation, the amount of smoke generated by a fire most likely will make it difficult to see.

### Install smoke detectors.

Check smoke detectors once a month and change the batteries at least twice a year. Smoke detectors sense abnormal amounts of smoke or invisible combustion

gases in the air. They can detect both smouldering and burning fires. At least one smoke detector should be installed on every level of a structure. Purchase smoke detectors labelled with safety standard marks and check each for a warranty which should cover a number of years.

### Post emergency numbers near telephones.

Be aware that if a fire threatens your home, you should not place the call to emergency services from inside the home. It is better to get out and place the call to fire authorities from a safe location outside the home.

### After a fire emergency.

Give first aid where appropriate. Seriously injured victims should be transported to professional medical help immediately. Stay out of the damaged building. Return only when fire authorities say it is safe.

### Make sure you have a safe fire escape method for all situations.

You may have installed a very expensive home security system. But if you cannot escape the burning structure you have a false level of confidence.

### Smokers Need To Be Extra Careful.

Never smoke in bed or when you are sleepy. Carelessly discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths in Ireland.

### Be Careful Cooking.

Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep the handles of your pots turned inward so they do not over-hang the stove. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and smother the flames, then turn off the stove.

### Matches and Lighters are Dangerous.

In the hands of a child, matches and lighters can be deadly! Store them where kids can't reach them, preferably in a locked area. Teach children that matches and lighters are "tools" and should only be used by adults.

### Use Electricity Safely.

If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Replace frayed or cracked electrical cords and don't overload extension cords. They should not be run under rugs.

### Shock.

You should always keep water and electrical appliances well apart. If you do not follow this rule there is a danger of getting an electric shock. This is particularly true in bathrooms. That is why only shaving sockets are allowed in bathrooms.

### Remember.

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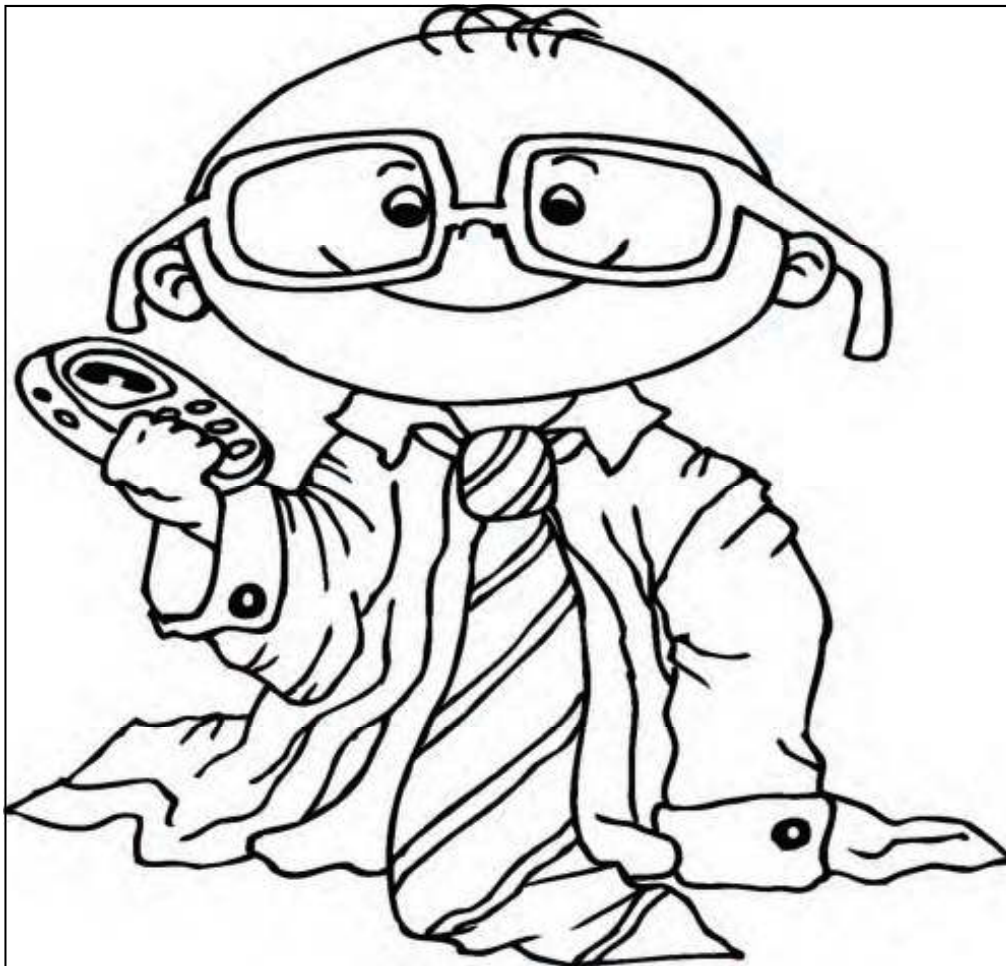




