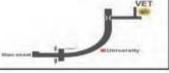








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# **OBESITY IN DOGS AND CATS**

#### DOGS



Obese dogs are usually carrying 10-15% excess body weight. Obesity is most commonly seen in dogs between 5-10 years old. It is easier to determine obesity in pedigree dogs as these dogs have ideal body weights. So by weighing your dog we can classify him. Non pedigree dogs can be judged by the fat cover on their ribs, lumber region on the back and the base of the tail.

Some owners bring their dogs into the Clinic worried about "lumps" on the lumber back area, which are in fact heavy deposits of fat. When the ribs of a dog cannot be felt because of fat cover, this dog is classified as obese.

Obesity can cause your dog to be depressed, in pain, inactive, aggressive and sometimes unsocial. When the obese dog loses weight it becomes happy, social, confident and has an improved quality of life. Obesity is a disease just like heart, kidney or liver disease. It affects the dog's bones, joints, digestive organs, lungs and heart. It can shorten your dog's life. Before putting an obese dog on a diet some health issues have to be ruled out e.g. hypothyroidism, diabetes or neutering.

In Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467) we run a Weight Management Clinic with a free consultation for your dog or cat. At this consult we take a full history of your pet's habits while

also giving a dietary plan and support over the 5-6 month period. Remember 5% weight loss is the initial challenge!



#### CATS

Obese cats have become more of a problem in recent years. Cats over 5kg body weight regularly come into the Clinic. Obesity in cats causes poor skin and coat condition as the cat is too heavy to groom itself. It can also cause urinary tract infections as they are not active and urinate less frequently. These cats can also suffer from diabetes where the animal becomes immune to



the effect of insulin. In the majority of cases this can be reversed by weight loss.

People usually don't realise their cat is overweight. They think he or she is happy to lie around all day sleeping with no play, no hunting or no exploring. It is only when they reduce weight that the "kitten activity" reappears!

Feeding your cat little and often, weighing out exact daily feeds, and encouraging play and activity will help them reduce weight!



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Kildare North General Election Candidate

# Working for You Cllr. Frank O'Rourke

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#### **Comhaltas in Maynooth**

The Autumn term of music tuition at Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad is well underway with teaching recommenced since the beginning of September. This builds on the branch's hosting of the hugely successful Leinster Fleadh held during July, which brought an amazing 15,000 visitors to Maynooth for competitions, sessions and to enjoy the selection of traditional music and dancing on offer in Maynooth square.

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Branch session in McMahon's

"The Fleadh increased the profile

of both the local branch and the traditional arts in North Kildare, and the branch have seen the benefit of this in this year's registration process", said Seán Treacy Chairman of the local branch. "Seeing their friends playing on stage at the Fleadh, and rocking along to Goitse until late Friday night has meant the kids have been really energised turning up for lessons and sessions, and the Fleadh has given both young and old a view of what a gift playing our music is", said Seán.

The teaching team at the branch is enhanced this year by the addition of Sligo's Jason McGuinness (fiddle), Ellen Godley (concertina), Cillian McCabe (banjo), James Ryan (guitar) and Rita Doyle (Set Dancing), adding to the existing line-up of Aimee Farrell-Courtney, Lauren, Karen and Sean Treacy, and Sean Ó Mhorgha.

Lessons are run from 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings in Maynooth Post Primary School and to reflect the importance of playing and collaborating in groups, the branch has also an increased focus on the session setting this year. One lesson per month, is given over to playing in groups – we had the first on 21st October and our players absolutely love it, as a more informal break from the class setting, enjoying the music as it was meant to be played.

In addition to this, there is one session per month in McMahon's Maynooth – the next session will be on the 16th December start time 9.30pm. For younger members, a session takes place Sunday afternoons at 3pm. The next session will be on the 13th Dec. All musicians are welcome to these sessions, whether branch members or not, so we look forward to seeing you there, to sample the atmosphere and the tunes.

Photos were taken by John Boyd and Rory O' Connor. Lots more information on www.ccemaighnuad.com and Facebook & Twitter (CCEMaighNuad).



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# Maynooth Senior Citizens Sale of Work A Hugh Success

Many thanks to all who supported our Sale of Work again this year. We raised  $\notin 10,092$  which speaks volumes about the sense of community we are so lucky to have in Maynooth.

Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day. The result of our Monster draw was as follows: Monster Christmas Hamper was won by Gay Hoare, €200 Jeanette Holten, €100 John Walsh. In other draws Mary Deane won 32" TV and Daniel Nicoll won the Tablet. The big winners of course are our older people, because your generosity shows the respect you have for them, you are just the gift that keeps on giving. A big thank you to all our sponsors, SuperValu, Sean Donovan, Manor Mills, Thornton's Recycling, Frank Walsh, Willie Kiernan, Maynooth College, Gerard and Siobhan Mc Myler and Eugene O' Reilly.

The thank you of the day must go to our young people especially the Maynooth Scouts who give up their weekend each year to help us out. In a climate where there is such bad press about young people, the parents of these particular young people should be very proud, and not forgetting their Scout leaders Peter, Tony and Johnny who guide them along the way.

Just a reminder to our Senior Citizens that our SuperValu Christmas shopping / party takes place on Sun Dec  $6^{th}$  at 3pm and our Christmas Dinner takes place on Sun Dec  $20^{th}$  at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Finally I wish you all the best for the festive season and we will do it all again in 2016. Le Cúnaimh De

Josephine Moore - Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

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# **Community Council Notes**

Maynooth Community Council Notes from the meeting of Monday November 9th held at Maynooth Community Space at 8.30pm

#### **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Catherine Mulready was co-opted to the Council as a representative of Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

#### FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Festival Committee congratulated Bernie Kane from Tesco Extra Maynooth on winning the Local Community Star Award at the recent Tesco All Ireland Values Awards 2015. Bernie organises the Tesco fun day section of the Summer Festival which always proves popular with the youngest members of our community. She is also instrumental in the 'Community Fund' whereby customers can place the blue tokens received after shopping into one of three nominated charity collection points. Nominated charities are rotated every 6 weeks and they share in €1000 at the completion of each 6 week period. Many local organisations have benefited from this initiative.

The Maynooth Calendar is currently on sale at various locations throughout Maynooth including the Newsletter Office, Durga Ireland (beside the Avenue Restaurant) and both St Vincent de Paul shops. It will also be on sale at A onach na Nollag on December 5th at Maynooth Castle. The calendar is a collection of the photographs submitted for the photography competition which was part of the 2015 Summer Festival. It is priced at 10 Euro and proceeds will go to the local St Vincent de Paul Society. Check the Maynooth Festival Facebook page for regular updates.

Preparations are well underway for A onach na Nollag, the first open air Christmas Fair organised in conjunction with Maynooth Community Council. Saturday December 5th will see Maynooth Castle grounds open to the public where local craftspeople will be displaying and selling their products. The Festival Committee are very grateful to everyone involved with this new venture. A full list of sponsors and exhibitors will appear in the next edition of the Newsletter.

#### **TIDY TOWNS**

The Tidy Towns Committee expressed their delight at their Silver Medal Award in this years National Competition. Having graduated from Bronze awards in 2013 and 2014, it shows the level of commitment from the volunteers, and the general appearance of the town reflects their hard work. On behalf of the residents of Maynooth, thank you and congratulations.

On Friday November 6th, Tidy Towns had their Volunteer Celebration Evening in the Glenroyal Hotel. Gratitude was expressed to Ted Robinson from the Glenroyal for sponsoring the event. Thanks also to the staff of the Glenroyal, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Craobh Maigh Nuad for the lovely entertainment and to Darren Mooney from Quickstitch Embroidery for his presentation of polo shirts emblazoned with the Tidy Towns logo. Presentations were also made to some young

volunteers and to Marian Cawley who won a Local The ICA Book of Christmas is currently on sale and Hero award at the Nationals.

Clean ups continue regularly and anyone wishing to volunteer or help in any way can do so by contacting Mattie Callaghan, Richard Farrell or by sending a message to Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook page which is updated regularly. Details of clean up times and meeting places are posted weekly on Facebook.

It was suggested by MCC Chairman Tom McMullon that thought be given to bringing back the Tidy Estates Competition. If everybody looked after their own little patch it would make the workload of the volunteers that little bit lighter.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Chairperson Josie Moore noted that following her observation at last months meeting about the footpaths on the Dunboyne Road being in need of repair, work had been taking place. This will make it easier on senior citizens who require rollators.

The Halloween party took place on October 18th and was attended by many in fancy dress, including committee members.

The Sale of Work took place in the Aula Maxima on Sunday November 15th. It was reported that ticket sales for the Monster Raffle were better than ever. Josie expressed her thanks to Supervalu, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Maynooth Scouts for their ongoing assistance and promotion of the event.

#### MAYNOOTH GIRL GUIDES

The Brownies held a recent Culture Night and the Rangers were on hand helping out at the Sale of Work.

#### **MAYNOOTH SCOUTS**

The Scouts are very pleased that the Geraldine Hall is being utilised by many different groups. It has been the venue for the Senior Citizens 50th anniversary ecumenical service, and classes in drama and sign language also take place there.

The Bingo is now in full swing every Wednesday at 8.30pm. All are welcome. Proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Hall.

The Scouts went to Glenmalure for a camping weekend. No electricity or running water on site so it would have tested the mettle of even the toughest of the group. The plans are well underway to take the Venture Scouts to Italy next year.

The Scouts also continued their association with the EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL Senior Citizens Sale of Work by volunteering on the day.

#### ICA

Crafts continue every Monday night. There was a recent Copper Craft evening which was enjoyed by many.

Pilates takes place in the Boys' National School on Wednesdays.

contains traditions and recipes for the perfect Irish Christmas. They are running a 'shoe box appeal' for blankets, coats and duvets to help the Peter McVerry Trust in their fight against homelessness.

The ICA were planning to have a tree festooned with homemade decorations at The Christmas Tree Festival to take place over the weekend of November 28/29 at the Church of Ireland. They will also have exhibits at the Flower Festival in St Mary's Church between 2-6 on December 11th.

Delegates attended the recent Hospice Foundation Think Ahead initiative. The booklet is on sale now priced at 2 Euro.

#### **MAYNOOTH STUDENTS' UNION**

SU President Matt O'Boyle extended his sympathy to the family of the late Dean McCarron from Monaghan who died tragically young while in America to attend his brother's wedding. Dean was a former student of Maynooth University and was very active in many aspects of College life. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.

Christmas Day in the College will take place on December 14th, and plans are currently being put in place to try to avoid anti social behaviour.

Temple Street Hospital's Renal Facility will be the Student Union charity for 2016.

#### COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRI ÉIREANN **CRAOBH MAIGH NUAD**

The Maynooth branch of Comhaltas have classes ongoing and are heartened to see so many new junior members following on from the success of Fleadh Laighean 2015. A donation was made to Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee from the proceeds of the Fleadh. They also provided entertainment at the recent Tidy Towns Volunteer Celebration. Craobh Maigh Nuad hope to make a number of other donations to other local groups in the near future.

#### HISTORY GROUP

A talk took place on Monday 16th of November on 'Events that changed Europe 1200-1600'. The group went on recent trips to Baldonnel Aerodrome and the Curragh Museum. Both were recommended as outings for people who had never been.

An Artifact Night is planned for January 18th. People are encouraged to bring along an artifact of historical significance and give a brief outline of same.

Erasmus students from Finland and Germany visited the ET School to teach the children about various aspects of culture in their countries. The students of ET are involved with the Tesco Initiative for Schools whereby they take part in crafts, poetry and story writing with the theme 'Kindness at Christmas'. The Winter Fair will be held on December 17 at the school.

#### **Community Council Notes (Cont.)**

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#### ST PATRICKS DAY FESTIVAL

Fund raising is due to take place soon for the St Patrick's Day Festival. The plan is to have a marquee in the town with breakfast, lunch and dinner sittings encompassing the foods and cultures of the many international groups in Maynooth. Entertainment will also be on hand at the marquee.

The Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Perpetual Trophy has been added to the list of prizes for the 2016 St Patrick's Day Parade. The Council decided it would be fitting to commemorate Muireann in a permanent and public way. As she was a founder member and former Secretary of MCC and a very hard working community activist. The trophy is a bronze statuette of CuChulainn. It will be presented to the float with the best Celtic theme, which ties in with Muireann's academic interest in Early Irish Literature, Culture and Heritage.

#### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday December 20th there will be a Christmas Concert in Manor Mills at 7pm in aid of Kildare Refugee Centre.

#### **SIGNAGE & ROADS**

It was mentioned that certain Estate Agents are slow to remove the signs advertising that properties have been sold. The signs can be unsightly and should be removed promptly upon completion of the sale of the property.

It was noted that the frequency of the Road

Sweeper attending local estates has increased which was welcomed by all attending.

Since the MCC meeting, there was a meeting of Maynooth Municipal District Councillors and the North/South Corridor was discussed. Local residents had been concerned about a proposal to remove the right turn filter lanes at the Train Station, Silken Vale and Greenfield. Thankfully common sense prevailed and this idea was decided against. The following motion was subsequently passed.

"That the Part 8 report on the Maynooth North-South Cycle Corridor be approved while right turns to Maynooth Train Station, Old Greenfield and Silken Vale; and that the detailed design for the next stage seek to provide improvements in segregation between cyclists and motor vehicles and that this be brought to council for finalisation"

#### MAYNOOTH ARTS CIRCLE

If members of the community would like to become involved with a group very much at the exploratory stage, they are asked to leave an expression of interest at the Newsletter Office marked 'Maynooth Arts Circle'. If there is enough interest then a group will be formed to meet once a month to perform in a 'Monday Miscellany' style event. It is along the lines of a singing circle but less restrictive. Attendees can sing, recite poetry, or perform a drama piece or a dance. This is an idea following on from the successful Yeats Night which was held at the Community Space.

globe two in particular come to mind. Firstly our

assistance please feel free to contact Maynooth

twinning partner of Canet-en-Roussillon in France.

There are continuing visits between the two towns and

more will continue in 2016. Remember that if you are

planning to visit there in 2016 and you would like some

Community Council. We are regularly made aware of

Maynooth, so if you meet any of these visitors, please

developments in this twinning relationship will happen

Council office beside Maynooth Post Office. Secondly,

Ontario, Canada. While we are not in a formal twinning

relationship with this area a number of people from both

Lastly but by no means least, please look out for your

our residents will go away for the festive season there will still be people who you may not have spoken to in

your neighbourhood that this time of the year gives you

potential for winter to finally arrive could mean that your

this time of the year is primarily associated with presents

the chance to share good wishes with them. Also the

neighbours may need your help. The gift of giving at

but we often underestimate the value of a kind word or

neighbours at this time of the year particularly if they are

elderly or in need of any other assistance. While many of

there are also ongoing connections with Maynooth in

towns stay in regular contact.

deed.

in 2016 and if you want to be involved all you need to do

visitors from Canet-en-Roussillon who have visited

make them especially welcome to our town. Further

is to leave your details in the Maynooth Community

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The subject of the Christmas Lights was mentioned. Every year the town is lit up beautifully by the Business Association. This does not happen by magic or by accident and funding is always required. Local residents and businesses are asked to make donations, if they so wish, to the Business Association. Mark Nolan of Maynooth Cabs, Declan Kennedy of Brady's Pub and Robert Kennedy of The Avenue Cafe and Restaurant would be only too happy to speak to you in regards to this annual venture.

The Executive Board of Maynooth Community Council are heartened to see the attendance maintaining the filter lanes on the Straffan Road for increasing at the monthly meetings. There are still local areas and groups that are either under represented or not represented at all. If you feel that you would like to represent an area or group then please write to the Council. The Council will check the representation of that area and if there is a shortfall then you can be co-opted onto the Council. By working together we can put the unity back in Community.

> Maynooth Community Council would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Paul Daly- PRO - Maynooth Community Council



#### Letters to the Editor

#### A Chara.

I would like to thank all those that either attended or donated to my coffee morning in September. It was the Annual National Coffee Morning in aid of the Hospice Foundation. The final sum raised on the day was €3110 with a cheque from Tesco Community Fund still to follow.

Our family has been linked to the Hospice Foundation since 1999 and we have been fundraising since 2000. In the past 16 years with the help of local people and local businesses, we have raised just over €56,000, for which St. Brigids Hospice in The Curragh is most grateful. There are too many to name individually so I hope this is acceptable as a token of gratitude to all concerned. I also hope I can count on your support again next year.

Remember, to die with dignity is a right, not a privilege.

Thank you, May Daly Moyglare Rd



#### To the Editor,

I am writing to congratulate all who worked so hard to win the Tidy Towns Silver Medal Award. I read the judges report and I was disappointed that little mention was made of Carton Avenue (My pet subject). It was great to refer to Maynooth as a University town. I would also like to know who gave permission for building of flats in the town above Manor Mills

Raymond Keogh Cormicktown Wood, Maynooth

# **Editorial**

December/January is that time of the year where we reflect on the past year and anticipate the new one. Space here does not permit me to either reflect or expect in any detail but from the Community Council perspective there have been good and bad in 2015 and hope and optimism for 2016. The good was minimal in comparison to the loss that was brought to us in 2015 on the untimely death of our colleague Muireann Ni Bhrolchain. I am sure that colleagues and friends will remember her at this time. Maynooth Community Council has established an award to be presented at the St. Patrick's Day Parade each year in her memory.

One of the striking things about Maynooth is the range of people living in our community who probably do not consider Maynooth as their home. For example there are increasing numbers of International students attending Maynooth University. Also there are many people working in Ireland on International assignments or indeed people that are here for many other reasons. In such a community it is likely that this important time of the year will be celebrated in many different ways in Maynooth.

On the International front there will be continuing challenges for Ireland, Europe and beyond. There are many people living elsewhere that consider Maynooth as their home. I know that we get feedback from Maynooth people living abroad on matters raised and written about in the "Maynooth Newsletter". This monthly publication is available each month on the web as each edition is added to the electronic archive. We extend best wishes at this time of the year to everyone living abroad that associate themselves with Maynooth.

Happy Christmas and best wishes to all our readers. Paul Croghan



While Maynooth has links with many places around the

# **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Common Sense Prevails on Right Turning Lanes

At Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting on 11 November Councillors unanimously agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's following Motion:

"That the Part 8 Report on the Maynooth Town North-South Corridor be approved with the exception of the removal of the right turning lanes at Old Greenfield, Silken Vale and the Train Station."

The motion was seconded by Cllr. Cronin on 11 November. She had also previously done so at the MD meeting on 15 October. As none of the other seven Councillors indicated support for Cllr. McGinley's motion on 15 October John became very concerned that the right turning lanes would be removed and in consultation with his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg it was agreed to send a letter explaining the issue to all houses along the Straffan Road and Celbridge Road.

We believe Councillors only voted for Cllr. McGinley's motion on the 11 November because of the massive amount of E mails that they got from the public in opposition to the removal of the right turning lanes. People power won and Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. McGinley would like to congratulate the people of Maynooth on their success in getting this crazy proposal reversed.

## Cllr. McGinley Seeks the Re-alignment of the Straffan Road/Glenroyal Complex

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission on the Glenroyals new Planning Application Ref: 15/947:

"I wish to make the following submission to this Planning Application:

The existing exit from the Glenroyal Complex to the Straffan Road is of very poor design, especially for traffic turning left. Please see attached correspondence from 2014 on the issue.

Now that an additional 35 extra guest rooms are proposed it is an opportune time to re-align the junction."

#### Cllr. McGinley Seeks Update on the Taking in Charge of Housing Estates in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply from the Council Planners:

"Sorry for the delay coming back to you. We are still working our way through the 38 estates advertised in February and the 16 advertised in July. We intend to go to each of the relevant Municipal District meetings in December with a recommendation to take in charge any of these estates which are ready at that stage for taking in charge.

Part of Griffin Rath Hall which was taken in charge 19/12/2011. None of the rest of the estate has been taken in charge to date but the developer has engaged with us in relation to the completion and taking in charge of the remainder."

# Implementation of Maynooth Parking By-Laws to Proceed

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the new Director of Services, Niall Morrissey, that he had given the go ahead for the Maynooth Parking By-Laws to proceed now. He said that he was also conscious of the upcoming Christmas period.

#### Safety Improvements on Newtown Road, Maynooth

The Area Engineer gave Cllr. McGinley the following update to his motion asking for safety improvements on Newtown Road:

"The Municipal District Office has now undertaken speed measurements at Parsons Hall and at Cluain Aoibhinn. It has recorded a significant number of speed violations at both of these locations and will be working with the Roads Design Department to develop traffic calming measures."

He further advised John that all traffic calming measures, including ramps, would be considered.

#### Cllr. McGinley Demands Answers on the Delay in Getting the 66 Bus Extension to Newtown, Maynooth:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 November:

"What is causing the delay in extending the 66 bus service to Newtown, Maynooth? Is it: a) Lack of NTA funding,

b) Lack of action by Dublin Bus or something else?

#### John was given the following reply:

"No funding was approved by the National Transport Authority (NTA) for this project for 2015."

Cllr. McGinley responded saying that the Council were being treated in a disgraceful manner by Dublin Bus as we were told on 15 January 2015 that they were going to Public Consultation on the proposed extension. Dublin Bus attended a meeting of the Maynooth MD on 8 October 2014 and had previously attended the old Celbridge Area Committee on 21 March 2014.

Also the Council wrote to them in Maynooth 2015 and we are still awaiting a reply, six months later. It was agreed to again write to Dublin Bus and the NTA (National Transport Authority) inviting them to our next Municipal District (MD) Meeting.

# Cllr. McGinley Asks for Safety Improvements at Doctors Lane/Dublin Road

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 November:

"Can the Council do something to improve safety for pedestrians from Dublin Road to the back of the Library on Doctors Lane, Maynooth?"

John was given the following positive response: "The Municipal District Office has been examining this situation and will be working on a design for a new section of footpath from the Main Street to the rightangle bend on Doctors Lane. The path would require the removal of two parking spaces on the opposite side of the road so public consultation would be required. Work will be scheduled for 2016."

# Cllr. McGinley Calls for Paint Tin Collection at the Council Yard

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 November:

"That the Council provide a collection service, at the Maynooth depot once a year, for paint tins, until a Recycling Centre is provided in the north of the County.

John was given the following highly unsatisfactory reply:

The Environment Section is progressing plans for a local civic amenity site in North Kildare to serve Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip. The proposed facility will allow the public to dispose of paints and specified hazardous materials at the centre.

Regrettably, although the current motion has particular merit, the recycling of paints would require approvals from the Environmental Protection Agency and practical arrangements to properly dispose of such waste. John stated that the Environment Section seems to have

misunderstood what he was looking for, which is for the Council to provide a skip once a year for people to dispose of their waste paint tins and then the Council could take it to the Silliot Hill Recycling Centre, Kilcullen, rather than having householders having to drive to Kilcullen themselves.

# 8 Contractors Tender for Construction of Two New Maynooth Secondary Schools

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the case for the Construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and shared Sports Facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road with the Minister for Education and he has now been advised that 8 Contractors returned Tenders for the Construction of both Schools and the Sports Facility

The Tenders stated Deputy Stagg will now be assessed by the Design Team and it is expected that the preferred contractor will be chosen within 3 to 4 weeks. A report recommending the preferred tenderer will then go to the Department for approval and given the scale of the project it is expected that the evaluation of the winning tender will take about 6 weeks. Deputy Stagg stated that both of the Schools, the new Maynooth Community College and the Replacement school for Maynooth Post Primary School, will cater for 1,000 pupils each.

Given the timeframe for approval of the winning tender it is expected that the construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and Sports Facility will commence on site in February 2016 with a 24 month construction period. Welcoming the continuing progress Deputy Stagg stated that Maynooth will have State of the Art Secondary Schools and a Sports Facility for our secondary pupils and he thanked his colleague Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. for securing the funding necessary for the Schools and Sports Facility.

#### 46 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KILDARE NORTH GET MINOR WORKS FUNDS OF €544,856 IN NOVEMBER

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that a total of 46 primary schools in Kildare North received Minor Works Grants totalling €544,856 in November. The grant enables Boards of Management and school principals to improve their existing school facilities and to help schools purchase furniture, PE and IT related equipment. This ultimately benefits the educational experience of local pupils.

"Each primary school received a grant of  $\notin$ 5,500, as well as  $\notin$ 18.50 per pupil. Schools also get  $\notin$ 74 for every pupil with special needs enrolled. The grant is worth more than  $\notin$ 11,000 for a 300 pupil primary school, or almost  $\notin$ 13,000 in the case of a special school with 100 pupils. "Some  $\notin$ 28m is being made available to facilitate this year's scheme and I am pleased that local primary schools in Kildare North received their fair share of this vital funding stream."

#### STAGG WELCOMES REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS TO GIVE WORKERS MORE CERTAINTY OVER WORKING HOURS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that the findings of the Report carried out by University of Limerick, 'A Study on the Prevalence of Zero Hours Contracts among Irish Employers and their Impact on Employees' commissioned by Minister Ged Nash, will come as welcome news to workers in Kildare. Deputy Stagg commented: "The Report commissioned by my Labour Party colleague Minister Ged Nash, recommends that the use of "if and when" contracts by employers needs to be addressed.

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"Interestingly, it shows that zero hour contracts, as we know them, are not extensively used. However, a new phenomenon of "if and when" contracts has been identified by the researchers.

"The Report recommends that employees are given at least 72 hours' notice of any request to undertake work and the same amount of notice should be given for the cancellation of hours. If a worker undertakes extra hours without the minimum notice, they should be compensated at 150% of the rate they would be paid. If workers do not get the minimum notice for the cancellation of hours, they should be paid at their normal rate for the hours which were scheduled.

"People who work on "if and when" contracts face difficulty planning their everyday lives because they have little certainty over their work schedules and how much they will earn in a month. This makes it difficult for people to budget and pay bills or even plan a family day out. I fully support Minister Nash's efforts to address

this type of precarious work and I am glad Labour in Government is addressing this important issue which I know affects many workers.

## HOUSING PACKAGE PROVIDES STABILITY IN VOLATILE MARKETPLACE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the housing announcement by the Minister for Environment, Community, and Local Government Alan Kelly, and the Minister for Finance Michael Noonan. Speaking on the announcement, Deputy Stagg said, "The broad suite of measures announced will provide stability for thousands of people living in private rented accommodation."

"The changing of rent reviews from 12 to 24 months, and stronger tenant rights will give more certainty to people living in the private rented sector. The changing of rent review periods means that anyone who has faced a rent increase in 2015, will not have another until 2017. In addition landlords will be obliged to give a minimum of 90 days notice of new rent instead of the existing 28

days and will also be required to supply the PRTB with additional documentation in support of any rent increase sought including documentation in relation to the market rent for 3 similar dwellings in the area.

"Landlords who take in families on the HAP scheme will receive 100% mortgage interest relief on their borrowings if they commit to housing tenants for a minimum of three years. "As a TD, I deal with incredibly challenging housing cases every week. Labour backbenchers have consistently raised the need for large-scale Government investment in housing. The announcement is a significant step in the right direction, especially for thousands of people who live in the private rented sector."

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: 6285293 or 087 9890645 E mail jmcginley@eircom.net Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

#### St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

It has been quite some time since the Band has featured in the *Newsletter* but it is very much alive and flourishing as we come to the end of another year. Our recitals during the year have taken us to Farmleigh



House, Maynooth Girls' School, Dunboyne Primary School and Scoil Ui Rhiada in Kilcock as a part of the Family Days in each School. We also participated in the Tesco Open Day and were delighted to be a part of the Leinster Fleadh held in Maynooth for the first time and by the time these notes appear we will have taken part in our Annual Mass for Deceased members on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

We had a change of Musical Director during the year and were very happy to secure the services of Karen Ní Bhroin who is an extremely experienced Conductor who has worked with a number of Bands, Choirs and Orchestras, including the RTE Concert Orchestra so hopefully the Band will make further progress under her baton.

December tends to be a busy time for the Band and we have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Concert which is again being held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. This promises to be a most entertaining event with a mixture of popular and Christmas numbers and we hope to have a number of guests joining us as well on the day.

Although the date has not yet been set we expect to again join our Friends in the Church of Ireland for their Christmas Carol Service and no doubt you will also meet the groups of the band when they appear in the usual locations in the town in the lead up to Christmas shaking boxes to help fund the high cost of keeping the Band going throughout the year.

Finally we are delighted to report that Junior Classes are still being held to keep the flow of musicians coming through and if you are interested in joining please mail your details to

sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie and we will let you know when the next term of classes begin. Of course proficient musicians are indeed welcome at all times and already this year we have had a number come to join us for which we are indeed grateful.

If you can play a brass, reed or even percussion instrument please don't hesitate to drop in to the Band Hall at Pound Lane any Monday night (except Bank Holidays) between 7.45pm and 9.45pm and we would be delighted to see you.

## COUNCILLORS ENDORSE MEDIOCRITY FOR MAYNOOTH

On a morning when traffic in Maynooth almost came to a standstill, the councillors of Maynooth Municipal District endorsed low quality walking and cycling facilities when they approved the Part 8 Scheme for the Maynooth North South Corridor.

In the days before the vote, a consultant's proposal to remove three right turn lanes came to the fore, and we will address this issue directly in the future. However for us, the critical issue was whether the plan would provide sufficient space to create a high quality environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The approved scheme singularly fails to do this.

In many English speaking countries, there is a lot of spin associated with cycling schemes. Many claim to provide high quality facilities but few live up to the hype. The plan for Maynooth is no different in this regard.

The Straffan Road is exceptionally wide and has enough room to provide high quality space for cyclists and pedestrians, even with the retention of the right turn lanes, simply by reducing the width of vehicle lanes. As secondary benefits, this would calm traffic, reducing noise and pollution. It would also make entering and exiting the road easier and safer. However, the plan approved by councillors calls for a 1/3 reduction in the space for pedestrians at crossings, with extra space provided only at places where it is not needed. Space for cyclists is generally unchanged from the current twenty year old scheme. In addition much of the off-road tracks will be moved on-road. The reduced space for pedestrians can be seen on the works currently underway south of the Maxol petrol station. The road is effectively being widened and pedestrians being moved closer to traffic with barely enough space to walk two abreast.

- At Main Street, the off road cycle tracks are to be removed. Cyclists will be expected to share the narrow roadway with the 20,000 cars and trucks which use this road daily. This will be a particular problem for young children cycling to the Presentation Girls School. We predict that even fewer will do so, worsening the traffic congestion due to the 'school run'.
- On Mill Street, the existing on-road cycle tracks are used as parking spaces by cars and as loading bays by commercial vehicles, especially in the mornings when children are going to school. As well as pushing cyclists into the vehicle lane, this subjects them to the danger of hitting opening car doors. The Part 8 proposals ignore these problems and contain no plans to widen the busy but narrow footpath outside Dunnes Stores.
- The Moyglare Road could have up to 2000 cyclists a day with the relocation of the secondary schools. The cycle track proposed in the Part 8 scheme is of the lowest quality standard and is substandard even by Irish standards. In particular, the proposal to have two way cycle tracks has been identified internationally as increasing the risks for cyclists compared to conventional one way cycle tracks.

Internationally, cities such as Oslo, London, Leeds and Glasgow have recognised the importance of high quality cycle facilities to sustainable development and improved quality of life. It is a matter of regret that the people of Maynooth are being offered substandard provision, even by 20th century standards. It is also regrettable, as demonstrated by the works south of Maxol, that road widening at the expense of pedestrian facilities, is being undertaken in the name of cycling provision.

#### Maynooth Cycling can be contacted via our Facebook page Maynooth-Cycling. Our twitter feed is Maynooth Cycling.

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#### Fianna Fáil Notes – December 2015

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#### Gaelcoláiste approved for Maynooth in 2019

The Department of Education and Skills announced on the 16th of November that a Gaelcoláiste is to be established in Maynooth in 2019. The school will have joint patronage between the Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) and An Foras Pátrúnachta. This is excellent news for parents of children in gaelscoileanna in the area. The press release stated that the viability of the Aonad in Maynooth Community College is a factor in the establishment of the Gaelcoláiste. It is vital that parents with children in 5th and 6th class send their children to the Aonad if they want their children to be educated through the medium of Irish until the Gaelcoláiste is built.

I have campaigned and lobbied for a Gaelcoláiste long before I was elected and this was one of my main goals when elected as a county councillor last year. I am extremely proud of the work done by parents and the people of North Kildare who have fought for this for over twenty years.

#### Maynooth North-South Corridor

The Maynooth North-South Corridor was passed by the Maynooth Municipal District on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November with two conditions. The first condition was that the right turning lanes at the Train Station, Silken Vale and Old Greenfield are kept. The second condition was that councillors have a continuous input into the plan, where problems may arise.

In relation to the right turning lanes, there was mis-information circulated that councillors were in favour of their removal. This was complete fabrication and inaccurate. No councillor was in favour of removing the lanes, this was evidenced by how councillors voted on the day. I also appreciate the emails and letters I received on this plan from many people in Maynooth. The project will now proceed and will bring great improvements to the town

Parson's Street I proposed at the Maynooth MD meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November that double yellow lines be painted in the houses side of Parsons Street. This is due to many accidents at this area and also the inability for two cars to pass at once on a double carriageway. I was not supported by my fellow councillors but will re-visit the problem and try and find a solution.

#### **O'Neill Park**

I queried the area engineer about what safety features could be installed in O'Neill Park, Maynooth to alleviate road traffic entering the estate? At present, many cars use the roundabout in the estate to turn around at peak traffic times leading up to the Main Street. Unfortunately the engineer is not aware of any measures which could be adopted to prevent cars entering the estate to undertake turning manoeuvres that would not be equally inconvenient to the residents of the estate who themselves use the turning circle to effect turning manoeuvres

#### Footbridge at Manor Mills

I also queried when the much needed footbridge at manor mills would be built but no time commitment was given. This bridge is much needed with the huge volume of pedestrians going across the bridge on a narrow footpath.

#### Upgrade of Straffan Road

The first steps in improving the Straffan Road are complete with an excellent job done. People will notice the difference at Carton Court and at Kingsbry.

#### Maynooth Senior Citizens Sale of Work

Congratulations to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on organising another wonderful day at the Sale of Work. Numbers were at their biggest to date and this shows our community's commitment to the older people in our community

#### Right turning lanes off Straffan Road

One issue that many constituents contacted me on recently was the fear of losing the right turning lanes into Silken Vale, Old Greenfield and Kingsbry. This stemmed from an NTA proposal to prioritise cycle lanes in the town. All across the County the NTA are bringing forward projects which may have worthy goals but are not taking sufficient account of local realities. I am delighted that my colleagues on the Maynooth local area committee voted down this proposal. I understand that traffic continues to be an issue in the town and I am engaging with the engineer and roads teams to try address some of the bottlenecks at the many junctions.

#### GaelCholáiste in North Kildare

Another issue that was raised with me was the need for a GaelCholáiste in North Kildare. I attended a packed meeting on this issue in Leixlip in November and pledged my support to the parents and the committee who are working hard to achieve this goal.

#### Need to invest in Transport Network

Kildare commuters will be faced with increasing delays in the coming weeks and months due to growing traffic congestion, warns Cllr James Lawless. The Fianna Fáil Dáil candidate for Kildare North made the comments following a week of traffic chaos for Kildare commuters following the closure of the M50 last Wednesday. Delays were faced on the N4 and N7 in recent

mornings. Cllr Lawless is himself a commuter and he has consistently called for greater investment in public and commuter transport infrastructure. "The long delays faced by commuters across Kildare recently with the wild weather, and tragically with accidents, demonstrates that we have a growing problem with traffic in the Greater Dublin Area," said Cllr Lawless. "I have been consistently raising transport issues for commuters over the last 10 years. The failure to invest in public transport will only compound the long delays that commuters are now experiencing on a daily basis. This is having an impact on people's quality of life, and is also putting potential investors off doing business in the Dublin area."

"Unfortunately gridlock is going to become a persistent problem for Kildare commuters. The M50 is already over capacity despite the fact that it acts as the main route to north and south Dublin alongside the city centre itself. Any accident along the route has the potential to shut down all roads across the Greater Dublin Area."

"Commuters are growing increasingly frustrated with the excessive delays they are expected to endure just to get to work. I have been contacted by people who had to endure a five hour commute last week as the traffic came to a standstill. On the previous day many people were caught up in significant delays on the N7 due to an accident. Such delays are becoming increasingly common. I reiterate my call on the Government to

#### Radical action needed to address Kildare housing needs -**O'Rourke**

Fianna Fáil General Election candidate for Kildare North Cllr Frank O'Rourke is calling on Kildare County Council to allocate land banks in its possession for the construction of social housing. Cllr O'Rourke says such a measure would allow the local authority to work alongside private partnerships in order to increase its housing stock and provide much needed accommodation for people at risk of becoming homeless.

"We are in the midst of a serious housing crisis and the predictions are that the number of people needing accommodation will outstrip supply for the coming years. This crisis has already led to an increase in the number of people living in emergency accommodation in Kildare, and the lack of

housing supply has led to a major spike in rents," said Cllr O'Rourke. "From meeting with people on the campaign trail it's perfectly clear to me that housing is one of the greatest concerns for the public. People feel that not enough is being done to overcome the crisis." This is understandable when you consider the fact that there are currently 6,681 on the housing waiting list and the number is growing by the day.

"Only 11 new houses were added to Kildare County Council's housing stock between 2011 and 2014." This is down from 791 houses which were provided to people on housing waiting lists between 2007 and 2010. The Government is failing in its obligation to provide quality and affordable housing to people in need. "Kildare County Council is finding it difficult to get to grips with the housing crisis in the face of rapidly rising

<u>Christmas Lights</u> I have been organising the Christmas Lights again this year with the Maynooth Business Association. The turning on the lights ceremony will take place on Saturday the 5th of December at 5.30pm at the square. Santa Clause will be coming down again from the North Pole to turn on the lights. This is an excellent family event and I hope to see many of you there for a mince pie.

#### Aonach na Nollaig

The very best of luck to the Maynooth Festival Committee of Maynooth Community Council who are organising a Christmas Fair in the grounds of Maynooth Castle on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December from 2pm-5pm. This promises to be another brilliant family event.

#### Nollaig Shona

would like to wish everybody a Nollaig Shona and a Prosperous New Year. Thank you for all of your support in 2015 and I look forward to working even harder in 2016. Representations

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making representations on behalf of residents on a range of issues. If you have an issue or need advice please get in contact. Areas covered to date include:

- Local Issues
- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
- Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Medical Card Issues
- Business Start Ups

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invest in our transport infrastructure to alleviate the congestion on the M50. The Government should be investing in projects such as DART Underground to take the pressure off the M50 and make it easier for Kildare commuters to get to work. Serious consideration must also be given to the idea of creating an 'outer M50' orbital route to help relieve pressure on the current road. I called for this at a Fianna Fáil Transport Conference only in February of this year" Note, a copy of the transport policy presentation by Cllr Lawless can be found here: http://kildarefiannafail.com/cllrlawless-transport-policy-presentation/

#### Rates concession for living "in the town"

I put forward a motion calling for Kildare County Council to consider a scheme whereby rates concessions be granted to retail main street properties where upstairs floors are used for residential use. I think concession rates for those living in the upstairs of main street properties would encourage more people to live on our main streets and breathe some life back into our town centres, if we were to encourage people to convert vacant space into residential space. This would give a big boost to towns like Maynooth and Naas.

Feel free to contact me on mobile 086 834 8869, by email on james@jameslawless.ie, or find me on FaceBook at 'jamesLawlessFF'

demand. I firmly believe that there needs to be a co-ordinated public-private partnership effort to help boost housing supply in the county. I am calling on our local authority to allocate land banks for housing, and to bring in outside expertise in order to speed up the design and construction process. This needs to be backed up with firm financial support from Government."

#### Govt. betrayal on prescription charges continues -**O'Rourke**

Fianna Fáil General Election candidate for Kildare North Cllr Frank O'Rourke has accused the Government of continuing to betray medical card holders following the announcement of Budget 2016. Cllr O'Rourke pointed out that Fine Gael and (Continued on page 12)

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Labour have overseen a five-fold increase in prescription charges despite promising to abolish them altogether four years ago.

"Many people took former Minister for Health James Reilly at his word when he promised to abolish prescription charges in 2011. Instead he decided to treble the charge to 61.50 in 2013, and then added another euro a year later, bringing the charge to 62.50 per item." This massive hike in prescription charges is particularly cruel on many older people who rely on medication on a daily basis. "Fine Gael and Labour insisted that economic circumstances meant it was necessary to triple prescription charges, despite independent analysis showing that there were fairer options open to the Government at the time. However again people took the Government at its word, but they are angry to realise that they have been betrayed yet again.

"The Government had the option to abolish these deeply unfair prescription charges as part of Budget 2016. However they decided not to do this and haven't even reduced the charge by one cent." It's deeply disappointing for countless older people who were hoping that this unfair charge would be lifted as part of the budget. "I am calling on our Government TD's here in Kildare to speak some sense to their Minister's. This charge is continuing to cause deep upset amongst medical card holders and it should be abolished without any further delay," said Cllr O'Rourke.

### O'Rourke outlines key priorities for General Election campaign

"Working for You, New Voice, New Choice and New Ideas" As your Fianna Fail candidate, and as we edge closer to the election, I feel it is important that I outline the following: Since getting elected to Kildare Co Co, I have worked hard to improve the conditions for the people that I represent. My work ethic is recognised by most, and I believe that we have made some significant achievements that have had a positive impact

on our community. During my canvass, I have captured the many and varied issues that are affecting us; namely the Housing Crisis, Special Needs Assistants and Pupil Teacher Ratios, Health Services, Child Care, Supports for our Older People, assisting Rural Communities and measures to support our small business. As a first time Dail candidate, taken together with my experience as a councillor, my approach will offer you a new way of dealing with these issues and will offer a new choice on your ballot paper.

As your local Fianna Fail candidate, I will continue to work on the issues raised with me during my recent canvass. While an economic recovery is underway, people across Kildare are still seriously struggling to see a single improvement in their quality of life. The cost of living is on the increase, people's variable mortgages repayments are higher than they should be, rents have surged in recent years and childcare bills have spiralled out of control. Meanwhile wages have stagnated despite people working harder than ever. I believe there is a much fairer way forward – a way that rewards hard working families, that gives back to communities and that supports pensioners who have spent decades paying their taxes

People are looking for leadership and a new way forward. I will be a strong voice for people in Kildare.

I also hold a weekly clinic each Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth and I encourage people to visit me if they need any assistance.

Please feel free to contact me, should you wish to raise any local or national issues. Councillor Frank O'Rourke



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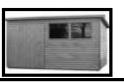
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# *Aonach na Nollag* Maynooth Castl¢

Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> - 11am - 5pm
We at Maynooth Festival Committee with the help of organisations and societies in Maynooth University are holding an Irish/English Christmas Fair in the grounds of Maynooth Castle.
Small businesses and hobbyists will showcase and sell their crafts and food alongside artists and painters.
Carol singing, fun entertainers and musicians will all be in attendance, as well as the man himself, Mr. Claus!
We hope to create a festive weekend that the public can enjoy and in turn support local businesses in the town.

# Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Christmas Flower Festival In St Mary's Catholic Church, Maynooth On Saturday 12th - 11am - 6pm & Sunday 13th 2pm - 5pm

Christmas Carol Service On Sunday 13th - 8pm In St Mary's Catholic Church, Maynooth Admission €10 including tea/cake

Teas, craft and raffle in Boy's National School all Weekend





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### MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS PUBLIC MEETING GLENROYAL, MAYNOOTH DECEMBER 8th, 8PM

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

Colm Keaveney TD Flanna Fail Mental Health Spokesporson Colm is a Fisina Fail TD for Galway East and is the party representative on Mental Health and Special Needs. Before his entry into elected politics, Colm was a Trade Union representative and former president of the Union of Students in Ireland.



#### Dr Claran McMahon

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Dr Clarán Mc Nehon is an Information Security Consultant and award-winning academic psychologist. Clarán has long been enthusiasic about omine safety. In 2015 he developed oviderach-based anti-cyberbulying resources for Safer Internet Day. Dr Mc Nahon has worked at a number of third level institutions, most recently at the #KSI Cybe/Psychology Research Centre. Clarán will be falking about evidenci-based ways in which parrets, toachers, and the community as a whole can keep our children safe and secure online.

#### Clir. James Lawless

Charpeneous James is a Councillor and is a member of Flanna Fáll Justice and Law Reform policy group. A qualified barrister, Jemes, made a submission to the Law Reform Commission last, year on updating legislation to cover internet onne including on-line hastasment and cyber-bullying. Jemes is the Flanna Fáll candidate for the next general election in Kildare North.



CIIr. JAMES LAWLESS

Happy Christmas & Prosperous New Year To All From The Executive & Members of Maynooth Community Council



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- 7kg turkey, oven ready
- Salt, pepper and a little flour
- 2 tablespoons of butter softened
- 8 slices of streaky bacon



STUFFING

#### • 450g breadcrumbs

- 6 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh thyme chopped
- •1 medium onion, cut into quarters
- Salt and black pepper
- 150g butter melted

Put the breadcrumbs, herbs , onions, salt and pepper in a bowl and pour in melted butter. Mix together and set aside. Set the oven to 200C or Gas 7 and stuff the turkey by loosening the skin at the neck end and packing the stuffing in . Season the turkey with salt and pepper and dust with a little flour. Rub all over with the butter, then lay the bacon slices on the breast, overlapping each other. Wrap in foil and roast in the pre heated oven , 30-40 minutes per kg. Baste a couple of times during roasting and uncover for the last 30 minutes.. Check to make sure its cooked by inserting a skewer into the thickest part of the leg and make sure the juices run clear.

HAM WITH PORT ORANGE AND REDCURRANT GLAZE

- •1 whole ham
- 1-2 carrots chopped
- •1-2 sticks of celery, chopped
- 1 onion halved
- 1 tablespoon peppercorns
- 1 bay leaf and 1 tablespoon of whole cloves GLAZE
- •Zest and juice of 1/2 and orange and 1/2 a lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon of allspice and 1 large cinnamon stick
- 4 tablespoons of redcurrant jelly
- 2 tablespoons of muscovado sugar
- 2 tablespoons of port

Cover ham with cold water and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer for approx 3 hours. Reserve some cooking liquid. Place all the glaze ingredients in a pan and heat gently until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a boil and cook rapidly to form a syrup. Remove skin from ham, place in roasting dish and score fat into diamond shapes. Place a clove in the centre of each diamond. Brush with glaze, add a ladle of reserved stock to keep meat moist and bake for about 40 minutes at 200C Gas mark 6

## A Very Merry Christmas to All

#### NASA's List of Best Houseplants

Last month we explored the latest scientific research on the many benefits of houseplants. They purify the air, reduce blood pressure and other symptoms of stress and tension, ease headaches and allergies, filter mould and bacteria, decrease sick days, and improve productivity.

Keeping the air inside clean and healthy is especially important in the winter when we keep the windows and doors sealed as tightly as possible. But which houseplants are best? Some plants are better than others at filtering chemicals and bacteria in

the air. NASA has done extensive studies to determine which houseplants are best at cleaning our air, and many of them are both hardy and beautiful. These plants top the list for removing indoor pollutants.

#### Peace lily (Spathiphyllum wallisii): Very visually

appealing, this plant boasts one of the highest transpiration rates as well. They do well in shade and prefer cooler temperatures, so they are ideal in the home. They don't require much watering – weekly is plenty unless it starts drooping, and in the winter you can water less frequently.



English ivy (Hedera helix): Incredibly adaptable and easy to grow, it also tops NASA's list as the best plant for filtering formaldehyde from the air. It works as a floor plant but makes an especially lovely hanging display. They prefer bright to medium light. It doesn't like overly wet soil, so let it dry out between waterings.

# Snake plant/mother-in-law's tongue (Sansevieria trifasciata 'Laurentii'): One of the hardiest and most tolerant indoor plants, they don't require much light or water. Also, these plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen at night (while most plants do this during the day), so add one to your bedroom for a clean air boost at night. They'll filter a lot of the toxins released by your carpet and furniture. Let the soil dry out a bit between waterings.





**Red-edged dracaena (Dracaena marginata):** Attractive and effective at purifying the air of solvents and varnishes, this plant prefers bright, indirect light but may tolerate medium light. It is prone to rot if overwatered, so don't water until at least the top inch of soil is dry. Equally, it will wilt if the soil is left to thoroughly dry out.

Spider plant (Chlorophytum comosum): These resilient plants are difficult to kill on top of being powerful purifiers. Many people keep them near

fireplaces to deal with the carbon monoxide. They tolerate a variety of conditions but prefer bright, indirect light and cooler temperatures. Keep them well watered but don't allow them to become soggy – allow the soil to dry a little between waterings.



Weeping fig (Ficus benjamima): A ficus is great at filtering many common pollutants that accompany carpeting and furniture, but it can be one of the trickier houseplants to care for. They prefer bright indirect light and cannot tolerate low temperatures or drafts. Cold drafts from windows and doors can kill them, so keep them someplace warm. Misting the leaves helps maintain their humidity, but they don't like wet roots so check if the soil is dry before watering.

#### Bamboo palm (Chamaedorea sefritzii): It easily fits into smaller areas with indirect lighting. It's one of the best air filters for benzene and trichloroethylene, and it releases moisture into the air which is great at combating problems from stale air. They do not require much care. Water when the soil surface feels dry until it is evenly moist. Do not overwater it or leave it sitting in water.



#### Golden pothos (Scindapsus aures): This

undemanding and easy to care for plant makes the NASA list for its ability to clear formaldehyde from the air, and it's effective at eliminating carbon monoxide. Try adding it to your kitchen or sitting room as a hanging plant and letting the leaves grow down in cascading vines. These curious plants tolerate bright indirect light or even very low light (people grow them in their garage or bathroom), and they can live in dry soil or vases of water. This is a

great choice for people new to houseplants.

Aloe (Aloe vera): This easy-to-grow, sun-loving succulent helps clear formaldehyde and benzene, which can be a byproduct of chemical-based cleaners, paints and more. Aloe is a smart choice for a sunny kitchen window. Beyond its airclearing abilities, the gel inside an aloe plant can help heal cuts and burns.

If you want functional, beautiful home decorations that will improve your health and happiness, consider adding some of these houseplants. NASA recommends one plant per 100sq feet.









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Paul Hartnett & Liam Walsh.

career.

Congratulations to Alex from all at MTAFC

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

#### Online Learning: Technology's role in Despite being online, they offer many traditional course improving our minds

Christmas and New Year's Day are coming, which often involves examining the events of the past year and thinking about hopes for the year coming. No matter where we are in our lives, there's always room for improvement, and the Internet is making it easier than ever before to broaden our horizons, increase our skills, and discover and develop new interests

Basic home DIY has become accessible to a wide range of people thanks to the Internet. People can teach themselves how their computer works and how to build a new one. Anyone struggling for dinner ideas has access to a world of recipes online. Thousands of videos offer detailed instructions to budding artists of all kinds. Many people now carry the Internet with them in their pocket due to the spread of smartphones, so people who get a flat can look up detailed step -by-step videos demonstrating how to change a tyre on the spot if they are unsure.

For all its other uses, the Internet has become a powerful tool for education and learning. More and more people are using it to brush up on things they learned in school or to learn brand new skills for both fun and for opening up a wider range of job opportunities



In recent years, a lot of research has been done on how people learn and how the brain changes through learning. Scientists used to believe that the brain was a physiologically static organ that was fully developed by our teens, so we couldn't change or improve it as adults. However, we have now come to realise that this idea is wrong thanks to studies in neuroplasticity. Neuroplasticity refers to the brain's ability to reorganise itself and to form new neural connections throughout the lifespan. Your brain never stops changing; our neural pathways and synapses change as we develop new skills and change our behaviour, environment, and emotions.

This is having a big impact on how we view learning and education. For instance, a common myth in school is that some students are "maths and sciences" people while others are "arts" people. Did you ever think that you were just "bad" at maths or just don't have the head for it while other people seem innately mathematical? It's a widespread notion but an incorrect one. The ability to use mathematics is a skill just like any other, and anyone can become good at it with practice.



Online learning platforms are making it easier than ever to develop new strengths or to work on subjects that might have proven difficult in school or at university. Some of the biggest advances in learning are being made in MOOCs - Massive Open Online Courses. A MOOC is an online course that offers unlimited participation and open access through the web.

resources such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets. However, they have the added benefit of interactive user forums that foster discussion between professors, teaching assistants, and students from all around the world. The popularity of MOOCs is a relatively recent phenomenon, but their success has inspired a huge growth in the world of education

The MOOC craze originated as many elite universities throughout the world began making some of their courses available for distance learning. The popularity of these courses led universities to start creating courses specifically designed for distance learning while opening them to the public. In 2011, Stanford University launched 3 courses, the first of which was called Introduction to AI. Course enrolment quickly topped 160,000, and the popularity of these courses led those involved to create Udacity and Coursera, two of the biggest MOOC providers.

Those looking to save money during the holidays are in luck as there are many free online learning platforms available. Major MOOC providers tend to operate off of a freemium model for most courses, the content is accessible for free. Some providers then charge a fee for premium services, such as getting an official certification or statement of distinction. Others offer free introductory or "gateway" courses with the more advanced, follow-up courses having a fee. There are countless free courses available, though, so budget doesn't always have to be a concern in furthering your education.

#### **Best MOOC Providers**

The mission of a Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) is to provide free and open higher education to anyone in the world with access to the Internet. The majority of the world's top 100 elite universities are now offering MOOCs through the course platforms listed below.

This is a golden opportunity to learn from the world's leading professors. There are thousands of universities worldwide now providing free courses online. If you are looking to add to your resume, consider the accreditation options that many of these platforms offer. However, it's not all about jobs or money as these courses can help you learn new knowledge and skills that will make you a more well-rounded and intelligent person. Here are some of the top MOOC providers.

#### Coursera (coursera.org)



Coursera, founded in 2012 by two Stanford University professors, is the largest course platform for free MOOCs They have the most diverse course selection of all the MOOC providers, offering courses in physics, engineering, humanities, medicine, biology, social sciences, mathematics, business, computer science, digital marketing, data science and other subjects. They currently have 133 partner universities, including Stanford, Princeton, and Oxford. Coursera is the best option for a general interest MOOC browser searching for something to catch their interest.

#### Udacity (udacity.com)



Udacity was founded by Sebastian Thrun, a former Stanford computer science professor and the creator of the artificial intelligence system behind Google's self-driving cars. Udacity's focus is on college-level courses for building and



applying your knowledge of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines. Udacity's freeware MOOCs work best for very self-directed learners who just want to watch the videos and try the exercises, particularly in skills based programming and computer science classes. They have mobile apps for iOS and Android.

#### edX (edx.org)



edX is a newer MOOC platform developed through a partnership between Harvard and MIT. They have now formed a partnership with Google to allow any teacher to create their own interactive online courses at MOOC.org. It differs from Udacity and Coursera in that it is a non-profit organisation running on open-source software. It has a particularly strong offering of science courses from elite schools.

#### FutureLearn (futurelearn.com)



FutureLearn is the first UK-based platform founded by the creators of The Open University. Prior to its launch, few British universities had run online courses, and part of FutureLearn's mission is to provide a space for UK institutions in the world of online learning. It is partnered with 54 UK and international universities, and unlike other platforms, it has four non-university partners: the British Museum, the British Council, the British Library, and the National Film and Television School.

#### Khan Academy (khanacademy.org)

Khan Academy is not strictly speaking a MOOC provider because it offers a la carte educational resources, allowing you to pick and choose lessons rather than enrol in a structured course. However, it deserves a mention as a well-established educational platform whose stated mission is to provide a world-class education to anyone, anywhere. It produces short lectures in the form of voutube videos. As well as these microlectures, it offers practice exercises, progress tracking, and tools for teachers. All content is free to use.

It is a great time to look into the world of online education while the winter days are short and dreary and we're spending more time indoors. MOOCs are now a widespread and established phenomenon that are becoming increasingly recognised by employers and universities. They also offer a fun and engaging way to improve your



skills and broaden your horizons.

Have a happy and festive end of the year, and may 2016 bring you further *wonders of science and technology!* 

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#### **Community Library**

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

#### I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

> University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome

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Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189

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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

#### Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth

#### Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming 087 2041334

Kildare Intercultural Action Group (KIA)

Meetings takes place 3rd Saturday of the month at 3pm. In Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC Carton Park Maynooth For further information. Contact Maeve at 0873459185 www.facebook.com/ kiamaynooth

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Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all our followers

Funny things happen round this time of year. Fires lighting in grates. Lovely smells of cake mixture, Christmas pudding and brandy. Mmmmm! Smashing. Children writing letters to Santa. "Yes, yes, Santa I really am very very good and I'm getting better by the minute. I know there was that unfortunate incident when I took the saddle from Daddy's bike and forget to tell him. One more operation and he should be walking straight again. Hope you got that letter I sent you Santa. Daddy put it in the fire and the smoke containing my message swept up the chimney and made its way to you in the North Pole. Daddy does this with most of his post now especially the letters marked UISCE.

I will leave out the usual stuff for you, 20 cigarettes and a rasher sandwich. I will have to think of something special for the reindeer. Our teacher in school told us that reindeer have 4 stomachs. Which one will the reindeer be travelling with this Christmas? Lidl sell reindeer food suitable for all stomachs.

Nearly forgot Santa I'm going to the panto in Maynooth. It's called the Snow Queen. It's put on by An Nuadha layabouts – at least I think that's what they're called. It's written by this man who lives near me called Higgins. I think he is a brother of our President. You won't know Maynooth when you get here - we have more traffic light than Christmas trees. It's great gas all together."

Somebody sort out that child. Here are the real facts on our panto 2015.

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#### Maynooth Photographic Calendar 2016

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The Calendar can be bought at *MCC/Newsletter Offices*. It will also be on sale at other outlets yet to be confirmed – keep up to date with where, by visiting our facebook page - Maynooth Festival.