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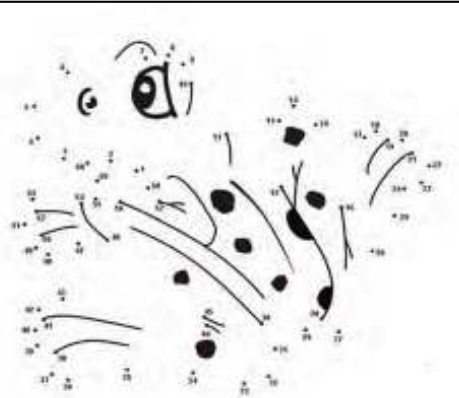
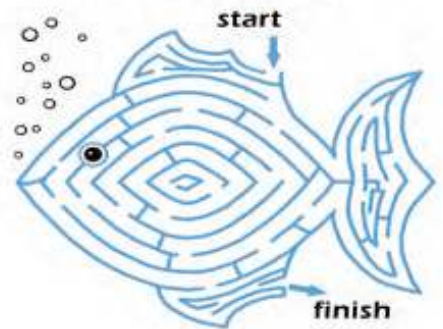
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Entries must arrive before Tuesday : 18th October 2016



## October Gardening

The nights are drawing in, and October will see the clocks going back and the first frosts in colder parts of the country. Gardening time might feel curtailed by the shorter sunlight, but the days are often glorious, with the autumn colour a counterpoint to the light tipping away.

### Flowers

Spring bulbs should be planted as soon as possible. Cease liquid feeding of pots or hanging baskets as it is now too late to be worthwhile.

Divide perennial border flowers, or plant new ones, choosing varieties that are easy to look after and need no staking.

Seeds of annual flowers can still be sown into fine soil where they are to flower next summer — an easy and cheap way to have lots of colour, especially in a new garden.

Autumn is the ideal time to plant Clematis plants

After tidying borders, mulch with bark chips, well rotted manure, leaf mould or spent mushroom compost to insulate plant roots for the winter and keep weed growth in check.



### Fruit & Vegetables

Remove old vegetables as soon as they are finished and do not allow weeds to build up.

Lift and store potatoes and carrots now for winter use.

Parsnips generally keep better when left in the ground.

Prune raspberries, blackcurrants and gooseberries.

Spring cabbage plants can still be planted.

Cut back asparagus fern and remove weeds if the fern has turned yellow.



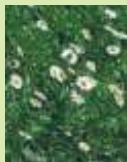
### Herbs

Most kitchen herbs are perennials that come up each year; apart from an annual tidy-up and an occasional run-over with the hoe during the summer, a small herb plot needs no work. Herbs that are easy to grow include, sage, thyme, mint, French tarragon and chives, Fennel gets big and could be included as an ornamental plant in a mixed border. Horseradish can be grown in some rough corner. Rosemary is a pretty shrub for the border too.



### Lawns

If moss has been a problem last year, lawn mosskiller can be used now. Moss will grow strongly in the coming months and may have built up to damaging levels. Even though grass growth has slowed, occasional mowing is a good idea if the soil is not too wet. Grass tends to grow a little over winter and an occasional mowing will keep it right. Trim lawn edges to leave them neat for winter.