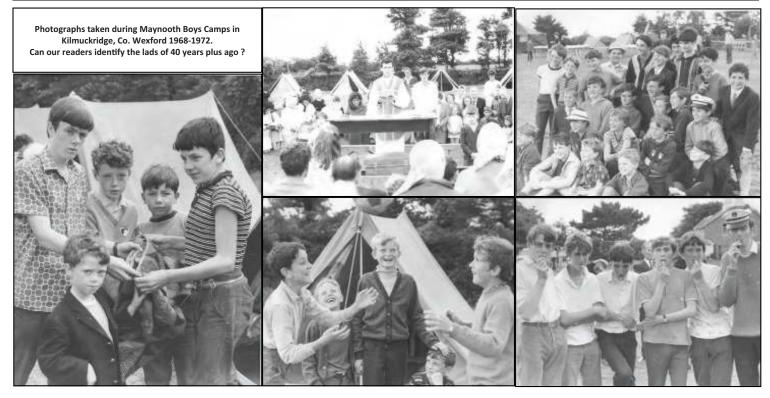


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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners								
06-Sep	3,4,23,26	€2,550	Mick & Mags - Terry Hinds - Kenneth Kenny								
13-Sep	4,5,22,26	€2,600	Damien Bracken - Phillip Hynes - Sean Mahon								
20-Sep	1,10,23,27	€2,650	Ann Ruane - Orla Mc Mahon - Miriam Maher								
27-Sep	7,15,20,25	€2,700	Gina Folan - Tozzie - Ollie Durack								
04-Oct	6,11,14,27	€2,750	Maurice Byrne - Leisa Garvey - Mary Mc Grath								
11-Oct	4,7,8,16	€2,800	John Gannon - Tom Monnelly - Michael O Rourke								
18-Oct	6,7,22,26	€2,850	Aidan & Siobhan O'Brien - Mick Ryan - Viv Mc Tiernan								
25-Oct	7,14,23,24	€2,900	Gillian Ledwith - Noel Donovan - Conor Macken								
01-Nov	1,6,7,17	€2,950	Paul Daly - Edel Stone - Nula Mc Tiernan								
08-Nov	3,15,20,23	€3,000	Tim Cronin - Mary Cullen - John Daly								
15-Nov	4,7,9,24	€3,050	Melia & Cotter - Tree Pin - John Saults								

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### Maynooth GAA Club Lotto Results

	E-mail Secretary.maynooth.kiidare@gaa.com to join									
Week	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €25 winners							
20-Oct	11, 13,14,18	€3,350	Clann Ui Cheallaigh, Martin O'Sullivan, Pat Power							
27-Oct	1, 6, 18, 22	€3,400	Scott Wallace, M O'Corcora, Michael Lynch							
04-Nov	1, 13, 20, 22	€3,450	John Bryne/Anne Finn, Patricia Sweeney & Noel McKenna							
11-Nov	14, 19, 23, 24	€3,500	Mary McCourt, Antoinette Murray, Anthony Casey							
18-Nov	6, 7, 10, 16	€3,550	Brendan Farrell, Barbara Jordan, Gerry Egan							







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### MCC Christmas Concert in aid of Kildare Refugee Centre

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Maynooth Dresses officially opened their new 1500 square ft showroom, at Unit 9, M4 Interchange park (Behind BASE) on Friday Evening the 7th of November last. Maynooth Dresses is owned and run by Local Woman Antoinette O'Brien from Parklands, Maynooth

Antoinette is over 10 years in the Communion Dress Business originally starting in her House, Showing in Hotels and

finally opened her 1st showroom 3 years ago.

Maynooth Dresses is a work in progress project, where we continue to add Debs, Bridesmaid, Christening, Flower girl, Communion Dresses to their product ranges. This year with our New Bigger Showrooms, Maynooth Dresses are now able to stock Boys Communion Suits.

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and memorable! Most of our customers come to us by word of mouth because of our excellent Customer Service.

On the night Antoinette thanked especially all her family, staff and many friends who came along to wish her well, for all their help encouragement and support over the vears

See our websites www.facebook.com/ maynoothcommuniondresses and www.maynoothdresses.ie for all our information

#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

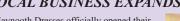
Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received. ~B.C



Antoinette, with husband Paul, daughter Christina and son Jamie





# LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS





# Maynooth Town FC Academy Crans Montana Switzerland Training Camp 2015

Maynooth Town FC Academy is the technical development program for players in Maynooth Town FC and players from other clubs living in the area. The Academy runs every Friday night and works on the individual player development with a focus on a ball per player per session. Currently the program caters for players between the ages of 4 and 16 every Friday between 6 & 9pm.

Following the success of the 1st Academy Trip to Borussia Dortmund Academy in October 2014 the benchmark was set very high for the club Director of Coaching Ciaran Quinn to deliver an even bigger and better player experience in 2015. On the 29th October 27 players and a 4 strong coaching team backed up by one of the best schoolboy coaches & UEFA Pro Licence Coaches in the world Austin Speight 'Coerver Coaching Director'. A 50 strong group of players, parents and coaches travelled high up the Swiss Alps in Crans Montana Switzerland 4920ft above sea level for a winter training camp. Players embarked on 4 days as a Pro Player Experience, going through the daily experiences as a professional player. Rising for breakfast each morning for 7am and beginning their first session at 9 to 11am players were put through their paces by Austin.



With meals set from a structured menu to support player performance to specific rest periods during the day the Academy Players were a credit to their club, parents and teams. Each afternoon players prepared for their second session of the day following a little friendly competition around the pool table. As the Academy had the hotel booked out for themselves players had been become a familiar sight around the pool table, games of pool & table tennis began at 6.30am before breakfast. These friendly games added to a very strong group of players who built on their friendship with a lifelong experience. With 3 days of coaching players spent almost 6 hours a day on the pitch and each day they finished up with either a group game between themselves & the coaching team or competed in the inaugural Academy Football Tennis Competition.

With 6 Teams in this years competition, 4 players teams, a very competitive Dads team and a coaches team. There was some very hard fought games with some very dodgy refereeing decisions. The Coaches Team of Austin Speight, Ciaran Quinn, Marcus Bailey & Darragh Murphy came out on top unbeaten for this year with the Dads holding all the other teams with 5 defeats.



All the coaching focused on Coerver Coaching technical development for each individual player built up from 1 v 1 coaching to full 11 v 11 coerver coaching phases of play. In Austin, players had an opportunity to work with a coach who has worked with players such as Frank

Lampard, Joe Cole, Steven Gerrard & Phil Jones. However it wasn't all about the pitch work as we are helping to educate players from boys to teenagers both on and off the field. Each evening players finished up with a class tutorial going through their sessions of the day, learning about the reality of Life as a Pro, Life as a coach in a pro club and for parents they found out the different side of the word up football and see how they feature in the mind-set of the professional clubs. A reality check for many seeing the harsh hitting decisions made daily by clubs and how families take a back seat in the development of their son. Austin spoke to the Players about Showtime, the moment they need to bring their best game to the pitch and what makes some players able to play in Old Trafford when others of stronger ability can not cope playing on the big stage, working through the mental game.



The final day saw two sessions for players followed by an outing up the Valais region 7,500ft up the cable car to a restaurant called Les Violettes. Breath-taking views and photos for all as players and parents enjoyed with lunch and treats over the 2 hours. As many embarked on the 60 minute hike back down to take in the scenery, others stayed on to watch the sun go down over the Mont Blanc in the distance. A truly fantastic way to end the last bit of sunlight on the trip.

This year saw the launch of the second inaugural competition with the Pool Competition taking centre stage each evening between 8 and 9pm before curfew to rooms at 9pm. With a pairs format this year we saw a Knockout Tournament rolled out from the Thursday evening. Each evening players lined up and chalked their cue to pot the black. The final was held on the last night right after the 1st semi final of Luke Kosinski & Eoin Creighton versus Liam Folan & Darragh Murphy. Having kept the opposition waiting Eoin arrived ready to play just before Luke had to go it alone, some say he was trying to make the opposition wait in fear. With Folan & Murphy keeping their cool and coming out on top they awaited their opposition into the finals. The second semi final saw 2 coaches Ciaran Ouinn &



Marcus Bailey take on the very strong and unbeaten over the few days Mark Hughes & Ben Hilliard. Mark & Ben kept to the table over the few days practicing from 6.30 am. They fought hard in a game that saw the coaches come out on top this time around. The Final immediately came up after the semis as Ciaran broke for the final game. With a tough game ahead there were some early pots heaping the pressure on across both teams. As the final balls remained, Murphy narrowly missed the black ball leaving Ciaran an opportunity to clear up. Having potted one he set up well for the second and as he played a long pot down the table the red ball ricochet off the

pocket and travelled back down the table and dropped into the pocket. Luck if there was ever anyway. Having lined up for the black, a miscued white saw the white ball potted and as Liam Folan set it back up, it was Showtime, his moment to shine to win the inaugural tournament, he steadied his nerve and cued back up the table to pot the black and win the tournament. There were cheers around the table as the youngest player on the trip won out.

The Final evening also saw the annual academy quiz with 50 questions set out, despite last years cheating by some parents, this year was a clean competition with Ben Hilliard, Mark Hughes & Donal Wade coming out on top with the help of Helen Hughes & Olwyn Hilliard. A fun end to a fantastic trip for all. As the evening came to an end, players had their final laughs and jokes before heading to bed for the 6am departure the next morning on the bus back to Geneva.

On the bus journey back questions were asked how do you better this one, where to next? Well we are delighted to say that 2016 will see two Academy Trips. One to Borussia Dortmund for a training camp for players aged 7 to 11 at the February mid term break which is now open for bookings for all Academy Players. As we start our new 10 week term on November 20<sup>th</sup> it is a great opportunity to get involved and improve your technical skills. We are also now finalising an even bigger trip for the older group to a training facility and accommodation in Spain used by clubs such as Real Madrid, Barcelona, Ajax, Borussia Dortmund, Arsenal to name a few and many top National Teams such as Spain & Germany. This will be a 5 day trip in November 2016 and we will be releasing details of this trip shortly open to players in the Academy aged 12 & up. Ciaran said building on the player experiences is important and it 'gives them life long memories, shared with friends and is all built around the local club'.

The Academy is made up of coaches who played for the



club throughout their schoolboy days and as they embark on their coaching badges they are excited to see the opportunities younger players have now that they didn't have themselves. With the Coerver Coaching Partnership in full swing, the club is seeing a strong coaching standard across the club with 22 managers having now done their Coerver Coaching Introductory Certificates. Austin Speight said after the trip in a letter to the club chairman Gerry Folan, 'Just a brief note to congratulate the club, yourself & Ciaran Quinn on the recent player's trip to Crans Montana, Switzerland. As an experienced football coach, who has travelled on many pro club trips, this was one of the best I have been on

The planning, organisation, venue, hotel & most of all the players were superb. The players were a huge credit to the club in their behaviour on and off the pitch. On the pitch they listened, worked hard and very easy for me to coach'

To book in the Academy, check out the website www.maynoothtownfcacademy.weebly.com or call up to the college Astro on a Friday evening from 6pm & see Ciaran or Paul. We have just a few places available for the new term. .

# **Know Your Rights**

#### The New Passport Card

#### Question

I heard there is a new passport card. Does it replace the passport book? How can I get one?

#### Answer

No, the new credit-card sized Irish passport card does not replace the passport book. You can use the new passport card for travel within the European Union, the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Switzerland. For all other travel you must use your passport book.

To apply for the passport card you must be aged 18 or over when applying. It is not available for children. You must hold a valid Irish passport book and the personal details you provide when applying must be exactly the same as those on your passport book. The card is valid for a maximum of five years or for the time remaining on your passport book if this is less than five years.

You can apply for the passport card online on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website, dfa.ie, or you can use the Department's passport app for smartphones and tablets. The card costs  $\notin$ 35 and there is an additional delivery charge of  $\notin$ 5 if you are applying from outside Ireland.

When making the application you will need:

- Your valid passport book
- Your photograph in digital form (it must meet the required passport standard)
- A debit or credit card

You can track your application's progress on the Department's website using the application number If you wish to make a complaint about breaches of employment legislation you must use the online

#### **Microchipping of dogs**

#### Question

Our puppy has an identification disc on her collar. Does she need this, or should we just get her microchipped? What are the rules?

#### Answer

Under the Control of Dogs Acts 1986 and 1992, dogs must at all times wear a collar with the name and address of the owner inscribed on it or on a plate, badge or disc, so you are right to have an identification disc on your puppy's collar. However, you must also get her microchipped and registered on an authorised database under the Microchipping of Dogs Regulations 2015.

Since September 2015, all newborn pups must be microchipped and registered. From 31 March 2016, the Regulations will apply to all dogs. Even if a dog has already been microchipped (for a pet passport, for instance) it will now have 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 will be recorded on it along with your name and address details. This means that, if your dog goes missing and is found, you can be identified as the owner and be reunited with your dog.

If you move house, you will need to update your contact details on the database. If you plan to buy a new dog, the seller will have to give you its certificate of registration and you should forward it to the relevant database to get the details updated.

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.

#### **Enforcing your employment rights**

#### Question

What are the new employment rights structures? How can I make a complaint about my employer?

#### Answer

Since 1 October 2015, the organisations involved in employment rights enforcement are the Workplace Relations Commission and the Labour Court.

The Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) is where all complaints are first made. All hearings are now heard by a single WRC adjudicator. The Labour Court deals with all workplace relations appeals, so you may appeal to it against the decisions of an adjudicator.

If you wish to make a complaint about breaches of employment legislation you must use the online complaint form available on workplacerelations.ie. You use the same form to make complaints about breaches of equal status legislation. However, for equal status complaints, you must first (in writing) notify the person or organisation that you are complaining about that you plan to lodge a complaint against them.

When you fill out the form you will be asked for<br/>contact and other details for yourself and your<br/>employer. You will be asked to indicate the general<br/>area in which the complaint falls (for example, pay,<br/>hours of work and so on). Then you will be asked<br/>to select the nature of the complaint. For example,<br/>under pay it may be non-receipt of a payslip. You<br/>will be asked for some other details. You will need<br/>to set out your complaint in your own words. When<br/>you have completed the form you can submit it<br/>electronically to the Workplace RelationsFurther in<br/>Citizens In<br/>Maynooth<br/>Dublin Ro<br/>MaynoothKnow You<br/>Citizens In<br/>maynoothKnow You<br/>Citizens In<br/>Maynooth

You can read a list of frequently asked questions about making a complaint on workplacerelations.ie. *the public. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from* 

If you need information about employment law and your employment rights you can contact the

Workplace Relations Commission's Information and Customer Service.

#### Half-rate Carer's Allowance

#### Question

My husband is getting a payment for me with his pension. My mother is in poor health and I have been caring for her for the last year. Can I qualify for a carer's payment and how will it affect my husband's pension?

#### Answer

If your husband is claiming an Increase for a Qualified Adult for you with his pension, you can apply for a half-rate Carer's Allowance. If you qualify, you can keep the Increase for a Qualified Adult in full. This will not affect your husband's pension.

You must meet the qualifying criteria for Carer's Allowance. For example, your mother must require full-time care and attention and you must satisfy a means test. You can read more about the conditions for Carer's Allowance on citizensinformation.ie. To apply fill in an application form for Carer's Allowance (CR1). You can get this form online or from your local Intreo centre, social welfare local office or Citizens Information Centre. The form includes a medical report, which must be signed by the person receiving care and completed by their doctor.

Note that the application form for Carer's Allowance asks for a lot of detailed information from you. The Department of Social Protection has to work out your income and the income of your husband to assess the means of your household. The Department must also examine the medical condition of your mother to decide if she needs full -time care and attention. In addition, the Department must be satisfied that you, the carer, are providing full-time care and attention and are able to do so. You can get help with filling in the form from your local Citizens Information Centre. If you satisfy the conditions for Carer's Allowance it will be awarded at half of the rate that would apply if you were not getting any other payment. You will also be eligible for the Respite Care Grant and a Free Travel Pass.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below. Maynooth CIC Dublin Road Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service -0761 07 4000.

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#### 3U Students Conferred with MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management at Maynooth University

#### First programme worldwide to combine disciplines of humanitarian relief, international co-operation and humanitarian logistics and emergency management.

Eleven students were presented with Master's degrees from the 3U Partnership's MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management at a conferring ceremony held at Maynooth University. 3U is a major collaboration between Maynooth University, Dublin City University (DCU) and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). The 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management is a unique programme and is the first in the world to combine the academic disciplines of humanitarian logistics and emergency management.

The programme builds on the established strengths and reputation of Ireland and in particular, Irish Aid, in delivering humanitarian assistance to those in need. Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, said: "The 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management programme is particularly timely in light of recent humanitarian disasters, and yet there will always be a need for workers with the skillset this programme offers. Graduates of this programme are the future managers and practitioners in public, private and voluntary sectors who will be called upon to handle large scale emergencies and disasters worldwide. I commend these graduates on their accomplishments and wish them well in the noble career paths that lay before them."

The 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency is jointly delivered by the Business Schools in DCU and Maynooth University. Led by Dr Caroline McMullan of DCU and Dr Graham Heaslip of Maynooth University, and delivered as a one-year full-time or two-year parttime course, the programme contributes to the development needs of those involved in the field of

emergency management. The course material takes a broad, cross-sectoral and international approach to humanitarian emergency relief.

Through the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management, graduates acquire interdisciplinary expertise and a unique set of management and business skills that will significantly enhance their effectiveness in managing future humanitarian disasters and other large-scale emergencies, as well as enhancing their employability with international and national aid organisations.

Dr Ruth Davis, Director of the 3U Partnership, said: "This unique programme brings together complementary strengths of our 3U Partners and supports Ireland's longstanding international reputation in responding generously and effectively to many humanitarian crises and disasters world-wide. Graduates of the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management gain specific knowledge, expertise and practical skills that will equip them to meet the many challenges that are encountered in the field of humanitarian relief and emergency management."

Students of the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management have been selected by Irish Aid to join the Rapid Response Corps, a standby team that can be deployed at short notice to humanitarian emergencies anywhere in the world.

Formally launched in November 2013 by then Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with responsibility for Trade and Development, Mr Joe Costello TD, the 3U MSc in Humanitarian Logistics and Emergency Management is designed to meet the requirements of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Irish Aid) and the Department of the

Environment, Heritage and Local Government for practitioners in the management of humanitarian disasters and major emergencies and has been accredited by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and the Emergency Planning Society (EPS).

#### About 3U

Society and the workplace of the future need graduates with strong foundations in their disciplines combined with adaptability and critical thinking skills. Higher education must prepare students for a dynamic, globalised and digital world.

With this in mind, the 3U Partnership brings together the complementary strengths of Dublin City University, Maynooth University and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland across a broad spectrum of disciplines to deliver a number of new joint academic programmes, and to share the delivery of existing programmes.

The Partnership preserves the separate identities and missions of the three partner institutions, while providing a framework to facilitate joint activities of mutual interest across a wide range of disciplines including medicine, science, engineering, business, arts, humanities and social sciences

The 3U Partnership was formally launched in June 2012 by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D. together with then Minister for Education, Ruairi Quinn T.D. At the launch the Taoiseach noted that the 3U Partnership was "vital to Ireland's future educational success and a cornerstone of Government policy." He also noted that the 3U Partnership brought scale to the individual partner institutions' research and academic endeavours allowing them compete more effectively together on the global stage particularly in attracting competitive research awards.



#### **Maynooth Toastmasters**

Monday's meeting 9th November was buzzing big time in many ways. The word had finally got out that this was the venue in which people could achieve. It was like waiting for a train to arrive with lots of passengers, some going on short journeys and some long. Some toastmasters were beginning their

communication journey aptly termed the "Ice Breaker", while others were at an advanced level. Like train passengers, members of toastmasters choose the route they want to follow in their individual journey of communication, becoming confident of speaking before an audience, learning the skill of quickly formulating ideas, and giving a coherent response - so helpful in real life.

Guests are such an important element of meetings. They bring a new dynamic and leave enriched with new experiences. On the 14th December, we host a Kris Kindle. It's a fun time for guests, so why don't you come along and enjoy as you unwrap a gift. Heaven knows what you might get - to share a secret, I'm told there may be something to attract buzzing insects to your garden next summer.

#### Ring out the old, Ring in the new

Maynooth Toastmasters look forward with pride to serving the community and providing the environment in which anyone can start their journey and reach their goal. 2016 is a time for remembering the past, celebrating the present, and thinking of a positive future. If you make just one resolution for the New Year, then decide to come to Maynooth or Clane Toastmasters and start the journey.



#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour

will be granted, no matter how impossible. Never known to fail.

Thanksgiving for favour received. ~J.D.

#### Job Opening: HR Generalist for SAP Maynooth

The HR Generalist will work closely with the HR Manager and Managing Director in delivering a comprehensive HR service in a fast paced environment and will actively drive continuous improvement across the business.

#### Main responsibilities:

- General recruitment to include creating and maintaining a data base of potential employees
- act as the main point of contact for all employees within specified business areas.
- co-ordination of new joiner and leaver processes, including induction and exit interviews;
- support and administration of annual and interim performance and salary review processes;
- monitor absenteeism and leave records and take appropriate follow-up actions.
- provide timely reports on key HR metrics such as headcount, internal movements and payroll;
- provide support to the HR Manager and Head of HR with HR initiatives and projects as they arise;
- co-ordination and management of people movements within the Firm e.g. maternity leave, leave of absence, secondments etc.

#### Skills and attributes:

- 2+ years HR experience operating at a HR Generalist level;
- strong knowledge of HR best practice policies and procedures;
- strong business focus and commitment to client service; •
- excellent communication skills, both written and oral;
- ability to build effective relationships at all levels; • •
- proficient Microsoft PC skills (inc. Word, Excel and PowerPoint); 3rd level qualification in HR/other relevant business related discipline.
- CIPD qualification desirable;
- demonstrated ability to work on own initiative; excellent analytical skills and attention to detail;
- solid understanding of HR processes.



Please email your CV to careersinsap@sapgroup.com



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# **Catherine Murphy Social Democrats TD**

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#### More Clarity Required on Gaelcholaiste and Interim Solutions for North Kildare Students

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has welcomed the Minister's announcement today that a Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare in the long-term but cautioned that 2019 is too long to wait while youngsters in North Kildare face zero provision for education through immersion in Irish for the years 2016, 2017, & 2018. Catherine Murphy said there is no reassurance in today's announcement for those people who are looking for a place in 2016.

"The Minister needs to clarify what provision will be made for students in those intervening years and if the numbers required for 2019 would still have to be proven. How that could be achieved if Maynooth Community College is now oversubscribed – which will particularly affect students from the Gaelscoilleana in Leixlip and Kilcock. "

"The demand for a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare can only be demonstrated by students attending the Aonad so those who are forced to attend Colaiste Chois Life in Lucan are not counted in terms of demand in North Kildare therefore proving the demand for a Gaelcholaiste will be problematic."

"We also need clarity from the Minister as to whether today's announcement means a new school building for North Kildare or a re-designating of Maynooth Community College as a Gaelcholaiste."

Leas Ceann Comhairle rejects Questions from Catherine Murphy Regarding the IBRC Inquiry Social Democrat TD Catherine Murphy has received letters from the Leas Ceann Comhairle disallowing questions she had asked in relation to the problems stalling the Inquiry into issues surrounding IBRC including the Siteserv transaction.

In his reply the Leas Ceann Comhairle said he was disallowing the questions on the basis that the Minister has no responsibility to the Dáil on the matter.

Catherine Murphy said she was incredulous at such an assertion:

"The job of an opposition deputy is to hold the Government to account and at this moment in time that is proving impossible as we are essentially being stonewalled."

"If, as an elected parliamentarian, he is not accountable to Dáil Éireann then who is he accountable to? If elected members of the Dáil cannot hold Minister's to account then there is a fundamental flaw in the way we operate our democracy and that must be addressed."

#### Independent TD Catherine Murphy has raised grave concerns regarding the slashing of addiction services in the Kildare area.

Recently the services have been cut from four counsellors and very soon it will be reduced to just one, for Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Kilcock. This is a reduction that Ms. Murphy says will have 'dire' consequences for Kildare in the immediate and the long term.

"This is the ultimate example of a short-term response to a long-term problem. Clearly, when a client engages in a counselling service, a certain level of trust and confidence has to be built up and by reducing that service you leave a lot of people in a very vulnerable position."

"If we are to help people maintain or resume their role as a functioning member of society following a difficult period in their life, then we need to provide services such as those that have just reduced. Ireland has the third highest level of overdose rates per capita in Europe with an average of one person dying here every day. How, in that context, can it be justifiable to reduce such services?"

"This is another example of services being provided based on who has retired rather than what's actually needed. Things can't all be about balance sheets. Decisions like the one to reduce these services will potentially cost lives and in the long-term there will be both a financial and a social cost to such decisions."

Government Fails Accountability Test Once Again

Social Democrat TD Catherine Murphy has responded to this evenings interim report from the Cregan Inquiry as follows:

Having just had time for a preliminary overview of the 69 page Cregan report it seems clear to me that what the judge is saying is that this inquiry is essentially unworkable.

Judge Cregan has now raised further issues in addition to the already serious issues facing the likely continuation of the inquiry. The judge is saying he actually can't investigate alleged insider trading in Siteserv for example as well as other significant concerns surrounding the Siteserv transaction and a number of other transactions.

I am horrified that this issue was. In effect, kicked to touch by Government when the public debate was raging and now, 5 months later, we have no answers & very little realistic prospect of getting answers. That is wholly unacceptable.



#### **Job Opening:** Sales Representative for SAP Landscapes Ltd Maintenance Division

#### Reporting to: Commercial Director, SAP Landscapes Ltd

#### **Overall Job Purpose**

To achieve continued growth of our grounds maintenance business through effective sales and marketing of all our services to existing and prospective customers

#### The Role

In this role you will play an essential part in the ongoing growth of our business throughout Ireland. Reporting to the Commercial Director you will be responsible for developing new sales through establishing a sales pipeline and maximizing the conversion of this pipeline into new customers. Specifically you will assist in the targeting of prospective customers for our services and actively manage these prospects through a disciplined and structured sales process, including face to face meetings, presentations and compiling of estimates, all designed to generate and secure new contracts.

#### Key Responsibilities & Objectives

Generate new business and drive sales in our target market through development of a sales pipeline and meaningful networking Foster new and existing client relationships

- Carry out sales presentations with prospective clients as required
- Provide weekly progress reports to the Commercial Director.
- Assist in the refinement of set KPI's associated with the sales pipeline function.
- Undertake pre-qualification submissions for tenders
  - Carry out on site surveys and assessments and provide quotations for maintenance works in conjunction with the Commercial Director.

#### **Requirements & Qualifications:**

- A strong work ethic and ability to work on own initiative
- Comfortable under pressure in multitasking, adhering to deadlines and being accountable for results
- Ability to discover, anticipate and fulfil customer's needs and potential
- A professional appearance and positive attitude
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#### **Applications:**

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## **Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area** From 02/10/2015 to 19/11/2015 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

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151023	Kildare County Council	Anne Hoare	Catherinestown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	19/11/2015
151009	Kildare County Council	Clare Egan	Obelisk Lane, Barrogstown West, Maynooth	17/11/2015
151010	Kildare County Council	Andrew and Arlene Boland	33 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	17/11/2015
15990	Kildare County Council	Mr. Gabriel Martin & Mrs. Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/11/2015
15954	Kildare County Council	Rodica Turcanu	House between 346A and 345, Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/10/2015
15947	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited	Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/10/2015
15918	Kildare County Council	Gabriel and Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/10/2015
15921	Kildare County Council	Fiona McEvoy	9 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15922	Kildare County Council	Martin J. McMahon	Ivy House, Court House Square, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15900	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited,	Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Road, Maynooth	09/10/2015
15899	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	08/10/2015
15886	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle	Moyglare Nursing Home, Moyglare Road, Maynooth	06/10/2015
15877	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	02/10/2015

## Kildare Enforcement Notices for Maynooth Area From 02/10/2015 to 20/11/2015 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

Enf. ID	Authority	Location	Plan Ref.	Date Received	Name
UD6700	Kildare County Council	Hayfield, Maynooth		14/10/2015	Owner (1)N/a
UD6712	Kildare County Council	34 Woodlands, College Rd, Maynooth	15/121	05/11/2015	Owner (1) Patrick Quinn

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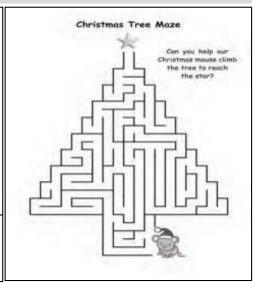
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# **BASIC SMARTPHONE GUIDE**



The holidays are a major season for technology and gadgets. New phones make a great gift, but setting them up can be a hassle. It can be especially intimidating to make the switch from an older flip phone to a smartphone, but choosing a smartphone doesn't have to make you feel stupid. This guide will help you choose and set up a new smartphone.

Some people are satisfied only using their phone for talking and the occasional text message. Others, however, might like the option to do more with their phone but feel overwhelmed by the idea of switching to an unfamiliar and more complicated device. If you are contemplating making the switch (or have recently acquired a new phone), don't panic – with a little practice, you can become adept at using the many features available in a smart phone.

A smartphone is a mobile that can do a lot more than just make phone calls, and it is worth investigating how it can fit into your life. With the right smartphone, you can manage email and diary appointments, get directions, keep track of your diet, shop, share information with friends, listen to music, watch movies, and much more. If you use public transportation often or have a lot of downtime in public, a smartphone can help you pass the time. The whole world is at your fingertips.

Sometimes the amount of choice can be intimidating – how do you choose between the different platforms, carriers, models, and plans?



Budget is always a concern for people as smartphones are more expensive than regular mobiles. When you are deciding how much to spend on a smartphone, you have two costs to consider: the price of the phone and the price of the plan. The price of the phone is a one-time expense. Mobile companies also tend to offer lots of promotions and discounts, especially during the holiday season, so the phone you want may be cheaper than you think. In some cases, if you sign up for a certain plan, the phone is free.

In many cases, your plan will be a bigger expense than your phone. Many people with older phones may be on a pay-as-you -go plan, and if you are looking at the cheaper smartphone models and don't think you will use lots of minutes or data, it can be a good idea to stick to one of these plans. Check with your mobile carrier to see what kind of calling and data packages they have. If you don't want to have to worry about credit and are looking at some of the higher end models, it can be cheaper to switch to a bill-pay plan with data included.

Keep in mind that while data can be expensive, smartphones can also connect to the Internet with WiFi. You may already have WiFi in your home, and it is often available at many workplaces. Free WiFi hotspots can be found in many cafes, restaurants, and libraries. Using WiFi enables you to drastically reduce the amount of data you need (some people choose to use WiFi exclusively and not have a data allowance). However, this can limit where you can use many features of your phone, so you need to decide what suits your lifestyle.

One of the next big decisions that people face is choosing the right phone. For a lot of people, picking the right smartphone is a matter of picking the right operating system (OS). The smartphone's operating system is the platform it uses to run various programmes. While they can all pretty much connect you to the web and allow you to use email and make phone calls or text, each has its own strengths and weaknesses.

The most common operating systems for smartphones today are Apple's iOS, which runs iPhones, Google's Android



system, Microsoft's Windows Mobile, and the Blackberry OS. You don't need to be a technophile to determine which of the systems is best for you. What will impact you the most is the availability of different programmes and apps across these platforms.

If you plan on using apps on your smartphone, you might want to avoid the Blackberry. The Blackberry OS is great for using email and browsing the web, but it doesn't have many apps. If you want to really explore what apps have to offer, then the Apple app store is the largest in the world. iPhones are welldesigned, very user friendly, and are regularly updated. The downside is that they are expensive and your hardware choices are limited to Apple products.



Android is an open source OS originally developed by Google but which can be used by anyone. It is available on many devices from many different manufacturers, making it easier to find one that fits your budget and your lifestyle. However, updates are infrequent and can be more complicated to access. The apps are not vetted (Apple's are), so their quality is more inconsistent. A Windows Mobile is good to get if you plan on doing a lot of work on your phone. Since it runs a mobile version of Windows (which you may already have running on your computer), it can easily let you see and work on spreadsheets and documents on your phone.

Once you've decided on your phone budget, operating system, and plan, you've got one task left: deciding on a phone. Don't rush into this decision as you might end up having this phone for a couple of years, taking it everywhere with you and using it more than any other appliance (except, perhaps, the kettle). You need to make sure the actual phone suits your life.

Check out all the phones your carrier has in your price range and with the operating system that you want. Think about the tasks for which you're planning on using your phone, and try them out on the demo phones in-store. See if the keyboard is comfortable to use and how easy it is to switch between applications. Test out the touchscreen and decide if the phone will fit comfortably into your pocket or purse. Also make sure that you like the look of the phone, as it's going to be your constant accessory. You can also read reviews of a phone online to see if it has issues like getting hot after prolonged use or breaking easily.

Once you have chosen a phone, the first thing you want to do is become familiar with its main buttons and controls. Don't be afraid to just push buttons and see what happens – you won't break the phone, but you will learn a lot! The first things you'll want to learn are how to turn the phone on and off, how to raise or lower the volume, and how to get back to the home screen. These three buttons tend to be common to both Android and iPhone devices. Also check out the ports on your phone: where to plug in the charger, headphones, and any removable media. Android tends to add a set of buttons on the bottom: home, back, menu, and (sometimes) search. The back arrow takes you to the last level in an app, while the double box button shows you all of the apps you have open.



Overview of Android, Apple and Windows home screens

All smartphones are controlled through the touchscreen, meaning that all you need are taps and swipes to work it. These gestures can take some getting used to, but these are the main ones you need to know:

Single tap: open up apps, menus, etc.

**Double tap:** allows you to zoom in when using a browser or view maps.

Swipe left to right/vice versa: Unlock phone, switch between browser tabs, certain apps use it as a 'return' feature

Swipe top down: brings down the notifications screen alerting you to any messages or missed calls. Can be accessed on the lock screen.

Swipe bottom up: On the lock screen, it activates the camera or shortcuts like the flashlight and other settings. For Android, you can activate Google Now.

**Pinch screen:** zoom in, usually features in browsers or viewing maps. Doing the reverse allows you to zoom out.

**Press and hold:** for your main screen, this allows you to move apps around, place them into folders and delete them.

Smartphones include several built-in apps that you will want to explore straight away:

Phone and contacts: check how to add contacts, answer an incoming call, and hang up

**Camera:** check how to focus, take a photo, share photos, and where the photos are stored

Email: check how to send email, move emails around, and create attachments

App store: find the search function, how to download apps, and where they end up

Notification centre: see what it shows you and what functions it allows you to use

Settings: very important to managing your phone, check how you can customise your phone

Messages: test how to send and read text messages

#### Handy tips:

The Lock Screen: Similar to ordinary phones, the lock screen alerts you to any missed calls or texts as well as any app notifications. You can control what notifications you receive on your screen through Settings, and you also have the option to remove previews for any text messages and emails you receive. You can lock your screen with a PIN code, but depending on the phone, you can add a more complex password. Given the amount of personal information stored on a smartphone, you should definitely protect it with some kind of password.



Setting main apps and folders: You can place your most commonly used apps at the bottom of the screen. These apps will remain in the same fixed position on each screen, so you can easily access them. Press and hold down on the app you want to move and when it expands, move it down to the bottom. If you can't place an app on the bottom, you must then remove one first before you can place it there. If you want to create a folder, press and hold down the app so you can move it, but instead, place it on top of another app you want to pair it with. Doing this will create a folder which you can then name.

Switching between apps: On iPhones, pressing the home button twice brings up the list of activated apps. Either tap on one to open it or swipe upwards to turn it off. Android has a button dedicated to opening up and switching between apps, while on a Windows Phone, if you hold down the back button, it brings up the five most recent apps you were using. Swiping up or across turns off the app.

**Connecting the WiFi:** Connecting your smartphone up to a WiFi connection is practically the same as you would on your computer. Found in Settings, your phone will pick up any connections within range, and all you must do is click on the network you want and type the password when prompted.

Manipulating text: If you are reading or writing something, you can tap on a word and then drag the highlighted space across the word(s) you want copied. Many options will then pop up, such as cut, copy, paste, or define.



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Maynooth Tidy Towns received an invitation from Kildare County Council to the County Awards in the IONTAS Building in

TidyTowns

Maynooth

Maynooth University on Wednesday 4th November.

A wonderful evening took place culminating with a presentation of Merit Award Certificates to the Transition Year Students from Maynooth Post Primary School by the Mayor of Kildare Clr. Brendan Weld. Maynooth Tidy Towns also received a Certificate for winning a Silver Medal in the 2015 National Tidy Towns competition.

As in previous years Jim Doyle will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Buckley's House adjacent to the Garda Station. After Christmas please recycle your tree in Kildare County Council depot yard beside the Fire Station in Leinster St. Maynooth.

The WEEE Ireland Collection of electrical goods and batteries will take place on 19th March 2016 in the Tesco Shopping Car Park.

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns we wish Staff and readers of Maynooth Newsletter and all who supported us a very Happy Christmas and litter free New Year. Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

#### Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteers Evening

The Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Volunteer Evening was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 6th November 2015. The evening commenced with Music by the Junior section of Maynooth Ceoltas. A slide show of the many aspects of the volunteer work of Maynooth Tidy Towns and its volunteers was shown to the large attendance at the function throughout the evening.

Paul Croghan Vice-Chair of Maynooth Tidy Towns formally welcomed all to our celebration evening and called on Mattie Callaghan Chairman to address the large attendance. Mattie thanked all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication during the year. Our major achievement this year was the winning of a Silver Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition and also being a winner in the inaugural Value Water competition sponsored by Irish Water.

Junior volunteers Darragh Bergin and Nicole Byrne were presented with certificates and a commemorative mugs by Mattie Callaghan. Transition Year Students- LENS -Laura Monaghan, Emma Dunne, Nicola Fitzsimons and Sarah Heaslip were presented by Mary Jennings School Liaison Officer with a framed copy of photos of the Utility Boxes that they painted so beautifully during the summer. On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns she thanked them for their cooperation on this project. A copy will be displayed in the window on Main St. shortly.

Mary briefly spoke about how the project had evolved having met them at Maynooth Educate Together School where they had painted murals on the outside of the ASD Unit and also painted the wooden fence around the playground.

Darren Mooney of Quickstitch sponsored and presented our two Junior Volunteers with Polo Shirts, also Chairman Mattie Callaghan accepted a Polo Shirt on behalf of all the volunteers who will be getting theirs in due course.

Tina Williams was presented with a floral display planter by Richard Farrell and

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Mattie Callaghan for her great work on Saturday mornings in all weathers. Sean Treacy Chairman of the Leinster Fleadh presented Mary Farrell Treasurer of Maynooth Tidy Towns with a Cheque. Sean thanked Maynooth Tidy Towns for their work before, during and after the Fleadh.

Naoise Ó Cearúil, Cathaoirleach of Maynooth Municipal District Council presented Sean Cushen, Vinny Mulready, Ray Murphy and Moira Baxter with a Certificate from Kildare County Council for winning the inaugural Bug Hotel competition.

Paul Croghan and Mattie Callaghan presented Marian Cawley with a floral display planter to congratulate her success as a National Supervalu Local Hero. A copy of her certificate will be on display in the window in Main St. shortly which she received at the National Tidy Towns Awards at the Helix in Dublin on 28th September 2015.

Richard Farrell gave background information to the nomination and thanked her for her dedication to Maynooth Tidy Towns. The evening ended with finger food sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel and more great music from the Ceoltas group.

Left & Below: Photos of the presentations on the night.











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With Christmas and a new year fast approaching, it is a triumphed in the prestigious acting categories. Still timely occasion to look back at the film highlights of 2015. Some of the cinematic delights of the past year might just provide ideas for that perfect Christmas present! It has certainly been an interesting year for Irish cinema-goers with many and varied screen offerings.

In early January, Clint Eastwood's hugely popular American Sniper hit Irish screens. It was a rather jingoistic take on the life of the late Navy SEAL Chris Kyle and his sniper activities in the Iraq War. Bradley Cooper's bulked-up performance as the most lethal sniper in US history was excellent (earning him a nod at the Oscars), but the film itself was a mixed bag and rather unsatisfactory as a whole.

The American star has had a good year in terms of exercising his acting chops. In theatre, Cooper wowed Broadway and the West End with his blistering performance as the Elephant Man. Cooper is currently cooking up histrionics as a troubled Michelin chef in the predictable comedy-drama, Burnt.



The quirky, spectacular black comedy Birdman saw the resurrection of Michael Keaton's career. A star of 80s cult comedies and Batman films, his film career has taken a nosedive in recent years. Keaton's role as a washed-up film star, making one last stand to revive his flagging career and life, ironically echoed the actor's own real-life situation. He always excelled in manic roles, and his faded Birdman hero is superb, energetic, moving and hilarious by turns. Not surprisingly, it earned him an Oscar nomination.



Colin Firth turned up in the entertaining Kingsman: The Secret Service. Based upon the acclaimed comic book, director Matthew Vaughan (Layer Cake, X-Men: First Class) had enormous fun sending up the spy genre. If you like your action-flicks stylish and subversive, then this is the film for you. Firth is surprisingly effective as a Bond-like secret agent and equally at home with the physical kick-ass stuff as he is with the witty one-liners. The young apprentice agent, played by newcomer Taron Egerton, is also an actor to watch out for.



The 2015 Oscar race saw Birdman, American Sniper. The Theory of Everything and The Imitation Game battling it out for the top honours. In the end, Birdman dominated with four of the top awards. Surprisingly, American Sniper, despite its financial clout (always a good-sign in Hollywood) was spectacularly snubbed by the Academy.

In smaller films, Julianne Moore and Eddie Redmayne

Alice is elevated by Moore's portrayal of a woman experiencing the early on-set of Alzheimer's disease. The versatile actress' performance is subtle, underplayed and genuinely moving in a heartfelt drama that treats its difficult subject-matter with sensitivity. Still Alice also does not shy away from showing the negative and devastating consequences of the illness on the woman and her family. For this, it is to be commended. Not an easy watch though.

English actor Eddie Redmayne excelled in the role of the famous physicist Stephen Hawking in biopic The Theory of Everything. Based on his wife's memoir 'My Life with Stephen, the film is a fictionalised account of their relationship and Hawking's battle with motor neurone disease. Redmayne and Felicity Jones, as his wife Jane, make for an affecting screen couple. The former in particular is extraordinary, pulling out all the stops in a physically demanding role. The film is at its best when depicting the human drama at the heart of his personal life.



It has been a good year for the profile of Irish actors/ directors worldwide. Renowned director Kenneth Branagh brought a fairy-tale classic to the big screen. Decidedly traditional and borrowing heavily from the 1950s film, Cinderella is a stylish, romantic and enchanting film. Lily James as the title character is a charming lead with just the right blend of sweetness and sincerity. It might just be the perfect stocking filler this Christmas!

In the most hyped film of 2015, Jamie Dornan took on the controversial role of Christian Grey in the film adaptation of EL James' Fifty Shades of Grey. Though wildly successful in financial terms, the film itself was too many shades of disappointing, and snarky critics had a field day. Dakota Johnson's performance as the ingénue Ana was its one saving grace. Overall, a weak rushed script, diluted carnality and an underwritten part for Dornan made Fifty Shades a rather dull, grey affair!



It has been the year of Michael Fassbender. The charismatic Irish actor made his mark in three distinctive films: Slow West, Macbeth and Steve Jobs. Fassbender is always exciting to watch. His roles in these films showcased his immense range. As the hard-bitten, amoral bounty hunter in John Maclean's offbeat western Slow West, Fassbender's laconic charm was put to effective use. In the visually outstanding Macbeth, he played the mad, bad and dangerous to know Scottish warrior. It was an electrifying performance matched only in intensity by Marion Cotillard's steely but fragile Lady Macbeth. Word of mouth is very good for Steve Jobs. It's Fassbender's best chance at an Oscar yet.

With a powerhouse performance from Fassbender and Aaron Sorkin's red-hot script, Danny Boyle delivers a



fascinating look at Apple's co-founder and genius. Jobs was ground-breaking in his changes to the world of technology, but his less desirable traits are highlighted in Sorkin's piercing screenplay. Fassbender brilliantly plays up the self-centred, abrasive and ruthless side to Jobs' personality. Kate Winslet lends superb support as his frustrated work colleague. Steve Jobs is absorbing, enjoyable, intelligently made and a sure-fire Oscar contender come 2016.

Our own Saoirse Ronan is another likely contender for an award next year. Her captivating performance as the Irish émigré in the coming-of-age tear-jerker Brookyln is one of the best of 2015.



The summer of 2015 was dominated by entertaining and slick reworkings of classic spy romps like The Man from U.N.C.L.E. and Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation. Part of the viewer's pleasure in these franchises is the built-in familiarity factor. Studios play to these expectations. These films easily filled cineplexes as did crowd-pleasers Jurassic World and Minions. Although the most entertaining spectacle of 2015 was undoubtedly the 40 foot giant minion making an impromptu appearance on a Dublin motorway in August!



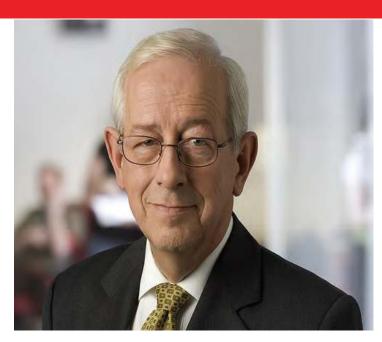
One of the best films of the year was Thomas Vinterberg's visually sumptuous take on a Hardy classic, Far from the Madding Crowd. The brilliant Carey Mulligan (Suffragettes) and Belgian actor Matthias Schoenaertes lit up the screen as would-be lovers in this rural tale of thwarted love and passions in 19th century Wessex. Everything about Vinterberg's film is exquisite: cinematography, screenplay, music and exemplary performances all combine to magical effect. If you only see one film before the close of 2015, make it this one.



The winter months have brought the latest chapter in the age-defying Bond franchise. Spectre is the followup to the very popular Skyfall of 2012. As expected, there are stunning action set-pieces aplenty (with an amazing opening scene) but a rather lack-lustre script lets it all down. Spectre is not the rollercoaster-ride that made its predecessor so compelling. Daniel Craig has hinted that this may be his last outing as 007. On the plus side, he is still eminently watchable as Bond, and the dapper Christopher Waltz was born to play a Bond villain.

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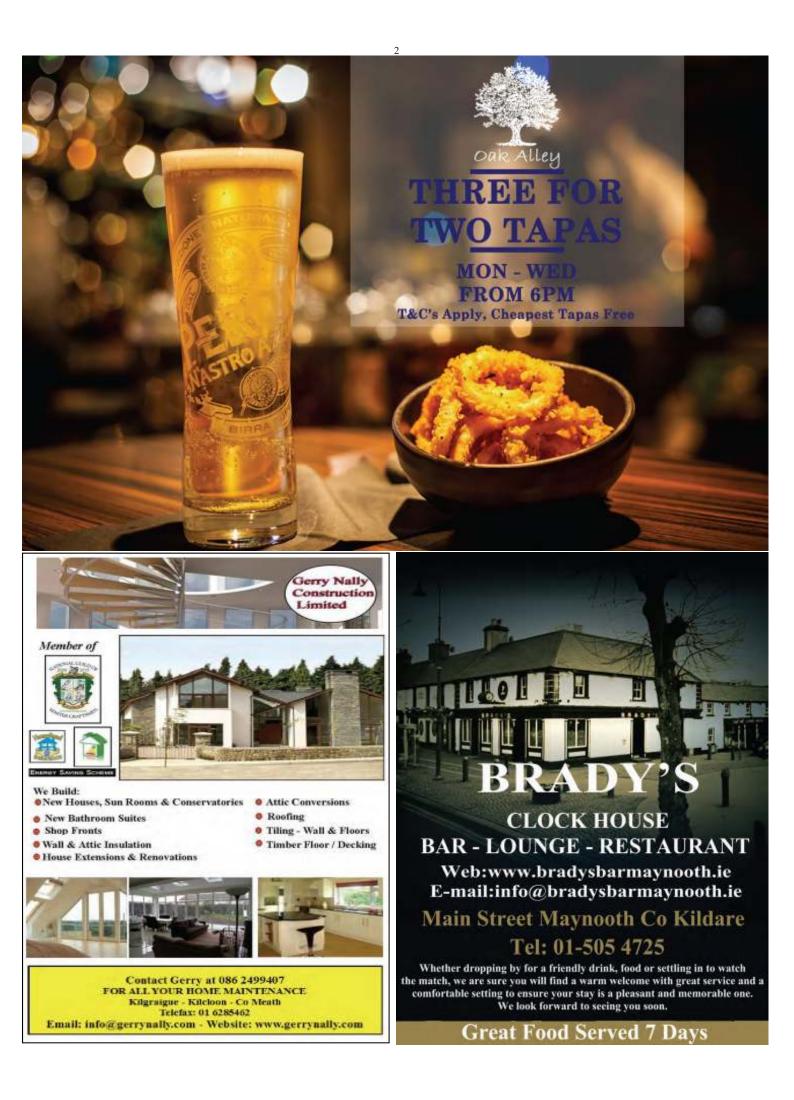
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### **PUPPY TRAINING**

As the puppy population will have increased over Christmas it is important that they learn some very elementary things!

Firstly, they have to learn their names. Having taken into account the names proposed by all family members, one name and one only has to be agreed on. Constant use of its name during the day and at feeding time will reinforce its identity and it will become accustomed to it pretty fast!

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

way to teach this command is by rewarding him with treats each time he comes to you. Every time you call him insist that he comes! This could take 5 - 10 minutes but it is time well spent. Always when training reinforce the positive. Never give out to a puppy that has taken a long time to come to you, as in his own mind he can't determine why he is been told off. 'Is it because he was a long time responding or was it because he actually arrived?!!

Now, he must learn to walk on a lead. This is usually started when the pup is 8-10 weeks of age. When teaching him it is a good idea to have no distractions. Don't force him to go with you, follow your puppy wherever he goes. The first lesson can last up to 15 minutes as puppies loose interest after this. All future lessons last up to 5 minutes. Next, your puppy is taught how to sit and lie down. When training use the same command words and always be positive and consistent.

After these initial training periods and with your puppy's vaccination course completed, expose him to strangers, strange environments, traffic and noises.

House training is easy for some breeds which are naturally clean. When you are taking your puppy out to go to the toilet, go to the same location each time. After finishing feeding or first thing in the morning make sure he is taken out. If he has an accident in the house never give out to him, always be positive.



### Microchipping

The chip has a 15 digit code which is recorded on a National Data Base. The owner's name, address and contact number are recorded as well. The chip is inserted under the skin at the base of the animal's neck. This procedure is generally well tolerated by most dogs. It is a definite permanent identification of your pet. It gives you the reassurance that if your pet goes missing it can be identified. At Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 and Clane Veterinary Clinic 045 982763 we have scanners that allow us to read the microchip and then contact the owners. It is vital that the National Data base is notified.



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#### **Happy New Year to all our friends in the Community of Maynooth.** 2015 was a great year for the group 4 plays performed with great success. There was a number of fund raisers. Ouizzes Music Nights and the year ended with our brand new Pantomime *The*

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Terry Nealon at 086-8068068 An Nuadha Players Community Theatre.

### **Community Council Notes**

### **Maynooth Community Council December Notes**

PRESENTATION BY MAYNOOTH CYCLING

Deirdre McGowan of Maynooth Cycling gave a power point presentation stating their aims and ambitions. a) To encourage walking and cycling as an alternative to vehicular transport

b) To increase the numbers cycling and walking to school

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

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

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

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

### MCC WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

### PRESENTATION OF MCC INFORMATION

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

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

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

### CONCERNS RASIED OVER STUDENT CHRISTMAS DAY EVENT

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

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

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

#### EVENTS

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

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

### CECIL DOYLE BURSARY AWARDS GO TO **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

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

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

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

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

### **AFFILITES & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

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

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

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

### SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Josie Moore told the meeting about the most successful Sale of Work to date with over €10.400 reported in income at that time, and how lucky they were with the weather. She thanked the Scouts for their help again this year and Tidy Towns for their promotion of Senior

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

### GIRL GUIDES

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

### SCOUTS

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

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

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

#### ICA

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

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

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

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

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

### COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

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

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

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

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

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Keith McCrory reported on securing funding towards the St Patricks Foundation Lunch. It is hoped to get more funding locally in the New Year as we look towards this years St Patrick's Day Festival. It was mentioned that the current Garda Vetting (Continued on page 7)

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

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

### **Maynooth Community Council January Notes**

#### **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

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

### CORRECTION

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

### NUIM PRESENTATION

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

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

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

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

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

Naoise O'Cearuil complimented the University and the

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

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

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

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

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

### MATTERS ARISING

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

### CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

### SWIMMING POOL FOR NORTH KILDARE

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

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

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

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN MAYNOOTH

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

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

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

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

### **AFFILITES & SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### TIDY TOWNS

The Tidy Towns Committee had planned to take a little time off over the Christmas period. This turned out not to be the case as the town was left in an awful state after (Continued on page 8)

### **Community Council Notes (Cont.)**

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

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

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

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

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

Valentines Tea Dance on Feb 21st. ICA The ICA would welcome new members and for those

new to Maynooth the ICA Hall is situated in the Harbour, If local ladies are interested in crafts, outings and participating in the community, please get in contact.

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

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

### CCE CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

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

### MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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

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

### MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

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

### AOB

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

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

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

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

Letter to the Editor

### **Editorial**

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

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

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

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

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

#### A Eagarthóir, a chara,

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

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

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

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### **Tidy Towns and Christmas Lights**

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

### A bit of background: In the 2016 Budget Kildare

Councillors voted to charge householders 7.5% more in LPT than householders in Dublin. That 7.5% amounts to €333,000 for each of the five Municipal District (MD) in county Kildare.

All of the MD's, except Maynooth, voted to allocate most of

this LPT for Community	use i.e.
Athy	€153,000
Kildare/Newbridge	€222,000
Celbridge/Leixlip	€208,000
Naas	€318,000
Maynooth	NOTHING

Cllr. McGinley's modest proposal would help worthwhile projects such as Christmas Lights, Tidy Towns or Residents' Associations so that all householders could see a benefit from the additional property tax that they paid.

If the Councillors allocated €50,000, out of €333,000, for such community projects they would still only be giving a small fraction of what the other MD's give.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Cllr. McGinley responded as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Councils Director of Services advised the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 January that he had meetings with both the National Transport Authority (NTA)and Dublin Bus on extending the 66 bus service to Newtown.

The NTA told him that they will fund it if the Council is serious about it.

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

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

Cllr. McGinley was given the following good news on his Motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 January: "Environment section is currently obtaining quotations from appropriate operators who provide this service. It is planned to hold the collection day in April of this year. "

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

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

1. Is the marking of the new paths on the Straffan Road completed? Yes. Will there be no demarcation between the cycle paths and the footpath? No, new thinking by the NTA/Cycle manual on marking of shared space cycle ways... curious to know the publics thoughts on this 2. Will the proposed new one have demarcation between cyclists and pedestrians? No, not when it is shared space ... see reasons above

3. Will there be any CPO's of peoples gardens for the Moyglare Paths? No, ... no private CPO's but we may need to re-profile some entrances within the public space to accommodate the 12m corridor (2m footpath, 6m road, 4m cyclepath/footpath). There may be pinch pints here and there but we will not be straying onto private land. Any hedgerows or planting which has grown into public space will be cut right back to original boundaries.

#### DESIGN TEAM RECOMMEND PREFERRED CONTRACT FOR TWO NEW MAYNOOTH SECONDARY SCHOOLS - STAGG

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the case for the Construction of the Two New Secondary Schools and shared Sports Facility for Maynooth on the Moyglare Road with the Minister for Education and he has now been advised that the Tender Report recommending the preferred contractor has recently been received in the Department.

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

Deputy Stagg stated that both of the Schools, the new Maynooth Community College and the Replacement school for Maynooth Post Primary School, will cater for 1,000 pupils each.

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

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

Deputy Emmet Stagg has declared that Children and Families across Kildare will benefit from Labour's plan to introduce a €2 per hour childcare system by 2021 following the publication of the Labour Party's childcare proposals. This state has never sufficiently invested in childcare. As the economy recovers. Labour will change that for once and for all.

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

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

By 2021, the cost to parents will be €2 per hour, for up to 40 hours per week. Our approach will save Kildare parents thousands each year and for a parent with two children in full -time care savings will be in the region of €9,400 a year. Labour stated Deputy Stagg will move immediately to cap the cost of childcare for all children under 12 to €4.25 per hour for up to 40 hours of childcare a week in 2017. Then gradually over each year up to 2021 we will reduce this cost to €2 per hour, or a maximum cost of €80 per week. "When Labour entered Government in 2011 we had to make a number of difficult decisions that were necessary to put this country back on a stable path. Having persevered and restored the public finances, I am pleased that we now have the room to raise living standards for people and invest in families and childcare.'

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

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

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

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

## **Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes**

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

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

### Homeless People on Maynooth Main Street

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

### Taking in Charge of Estates

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

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

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

### **Ramps in Moyglare Abbey**

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

#### Flooding

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

### **Maynooth Paid Parking**

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

#### Re-naming of Maynooth Court-House Square

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

#### Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis

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

### Representations

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making representations on behalf of residents on a range of issues. If you have an issue or need advice please get in contact. Areas covered to date include;

- Local Issues
- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
- Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Medical Card Issues
- Business Start Ups

#### <u>Cllr Frank O Rourke – Fianna Fail</u> <u>General Election Candidate</u> <u>A New Voice For Kildare North.</u>

As your Fianna Fail candidate and following my recent canvass in **Maynooth**, I want to thank you for the courtesy shown to me and my canvass team. As we edge closer to the election, I feel it is important that I outline the following:

Since getting elected to Kildare Co Co, I have **worked hard** to improve the conditions for the people that I represent. My work ethic is recognised by most and my work has had a positive impact on our local community in Maynooth and surrounding area. During my canvass, I have captured the many and varied issues that are affecting us; namely the **Housing Crisis**, **Special Needs Assistants and Pupil Teacher Ratios**, **Health Services**, **Supports for our Older People**, **Childcare and measures to support our small businesses**.

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

If you want to raise any local or national issue with me please contact me directly on Tel No. 087 2555257, <u>e-</u> mail frankorourke1@gmail.com or my clinic in Maynooth.

#### <u>Housing Adaption Grant – Older People, People with</u> <u>Disabilities</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### required

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

Clinics: Every Monday (except Bank Holidays): Location: Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Contact Frank on 087 2555257 or by e-mail frankorourke1@gmail.com to arrange a suitable time. Working with fellow Clirs; Naoise O Cearuil, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Paul Ward

#### <u>Cllr. James Lawless - Working for you in Maynooth -</u> <u>Your General Election Candidate</u> Public Meeting on Mental Health

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

#### Social Housing

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

### **Crime Prevention**

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

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

### Cllr. James Lawless - m: 086 834 8869 w: www.jameslawless.ie - e: james@jameslawless.ie

### Maynooth Toastmasters

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



For now speaking with confidence, is a skill which everyone has the ability to achieve in a friendly and very cost effective manner by following the Toastmaster program. You will be amazed how quickly your skills develop, soon you will be making a contribution to that business discussion, social occasions requiring public speaking will become more enjoyable.

So why not contact Peter Cuthbert Pro Maynooth Toastmasters on 0868752336 or come along to the Glenroyal Hotel on the 2nd / 4th Monday of the month and begin. If not in Maynooth, then try Clane, Nass, Kildare and Athy, but do come it's fun

### **Clane Toastmasters**

If you are looking for a dynamic club, at which to develop your public speaking and leaderships skills in a friendly environment then look no further than Clane Toastmasters Club. We are helping our members enhance their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Meetings are in Clane GAA, Prosperous Rd, Clane, Co. Kildare, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7.45pm. Our next one is on 20th January and guests are welcome to attend any meeting for FREE. As the recently appointed Public Relations Officer with Clane Toastmasters Club and a media production professional, I am available to write articles, be interviewed, or assist in any other way to spread the word of Toastmasters.

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

### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

For the more information please see Facebook and Twitter pages.



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



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



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

### Maynooth Tidy Towns Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns.





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### Winter Warmer

### **Quick Beef Stew**

### Ingredients

2lb beef - sliced 3 tbsp plain flour 2 tbsp olive oil 1 large onion, diced 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped 450g button mushrooms, quartered 4 carrots, diced 225ml/8 fl oz red wine 450g new potatoes, diced 3 tbsp tomato purée 2 celery sticks, diced 1¼ pints beef stock 1 tbsp finely chopped thyme leaves 2 tbsp parsley, finely chopped



serves 4

### Method

Season the beef with  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt and pepper. Toss in the flour. Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat. Add the meat and cook, stirring often, for 4 mins until brown. Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook 2-3 mins. Then add the wine and bring to the boil. Add the vegetables to the pan with 1 tsp salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp pepper, the stock, tomato purée and thyme. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 mins, until the vegetables are tender. Remove the lid and let simmer for 5 mins. Stir in the parsley. Add salt and pepper if necessary. Serve hot.