### General tasks and garden maintenance

**Start your compost** If you haven't already done so, start your compost going by buying a bin or building a partially enclosed area for a heap. It is vital to replace the goodness in soil after a hefty growing season and autumn produces masses of garden waste that will put invaluable organic richness back into the ground for next spring. Add a variety of different materials; spent vegetable and bedding plants, herbaceous leftovers, thatch, moss and cuttings from the lawn, weeds (but not the roots unless they have been through a shredder), hedge clippings, kitchen peelings and tea bags are ideal. Turn once a week or so if you can and NEVER add diseased or pest-ridden material (such as diseased rose petals to your compost - it is a warm and welcoming nirvana for unwelcome guests who will reappear with a vengeance next year!)

**Prepare your soil for next year** Your soil is your most precious commodity, so start digging in compost, manure and as much organic matter as you can lay your hands on to replace the goodness in it. The earlier you start the better, especially if your soil is heavy. It can be left in a pretty rough state over the winter when the elements will break the clods down, making spring planting infinitely easier!



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## Halloween Recipes

### Irish Barmbrack

#### Ingredients:



225g plain flour  
2 tsps of baking powder  
375g packet of mixed fruit  
250ml cold tea  
50ml of whiskey  
125g light brown sugar  
1 large egg  
½ tsp of mixed spice  
A ring to place inside

#### Method:

Place the fruit mix in a bowl and pour over the whiskey and cold tea. Allow to soak overnight. Preheat the oven to 170°C/Gas 3, grease and line a 900g loaf tin. Combine the flour, baking powder, sugar and mixed spice in a mixing bowl. Make a well and break in the egg. Using a wooden spoon, mix the egg with the dry ingredients. Add a little bit of the liquid the fruit mix is sitting in and mix it through. You may not need all the liquid, you are looking for a wet dough. Stir through the fruit mix until everything is thoroughly combined. Add in the ring and stir through. Spoon the wet dough into the lined loaf tin and place in the oven in the middle shelf and bake for 1 hour. Remove from the oven and allow to cool slightly before removing from the loaf tin and place on wire rack. Cover in cling film and tin foil and allow to sit for 1-2 days before cutting into it.

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### Creepy Spider Cupcakes

#### Ingredients:

##### For the cupcakes

100g caster sugar  
100g unsalted butter, softened  
3 eggs, lightly beaten  
100g self raising flour  
3 tbsp cocoa powder  
4 tbsp milk

##### For the vanilla butter cream

90g butter, softened  
180g icing sugar  
4 tbsp cocoa, sifted  
2 tbsp milk  
Black liquorice strings or wheels  
24 smarties for eyes

#### Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4. Line a muffin tray with 12 cupcake cases.

*To make the cupcakes*, cream the sugar and butter until pale and fluffy. Whisk in the beaten eggs. Fold in the flour, add the cocoa powder and carefully stir in the milk. Spoon the mixture into the cases and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Allow to cool completely before decorating.

*To make the butter cream*, cream the butter, icing sugar and cocoa together until smooth. When the cupcakes are cool, pipe the chocolate butter cream over the top.

To decorate cut the liquorice into 8 x 4cm equal lengths and place 4 on each side and place 2 smarties for "eyes".

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### Pumpkin, feta and olive mini savoury muffins

#### Ingredients:

250g pumpkin peeled  
2 tblsps milk  
50ml light olive oil  
1 egg lightly beaten  
150g self raising flour  
½ tsp baking powder  
75g feta cheese, crumbled  
1 tblsp finely chopped Fragata pitted black olives  
2 tblsps finely chopped fresh basil

#### Method:

Preheat the oven to 200°C/Gas 6. Grease 2 mini muffin pans. Cut pumpkin into 2 cm pieces and place on a greased oven tray for 25 minutes or until browned and tender. Transfer to a bowl add milk and mash until smooth. Allow to cool and then stir in the oil and egg. Sift flour and baking powder into a large bowl, add pumpkin mixture, feta, olives and basil. Stir until just combined, don't overmix.