### Vegetable Stew with Couscous

serves 4

#### Ingredients

1 onion 2 garlic cloves

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

### Method

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

### **Speedy Paella**

#### Ingredients

Method

2 tbsp olive oil 1 onion, thinly sliced 1 red pepper, sliced 100g chorizo, sliced 200g long grain rice 1½ pints of boiling fish stock Pinch of saffron threads 140g frozen peas 200g cooled peeled tiger prawns Salt and pepper



serves 4

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

### **Indoor Herb Gardens**



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

### **Commonly Grown Herbs**

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

vegetables, meats and egg dishes.



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

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

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

#### Caring for your herbs

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

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

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

Regular clipping will promote further growth. Even young plants need to be clipped regularly to encourage them to branch out, but don't cut off more than a third. If they

start flowering, they are not being clipped regularly enough. Wait a couple weeks before you first start feeding your plants to encourage root growth. Once they are well established, feed them every two weeks with a half-strength nutrient mix. Adding some liquid seaweed with help promote essential oil production, which is what gives herbs their flavour and aroma.



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### Maynooth Youths picked for the Taekwondo World Championships

Leah and Calum Duncan from Old Greenfield, Maynooth have been selected to fight in the Taekwondo World Championships in Germany having won the Irish and Meath Open's last year. The 21st International Children's World Championships 2016 will be held on the 6/7th of February in Glaspalast Sindelfingen, Stuttgart, Germany.

Calum (pictured right) will compete in male under 8/9 -28kg and Leah (pictured far right) will contest in female u12/13 -35kg. On their return to Ireland they will compete in the Irish Nationals on 25th

February. We wish them both every success in their respective competitions.





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



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

regular feature of technology, it is more and more importan to understand the effects and potential consequences, both positive and negative.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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### **Craobh Mhaigh Nuad Notes**

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

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

Our regular Wednesday night sessions continue in McMahon's, keep an eye out for the regular feeds for details of these pop up sessions.

Our new term gets under way on 13<sup>th</sup> January in Maynooth Post Primary school at 7.00 p.m. Come along and join our classes looked after by our fantastic teaching team consisting of Aimeé Farrell Courtney (Bodhrán), Cillian McCabe (Banjo/Mandolin), Ellen Godley (Concertina), James Cahill (Guitar), Jason McGuinness (Fiddle), Lauren Tracey (Whistle), Rita Doyle (Dancing), Sean Tracey (Button Accordion) Sean Ó Mhorgha (Comhra Gaeilge), Alannah Thornburgh (Harp), Karen Tracey (Flute) and Troy O' Neill (Ukulele)

One lesson per month is given over to group playing, which is designed to reflect the importance of collaborating and playing with other musicians. Below are a number of shots from our class sessions last year. There will be one junior session per month on Sunday afternoon in McMahon's, starting at 3.00pm. Our adult sessions are held a minimum of one a month, but you'll find a hardy bunch out most Wednesday nights for a few tunes and songs. All musicians are welcome to join us in McMahon's, young and old, branch members or not, so we look forward to seeing you there!

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

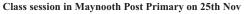
Finally, to all our committee, members, friends and supporters, best wishes for a lively 2016. Go n-éirí an cheoil linn I 2016.

Please contact Sean 086 2225540, Angie 087 1409722, www.ccemaighnuad.com or follow us on twitter and facebook.com/craobh.maighnuad.



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







### PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2015

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

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

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



### Pieta House Fundraiser

On the evening of the 27th November, Maynooth GAA club played host to a great night's entertainment at a fundraising event for Pieta House. The night, organised and fronted by local band 'The Company', raised  $\in 3,280$  for what all present felt was a cause worthy of such strong support. Pieta house is well known for the work they do to address mental health concerns nationwide. The Lucan based charity provides free therapeutic support to people who are suicidal and who are self-harming. As Pieta House depends in the main on donations for its continued operations, local fundraising events such as this one are vital to its survival.

Tony Savino, distinctive voice and tuxedo to match, was compere for the evening and Naas based group 'Myles Fancy' (pictured below) opened the evening with a lively set. 'The Company' are a local band that plays each Sunday night in Maynooth GAA at 9pm and their distinctive brand of folk and Americana music set a mellow tone for the night. Also featured were trad musicians 'Push for Porter' who are Thursday night regulars at the Newtown Inn and local crooner Brian O Kane entertained with a solo set. Well polished duo 'Sidewinder' rounded off the evening with well worked cover versions that had the audience up and dancing until the small hours. Ken Pearson, one of the owners of KnB, bravely, and successfully, managed the sound for the entire motley crew

Brian O Neill, a member of the Company and one of the chief organisers of the night reflected afterwards on the sense of community participation that he experienced when he was drumming up support among local business for the event. "Any door we pushed for sponsorship or for spot prizes opened as soon as we mentioned Pieta House" Brian said. Indeed the evening included food provided and prepared by local chef Simon Duffy. The evening also featured the usual raffle with over 30 spot prizes very

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



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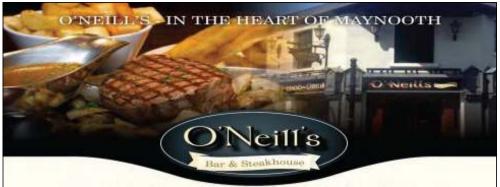
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With 2015 well and truly behind us now, we can look back with relief and consider how well it all went. Our Golden Jubilee celebration and the launch of our book "The Golden Years" was the highlight of our year, so we can glide into 2016 with a certain calm. Once again I would like to

thank those who contributed to all our events and helped to make it the most memorable year thus far. Our morning club is in full swing now every Tuesday and Thursday in the Geraldine Hall and all Senior Citizens are welcome. Our next event will be the Post Primary School Musical "Evita" which takes place from Feb. 3rd to Feb. 7th and our Valentine's Tea-Dance will take place on Feb. 21st at 3pm in the GAA club. Our Annual collection will take place this year on March 12th & 13th and St. Patrick's Tea-Dance will take place on Sun March 20th. You will find our full year's programme on our web page which is part the Parish Website.

Josephine Moore.

### St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band



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

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

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

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

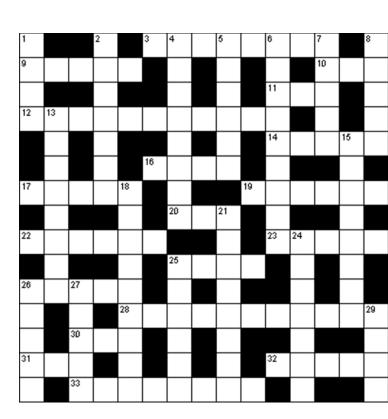
The Band again extends a warm welcome to musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to drop in to rehearsals between 8pm and 9.30pm any Monday night except Bank Holidays.

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

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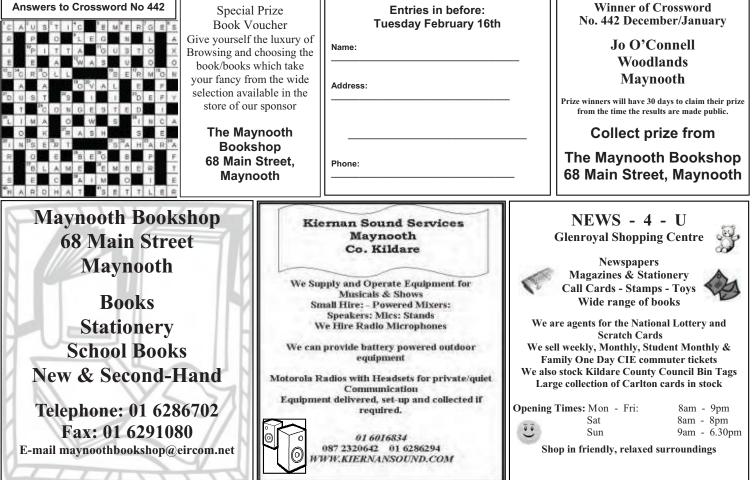


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1. Mountains (4)

2. Puncture (7)

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



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### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

### Smacking Children

Question:

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

#### Answer:

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

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

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

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

### The New PRSI credit

### Question:

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

#### Answer:

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

For example, if you earn (352.01) per week, you will get the maximum PRSI credit of (12.0) n these earnings of (352.01), your PRSI charge (calculated at 4% of your earnings) would be (14.08). After the (12) credit is deducted, you will pay PRSI of (2.08) instead. If you earn between (352.01) and (424) per week, the maximum credit of (12) is reduced by one-sixth of the amount of your weekly earnings over (352.01). You work out how much PRSI you will pay in four steps. First, calculate one-sixth of your earnings over (352.01). Then subtract this from the maximum credit of (12) to get your PRSI credit. Then calculate the basic PRSI charge at 4% of your earnings. Finally, deduct your PRSI credit from the PRSI charge. The result is the amount of PRSI you pay.

For example, for gross weekly earnings of  $\notin$ 377: **1.** One-sixth of your earnings over  $\notin$ 352.01 is  $\notin$ 377-

- €352.01 = €24.99, divided by 6 = €4.17.
  2. Subtract this from the maximum credit of €12, giving
- you a credit of  $\epsilon$ 7.83. 3. The basic PRSI charge is 4% of  $\epsilon$ 377 =  $\epsilon$ 15.08.

4. You will pay  $\in$ 7.25 PRSI weekly in 2016 ( $\in$ 15.08 minus your  $\in$ 7.83 PRSI credit).

### The Minimum Wage

### Question:

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

#### Answer:

No. Since 1 January 2016, the statutory minimum wage for an experienced adult has increased to

€9.15 per hour. Under the National Minimum Wage Act 2000, there are also pro-rata increases for those aged under 18 and for trainees. The new rates are as follows:

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

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

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

### Refusal to prosecute

Question:

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

#### Answer:

Yes she can. Since 16 November 2015, if the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) decides not to prosecute, the victim can ask the DPP for a summary of the reasons for the decision not to prosecute. In a fatal case a family member of the victim can ask. If the decision not to prosecute was made by the Gardaí, you must ask the Gardaí for a summary of the reasons for the decision. To request a summary of the reasons for the decision by the DPP not to prosecute you must send a Request for a Summary of Reasons form to the: Communications and Victims Liaison Unit, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Infirmary Road, Dublin 7 The form is available on dppireland.ie or from or from your local Garda station. You must send your request for reasons within 28 days of the date you are told of the decision not to prosecute In some cases the DPP might extend this time limit.

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

### Noisy neighbours

### Question:

Our new neighbours often have noisy parties and keep our children awake at nights. We don't want to call the Gardaí but what else can we do?

#### Answer:

Noise nuisance can be a really difficult problem, especially if your family's sleep is disturbed. The Gardaí may ask someone to lower the noise coming from a dwelling but they do not have the power to enter a dwelling with the intention of simply asking someone to lower the noise.

There is a useful leaflet published by the Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC), which covers issues (including noise) that arise between neighbours. FLAC recommends that you should first talk to your neighbours about the noise and explain how it is affecting your family. Keep a note of these discussions. You can also keep a noise diary, noting type of noise, time, date and duration and its effects on your family. If this doesn't work, you can write to your neighbours, giving details of the noise and its effects. You may wish to suggest mediation and/or legal action if the matter cannot be resolved. Keep copies of all correspondence. If the neighbours are tenants and you don't get a satisfactory response from them, you can complain to the landlord - whether this is a private landlord, a local authority or a housing association.

Private tenants have an obligation not to engage in antisocial behaviour, which includes persistent noise that interferes with the peaceful occupation of other dwellings. You may complain to the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) if the landlord fails to enforce this obligation.

Tenants of local authority housing are also obliged to avoid any nuisance (including noise) to the occupiers of any other dwelling. If the noise persists, the tenants are in breach of their tenancy agreement and the local authority can take steps to enforce the terms of the agreement.

If the noise continues to be a problem, you can complain to the District Court about it. You must then serve notice on your noisy neighbours, using the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 - noise form of notice. If the court finds in your favour, it can order your neighbours to take measures to prevent or limit the noise.

### Aonach na Nollag survives Storm Desmond

Aonach na Nollag was a huge success despite the best efforts of Storm Desmond to thwart 10 weeks of preparation. A change of venue had to be procured 24 hours before the event was due to take place. Sincere thanks were expressed to Maynooth Post Primary Staff for the use of their school. Within an hour of being approached, the school had signed off on the event. The school opened at 8 am for decorating and for stall holders to set up. By 11 am everything was in place, and by midday the public had begun to arrive in droves. It is estimated that between 1500/2000 attended with some stall holders selling out of their wares before the appointed finishing time of 5 pm. Santa made an appearance at 2 pm and sang songs with Musical Tots and The Brennan Academy of Performing Arts. The feedback on the event was so positive that the Aonach should become a permanent fixture on the Maynooth Calendar of Events. Thanks to the following for their assistance with Aonach na Nollag:

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

The stall holders on the day are as follows:

- 1. Maynooth University Cuallacht Cholmcille
- 2. KT Metal metal crafts
- 3. Karen Dunne Baker
- 4. Ruth Cahill Duckblue Crafts
- 5. Hilda Cullinan Hilda's Homemades (jams/preserves) 6. Tracey McMullen - T&R Cupcakes
- 7. Lisa Farrell- Sewing/crafts
- 8. Maynooth Branch Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann
- 9. Barbara Colfer/Bernadette Hickey Baking
- 10. Maynooth Scouts
- 11. Catherine O'Donoghue Forever Living
- 12. Claire Waters Creative Crochet
- 13. Carmel Avery Pastry Boutique Baking
- 14. Aine Marriot Knitting Crafts
- 15. Roberta Hines Artist
- 16. Deirdre Crawford Childrens Books
- 17. The Gatehouse Restaurant
- 18. The Glass Doll, Courthouse Square
- 19. Denise Dalton Gluten Free Baking
- 20. Catherine Carey Creative Crafts
- 21. Paul Byrne- Artist
- 22. Jennifer Dalton Natures Sculptures
- 23. Maynooth University Business and Entrepreneurship Society
- 24. Carmel Sheerin Hand Crafted Fairy Doors
- 25. Frances Whelan Frantastic Cakes
- 26. Dave Farrelly- Artist
- 27. Maynooth Festival Calendar 28. Sonia Vizi - U Casali Olive Oil
- 20. Sonna vizi O Casan Onve On 29. Kenneth Boylan - Genil Training Centre- Crafts
- 27. Keinen Boyian Genit Training C30. Fiona Germain Baking
- 31 Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group
- 32. Emma Higgins Decoupage Crafts
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We would encourage Maynooth residents to support the local businesses that support the Community. Look out for developments on this years Summer Festival. If anyone would like to help organise the festivals for the coming year please send an email to maynoothfest15@gmail.com letting us know of your interest.

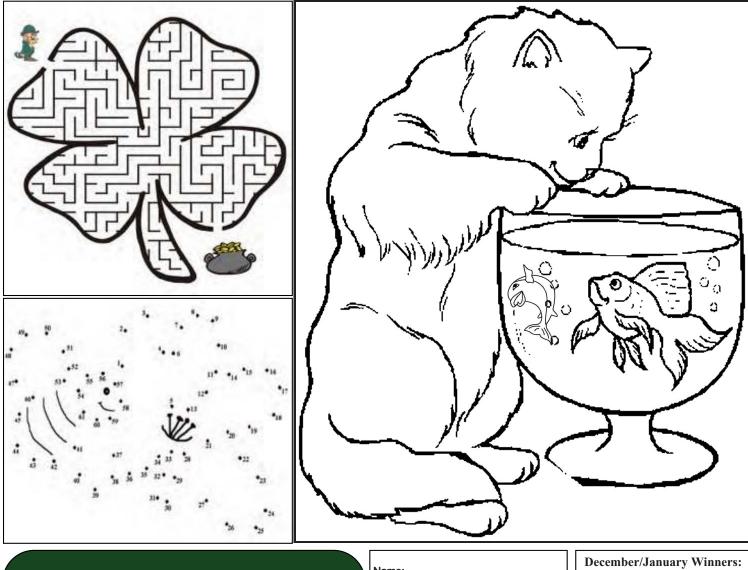
Again, many thanks to all involved, and hopefully we can count on your support this year.

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Dat
1633	Kildare County Council	Kim Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	19/01/2016
1634	Kildare County Council	Ian Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	19/01/2016
1625	Kildare County Council	David Durate	100 Castledawson, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/01/2016
151188	Kildare County Council	Westin Homes Ltd.	Hayfield, Greenfield, Maynooth	23/12/2015
151174	Kildare County Council	Mycete Homes Ltd.	The Walk, Moyglare Hall, Mariavilla, Maynooth	22/12/2015
151178	Kildare County Council	Roger Satchwell	Mariaville, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/12/2015
151153	Kildare County Council	Michael and Maeve Donovan	Maynooth Road, Straffan, Co. Kildare.	18/12/2015
151159	Kildare County Council	Andrea Foley	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	18/12/2015
151131	Kildare County Council	BDS Alliance Limited	368 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.	14/12/2015
151118	Kildare County Council	Patrick Fallon	Ballycurraghan, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/12/2015
151125	Kildare County Council	Mark and Stephanie Nolan	120 Kingsbry, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/12/2015
151086	Kildare County Council	Stephen & Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	04/12/2015
151091	Kildare County Council	Gerry Collins	2 Courthouse Square, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	04/12/2015
151077	Kildare County Council	Andrew Boland and Arlene Boland	33 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	02/12/2015
151083	Kildare County Council	Aisling Bean	Mariaville, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	02/12/2015
151056	Kildare County Council	Steven McEleney	37 Maynooth Road	26/11/2015
151023	Kildare County Council	Aine Hoare	Catherinestown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	19/11/2015
151009	Kildare County Council	Clare Egan	Obelisk Lane, Barrogstown West, Maynooth	17/11/2015
151010	Kildare County Council	Andrew and Arlene Boland	33 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	17/11/2015
15990	Kildare County Council	Mr. Gabriel Martin & Mrs. Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/11/2015
15954	Kildare County Council	Rodica Turcanu	House between 346A and 345, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/10/2015
15947	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited	Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/10/2015
15918	Kildare County Council	Gabriel and Clare Martin	Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/10/2015
15921	Kildare County Council	Fiona McEvoy	9 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15922	Kildare County Council	Martin J. McMahon	Ivy House, Court House Square, Maynooth	15/10/2015
15900	Kildare County Council	Authorized Property Company Limited,	Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Road, Maynooth	09/10/2015
15899	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Deirdre Molloy	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	08/10/2015
15886	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle	Moyglare Nursing Home, Moyglare Road, Mavnooth	06/10/2015

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# **McDonald's Maynooth** Proud Sponsor of the Colouring Competition

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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition Prizes: Free Family Meal From McDonald's, Maynooth

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Prizes for <u>Colouring Competition</u>can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 16th February 2016



**Ruth Walsh** 

Sihan Yang Leinster Lodge, Maynooth

Dunboyne Road, Maynooth

Georgia O'Neill Carton Court, Maynooth

### Maynooth Local History Group Memorabilia Evening – January 18<sup>th</sup>

BOE 10 CLASS CARD STUDENTS CARD n A lively and interesting evening was enjoyed by attendees at this year's Memorabilia Evening held in the Community Space in Maynooth. A wide variety of books, letters and objects were shown with high level of enthusiasm both from presenters and the audience. While attendance was somewhat down on previous years there was no reduction in enjoyment for all who braved the cold weather to come

Among the many exhibits, the following were particularly noteworthy:

Declan O'Connor presented an old postcard of Maynooth Castle, estimated to printed in 1911 on the occasion of the Royal visit of the newly crowned George V and



Queen Mary to Maynooth. The postcard was in colour and newly developed German technique. Declan had a copy of the postcard mounted as a picture which looked particularly beautiful.

Declan, also presented a book of poems by John Francis McEntee, dated prior to 1916 and in pristine condition. The book was signed by the author and very much in the Victorian/ Edwardian style. Better known as Sean McEntee, he fought in 1916 Rebellion, the war of independence and sided with the Anti



-treaty element in the civil war. A close ally of Eamon DeValera, serving as a minister in the various DeValera governments. Though considered to be heir apparent to succeed DeValera as leader of Fianna Fail, he was narrowly defeated by Sean Lemass in the succession stakes. Sean McEntee served as Tanaiste to Lemass. He retired from the Dail in 1969 aged 80. He sister Maire, a celebrity in her own right, married Conor Cruise O'Brien.

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



control the establishment had on events and content of publications and speeches in that year.

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

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

Peter Nevin presented a peculiar piece of office machinery, called a "comptometer" Arguably a forerunner to the modern day computer, it a mechanical device with 103 buttons (including grooved "home" keys) and a side handle. It performed additions with ability to account for millions and would take great skill to operate. Estimated date of manufacture 1920 at latest. Manufactured and patented by Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company for the U.S.A. and United Kingdom markets. Developed by Dorr Eugene Felt and Robert Tarrant in 1887 producing a range of 8 machines, 4 of which was sold to the US Treasury, a marketing coup of considerable importance. Training on how to use the machine was a major issue in the early days and led to training being an equally importance part of the business.



While hitting peak sales in 1915, the partnership split in on the issue of providing listing recording work. The famous "shoe box" design, which Peter demonstrated was the most popular model. This model was discontinued soon after the death of its designer of 1930. Some further oiling of parts and a search of a works manual is needed for this piece of curiosity to operate again. Any volunteers!

Peter Nevin - Chairman, Maynooth Local History Group.



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON 2016 FILM YEAR IN PREVIEW



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

Hail, Caesar (D. Joel Coen, Ethan Cohen) George Clooney and Josh Brolin star not in an adaptation of Shakespeare's most famous play, but rather in a comedy caper about a not-so smart matinée idol in 1950s Hollywood. Egos and tensions flare up during the making of a Roman epic. As it's the Cohen Brothers at the helm, expect quirky, surreal humour and grandiose flourishes.

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



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

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

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



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

**Independence Day: Resurgence (D.** Ronald Emmerich) The original *Independence Day* is 20 years old. With its ground-breaking special effects (massive spaceships plundering national monuments), this sci-fi classic reinvented the whole man-versus alien story-line for a new generation. Ronald Emmerich returns in the director's chair for *ID: Resurgence* which promises even more spectacular effects. Will Smith is replaced by Liam Hemsworth (brother of Chris) as defender of the earth, but cast originals, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman and Judd Hirsch, are back for good measure.

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

### Actors to watch out for in 2016:



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



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

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





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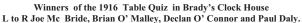
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### Fund Raising 1916 Table Quiz in Brady's Clockhouse

The Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee would like to thank all the people who turned up on the night and made it a great success. All the tables were taken early and a few disappointed latecomers missed out but joined in on the craic on the night. There was a huge raffle at the end of the night with many great prizes donated by local businesses who gave their support. MC on the night was superbly done by Paul Clarke with lots of help from the Centenary Committee. A great night was had by all.







Declan Kennedy from Brady's awards Paul Daly with first prize for his table.

The Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee with the painted portrait of James Connolly.

On Friday 29th and Saturday 30th January last, The 1916 Centenary Committee were bag packing in Dunnes Stores, Maynooth. This was a further part of the group's efforts to fund raise for the important Centenary celebrations this year.

The event was a great success with generous support from the Maynooth locals. The 1916 Centenary Committee would like to thank all those who supported all their fund raising events and look forward to a memorable 1916 Centenary Celebration on Easter Monday.



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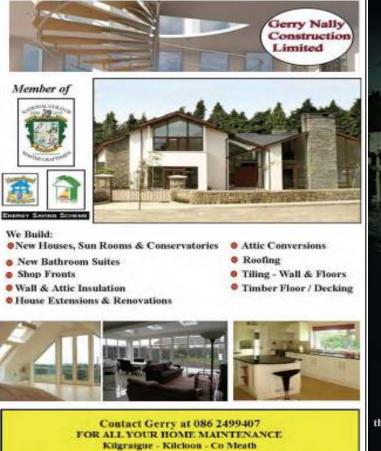
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### **DISEASES OF THE EAR IN DOGS & CATS**

The anatomy of the ear consists of three distinct regions all interconnected namely, external ear (outer ear), middle ear (tympanic membrane/ear drum) and internal ear consisting of cochlea and three semi-circular canals. Ears can be affected in any one or more of these regions giving similar or different symptoms.



The external ear is coated with skin and when inflamed is called Otitis Externa. This area of the ear can be affected by many factors;

- Extension of an existing skin problem in your dog causing over production of wax.
- Food allergies and auto-immune skin conditions.
- Bacterial and fungal infections.
- Swimming causing excessive moisture in the ear.
- Neoplastic conditions ear polyps.
- Ear mites most prevalent in kittens but also in dogs of any age.
  Foreign bodies in ear eg. Grass seeds.
- Too much hair in our eg. Gruss seeds
- Too much hair in ears (Poodles and Bichon Frise).
- Dogs with long ears (Basset Hounds and Cockers).

If this ear condition is neglected it can progress into

the middle and internal ear causing rupture of the ear

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### Symptoms

drum and inner ear disease.

The dog can be presented shaking his head with a very red hot painful ear. It probably has been rubbing its ear on the ground or tilting its

head to one side if only one ear is affected. There may be a bad odour from the ears. In some cases violent flapping of the ears may have caused a "lump" to develop. This is an aural haematoma or burst blood vessel which bleeds under the skin of the ear due to damage caused by scratching. Infection of the inner ear can cause dogs to be uncoordinated and loosing their balance with other neurological signs.



### Diagnosis

Usually on first consultation diagnosis is made by clinical signs but, if condition is not responding a swab is taken from the ear and we look at the material collected under microscope for presence of bacteria, yeast and ear mites.



### **Treatment**

The staff at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467) and Clane Veterinary Clinic (045 982763), will show you how to apply the medication correctly into the ear canal of your pet. This is most important as a lot of cases do not respond for two reasons:

- 1. The owner is not applying the medication correctly.
- 2. The owner is not applying the medication for the required period, which can be as long as three weeks.





### invites you to join us for our 2016 events

# Saint Patrick Breakfast

8.30am-9.45am on March 17th in the Glenroyal Hotel

Adults €10.00 Children <12 €7.00 Children under 4 Free



The Spirit of St Patrick Award

## Saint Patrick Concert

7.00pm-9.00pm on March 17th in the Glenroyal Hotel Adults €7.00 Children <12 €3.00 Children under 4 Free

Tickets available online at www.saintpatrickfoundation.org



### 2016 Spirit of St Patrick Awards

Nominations for this year's Lucan & Maynooth Spirit of St Patrick Awards are now being received. If you know someone or a group you feel should be honoured for their work in building healthy, inclusive community in our areas please nominate them on our website before March 7th.

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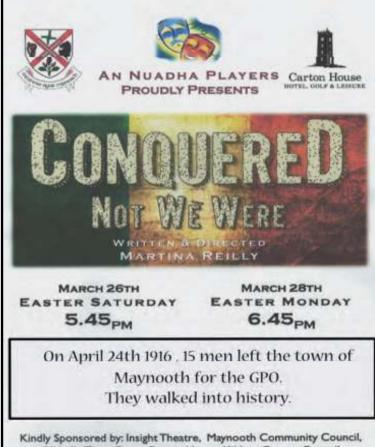
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### **Editorial**

March is always an exciting month in Maynooth despite the fact that weather can be variable as I well know from being the MC for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in recent years. There were years where the weather ruined this annual parade and other years where the weather made the parade a great event.

Maynooth Community Council organises and runs the parade which we have done for over thirty years. 2016 is of course a very special year and the plans are that the parade be extended into a number of other related events that will extend the celebrations. The dates could not have fallen better with the extended Easter School holidays beginning the day before St. Patrick's Day and with many parents keeping the last of their work leave to have an early year holiday.

Our own local Maynooth committee have been planning events which have been well publicised to mark the celebrations of the 1916 anniversary in the town. Their first event took place on New Year's Day and we have more such special events during the year. Do come out and support these events as regardless of your opinion of the subsequent events of that period one hundred years ago. It is clear that the events of Easter Week 1916 changed the course of Irish history and were the beginning of making Ireland a nation among equals.

While I would not be one to lecture anybody on history, it could be argued that the breaking

up of the UK Commonwealth could well have been achieved in later years without the loss of life that came about because of the actions of Easter 1916 and the subsequent years of civil war in Ireland.

Part of the celebrations in 2016 in Maynooth is equally intended to mark the progress made in the past one hundred years. This is where there is potential for disagreement and disappointment as well as acknowledging success. Maynooth does not feature in any maps of Kildare showing deprivation or need. Yet of course like all towns in Ireland we have people impacted by good fortune and significant misfortune. We have a vibrant community sector supported by very committed volunteers without whom community groups and sports clubs would struggle.

Maynooth Community Council which has been in existence formally since 1984 is a key body to support the people in the town. Much more could be achieved if Maynooth had a central place where we could facilitate the delivery of more services to support our people when they need us. Until we get a fully functioning Community Centre run by Maynooth Community Council we will struggle to provide more services – echoes perhaps of the aspirations set out by the leaders of the 1916 rising.

Paul Croghan

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### **Community Council Notes**

#### Notes from the meeting of MCC on Monday Feb 8th at 8pm in Maynooth Community Space

#### MATTERS ARISING

Following on from last month's meeting it was reported a letter had been sent to Maynooth University regarding work experience for students from Canet. Maynooth University acknowledged receipt of the letter and have passed it on to the HR Dept. Any response will be made known at the next meeting.

A link to the Community and Residential form mentioned last month during the presentation from Maynooth University is available from the Newsletter Office as it was difficult for some people to source the form on the Maynooth University website. This is for any resident with a formal complaint to make regarding student misbehaviour in Maynooth.

In reference to the presentation given by Susan Durack at the December meeting, the group was reminded that MCC are due to revisit the parameters of scheme.

#### PROPOSAL FOR THE ARTS COMMITTEE

Jacqui Farrell gave a presentation to the attendees about the proposal for a new Arts Committee which would encapsulate all current events such as the Festival, St Patrick's Day Parade and the Christmas Aonach. It was hoped that more people would get involved and create more structure to the organisation of such events. Paul Croghan expressed concerns that this might take events out of the hands of MCC. Jacqui confirmed that it wouldn't take from the work of the Council but rather it would get more people informed and involved in the Council. Established relationships could also be enhanced.

The Chairman said that the Council would have to have involvement as it is ultimately responsible should something go wrong. The insurance for the aforementioned events is through the Council. The DSP don't provide the same funding as in previous years, in fact they have cut contributions by more than 50%. The office costs in excess of €20,000 per year to run and some monies raised during fundraising events help with costs. He also stated that funds raised specifically for events would go to those events completely. A meeting between MCC Executive and current Festival organisers will take place in order to whittle the proposal to a workable format. The public will then be asked to get involved and the Arts Committee will be elected from interested parties.

Current Festival Chairman Paul Daly has had to stand down due to personal commitments. He was thanked for his efforts over the past year, and he said himself that he hoped his time away from the Festivals would be short. He will remain as a member of MCC Executive.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The issue of the lack of a Community Centre in a

town such as ours was raised again. Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil said he would be pursuing the possibility of having a Community Centre or Community Space included in the proposal for a complex on the grounds of Maynooth University. This complex would include a swimming pool for the area. Concerns were raised and questions were asked about such a proposal. "If the proposal goes ahead who would be the anchor tenant, MCC or Maynooth University?" "Would we lose the current Community Space? "What exactly would be in the complex?" "Is Maynooth University the ideal location for such a venture?" "How would it be funded?"

It was thought that a Community Centre should be as the name suggests, in the centre of the Community. It was noted that as part of the planning of the Tesco/Carton Park development, 4000 square feet was to be allocated to MCC for the use of the Community. When building ceased at Carton Park, the allocation also ceased to be viable. A meeting with the Management of Carton Park and Tesco will be organised to see if this can be revisited. It was thought that any new developer should have to include the allocation in their plans also.

#### MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

The AGM of Maynooth Tidy Towns was held in the Glenroyal on Thursday Feb 11th. The new Committee was elected and the list of Officers will be published in the next Newsletter. Matt Callaghan said that the TT Committee were disappointed that election candidates didn't adhere to the request to keep campaign posters out of the town centre. In previous years there had been no posters in the area of the Church but sadly that's not the case this time.

Paul Croghan put on record his thanks to TT for their hard work and said he wouldn't be seeking reelection to an Officers post at the AGM.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

Josie Moore congratulated Maynooth Post Primary School on their recent production of *Evita*. There were seats reserved for Senior Citizens at one performance and a great night was had by all. The Club is back up and running with 20/30 people attending Tuesday sessions and slightly smaller numbers for the Thursday session. Sunday Feb 21st will see the Valentine's Tea Dance take place with prizes for romantic couples. March 12/13 sees the Annual Collection for Senior Citizens and your generosity would be appreciated that weekend.

On March 20th the Committee will host the second Green Day for Senior Citizens. The first such event held last year proved to be popular with people attending dressed all in green to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

#### ICA

The AGM will be held on Thursday March 1st. New members are welcome to join the group for the various events they are involved in. Crafts continue on Monday nights and the recent Copper Craft nights were a success. Members will be collecting at Tesco, Aldi and Supervalu on the forthcoming Daffodil Day taking place on Friday March 11th.

#### MAYNOOTH CRAOBH CCE

Classes are continuing and a recent visit to the Monkstown Branch proved to be an enjoyable night. Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich is to be a feeder school for Maynooth CCE and the Irish music ethos is forefront in both groups. Students can learn at both Maynooth CCE and the Gaelscoil concurrently and continue with the CCE group when they graduate from the school. Members are encouraged to use the 'cupla focail' whenever possible. Members will participate in the upcoming St Patrick's Day Festival and Parade. They will be playing at the Community Breakfast at the Glenroyal Hotel.

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Plans are well underway for the parade and other events happening on March 17th. Letters have been sent to encourage sponsors and participants. The entry form can be found in the *Newsletter* along with a timetable of events which will include the Community Breakfast, the Parade, afternoon events at the Glenroyal and Manor Mills and an evening concert. Inquiries can be made to Cllr Naoise O'Cearuil or Keith McCrory of Maynooth Community Church. The events are being run in conjunction with the Saint Patrick Foundation.

#### **EDUCATE TOGETHER**

Efforts are ongoing to raise funds for 'Alexander's amazing wish to walk'. A quiz was held in O'Neill's Bar and Steakhouse on Thursday Feb 11th and a bag packing weekend was organised for Feb 19/20 in Tesco. Anyone requiring further information or wishing to donate can find details on 'Alexander's amazing wish to walk' Facebook page. Students, parents and teachers will participate in the Parade.

#### MAYNOOTH STUDENTS UNION

Matt O'Boyle informed the group that his tenure as President of Maynooth University SU was coming to an end. He has however plenty of plans for his remaining time in the Chair. Campaign weeks are beginning soon and will cover topics such as the Environment and Living with Disability. The latter stems from an RTE programme following the life of James Cawley, an Maynooth University student who hasn't let his disability hamper his progress in any way. James is active in student life and teaches in a school in Lucan.

A loan scheme for bicycles is in the offering to try to encourage students to leave the cars at home. This would aid in promoting health among students and go some way to alleviate the traffic problems in the town. He is planning to commission new positions on the next Student Council including a Green Awareness Officer and a Community Engagement Officer who would liaise with MCC on relevant Maynooth University/Community matters.

#### Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

February got off to a great start as we attended the Post Primary School Musical "Evita" and what an enjoyable occasion that was. Well done to students and teachers alike for their hard work and dedication. Twenty one years of dedication to drama and entertainment is something to be proud of.

As I write this article our Valentine's Tea-Dance will not yet have taken place due to early copy date. However as you read this, it will be well and truly over and we will be swiftly moving on to our St. Patrick's event which will happen on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime our annual church gate collection will take place on March  $12^{th}/13^{th}$  and as usual we ask for your support. You have been more than generous in the past and I have no reason to think that will change in the future.

Our Easter Tea-Dance will take place on Sun. April 17<sup>th</sup> and all Senior Citizens are welcome. I trust by now all the Easter Bonnets are made and looking splendid. All our Tea-Dances take place in Maynooth GAA club and I thank Martin and Sian who are always kind and courteous to all our members.

Congratulations to Ellie Leavey who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Our morning club continues on Tuesday & 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 you can contact me on 087 9002296. Josephine Moore.





Hi to all you people in Maynooth who like a bit of drama and that's exactly what you will get on the main street of our lovely town at the end of March.

They say it comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, but not this year it will go out in a crescendo to the sound of 15 men walking to the GPO and into history.

As I'm sure you already know An Nuadha Players are presenting Martina Reilly's new play titled "CONQURED NOT WERE WE" which will be performed Easter Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5.45pm and Easter Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6.45pm,

It covers the journey of the 15 men but mainly one in particular a man called Oliver Ryan who worked in the College. His story will be performed in a play as the 15 men walk to Carton house, which will double as the GPO. As the actors and spectators head to their destination the story will unfold and you will become part of this great event. This is street theatre at its best.

Starting at the gates of St Patricks College this play takes you through Maynooth to the front of Carton House honouring the footsteps and the journey that these men took a 100 years ago. Just as they marched hail rain or shine so will we. Please dress for the day. Kindly Sponsored by: Kildare County Council, Maynooth Community Council, Carton House, Insight Theatre Group, O'Neill's, Tesco Extra, Check www.facebook.com/maynoothrising

Great news that the Maynooth Community Council are looking at the possibility of a much needed Arts / Community Centre for the future. I spent 6 years on the Community Council during what is known in Ireland now as the boom years. I joined with the purpose of developing the Geraldine Hall into an Arts/Community Centre. I commissioned an architect to design a space that would include an all purpose theatre and exhibition area with a series of meeting rooms. The plan also could include a bar for show nights.

This coupled with a realistic financial plan was submitted on three occasions to Kildare County Council. I was asked to present my case, which I did. They liked the plan, which was followed by silence. When our little country slipped into the toilet I was told it was a good plan but unfortunately we now have no money.

Loathe as I am to give advice but I will say if you are serious about this, surround yourself with like-minded people, people who know what an Arts / Community centre is and its benefits to the people of Maynooth. Stay clear of people who think the only game in town is a football match.

Mind the trams, Terry Nealon 086-8068068

#### **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 Wednesday at 7.45pm. Guests are welcome to attend any meeting for FREE. Join us for a memorable evening-you won't regret it!'

For further information on Clane Toastmasters contact: Ray Lucey

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Our Dogs Rosey and Freddy Owner Trish Butler By Paddy Murray



A joy to see Rosey and Freddie in play Gives us all many of a sunshine day A dog and a bitch united in much fun Both Jack Russel all of our hearts are won Freddie is more active we all clearly know And a Rosey a bitch more quieter and slow Together they make such a happy team All the world to the family they mean

Both brown and white a joy to be seen Spec of brown on Freddy's forehead such a dream While Rosey's body as white as the snow With there eyes constantly watching protecting us so Guard dogs natural of them to be They can spot any danger that they see Protecting our home without any fail Two wonderful creatures to tell the tale

A gift from heaven they both are And dogs of our own who go far Both playing and running around the house Let nothing escape not even a mouse For they are fed once at a busy day And feel as they bark have much to say They never argue or answer back And true friendship they never lack

On a quite country road they happily live Our dogs our are pride with much to give For without them what would we do United together within our family grew What would we do without them we say With them in life many a happy day Our dogs our pride is plain to see Both playing away part of our family

### **Maynooth Labour News**

#### Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

#### Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Ending of Early Morning Collection of Waste Bins

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the next Council Meeting:

"That By-Laws be introduced to prevent waste bins from being collected prior to 7am."

### Cllr. McGinley Calls for Noise Reduction Measures for the $\rm M4$

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the next Maynooth MD Meeting:

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

### Update on the provision of a School Traffic Warden for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich and Maynooth Educate Together

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update to his motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 10 February: The Road Safety Officer has spoken to the Principal of the Educate Together School and it was agreed that a further crossing survey be undertaken. However, a date for the survey has not yet been finalised.

#### Update on 66 Bus Terminus at Parson's Hall, Maynooth

The District Manager of the Council advised the Maynooth MD meeting on 10 February that objections were putting funding in danger. The Director of Services is to meet the objectors to discuss how their opposition could be overcome.

#### Update on Pay Parking in Maynooth

The Director of Services has updated Cllr. John McGinley as follows:

Prices for the work required will be received by end of February. Work will start in March and all works required to implement pay parking in Maynooth will be completed by the end of April 2016. It will be operational from the beginning of May.

#### Update on Traffic Management Plan for Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley asked that the consultant being appointed to draw up the Management Plan be asked to include that which was called for in the Maynooth Local Area Plan, Roads Objective i.e.

"To carry out a study to investigate the safety and capacity of the existing Straffan Road M4 Interchange to establish whether an upgrade or new interchange working in tandem with the existing one is required"

John pointed out that there are tailbacks to Tagadhoe Cross in the morning and that traffic exiting the Business Campus in the evening are having serious problems because the roundabout is not fit for purpose.

The Director of Services confirmed that this investigation would be part of his brief.

### Update on the Provision of a Collection Service for Paint Tins

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update to his motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 10 February:

"Pending final approval from Tesco Maynooth, the household hazardous waste collection day is scheduled for Saturday April 9th. Estimated costs have been obtained from contractors and are currently being assessed."

#### Cllr. McGinley Outlines his Priorities for the Spending of the €130,000 Allocation to Roads/Footpaths from the Local Property Tax by the Maynooth Municipal District:

1. Proper drainage and re-laying of the Back Lane Road behind houses 826 to 837 Old Greenfield.

2. Re-construction of the footpath at the Bottom of Old

Greenfield Lane from house 349 down to the bollards

3. Footpaths throughout Old Greenfield are badly in need of repair.

4. The widening of the footpath at the corner of Railpark/ Celbridge Road at the junction of Celbridge Road/Straffan Road. Area Engineer, Jonathan Deane, has acknowledged that it is too narrow for the very heavy pedestrian traffic.

#### Buckley House to get Tidied up

Following representations from Emmet Stagg T.D. the owner of Buckley House has agreed to carry out improvements to the windows and door of the house and to the shrubbery in the grounds.

Buckley House is a protected structure, but unfortunately it is an eyesore at present.

#### Stagg Welcomes 13% Increase in Housing Adaptation Grants to Kildare Co. Council

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement of an increase of 13% in the level of Grants to Kildare Co. Council for Housing Grants for people with a disability, people with mobility issues and housing aid for the Elderly. Deputy Stagg stated that the sum allocated to Kildare Co.

Council was  $\epsilon_{2,756,011}$  which included a block grant from the Department of Environment of  $\epsilon_{2,204,809}$  and  $\epsilon_{551,202}$ from the Council's own resources.

I am pleased that we have secured this 13% increase stated Deputy Stagg which will allow more elderly people and people with a disability to stay in their own Community. The Grants for people with a disability cover a range of measures such as downstairs extensions for bedroom/toilet facilities, access ramps, stairlifts, walk in showers, grab-rails, and in relation to the elderly cover structural repairs or improvements such as roofs/windows and rewiring. In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the grants were further good news for those requiring improvements to their homes and for small building contractors working locally.

### Nearly €10 Million allocated for Regional and Local Roads - Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the allocation of (9,925,992) to Kildare Co. Council for improvements to regional and local roads throughout the County. (4,932,605) has stated Deputy Stagg been allocated for Improvements and strengthening of the road network whilst (3,547,388) has been provided for maintenance work on our road network in the County. A specific improvement grant of (4400,000) has been allocated for the Sallins Bypass and Osbertstown Interchange Projects to enable the purchase of land and to cover detailed design work.

A number of safety improvement scheme's will be undertaken during the year at dangerous junctions and corners including:

- \* Firmount Cross on Clane/Prosperous Road €20,000
- \* T Junction at Killeenlea, Celbridge €15,000
- \* Ardrass Bends on Barberstown Roundabout to Celbridge Road - €30,000
- \* Rural crossroads at Drehid €15,000

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that for 2016, the priority continues to be the maintenance and improvement of our existing road network. I am pleased that Kildare will benefit from such an important funding announcement and look forward to the funded works coming to fruition in the future.

#### Stagg Welcomes New Law to Tackle Repeat Burglars

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the commencement of the new law to tackle repeat burglars which came into effect on Sunday 17th January under the Criminal Justice (Burglary of Dwellings) Act 2015.

The Burglary of a person's home stated Deputy Stagg is a shocking and quite traumatic experience for people. This new Law will target repeat burglars and it will help to keep them off the streets thereby improving the safety of our local communities.

New provisions under this Act allows for bail to be denied, and consecutive sentences to be given to repeat burglars. The Law was introduced when Garda analysis showed that 75% of burglaries were committed by 25% of burglars. This new law will reduce crime levels and it an important step forward in the campaign against Burglars.

The Criminal Justice (Burglary of Dwellings) Act 2015 provides that, for the purposes of bail applications, a previous conviction for domestic burglary coupled with two or more

pending charges shall be evidence of likelihood to commit further domestic burglaries. This provision, while leaving the courts all necessary discretion to vindicate the constitutional rights of an accused person, allows a court in the absence of evidence to the contrary to conclude that the accused person is likely to commit a serious offence and could, therefore, refuse bail on that ground.

The Act also places a requirement on a court which decides to impose prison sentences for multiple burglary offences to impose those sentences consecutively. The Act requires that any sentence of imprisonment for a second domestic burglary must be consecutive to any sentence of imprisonment for any other domestic burglary committed in the six months prior to or after the second sentenced offence. The discretion of a court whether or not to impose a custodial sentence is not restricted. It will still be a matter for the sentencing court to decide whether imprisonment is warranted for any given offence and, if so, the duration of the sentence for each offence.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg looked forward to the implementation of the new law and the reduction in burglaries which should occur.

### 11% Fall in Live Register Figures for Maynooth and 13% Fall for Newbridge in Last Year- Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stag has welcomed the fall in the Live Register Figures published this week which show a 11% fall in the Live Register Figures for Maynooth Labour Exchange and a 13% fall in the Live Register Figures for Newbridge Labour Exchange when compared with January 2015. Overall stated Deputy Stagg the Live Register for Co. Kildare has fallen from 15,520 in January 2015, to 13,814 in January, 2016, a 11% decrease.

The further fall confirms the downward trend in unemployment stated Deputy Stagg and whilst still too high, Labour if re-elected to Government is committed to reaching Full Employment by 2018.

#### Stagg Meets Delegation from United Association on National Training Centre for Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg met with representatives from Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board, Members of the Technical Engineering and Electrical Union, and representatives from United Association Union in the United States on Tuesday 9th February to discuss further the plans for the National Training Centre for Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg was pleased to meet with the various groups and to hear first hand how the United Association would work in tandem with the TEEU in engaging with Intel and other Foreign Direct Investment Companies to upskill their existing workforce. Existing FDI's in Ireland require trainees who have higher skill sets than are currently available in Ireland. The United Association in addition to engaging with FDI's will provide the course material and provide trainers to train Irish Tutors to their standards.

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

The New Training Centre would also include new space for VTOS and YOUTHREACH who currently operate from very unsuitable premises in Leixlip. Deputy Stagg saw this for himself when he visited the VTOS centre at Riverforest Shoping Centre on Wednesday 10th February.

Deputy Stagg will now contact the Minister for Education further to press for an early decision on the National Training Centre for Maynooth. We have a site and everybody is on board so let's make this happen.

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

#### Help for people who have been flooded

#### Question

My house was flooded and badly damaged. What help can I get?

#### Answer

The Department of Social Protection's Humanitarian Assistance Scheme provides means-tested emergency financial help immediately following flooding. The Government has not set a limit on the amount that can be paid to an individual household under this scheme. The amount paid depends on how severe the damage is and your ability to meet these costs. The scheme covers:

- 1. Emergency income support payments.
- 2. Damage to your home and its essential contents, such as carpets, flooring, furniture and household appliances and bedding.
- 3. Structural damage may also be considered.

The Department of Social Protection also provides exceptional and urgent needs payments which can help in the aftermath of a flood.

If your home has been flooded and you are getting help from the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme, you can apply to have <u>your 2016 Local Property Tax</u> (LPT) payment deferred (even if you do not qualify for deferral under the normal criteria). Contact the LPT Helpline on 1890 200 255 to make the relevant arrangements.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has information on cleaning a home after flooding and dealing with the psychological effects of flooding. The Office of Public Works (OPW) has a website, flooding.ie, that gives information about what to do before, during and after a flood.

There are two publications giving details of the help available:

Leaflet – Schemes Available For People Affected by Recent Flooding

Booklet – Government Assistance For People Affected by Flooding

You can get the leaflets on the welfare.ie website or from your local Citizens Information Centre.

#### Accessing health care abroad

#### Question

I need to get a medical procedure carried out. I have just found out that I can expect to wait over a year for the procedure in Ireland. Can I get my medical costs refunded if I travel to another country in Europe to have this procedure?

#### Answer

If you are entitled to public health services that are available in Ireland, you can access these services in the European Economic Area (EEA). You will be repaid the cost if you meet the requirements. This is provided for by the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive.

The Directive covers services that are publicly funded and available in Ireland. These include acute hospital services and community-based out-patient care. Other services covered include physiotherapy, ophthalmic, psychology, disability and mental health services. Occupational therapy services and dental and orthodontic services are also covered, but with some exceptions. Treatments that qualify for the Treatment Abroad Scheme (in general, treatments not available in Ireland) are not covered under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive.

You must be referred to the health service that you require abroad in the same way that you would be referred to public health services in Ireland. This referral may be by your GP (family doctor) or public hospital consultant for example. They may also be able to tell you whether the service you require is covered by the Directive. You can also check with the National Contact Point (details below).

If the treatment involves an overnight stay in hospital, then it will need to be authorised in advance by the Health Service Executive (HSE). For other treatments, you should check whether prior authorisation is required. You pay the costs of treatment and then apply for a refund when you return to Ireland. The amount repaid is the amount that the treatment would cost in Ireland or the cost of your treatment abroad if that is less. It does not include other costs such as travel. The HSE has published refund amounts for different treatments. To get a refund of treatment costs, you and your healthcare provider abroad must complete a HSE form. You then submit it with the healthcare provider invoice and receipt.

For information about prior authorisation, applying for a refund, or for any other queries contact: National Contact Point, Cross-Border Healthcare Directive Department, St Canice's Hospital, Dublin Road, Kilkenny, Telephone (056) 778 4546, Email: crossborderdirective@hse.ie.

#### Registering to vote

#### Ouestion

I want to vote in the upcoming general election. How do I add my name to the register?

Answer The Register of Electors is published every year on the 1st February. The 2016/17 register comes into effect on 15 February 2016. You can check if you are on the Register at checktheregister.ie or at your local

authority, Garda station, post office or public library. The closing date for submitting changes to the Register was 25 November 2015. Changes to the published Register after the closing date are taken into account in a supplement to the Register of Electors. If you are not listed on the register, you can apply to be added to the supplement using form RFA2. The form is available online at

checktheregister.ie or from your local authority, post office or public library. You can make this application at any time, but in

rou can make this application at any time, but in order to be included in the supplement used at an election, your application must be received by your local authority at least 15 days before polling day (Sundays, public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose). In general you must sign the form in the presence of a member of the Garda Síochána from your local garda station unless you are unable to for certified medical reasons. If you are on the register but your address has changed, you can have your new address added to the supplement by completing form RFA3. This will also remove you from the register for your previous address.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

#### **Training Support Grants**

#### Question

I'm getting Jobseeker's Allowance and am really interested in working with food. I found a café near me that is willing to offer me a job. They have asked me to do a food safety (HACCP) course first but I can't afford the course fee. Is there any help with this? **Answer** 

You should talk to your Department of Social Protection (DSP) case officer about a Training Support Grant. This scheme can give you quick access to short-term training that will help you take up a work opportunity.

Your DSP case officer can approve a grant under this scheme where:

- A training need is identified that is not provided by DSP directly or any other State provider and is not available quickly or in a suitable location.
- The intervention identified is linked to both the activation needs of the jobseeker and labour market conditions.
- The intervention is part of the agreed personal progression or action plan to enter or re-enter work.
- They are satisfied that you have provided reasonable evidence or grounds of need (for example, in the form of a job offer or of a potential job offer) or an identified skill gap or a requirement to maintain or achieve accreditation (for example, safe pass, driving licences, HACCP, security industry permits).

You can get funding of up to  $\notin$ 500 a year under the scheme. (However the maximum contribution that can be approved and paid for essential driver training is  $\notin$ 250.)

You need to provide a quotation from the training provider. Generally the grant is paid after you have finished the programme, done the relevant assessments and achieved certification.

#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will

become Your favour not mine. Amen Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received. ~R.D.

### **Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes**

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Ua Buachalla was awarded a State Ceremony

I placed the following motions and questions for consideration at the February Maynooth Municipal District Meeting.

#### Motion 1.

That the square in Mavnooth known as "Courthouse Square" be re-named "Cearnóg Ua Buachalla / Buckley Square". Domhnall Ua Buachalla was the last Governor General of Ireland and leader of the Maynooth fifteen who marched on the GPO in 1916. He is the most significant historical figure from Maynooth and Kildare during that period. That the renaming of the square include an information board, similar to the one currently on display in "the square" with details of Ua Buachalla and the Maynooth men involved in 1916. In fulfilling this motion, that funds are applied for through the Kildare County Council Decade of Commemoration Committee.

On the motion I stated that "I am seeking my fellow councillors support on this motion, which I believe would be due recognition to Domhnall Ua Buachalla, the Mavnooth fifteen and all those that were involved in our struggle for freedom.

As the motion states, Ua Buachalla was the last road." Governor General of Ireland and held the position until he enacted Bunreacht na hÉireann, thus eradicating his role and introducing the role of Uachtarán na hÉireann. He also served as a TD and as Chairman of Kildare County Council. In this year, a year of commemoration, it is vital that we remember those that did so much for this country, from promoting the Irish Language through Conradh na Gaeilge, Strengthening our national games through the GAA and fighting for our freedom in the streets of Dublin.

when he passed away, a signal of his contribution and importance to this country. By machines will take place before the end of naming our central square after this great local figure, we are finally giving a proper recognition to Ua Buachalla and the Mavnooth Men; Tom Byrne, Patrick Colgan, Jack Graves, Tom Harris, Ted O'Kelly, Patrick Kirwan, Joe Ledwith, Jack Maguire, Matthew Maguire, Tom Mangan, Oliver Ryan, Tim Tyrrell, Liam O'Regan and Pat Weafer. The other councillors had concerns over the motion and were not willing to support it. The

proposal has now been left on the Agenda for March's meeting where the Heritage Officer will attend to brief the committee on potential public consultation.

#### Motion 2.

"That a review is carried out of the Moyglare Road, Maynooth to address speeding. This road is a mile in length and passes by four housing estates and many single houses. There is excessive speeding on this stretch which is acknowledged by An Garda Síochána who regularly have speed cameras in operation here. When the review is completed that speed deterrents are identified for this stretch of

The Municipal District Office will erect a speed radar along this section of road in the coming month and will examine speed deterrents if necessary.

#### **Ouestion 1.**

"Can we have a full schedule of works for the implementation of pay parking in Maynooth?"

The Maynooth Pay Parking will be fully operational by the end of April. At present the drawings are being finalised, pricing for initial

contracts will be finalised by the end of Febuary. The purchase and installation of April.

#### **Ouestion 2.**

Can the Environment Section provide details regarding the amount of plots still available in Laraghbryan Cemetery, Maynooth and when subsequent land might need to be acquired to accommodate future demand?

The Environment Section has reviewed available capacity at the Cemetery and confirms that sufficient new grave spaces are available for the medium term (5-10 years). The cemetery will be considered for an extension as part of the Council's ongoing cemetery development programme. I am pushing the Council to acquire land adjacent to Laraghbryan as soon as possible so there is no rush or panic for land in a few years. It is imperative that our community can have their final resting place in our local cemetery and close to loved ones.

#### **Representations**

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making representations on behalf of residents on a range of issues. If you have an issue or need advice please get in contact. Areas covered to date include:

- Local Issues
- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
- Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Medical Card Issues
- **Business Start Ups**

You can contact Naoise by telephone on (086) 728 0050, email <u>cllrnaoise@gmail.com</u> or via

### 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	Packie Carroll - Sam Feeney - Seamus Kearney



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#### Maynooth Youths take Silver & Bronze in Taekwondo World Championships

Leah and Calum Duncan from Old Greenfield, Maynooth competed in the Taekwondo World Championships in Germany in February and brought home Silver & Bronze medals.

The 21st International Children's World Championships 2016 was held on the 6/7th of February in Glaspalast Sindelfingen, Stuttgart, Germany.

Leah was put up two weight groups as her fighter pulled out loosing out to a Russian fighter in the Final to take Silver.

Calum won his fight to get in the semi-final and took bronze despite a injury to his knee. Medics advised not to carry on but the little fighter did until he took another knock to the same knee.

Congratulations to the Duncan family on their tremendous success.

Photos: Left: Calum Duncan following his Bronze medal win. Centre Left: Leah Duncan following her Silver medal win. Centre Right: Calum with proud father David. Far Right: Part of the Irish contingent at The Championships.



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Tapas and A La Carte Menus Available

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### Gerard Mulcahy-Traditional Craft Butcher



#### St Patrick's Day Recipes

Warm up with some Traditional Irish Recipes after a cold day watching the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

#### Starter

#### Seafood Chowder Ingredients:

25 g butter, 1 small onion, diced

1 leek, trimmed and diced

1 small carrot, diced

1 potato, cubed

50 g smoked salmon slices (cut into julienne, long

thin strips) 120 ml dry white wine

450 ml tarragon-scented fish stock or water

225 g mixed fresh fish fillets (skinned and cut into

bite-sized pieces - cod, haddock, hake or salmon)

175 g raw Dublin Bay prawns and mussels (scrubbed clean)

1 tblsp chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

175 ml cream

salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### Method:

Heat a large pan over a medium heat. Add the butter and once it is foaming, put in the onion, leek, carrot, potato and smoked salmon. Sauté for 2-3 minutes until softened. Pour the wine into the pan and allow to bubble down and reduce by half. Add the fish stock or water and bring to a simmer, then add the fresh fish and shellfish. Return the pan to a simmer and add the parsley and cream, then season to taste.

Cover with a lid and simmer gently for another 2-3 minutes until the fish and prawns are tender and all of the mussels have opened, discard any that do not.

To Serve: Ladle the chowder into warmed serving bowls, piling plenty of the fish and shellfish into the centre of each one.

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#### Main Course

#### **Traditional Irish stew Ingredients:**

2 tbsp rapeseed oil

1 kg lamb shoulder, trimmed and cut into 2.5cm chunks

2 onions, peeled and roughly chopped

3 celery stalks, trimmed and sliced

1 bay leaf

4 large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped 1 ltr beef or lamb stock

900g potatoes, peeled and cut into 1cm slices

Large knob of butter Fresh flat leaf parsley and thyme, to serve

#### Method:

Place a large, flame proof casserole dish over a high heat, add 1 tablespoon of the oil and brown the lamb in two batches.