Cook in a moderately hot oven 190°C/Gas 5 for about 15 minutes or until browned. Allow to cool for 5 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack.





## FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

# ANTHROPOID

**Starring: Cillian Murphy & Jamie Dornan**



The twentieth century witnessed some of the worst atrocities in the WW2 period of time. In early September, the story of a little-known wartime tale had its Irish premiere in Cineworld in Parnell Street. Director Sean Ellis's *Anthropoid* recounts the true-life story of the plot to assassinate one of Hitler's top henchman. The Dublin International Film Festival hosted this special Q/A event and the Irish stars of *Anthropoid*, Cillian Murphy and Jamie Dornan, were in attendance at the film's premiere.

The film's title is derived from 'Operation Anthropoid', the code name given to a mission by Czech operatives to assassinate SS general Reinhard Heydrich in 1940s Prague. The latter was the third-ranking Nazi officer after Hitler and Himmler and the chief architect of Hitler's 'Final Solution'. In 1941 he was also the brutal head of the German occupation in Czechoslovakia. Appropriately, Heydrich was dubbed the 'Butcher of Prague' and 'the man with the iron heart'. His speciality was public executions and ruthlessly suppressing any resistance to the Nazi movement.



It is in this climate of fear and paranoia that Josef Gabčík (Cillian Murphy) and Jan Kubis (Jamie Dornan) make their entrance. After an initial training period in England, the two young Czech patriots are parachuted back into their homeland with the mission of taking out Heydrich (Detlef Bothe). Josef and Jan are soon liaising with what's left of a cautious Czech Resistance led by 'Uncle' Hajskey (Toby Jones). Their subsequent actions and the terrible consequences of those efforts forms the sombre narrative of *Anthropoid*.

The British Director Sean Ellis co-wrote the script for *Anthropoid* with Anthony Frewin. It was fifteen years in the making and based on painstaking research from articles and publications. There was a previous British film version of this story in 1975 called *Operation Daybreak*. However, outside the Czech Republic, not a lot of people know this story even though it had a huge impact on the course of WW2 and history itself. Ellis was anxious to get his film just right and as authentic to the true-life history as possible. It's certainly a story worth telling but is it done well?



If you like your war films all gung-ho action with simple good and bad guy dynamics, this isn't the film for you. *Anthropoid* takes a while to get going. It feels rather sluggish in the early stages. A lot of time is spent presenting the characters, explaining their plans and the obstacles in their way. This all takes place in dimly lit interiors adding to the general sense of claustrophobia. It's not particularly exciting to watch at times but it does pay off dividends eventually.

Where Sean Ellis does succeed is in capturing the extreme tensions the plotters feel in the prolonged build-up to the assassination attempt on Heydrich's life. Prague is crawling with Nazi informants and everyone is viewed with suspicion in a climate of Nazi terror. Each sideways glance, each knock at the door draws a sharp intake of breath. The viewer is fully immersed in this dangerous world.



When the assassination attempt finally comes, it feels strangely random, almost anticlimactic despite the build-up beforehand. Just when you think *Anthropoid* should be finishing is when it finally comes into its own. After a slow start, the pace in the last third of the film suddenly accelerates several gears. The tension intensifies to an unbearable degree. The devastating, chaotic, bullet and grenade-ridden, cat-and-mouse Nazi standoff finale will leave you breathless and looking for a way out. Director Sean Ellis certainly leaves the best till last.



*Anthropoid* is amazing to look at – it uses sepia tones to resemble black and white newsreel footage of the war period. The film was shot in Prague and tries to be as faithful as possible to the actual locations where this heroic story took place. In fact, a torture scene is played out in the exact room where it occurred over 70 years ago. Is this crossing the line though in the pursuit of verisimilitude? Old photos of actual locations in 1942 were utilised and replicated through CGI. A one-to-one replica of Prague's stunning Cathedral of Saints Cyril and Methodius interior (so pivotal in the latter stages of the film) was built on a sound stage.

In the acting arena, Cillian Murphy (of *Peaky Blinders* fame) stands out as Josef Gabčík. He commands every scene that he is in. His brooding steely resolve is in contrast to Jamie Dornan's dreamer and wide-eyed naivety as Jan Kubis. Murphy's Josef is more detached and cynical, his eyes focused on the desperate mission ahead. Whereas Dornan's vulnerable character badly wants to 'believe there is a normal life waiting for (them)'.



The two Irish actors complement each other well – both earthy and likeable as the conflicted Czechs with the mission from hell. Murphy has the experience and definite edge in the acting stakes though. It's hard to take your eyes off him whenever he's on screen. Ellis has said of Cillian that you never see the mechanics of his acting. He just becomes the character he's playing and you are transported into his world.



Jamie Dornan, on the other hand, tries hard but you can see him 'acting'. And that simple fact detracts from any character he's playing. He's not wholly believable. The BBC series *The Fall* is perhaps the exception to the rule, being the actor's best work to date. Having said that, Dornan does equip himself well in *Anthropoid*'s thrilling last half hour.

In a rather cold film, the emotional stakes are raised somewhat when both men fall in love with two women they initially use as cover for their covert activities. Charlotte Le Bon and the elegant Czech actress Anna Geislerová play Dornan and Murphy's respective love interests.



Of the supporting cast, our own Sam Keeley puts in a commendable performance as a Resistance fighter. The very watchable English actor Toby Jones manages to steal almost every scene he is in. In one particularly harrowing scene, we are fully engaged in his wish to die.

There is a documentary feel to *Anthropoid* that makes it edgy and exciting at times. The jerky hand-held camerawork adds to a sense of disorientation and confusion. Ellis isn't interested in a bravado approach to historical events. His method is thoughtful, intimate and small-scale. Sometimes *Anthropoid* feels more like a character study than a war thriller. The director presents ordinary human beings with identifiable fears, emotions and doubts caught up in an extraordinary situation beyond their control.

The film is not without its flaws and sometimes lacks a focus. The first half meanders a bit but the blistering tension-filled finale is well worth sticking around for. Overall *Anthropoid* is a solid piece of work. Grim and sombre betimes, it serves to pay tribute to a compelling true-life story of raw courage and heroism in the troubled first half of the twentieth century.

**Rating 3½/5**



## Maynooth Education Campus set the bar high with exam success

Maynooth Education Campus has had a very successful exam result season and showed true evidence of the high quality of teaching and learning at the campus with the recent superb sets of results at Junior and Leaving Cert. Last Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 220 Junior Cert students received their results. Twins, Roisín and Caitríona Ní Chathain received the highest results in the school with an incredible 11 As each. Top male student was Alex Harding with 9 As. This followed on from exam success at Leaving Cert level last month. When the results of students of Maynooth Post Primary students were analysed against the national average a compelling trend was evident. An exceptional 45.2% of students achieved 400 points or more. This is compared to the national average of 34.4% (extra Maths points excluded from both sets of data). Furthermore, the numbers of students who successfully took subjects at Higher Level in the Campus is above the national average.


The educational success was continued with the publishing of the annual league tables in *The Sunday Times* on 28<sup>th</sup> August last. The figures are based on the numbers of 2015 Leaving Cert students who continued on to 3<sup>rd</sup> level education. Maynooth Post Primary came in impressively at number 84 of the top 400 schools in the country, having jumped up 16 places in the table since last year. This places Maynooth Post Primary at number 9 in Leinster and is the top non fee-paying school in Co. Kildare which is a very significant accolade.

The principals in Maynooth Education Campus, Mr. Johnny Nevin and Ms. Siobhan Mc Cauley and Chief Executive of Kildare Wicklow E.T.B., Mr. Sean Ashe wishes to thank the teachers for their dedication and to commend them on the high standards achieved. Students were congratulated for their diligence, aptitude and ability. Parents and the Boards of Management of the Campus were acknowledged for their on-going support. Well done to all involved. The future of education in Maynooth Education Campus does indeed look bright!





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