Remove and set aside on a plate. Lower the heat to medium-high then add another tablespoon of oil and fry the onion, celery and carrot until the onions have softened. Preheat the oven to  $160^{\circ}C / 325^{\circ}F / Gas mark 3$ .

Return the meat to the dish then add the bay leaf, stock and season with salt and ground black pepper and bring to the boil.

Remove from the heat and add the slices of potato to the stew, dot with a little butter and season again with salt and ground black pepper.

Cover and cook for about 11/2 hours or until the meat is tender, then remove the lid and cook for a further 10 minutes until the potatoes have coloured. Scatter with some fresh parsley, thyme and serve.

#### Dessert

#### **Apple and Jameson Tart** Ingredients:

250g shortcrust pastry

50g ground almonds 4 large Bramley apples, peeled and diced

2 tablesp. sugar

250ml cream 3 egg yolks 50g caster sugar

Dash of whiskey Method:

Preheat the oven to 200°C / 400°F / Gas mark 6.

Line four individual tart tins with the pastry. Sprinkle some ground almonds on the base of each one. Then add the apple and enough sugar to sweeten. Heat the cream. Beat the egg yolks and sugar together. Stir in the cream and a dash of whiskey. Spoon a little of the cream mixture into each tart. Keep remaining cream. Bake tarts for 25-35 minutes.

Pour the remaining cream into a bowl. Place over simmering water. Stirring constantly, continue to cook until the custard thickens. Serve the tarts with the warm custard.



Serves 4

#### St. Patrick's Day Desserts

#### Pistachio Pudding Parfaits

Ingredients 1 packet (8 oz) cream cheese, softened

1 cup of sugar

 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups of whipped cream

1 packet (3-4oz) instant pistachio pudding mix 10 pecan shortbread cookies, coarsely crushed

Method In a small bowl, beat cream cheese & sugar. Fold in whipping cream. Set aside. Prepare pudding according to packet. Spoon 1 tblsp cookie crumbs into each of the eight parfait glasses. (You can use any tall glass). Top with half of the pudding & whipped cream mixture. Repeat layers. Top with remaining cookie crumbs. Chill until serving.

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#### Shamrock Cookies

Ingredients

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup butter <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup sugar 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract or vanilla Green food colouring 2 cups self raising floor

Green coloured sugar



#### Method

- In a large bowl beat butter with an electric mixer on medium 1 speed until softened. Add sugar & salt & beat until fluffy. Add the egg, peppermint extract or vanilla, & a few drops of green food colouring. Beat mixture well. Divide dough into 3 equal parts. Shape each part into a roll about 1 inch thick & about 8 inches long. Roll each in green coloured sugar. Wrap rolls in plastic wrap. Chill in fridge for at least 2 hrs or up to 1 week. 2
- Unwrap rolls. Slice crosswise so the slices are 1/4 inch thick. To shape each shamrock, place 3 slices of dough with sides touching in a shamrock shape on grease proof paper. Cut a stem, from a fourth slice & attach to the shamrock. Gently push the slices together so each leaflet curves in slightly. Bake in over 350°f oven for 8 minutes or until edges are light brown. Lift the cookies onto a cooling rack. \*\*\*\*\*

#### Shamrock Milkshake Cupcakes

#### Ingredients

#### 4 egg whites

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup of green crème de menthe or
- (<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup milk, 1 tsp mint extract, green colouring)

- 1 cup buttermilk or sour milk
  - Allow egg whites to stand at room temperature for 30mins. Meanwhile, line 21/2 inch muffin cups with bun cases. In a medium bowl stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda & salt. In measuring jug combine the buttermilk & the crème de menthe/ mint extract. Set aside.



- Preheat oven to 350°f. In a large mixing bowl beat butter till 2 soft. Add sugar, a little at a time, mixing well until all the sugar is gone. Add the floor & buttermilk mixture to the butter & sugar, mixing slowly until all the mixture is used.
  - Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups, filling each about <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> full. Use the back of a spoon to smooth out batter in cups. Bake for 15-18 mins or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Cool cupcakes on wire rack for 5 mins. Remove cupcakes from muffin cups. Cool completely on wire rack.
- Divide white chocolate frosting between two bowls. Tint one portion with green food colouring. Spoon each frosting into a pastry bag fitted with a large star tip. Pipe white & green frostings onto tops of cupcakes in shape of shamrock.

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#### Shamrock Shake Ingredients

- 2 cups vanilla ice cream or 2 cups soy ice cream
- 1¼ cups low-fat milk or soya milk
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon mint extract
- 8 drops of green food colouring

#### Method

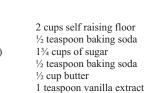
1 Combine all ingredients in a blender on high speed until smooth. Check ice cream is blended. Pour into 12 oz cups & serve with a straw.







Serves 6



1 teaspoon baking powder <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt

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- 1 portion white chocolate frosting

#### Method

### MARCH GARDENING

Spring is in the air so it's a busy time for the gardener. Lots of things to get started. Before you get started make sure your stored garden tools & outdoor furniture are rust free. If they are not, you need to remove any surface rust with steel wool and paint with rust inhibitive paint. Check containers, see if they need watering. Don't forget to turn the compost pile.



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Fertilize shrubs & trees if this wasn't done in February. Trees which bleed such as Birch & Maple should be pruned until after their leaves are fully developed. Repair damaged areas of the lawn. De-thatch, rake or aerate. Apply Dolomite Lime to sweeten the soil if needed. If moss is a problem, use a combination fertilizer & moss killer. Over-seeding can be done as the last step after fertilizing. Fruit trees & grapes vines should be pruned this month. Apples & other fruit will be larger & have

better flavour if the trees have been pruned so each branch has good exposure to sunlight & are well spaced up & down & around a central trunk.

If weeds occur in bulb beds do not remove by cultivation. Pull them by hand so that the bulbs & roots will not be disturbed. Buy some new perennials for your flower border. Roses can be pruned this month also & start spraying roses for black spot. Sow seeds for summer flowering annuals indoors. Plant tender bulbs & tubers such as Gladiola, Lilies & Dahlias. You may continue planting additional bulbs every two weeks until June to ensure a continuous source of bloom. Plant Primroses & Pansies.





Pinch off tips of Sweet Pea seedlings & Mums, when they are 4 inches tall. Continue to deadhead winter-flowering pansies & other winter bedding. Pansies will carry on into the spring & even to early summer, if attended to frequently. Plant Snowdrops in the green to brighten up your winter garden next year. Prune early-flowering Clematis once their flowers have finished & summer-flowering Clematis before they start into active growth.

Divide & transplant summer blooming perennials before they start into active growth. Soon as new growth appears. Prune Winter Jasmine after flowering & cut Honeysuckle back to 3 ft. Keep an eye out for Aphids (spray with water) & Cutworms (Cutworm Dust).

Plan your vegetable garden on a sheet of paper. Remember to rotate the vegetables in the garden to reduce insect & disease problems. Prepare the vegetable garden by adding well-rotted manure, peat moss or compost for building compost humus in the soil. Egg Plant, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Celery, Leeks, Onions, Early Potatoes & Radish seeds may be planted in the garden mid month. Spinach, Chard, Cabbage & other hardy vegetables can be planted late in the month. Plant



hardy vegetables can be planted late in the month. Plant Strawberries, Blueberries, Current, Loganberries, Boysenberries, Grapes & Fruit trees. Also you can plant Tomatoes, Lettuce & other vegetables from seed.



Clean out all your bird houses now. Repair any fencing, arbors or trellises. Check plants under the eaves of the house & under tall evergreens to see if they have enough moisture. Frosts can be deadly, so keep vulnerable plants protected. March winds are also notorious so check exposed plants are well supported. As you clear the debris from your garden beds, use a rake to break up old

matted mulch so rain can reach the roots. The piles you've raked will be a great start to this season's compost pile.

Remove netting from the pond. Start feeding fish & using the pond fountain, remove pond heaters if you have one. If your pond has frozen over, melt a small area of ice with hot water to release any build up of gases that could harm the fish. DO NOT BREAK THE ICE - THE SHOCK WAVE CREATED MAY KILL POND LIFE. Open the greenhouse or conservatory doors & vents on warm days.





Re-pot Orchids & other houseplants before they start into active growth again. Bring bags of compost in to the greenhouse to warm up for a week or two before you start sowing. March is a good time to note areas of poor drainage. If there are pools of water in your yard that do not drain, fill in the low spot or scoop out a channel for the water to drain away.

As the Garden grows, so does the Gardener!

#### How to turn your Apartment Balcony into a Lush Oasis

If you crave a peaceful outdoor escape here are some ideas for creating a beautiful retreat for even the smallest balcony.



The first thing you need to do is see how much sunlight hits your balcony, and depending on that, there are several plants which are the best choice for your container garden. If your balcony is facing the sun the best plants will be the sturdy ones that can take on that heat. So think Lavender, Aloe Vera, Geraniums and Dahlias for flowers and for vegetables, peppers and tomatoes and herbs like oregano and basil. If your balcony is in shade and protected, you need to choose plants that can survive without sunlight for a long time and the plants that are best for that type of balcony are Peace Lilies, Foxgloves, Primrose, and Ferns.

Create a lush corner by building a trellis like the one on this balcony. Add a few colourful pots and scented plants to create your own little outside world. Grow your own strawberrys, tomatoes or herbs like mint and parsley. Grow tomatoes on a string using plant clips. This saves space and the plants won't blow over as easily in strong winds. Peppers are another vegetable that you can grow on your balcony. These vibrant and delicious vegetables are fun to grow and can also be decorative. Container garden peppers need two important things and those are water and light. First, your pepper will need 5 or more hours of direct light. The more light they can get, the better they will grow. Second, your pepper plant will be entirely dependent on you for water so make sure to water it on a daily basis.





Flower Boxes Not only do flower boxes on the balcony of an apartment increase gardening space, they allow you to personalize the outside of your apartment and make it stand out from your neighbour's. The higher your window boxes are, the "bigger" the look should be So think big, bold Petunias or Geraniums. The tallest plants should be in the middle and things should gradually decrease in size

from there. Make sure to select flower boxes that are made specifically for hanging on a balcony or rail. Not only are they easy to install, they're safer because they are specifically constructed for secure installation on a railing.

#### **Balcony Furnishings**

Whatever your choice make sure that the furniture does not occupy a large portion of the space as your balcony will become congested. There are many types to choose from plastic furniture steel , metal , or wooden. A Bistro set is ideal for a small balcony. Perfect for alfresco dining. As an added bonus most bistro sets fold for storage. A Storage Bench is also ideal and practical as it can be used both for seating and storing your garden tools. A good quality weather cover is important to protect you outdoor furniture from the elements, keep it



clean for you for the next time you go to use it and most importantly it will help prolong the lifespan of your furniture.

Of course the list is endless when it comes to buying accessories for your balcony from lanterns, wind chimes to special lighting and colourful comfortable cushions to fluff up your furniture when the season allows.

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

### **The Information Age: A Digital Revolution**



It is easy to understand why sociologists talk about how we live in the Information Age, also sometimes referred to as the Digital Age. Technology is all around us, and modern life is increasingly focused on computerised information. While technology's prevalence in our lives might not seem that unusual to us, the digital revolution is having as large an impact on humanity as the Industrial Revolution did in the 18th century. In many ways, it is astonishing how much computerised technology has become integrated into our daily life.

Studies in digital spread have brought up some astonishing facts. For instance, there are over 7 billion people on the planet, and over 4 billion use a mobile phone while only 3.5 billion use a toothbrush. 91% of adults have their mobile phones within arm's reach every hour of every day, and 90% of text messages are read within three minutes of being delivered. Google handles over 1 billion search queries every day, and it uses more electricity per day than most countries and releases over 200 tonnes of CO2 daily in the process.

What characterises the Information Age? A digital industry has created a knowledge-based society surrounded by a high-tech global economy. Its influence spans over a variety of sectors from manufacturing, entertainment, education, industrial, and the service sector, allowing them to operate in a more efficient and convenient way than ever before. In a commercialised society, the information industry allows individuals to explore their personalised needs, therefore simplifying the procedure of making decisions and significantly lowering costs for both producers and buyers.

It also has created what is termed a "knowledge economy", and the global economy is transitioning from an agriculture and labour based economy to a knowledge economy, an extension of the Information Age. This is the use of knowledge to generate both tangible and intangible benefits. This transition requires that the rules and practices that determined success in the industrial economy need

rewriting in an interconnected, globalised economy Last summer, the IMF released a major study where knowledge resources such as trade secrets and expertise are as critical as other economic resources.

The knowledge economy is also seen as the latest stage of development in global economic restructuring. The developed world has thus far transitioned from an agricultural economy (characterised by the pre-Industrial Age agrarian sector) to an industrial economy (driven by the Industrial Age manufacturing sector) to a postindustrial/mass production economy (during the mid-1900s, characterised by the service sector) to knowledge economy (late 1900s - 2000s, driven by the technology/human capital sector). This latest stage has been marked by the upheavals in technological innovations and the globally competitive need for innovation with new products and processes.

In the knowledge economy, the specialised labour force is characterized as computer literate and welltrained in handling data, developing algorithms and simulated models, and innovating on processes and systems. Consequently, the technical-based STEM careers have seen large growth, while many labour and service based jobs are being steadily replaced by technological equivalents. This is a cause for concern globally as it threatens to increase the gap between wealthy communities with easy access to technology and developing communities that are lagging further behind in digital literacy.



What was once considered fallout of late 20thcentury capitalism-the ever-widening gulf between the rich and the poor-has spun out into a much more complex global issue, one that the International Monetary Fund has called "the defining challenge of our time". Wealth distribution affected in the coming years. is not just a barometer of societal health. It is a critical determinant and one influenced heavily by technology. For much of the population, incomes have stagnated or even shrunk, and technology is one of the leading culprits. Simply put, as we get better at automating routine tasks, the people who benefit most are those with the expertise and creativity to use these advances. This drives income inequality: demand for highly skilled workers rises, while workers with less education and expertise fall behind or their jobs are increasingly computerised.

showing some of the long-term effects of this pattern: in 159 advanced, emerging, and developing countries between 1980 and 2012, rising wealth concentrations among the richest segments of those countries led to similar declines in GDP. Conversely, equal periods of sustained income growth for the lowest segments aligned with healthy growth spurts in economic output.

The Information Age has affected the workforce in that automation and computerisation have resulted in higher productivity coupled with net job loss. It has created a situation in which workers who perform tasks which are easily automated are being forced to find work which involves tasks that are not easily automated. This has the inherent consequence of benefiting those who can avail of better educational opportunities while adversely effecting those from poor socioeconomic backgrounds. Workers are also being increasingly forced to compete in a global job market on top of being replaced by computers that can do their jobs faster and more effectively. This poses particular problems for workers in industrial societies as the IMF study revealed.

Jobs traditionally associated with the middle class (assembly line workers, data processors, foremen and supervisors) are beginning to disappear, either through outsourcing or automation. Individuals who lose their jobs must either move up, joining a group of "mind workers" (engineers, doctors, solicitors, teachers, scientists, professors, executives, journalists, consultants), or settle for low-skill, low-wage service jobs.

The Digital Age is also impacting how people seek out and form relationships. 1 out of 8 couples met their spouse on the internet within the past few years. There are increasing numbers of people meeting their significant others online each year, which is perhaps unsurprising when considering there are over 1 billion active instant messaging accounts, and social media is on the rise - there are nearly 500 million messages sent daily on Snapchat alone.

The Information Age is in full swing, and while experts are continually making predictions (both positive and negative) about the future impact on our lives, it remains to be seen how we will be



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#### **FUN & UNUSUAL FACTS ABOUT** ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The actual colour of St. Patrick is blue. Green became associated with St Patrick's Day during the 19th century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by fairies, immortals & by people to encourage their crops to grow.

St. Patrick did not actually drive snakes out of Ireland, the snakes represent the pagans that he converted to Christianity.



The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.

The phrase, "Drowning the Shamrock" is from the custom of floating the shamrock on the top of whiskey before drinking it. If you keep the custom, then you will have a prosperous year.

On March 17th it is usually said that there are two types of people in this world, the Irish and those who want to be Irish.

The New Yorks St. Patrick's Day parade is the longest running civilian parade in the world.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the highest number of leaves found on a clover is 14.

St. Patrick's Day is considered to be the luckiest day to get married.

The shamrock which was also called the "seamroy" by the Celts, was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of Spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Christian doctrine of the Trinity to the Irish.

St. Patrick's Day did not become a national holiday in Ireland until 1903. The first parade held in Ireland was in Dublin in 1931. In fact, until the 1970s pubs in Ireland were required by law to be closed on March 17th.

Every year in Chicago, they dye the river green. This tradition began in 1962 when the parade organiser, head of a plumber's union, noticed that the dye that was used to find sources of river pollution stained his clothes green. He thought it would be a great idea to use enough dye to turn the river green for the city's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Now in case you were wondering the environmental impact of the dye is less that the pollution from sewage treatment plants.

St. Patrick was said to have proclaimed that everyone should have a drop of the "hard stuff" on his feast day after chasing an innkeeper who served a short measure of whiskey.

#### **IRISH TOASTS**

Here's to me, and here's to you, And here's to love & laughter, I'll be true as long as you, And not one moment after.



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You can't make a silk purse cut out of a sow's ear.

#### **IRISH JOKES**

Why are Irish jokes so simple; so the English can understand them.

When is an Irish potato not an French fry.

Where would you always find gold? In the

What does Ireland have more than any other country? Irish men.





Maynooth Tidy Towns held their AGM on Thursday 11th February at the Glenroyal Hotel The following officers were elected Chairman: John Kavanagh Vice-chair: Vinny Mulready Secretary: Mary Molloy Treasurer: Mary Jennings PRO: Richard Farrell John Kavanagh thanked Mattie Callaghan, Paul Croghan and Mary Farrell for all the work that they had done over the years in guiding Maynooth to two Bronze Medals and a Silver Medal.

This year 2016 we start the process in going for Gold in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Following the AGM a planning meeting took place to discuss various projects for 2016/17. On Thursday 11th February, Willow cuttings were gathered and have been planted on Saturday 13th February in various locations as part of a biodiversity plan.

We are planning to have a joint clean up with Leixlip Tidy Towns on Saturday 12th March. WEEE Ireland will be in Maynooth on Saturday 19th March in Tesco Car park near the Community Council Office from 10am to 4pm. Any item containing a plug or battery, also lightbulbs, car batteries etc for recycling should be brought along on the day.

Jim Doyle gave Maynooth Tidy Towns a donation from the sale of Christmas Trees. Looking forward to seeing you all on St. Patrick`s Day Parade.

If you wish to join us please contact us on 0873153189 or on Facebook. Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

Photos: Bottom Left: Planting of willows by Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteers in Meadowbrook as part of the Biodiversity plan. Bottom Right: Maynooth Tidy Towns New Committee (seated) with MTT Volunteers

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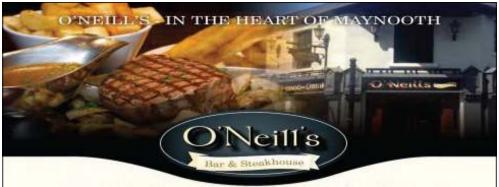
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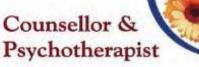
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#### **Craobh Mhaigh Nuad**

The Craobh is looking forward to a busy couple of weeks of music culture and craic, and would urge everyone to keep an eye out for us in what is set to be a busy March and April.

A lot of effort goes into St Patrick's Day preparations, with the Craobh looking to retain the trophy for the best portrayal of Irish culture; a tough ask in this 1916 centenary year, no doubt. Our parade float will be plugged in and "dickied" up in line with other years, so give us a good cheer when you see us, and let's hope for some decent weather in the interests of dry instruments and those poor musicians numb fingers! Commemorating the 1916 rebels would not be possible without a couple of tunes also, so expect to see the branch in the middle of these activities also. The term itself is also set to be busy – below is a plan of all the activities we have set up.

Classes are mainly run on Wednesdays apart from the Easter break, and sessions are held toward the end of each month. Preparations and practicing is also beginning for the Kildare Fleadh being hosted again by our neighbouring branch in Kilcock end of April, so for those thinking of entering, ye'd better starting drilling!

Classes are well underway for the second term and we are absolutely delighted to announce the addition of the Harp to the repertoire of instruments taught in the branch. Having lined up Alannah to teach the class on the basis of 2 students who had expressed interest, we're thrilled to have 5 in the class for an cláireasch, which is absolutely core to our musical tradition and national identity.

Already in January, we have had a class session, our big last Wednesday of the month branch session and one of our very enjoyable Sunday afternoon sessions in McMahon's. In the case of the latter, the kids are really progressing at an unbelievable rate and the group is growing from week to week. Well done to all to turn up, and we would emphasise that we welcome all musicians interested in a fun learner session to sample and partake in the music. As shown above, the next slot is 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm, upstairs in McMahon's lounge – keep an eye on Facebook and Twitter for updates. Thanks also to Craobh Chualann in Monsktown for hosting our bunch of young, eager musicians for an evening of tunes and craic they'll never forget. Loaded up in

#### St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

March is usually one of the busiest months in the early part of the year for the Band but it will be particularly busy this year. On Sunday 13th March we take part in the Dunboyne (early) St. Patrick's Day Parade and on March 17th we start off with our own Maynooth Parade at 11am followed by the parade in Kilcock at 1.30pm. A little over a week later we are back in Maynooth when we are part of the Easter Commemoration Programme on Easter Monday to mark the 15 men from Maynooth who marched to the GPO in 1916.



The band is busy at the moment rehearsing for the South of Ireland Band Championships in July and are hoping to emulate previous successes in this very competitive competition which includes bands from all over the country. 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 8pm and 9.30pm any Monday night (except Bank Holidays) where you will receive a very warm welcome. The same invitation is also extended to any budding musicians who would like to learn to play a brass, reed or percussion instrument.

#### Route 66 takes their Live in Concert Show on the road

Following the success of their last Live in Concert Show at the Civic Theatre in Tallaght last November Route 66, the North Kildare based Big Band, are taking the Show to other Theatres in the coming year. The Band was formed in Maynooth over 16 years ago, hence the Route 66 (Maynooth Bus) name and is it a source of wonder to so many people that this 16 piece band has survived for so long. Their Live in Concert Show is in response to requests from countless fans to play more "Open Gigs" and the success of their earlier concerts is proof that there is indeed an audience out there for this type of music.

Their tour kicks off at the Venue Theatre in Ratoath on Saturday March 19th at 8pm and tickets can be booked at 01 6895600 or online at www.venuetheatre.ie. Their Live in Concert Show brings audiences on a magical music tour from the 40's right up to date with numbers made famous by Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra, Tina Turner, Adel, Amy Winehouse, Tom Jones and many more and is a show not to be missed. Tickets for this venue sell out quickly so please book your seats early to avoid disappointment. The Band have planned other shows in Blanchardstown, Dundrum, Mullingar, Navan, Naas and Tallaght during 2016 so please watch and like the Route 66 Big Band Facebook page for news and dates on all their Shows. For further information on the Band and other open performances please email: route66bigbandireland@gmail.com

Tracey's bus on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb for the evening, they travelled across the M50 to the HQ of Comhaltas and were very warmly welcomed. Friday nights is a very busy night in Monkstown and our gang played their hearts out for 2 hours before travelling back home on the tour bus. Go raibh maith agaibh arís.

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

Classes in Maynooth Post Primary School on Wednesday 2nd and Wednesday 9th March followed by Easter break with classes resuming on April 6th.

### Forthcoming events: St. Patrick's Day Parade, Community Breakfast, Festival Concert and sessions and Easter Monday 1916 commemoration.

#### Go n-éirí an cheoil linn i 2016!

Lots more information on <u>www.ccemaighnuad</u>.com and Facebook & Twitter (CCEMaighNuad). Slán go foil



Session in Craobh Chualann, Monkstown on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb



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#### **ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP**

#### Christmas Walk.

On Sunday 27th Dec we held our walk which started at Maynooth Harbour, along the canal to Pike Bridge and then through the grounds of Carton House, returning via the Avenue to Maynooth town. Mince tarts and mulled wine was served along the way and we were blessed with good weather. We were delighted to be joined by members of Kildare Branch of IWAI for the event.

#### Remembrance Service.

The greatest loss of life on the Irish Canal system happened near Porterstown Bridge on Nov 25th 1845 when the evening boat from Dublin to Longford sank with the loss of 15 lives. On the 170th anniversary of this tragedy our committee decided to hold a service of remembrance in Porterstown Church .The service was conducted by Fr Paul Ward and RCAG Chairman, Matt Kennedy later placed a wreath by the plaque recalling the event on Porterstown Bridge.

#### Clean up Groups.

A clean up group has been operating very successfully for the past two years on the canal between Binns Bridge and Broombridge. This group meets on one Saturday each month and collects all litter along this stretch which is later removed by Dublin City Council. DCC also provide bags and equipment for this purpose. In recent months new groups have formed at North Strand and Ashtown and it is hoped to extend further west along the canal in the summer months.

#### New Jetty.

The canal is currently closed above 8th Lock to facilitate the building of a new jetty opposite Royal Canal Park. Ballymore Properties are building new apartments and houses nearby and plan to include a Community facility beside the jetty for the use of residents. The canal should reopen by Easter.

#### Luas Depot

Within a short distance of 8th Lock at Broombridge a new depot is being built to house the Luas trams at the terminus of the new cross-city line which will travel from Stephens Green to Broombridge. Much of the track has already been laid in the city centre but it will be 2017 before services commence. There will be no interference with the canal as all work is confined to the south bank of the canal.

#### **Cycle Paths**

Kildare County Council has applied for planning permission to construct a cycle track from Confey to the Meath border. Other stretches are in course of preparation from Sheriff St Bridge to Newcomon and from Cross Guns Bridge to Ashtown. In August last the Cycleway from Mullingar to Athlone was opened and this can be accessed from the Royal Canal at Ballinea Bridge.

#### Check out www.royalcanal.net

#### Interesting facts about school life for children in 1916

• Irish was taught in less than 300 of the country's 9,000 primary schools, it was mainly taught in schools in the Gaeltacht areas. It became a compulsory subject when Ireland became a Free State in 1922.



- In 1916 only about half of the teachers had formal training in comparison to today where every teacher must be fully qualified. Many of the teachers who were trained had qualifications that were out of date.
- All children learned reading, writing, arithmetic and religion, girls were taught needlework, cookery and laundry while boys were taught agriculture particularly in rural schools.
- Many teachers couldn't teach music or art so these weren't taught in many of our schools.
- Pupils were responsible for cleaning the classroom weekly or sometimes daily. The teacher's job also included lighting the fire every day. Facilities that we take for granted today such as toilet facilities were rare.
- Rote learning was common practice where pupils had to learn spellings, arithmetic and grammar by heart and were punished with beatings if they failed to do their work or if it was not neat. Unlike today teachers salaries were dependent on a good inspector's report each year.
- Attendance began to fall off rapidly in schools with many children leaving school around the age of 11 or 12 to work in factories or farms. Even though school attendance had been made compulsory in 1892 by the time of the Rising average daily attendance was only 70 percent of enrolment.
- Fees were charged for secondary schooling so the majority of families could not afford to send their children unless they received a scholarship or a grant or were from a wealthy family.

### Sailor died alone and was buried amid a family of 300

John McMullen (88) died in Connolly Hospital on January 30. He was a resident of the Moyglare Nursing Home in Maynooth. John had come to Maynooth 5 years ago from a shelter in the Christchurch area of Dublin. There had been no family/friends visit to him and the only indication of his past was that he mentioned being a Sailor and travelled the world.

Kildare Now published the story online and it quickly spread throughout Social Media. Official channels and unofficial networks and agencies were contacted here and abroad in the search of any relations of John, all to no avail.

We, the Defence Forces Veterans had been involved in a similar situation in Dublin 2 years ago and the fact that he was a Serviceman was all we needed to get involved. John was inducted as a Defence Forces Veteran and became a member of the "Military Family". He then became entitled to an escort, honour guard and musical salute of Last Post & Reveille at the graveside. The Defence Forces Veterans came from as far as Portlaoise, Athlone, Roscommon, Wexford and Dublin.

The church was almost full of people who were touched by the sadness of John's story and everyone who attended automatically became a brother or sister of the Sailor who had no family. Approximately 300 people today turned up to pay respects to a sailor.

John's coffin was escorted into the church by the Defence Forces Veterans. a brief intro about John and 2 poems were read by Paul Clarke.

Ester Byrne sang at the Mass, supported by Damien the organist. The Voyage by Christy Moore was played and The Derry Air was performed as John's coffin was again escorted out of the church by the Defence Forces Veterans.

St. Mary's Parish, Maynooth gave John a fitting send off.

Staff from Connolly Hospital, Moyglare Nursing Home, Reilly Undertakers, the Parish Funeral Team and all those who attended should be proud of themselves for the outpouring of humanity & dignity shown to this 88 year old man who had no family to see him off.

At Laraghbryan Cemetery, Fr. Liam Rigney & the Parish Funeral Team battled with the blustery wind & rain in delivering the graveside orations, commenting on the hope for 8 or 10 people to attend the burial, almost 150 turned up at the grave. John was laid to rest while Charlie O'Neill an ex army Bugler sounded the Last Post & Reveille to the final salute of Defence Forces Veterans.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh an Anam

Paul Clarke

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University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189

Maynooth Senior Citizens

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. **Community Library** 

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

### History Group

Meetings last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre at 8.00pm. All Welcome

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth

Kildare Intercultural Action Group (KIA)

Meetings takes place 3rd Saturday of the month at 3pm. In Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC Carton Park Maynooth For further information. Contact Maeve at 0873459185 www.facebook.com/kiamaynooth

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Teaching Demonstration by Veronica McMahon March 15th Competition: Class A & B—March Winds - Space: 75cms Class C—March Winds - Space: 45cms Plant Competition: 3 Daffodils, same or mixed www.maynoothflowerandgardenclub.com Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purposebuilt facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

### Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth For Seated Exercise & Walking New Members Welcome

#### Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334

#### Maynooth Community Church

1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome

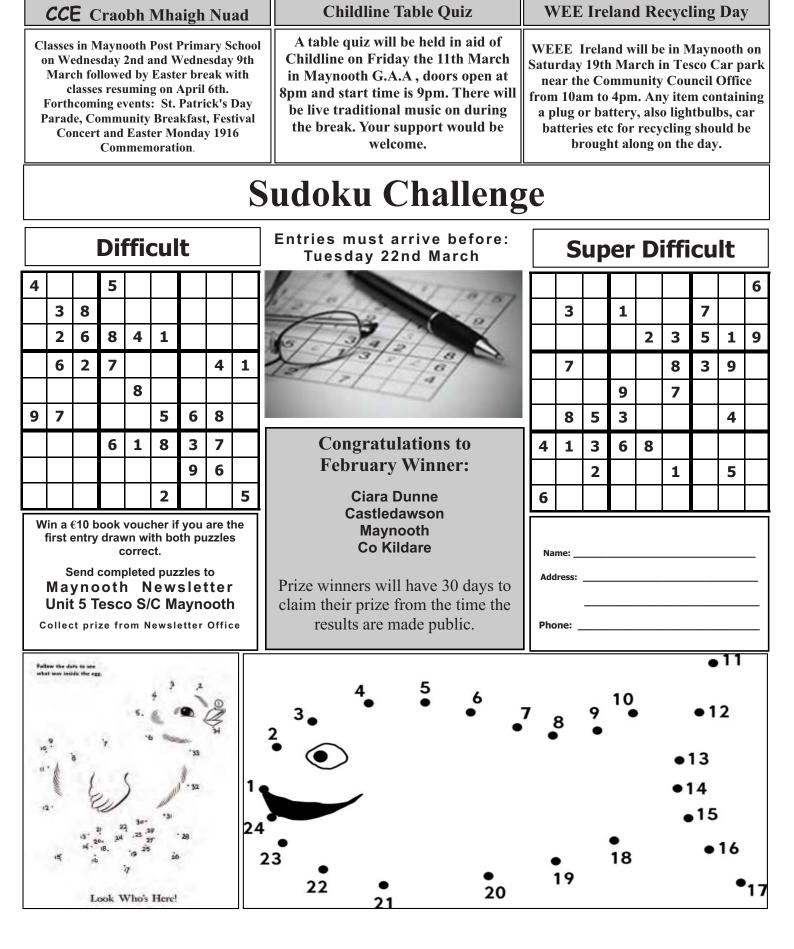
#### Daffodil Day

DAFFODIL DAY - 11 III MARCH

Daffodils are required for the day. If you can supply daffodils contact Moira Baxter on 0864041927

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)

### Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner (Cont.)



#### 25 March Crossword - No: 444

#### **Clues Across**

- 9. List of questions (13)
- 10. Arrest (3)
- 11. Continue steadily (7)
- 12. Immense (4)
- 13. 10 US cents (4)
- 15. Inexpensive (5)
- 17. Confer (7)
- 19. Body of honeybees (5)
- 21. Weep (3)
- 23. The telling of lies (5)
- 24. Bow and arrow skill (7)
- 25. Roof overhang (5)
- 27. Infant (4)
- 28. Make indistinct (4)
- 30. Packed (7)
- 32. French vineyard (3)
- 33. Officer ranking below a lieutenant (13)

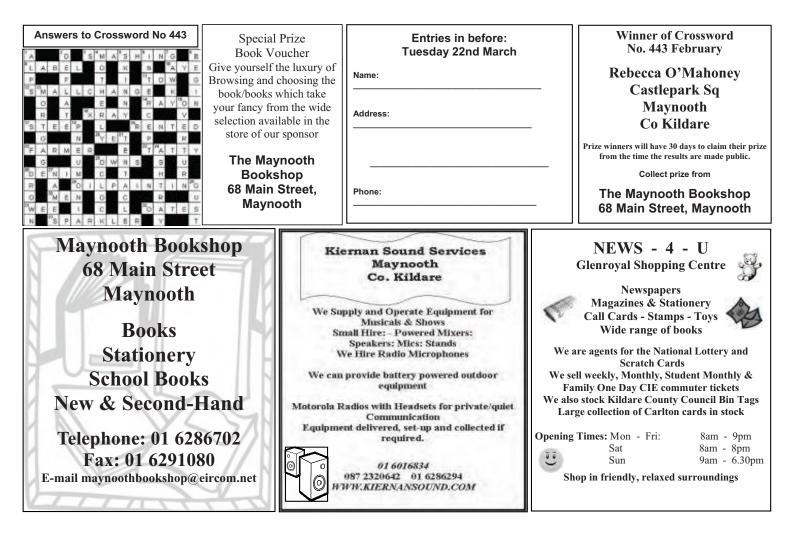


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#### **Clues Down**

- 1. Deliberately ambiguous
- 2. Reposes (5)
- 3. Cease (4)
- 4. Removes errors (8)
- 5. Immature (6)
- 6. Grime (4)
- 7. Provide with fresh air (9)
- 8. One-edged sword (5)
- 14. Soft sweetmeat (5)
- 16. Figure out (5)
- 18. Small brush for
- cleaning fingernails (9)
- 20. Office of a mayor (9)
- 22. Largest drum (4,4)
- 26. Fiddle (6)
- 27. Cured pig meat (5)
- 29. Pale reddish purple (5)
- 30. Young bears (4)
- 31. Musical composition for two (4)





#### **Volunteering In Zambia**

How often in life are we given the opportunity to make any real positive impact in somebody's life? Doing a good deed is always nice, returning a lost phone to a stranger, buying a homeless person a cup of coffee, these acts all help somebody and make you feel good. *But, what if your impact wasn't just a temporary thing, what if it not only changed somebodies day, but changed their life*? To volunteer abroad is to change lives for the better. Working as a Volunteer in Zambia I aim to help struggling communities in such a way that could easily be the biggest and greatest deed I will ever perform.

My name is **Shauna Haughney** and I have lived in Maynooth my whole life. I am in second year in Marino Institute of Education studying Primary School Teaching, which I love. I have been lucky enough to be chosen as one of the nine trainee primary school teachers to travel to **Zambia** this summer as part of the Suas Educational Volunteer Programme. **Suas Educational Development is a registered Irish Charity** (CHY 14931) supporting access to quality education in Ireland, India, Kenya and Zambia for over 10,000 children a year. This year is the first



time I will volunteer overseas and it is Suas's first time taking volunteers over to Zambia. Both Suas and I see education as the key to social transformation, and the first and most important step in changing lives.

#### So why I am volunteering?

I don't actually really know why I want to volunteer but it is something I have always wanted to do. Years ago when I first heard of Suas in secondary school I knew it was something one day I would do. So when Suas approached my college looking for trainee teachers I immediately applied. So after a 45 minute integration by 2 Suas co-ordinators I felt I had lost my chance as I wasn't happy with how it had gone. It was then that I realised how much I actually wanted it as I was extremely disappointed. Then weeks later I was delighted to receive an email congratulating me and offering me a place on the programme. I honestly couldn't believe it!

Little did I know that the 'integration' was the easy part! Now I am faced with another battle of **fundraising €2995** in order to travel to Zambia for six weeks. Six weeks is a long time so you are probably wondering how I will spend this time. I will be working alongside local teachers in Kabwee. The main school I will be based in is 'Sables Community School' for boys and girls. The aim of

these six weeks is that when we leave and return to Ireland the communities will be able to retain and sustain quality education. To do this we will be leaving solar powered tablets in the schools. Each tablet has a library of books for all abilities installed on them and the teacher tablets have thousands of lesson plans and ideas they can implement when we have left. As well as working in the schools I will play a major part in the local communities. Not only will my teaching skills be put to the test out in Zambia so will my artistic skills, sporting skills and creative dance skills as I will be setting up many afterschool activities for all to participate in.

My overall aim for these six weeks is that when I leave these children and their communities I will have made a positive impact on them and provided them with the opportunity to realise their full potential in life.

As I approach this journey I have mixed feelings. Of course I am extremely excited to travel to Zambia along with this excitement there are nerves and a touch of fear. Working in Zambia is going to be far from easy. It will test me in many ways, both emotionally and physically. The main challenge I think I will face is seeing the contrast between my life and the lives of the Zambian people. During these 6 weeks I feel I will be overwhelmed with emotion. Having to experience all these feelings in an unfamiliar environment and being millions of miles away from my family will be a real challenge to me as a person. However, I hope to take all the positives from this experience of a life time and apply all that I have learnt to my life and to my future teaching career.

On my return I will write again, filling you all in on how I coped in Zambia and all my experiences. I suppose the main reason I am writing this article is to ask the people of Maynooth to help the children in Zambia by supporting me in reaching my target of €2995. I will be organising many events in

Maynooth over the next few months and your support at these would be greatly appreciated. On **April 2<sup>nd</sup> I** am running a fundraising event in **Brady's** with a local band **'District Daze'** performing, followed by the resident DJ. I would love if you could attend but if you cannot and would still like to make a donation please check out my iDonate page on the following web address:



www.idonate.ie/shauna4zambia Thanks a million for your support!

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### Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

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App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
16139	Kildare County Council	Tom & Evelyn Neville	Site No. 15 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	16/02/2016
16131	Kildare County Council	Eamon O Flaherty	16 Parklands Way, Maynooth, Co Kildare	15/02/2016
16122	Kildare County Council	Skyblue Homes Ltd.	Newtown Hall, Newtown Townland, Maynooth	12/02/2016
16120	Kildare County Council	Steven McEleney	37 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.	11/02/2016
16113	Kildare County Council	ESB Telecoms Limited	ESB's Moneycooly 38kV Sub, Townland of Moneycooly, Maynooth	10/02/2016
1699	Kildare County Council	Siobhán Glynn	Ballygoran, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/02/2016
1663	Kildare County Council	Fergal O'Malley c/o The North Kildare Club	Maws, Kilcock, Maynooth	27/01/2016
1654	Kildare County Council	Wilhelm and Annetrud Franke	Maws House, Maws, Maynooth	26/01/2016
1660	Kildare County Council	Inkjet World	Unit 7 & Unit 8, Mill Str, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	26/01/2016
1645	Kildare County Council	Bernadette Farrell	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/01/2016
1639	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Ltd.	located adjacent to and accessed from Maynooth Road, Celbridge	21/01/2016
1637	Kildare County Council	Ballygoran Developments Ltd.	on a site at the junction Coates Lane and Pound Lane, Maynooth	20/01/2016
1633	Kildare County Council	Kim Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	19/01/2016
1634	Kildare County Council	Ian Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	19/01/2016
1625	Kildare County Council	David Durate	100 Castledawson, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/01/2016



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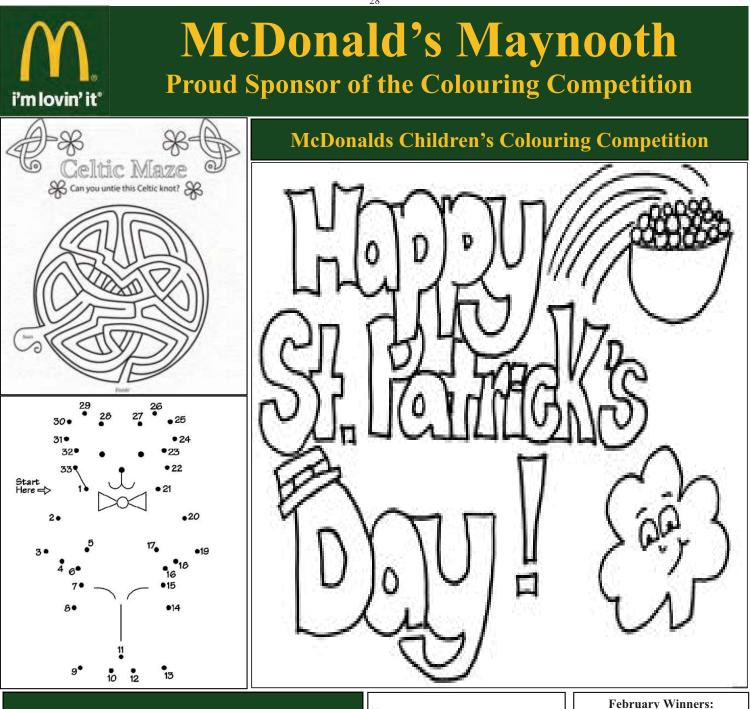
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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition Prizes: Free Family Meal Sponsored by McDonald's Maynooth

Name:	February Winners:
Age:	Age: 3 - 5: Emily Carroll Rockfield Green Maynooth
Address:	Age: 6 - 7: Lauren Nolan-Usher The Cresent Moyglare Hall
Phone No:	Age: 8 & Over: Aoife Guinon Greenfield Drive Maynooth



Prizes for <u>Colouring Competition</u> can be collected at: Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 24th March 2015



### Launch of The Rebellion Run in the Maynooth Post Primary

The official launch of the Rebellion Run - 5k/10k -Event (Sunday 24th April) took place in the Post-Primary School, Maynooth on Tuesday 26th January. Teachers, students (in period costume), and Mark Kenneally, marathon runner, were all in attendance at this special event. Paul Clarke and Paul Boothman of the Maynooth 15 raised the commemorative flag at the launch. Some of the people present included: Gerry Quinn, Angela Treacy, (of Maynooth Ceoltas group) Lesley Fennelly (Carton House), and Teresa Murray, Adrian Dalton (teachers).

Photos courtesy of Rory O'Connor





### THE REBELLION RUN Sunday 24th April 2016

The Maynooth Education Campus

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

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I wandered lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills When all at once I saw a crowd A host, of golden daffedils Beside the lake, beneath the trees Fluttering and dancing in the breeze Continuous as the stars that shine And twinkle on the Milky Way They stretched in never ending line Along the margin of a bay Ten thousand saw I at a glance Tossing their heads in sprightly dance The waves beside them danced, but they Outdid the sparkling waves in glee A poet could not but be gay In such a jocund company I gazed - and gazed - but little thought What wealth the show to me had brought

Far off, when on my couch I lie In vacant or in pensive mood They flash upon that inward exe Which is the bliss of solitude And then my heart with pleasure fills And dances with the daffodils.

By: William Wordsworth (1770-1850)

### The Plight of the Humble Bumble Bee

It's taken for granted that the fruits and veg that we like are always available. It's a fact we assume they are there and will always be. So it would come as a major surprise if a Supermarket sign said, short supply of apples, kiwi, courgette, pears, tomatoes or almonds. Not due to drought, cold, heat or wind damage but due to poor pollination by insects, primarily bumble bees. Food for thought? Grabbed your attention !



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Many crops worldwide are dependent on pollination by bumble bees. **The All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020** sets out lots of useful suggestions of how the environment for insects can be improved. In Maynooth the dynamic Tidy Towns have decided that they will step up to the mark and make a contribution towards helping pollinating insects, by planting willows to provide pollen and nectar for bumble bees.

You too can help this summer by making a proactive choice in the plants used for colour. Consider reducing Geraniums, Begonias and Busy Lizzie which have little value for insects. Consider substituting single flower Dahlias i.e. Bishop series for Double flowered types. Plant some perennials like Nepeta, (Catmint) Marjoram, Mints, Cosmos, Cornflowers, Lavender, Allium, Nasturtium or Aster. There are lots of plants to give great garden colour and provide food for beneficial insects. Institutions might consider planting some beds of Phacelia, which if sown in May will flower all summer till late autumn frosts, providing a rich harvest for honey bees, bumble bees, moths etc. Bumblebees are a critical part of the natural environment therefore it is vital that we take action to help save these charming creatures from further population declines. Visit bumblebeeconservation.org for lots of insect friendly details.



### FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON THE REVENANT Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy & Domhnall Gleeson

*The Revenant* was the most talked about film of last year with plentiful stories of its punishing shoot in extreme, remote locations. It is also likely to be on everyone's list of top ten films come the end of 2016. Director Alejandro G. Iñárritu's wilderness epic opened the new film-going year in spectacular fashion. *The Revenant* has swept the boards at award ceremonies worldwide. It has Oscar glory stamped all over it. *The Revenant* is based on true historical events and loosely adapted from a 2002 novel, of the same name, by Michael Punke. The title refers to one who returns from the dead or a long absence. It recounts the dramatic real-life story of one Hugh Glass, a 19<sup>th</sup> century adventurer employed by the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. He acted as a guide/scout for teams of fur trappers through the unchartered North-West territory.



In Iñárritu's extraordinary film, Leonardo DiCaprio plays Glass as a man struggling for his very life and survival after a catastrophic series of events on a glacial and unforgiving frontier. Savagely mauled by a grizzly, betrayed and left for dead by his fellow trappers, the severely injured frontiersman amazingly survives. He literally crawls his way out of a shallow grave and some 200 miles across a formidable landscape to exact revenge. The film was shot mostly in the arctic Canadian Rockies (standing in for South Dakota), Montana and Argentina.



The Revenant dramatizes a piece of history that cinema rarely deals with; the struggles and endurance of the 'mountain men' who were among the first Americans to push the frontier west during the 1820s. The Oscar-winning Mexican director (of *Birdman* fame) depicts a raw, virgin Western landscape of 1823, long before cowboys, maps and laws pillaged its lands and native dwellers. White men in this universe are a minority. It is populated mostly by fur trappers like Glass who risk death from the elements or Native tribes to ply their trade.

Iñárritu and his co-writer Mark L. Smith deviate from Punke's more or less historically accurate original in many aspects. The frontier man's past (related in flashbacks, visions) now includes an Indian wife (Grace Dove) and he is accompanied on the trapping expedition by their half Pawnee son (Forrest Goodluck). DiCaprio's take on Glass is also more sympathetic in his interactions with the natives (engendering a possible modern politically-correct bias). Was the actual Glass so inclined? But this is Hollywood and few films based on actual events are ever a slavish respecter of history.



From the very outset, Iñárritu's film is a blistering assault on the senses. Hang on to your seats – it's going to be a bumpy ride! You have barely time to breathe before the trapper party, led by the honourable Captain Andrew Henry (Domhnall Gleeson), are set upon by Arikara warriors. Arrows and tomahawks hurtle across the screen at a startling rate piercing human flesh in gruesome detail. The relentless camera movements swoop, swirl and track the aggressors (on horses and in trees) and their prey, one by one, as bloody carnage and mayhem ensues. The confusion and sheer terror of this scene serves notice on what is to follow. You have been duly warned.

Barely a half hour in *The Revenant* delivers its most notorious and stomach-churning scene. Contrary to popular belief, Leonardo DiCaprio was not raped by a bear during the making of this film! The lengths Leonardo reputedly went to in order to produce as true a performance as possible didn't quite require this sacrifice!

In a terrifyingly vicious, realistic sequence that seems to go on forever, Hugh Glass is attacked with ferocity by a grizzly bear. At the screening I attended, audible gasps permeated the cinema. Di Caprio becomes the equivalent of a ragdoll as he is tossed, clawed, bitten and crushed by a very irate mama bear. We the viewers are forced to experience the brutal assault in excruciating, claustrophobic close-up. You virtually feel every tear as flesh is ripped apart. The scene will leave you gasping for breath. The actor lies facing the audience for almost all of the ordeal and his blood-soaked expressions are almost as horrifying as the red jaws of the grunting beast grappling with him.



Leonardo may go through bloody hell and suffer for his art but thanks to cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki, he does so beautifully. Under Lubezki' expert eye, Glass's trek through the untamed wilderness is visually breath-taking. *The Revenant* was mostly shot in natural light giving it a haunting beauty. Filmed in remote locations and sub-zero temperatures, the director reportedly put his cast and crew through exhausting extremes. Leo famously eats raw bison liver in one gruelling scene. The disgust that flickers on his face (and the viewer) is not faked, as the actor is actually a vegetarian in real life. This all adds to the feeling of authenticity that Iñárritu is striving for.

Glass's torturous journey to safety involves battling the menacing elements. He hauls his damaged body through a frozen hellscape; piercing winds, avalanche-prone mountains, across icy rivers, up cliff-faces and over plains. It is just as much an endurance test for the audience as it is for the character.



Lubezki frames these magnificent awe-inspiring landscapes impeccably. This film is one of visceral involvement. You will shiver along with the characters of *The Revenant*. With each of Leo's laboured breaths, the screen fogs over or on occasion the dazzling sun creates a glare on the lens. Lubezki's camera work shows the players diminished by the sheer vastness of nature (towering trees, soaring cliff faces, and infinite horizons) merging terrain and character with unbearable tension.

And if this isn't enough for you, there are the chases, hairbreath escapes, beatings and always the struggle for food, warmth and shelter. The director doesn't favour the subtle approach, so we are treated to the less than appealing sight of Di Caprio dismembering a dead horse in order shield him from the harsh weather.

Leonardo Di Caprio has been nominated for an Oscar five times and there is much speculation that this will finally be his year. The actor's classic good-looks are unrecognisable here under layers of beard, dirt and blood. In *The Revenant*, he is certainly put through the wringer. It's his most physical if silent performance yet. He acts like a man in shock catapulted into survival mode. His only form of communication is a series of grunts, groans, shuffles, and trembles.



DiCaprio is forced to portray Glass's desperate predicament, grief and anger mostly through his eyes as he drags his pained body through the snow and dirt with gritted teeth. When he does eventually rasp something out, you feel the weight of his words – "I ain't afraid to die anymore...I done it already". It is a remarkable performance of rawness, grit, empathy and sheer bloody-minded determination.



The British actor, Tom Hardy gives Leo a run for his money though. If Leo is the hero of the piece, then Hardy is most definitely the villain. Hardy plays the greedy, racist and mercenary trapper Fitzgerald. The two men are polar opposites although initially they share in the capitalist ethos of killing animals for profit. Hardy so good at playing villains with shades of grey (as in *Legend*) is excellent here. His appearance (wild-eyed and scarred head) hints at a tortured soul gone to the bad.



People of a sensitive disposition might just want to skip this film and it certainly will not be to everyone's taste. Its long running time and consistently dour story may work against it too. There are few moments of humour to alleviate the tension of it all. The film feels like one long and unforgiving act of sadism mostly directed at Leo but occasionally at us. It's all very cold and beautiful, heavy on stunning visuals but short on narrative meat. Granted gorgeous sunrises and sunsets are pretty to look at though.

Alejandro Iñárritu's vision is persuasive though. One cannot deny *The Revenant*'s visual and technical mastery. For that the director is to be applauded. For *The Revenant* is a visceral experience, from beginning to end. Fluid ingenious camerawork, astonishing vistas, invisible editing, a haunting score, memorable set-pieces all combine to powerful effect. The director plays with themes of man's inhumanity, survival, the might of nature, intolerance, revenge, and redemption. *The Revenant* is above all a tale of endurance and the strength of the human spirit in the face of impossible odds.



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### SAINT PATRICK BREAKFAST THE ANNUAL PARADE FAMILY FUN SAINT PATRICK CONCERT

#### St. Patrick's Day Festival

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Festival is a Collaboration between Maynooth Community Council and the Saint Patrick Foundation. The Community Council under the stewardship of Naoise Ó Cearúil organise the Parade and The Foundation organise the Breakfast and Concert.

#### Saint Patrick Breakfast - Glenroyal Hotel



8.45am - 9.45am - €10 Adults, €7 Concession/Children under 12 Children under 4 FREE

#### Aifreann trí Ghaeilge

St. Mary's R.C. Church Maynooth - 10am

**The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade** Straffan Rd - Tesco via Main St - 10.30am - 12 pm

#### **Family Fun**

Manor Mills 12.30pm - 4pm - FREE Glenroyal Hotel 12.30pm - 4pm - FREE

**Saint Patrick Concert - Glenroyal Hotel** 7pm - 9pm - €7 Adults, €3 Concession/Children under 12

#### **Maynooth Community Council**

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### *Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Jestival 2016* Photo Gallery Inside



Fergus Finlay Guest Speaker at The Saint Patrick Foundation Breakfast in the Glenroyal Hotel on St Patrick's Morning Scoil Rince Uí Dhughaill Irish Dancers performing at the Saint Patrick Foundation Breakfast in the Glenroyal on St Patrick's Day Morning

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



Peter Nevin & Hilda Dunne (Maynooth Local History Group) winners of the Spirit of Saint Patrick Award presented by Naoise Ó Cearúil. The Dublin Discovery Choir performing at the Saint Patrick Foundation Concert in the Glenroyal on St Patrick's Evening Ruth Trimble & Claire Mulligan performing at the Saint Patrick Foundation Concert in the Glenroyal on St Patrick's Evening

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



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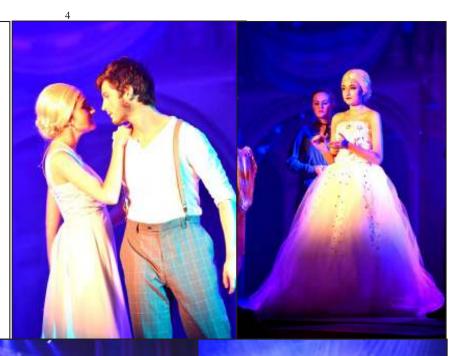
### 'EVITA' Another

### **Huge Success**

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

Photos courtesy of Mark Colfer



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



### COMHALTAS

### **Craobh Mhaigh Nuad**

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

#### St. Patrick Foundation Breakfast

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

#### The Parade

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

#### Maynooth Lodge Nursing Home

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

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

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

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

#### Easter and April

Looking forward to April, the Kildare Fleadh is being held on 24<sup>th</sup> April and is again being hosted by our neighbouring branch in Kilcock. Fleadh weekend is always good for sessions and a buzz around

the town, so please attend for both the sessions and to look at the up-and-coming young performers.

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

Go n-éirí an cheoil linn! Lots more information on www.ccemaighnuad.com and Facebook & Twitter (CCEMaighNuad). Slán go foill





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

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

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

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





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### **Community Council Notes**

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

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

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

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

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

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

The final letter received was from Megan, a former participant in the Community Council's Employment Scheme. Using the knowledge and experience gained on the scheme, Megan has now entered full time employment and wished to thank the Council and in particular John Doogan, the supervisor of the scheme. The Council employs 25/30 people on the scheme and aims to train the participants in order to help them gain full time employment. In recent years the scheme has had 95% placement after training.

Paul Croghan expressed an opinion that the MCC Office staff are under appreciated. They are responsible for the *Newsletter*, supporting the Council and its subcommittees, and are used as an Information Point by residents on community related matters. They also provide such services as CV assistance, printing, letter writing, photocopying etc.

Richard Farrell pointed out that many people have passed through the scheme and have gone on to successfully gain employment in the fields of the Environment and Social/ Community Involvement. He added that the work of the Office staff needs to be publicised.

#### ST PATRICK'S DAY

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

#### TIDY TOWNS

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

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

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

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

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

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

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

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

#### ICA

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

#### CCE CRAOBH MHAIGH NUAD

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

#### EDUCATE TOGETHER

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

#### MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS UNION

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

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

#### SCOUTS

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

#### GUIDES

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

#### MAYNOOTH SUMMER FESTIVAL

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

### **Editorial**

"Better Together" was the slogan used by the No side in the Scottish Referendum in 2014 and as we know it persuaded the majority of Scots to vote to stay in the United Kingdom.

For me these two words encompass the greater benefits of mutual support and co-operation that applies in many things we do and more particularly in community activities. In Maynooth, the benefits of people with common aims working together was evident in recent events.

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Maynooth Labour News**

#### Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

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

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

#### Update on Straffan Road/M4 Problems

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

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

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

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

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

#### John got the following response:

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

#### district members."

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

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

"It is an objective of the Council:

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

#### Update on Newtown Road Traffic Calming:

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

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

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

### Update on Preventing Waste Bins from being collected before 7am

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

John got the following reply from the Director of Services:

"The concerns regarding early morning starting times has been an issue nationally

for a number of years.

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

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

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

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

The new restrictions are effective from 1st July 2016." Cllr. John McGinley stated that while the new

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

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

#### **Begging in Maynooth**

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley, former T.D. Emmet Stagg wrote to Garda Superintendent, Gerard Wall, about the very serious issue of organized begging in Maynooth. He got the following reply on 23 February: "The offence of begging as you are aware is a very sensitive social issue, and the Public Order Act, 2011 stipulates the offence must include harassment, assault, threatening, or obstruction of another person. I have directed uniform and plain clothes members to give this matter attention and in the period since your correspondence, three arrests have been made in Maynooth for this offence.

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

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

#### **General Election Result**

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

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

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

### Maynooth Town FC Notes

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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				

Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2016

#### Cheltenham Festival 2016 Tipster Results

#### 1st - Mark Murphy - €1000 2nd - John Maloco €100 3rd David Hawkins €50

5 x €10 Prizes Paul Brogan - Karen Reid - E. Franklin -Liam Healy-Folan - Noleen Mc Mahon

#### **Thank You for Your Support**

#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

#### **Treatment Abroad Scheme**

#### Question

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

#### Answer

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

If you are a public healthcare patient and need treatment that is **not** available to you in Ireland, you may be able to use the Treatment Abroad Scheme to get the treatment in another country in the EEA or Switzerland. The Scheme may provide help with travel costs for the patient and a travelling companion, where appropriate. windows; plumbing, tiling, rewiring and plasteri Work subject to VAT at 23% is not covered. Ne are items such as furniture, white goods or carpe the work must be carried out and paid for by 31 December 2016. In general, the tax credit is paid

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

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

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

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

#### Home Renovation Incentive

#### Question

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

There is detailed information for homeowners and landlords on revenue.ie.

#### Census 2016

#### Question

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Discrimination when renting residential property Question

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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#### General Election 2016

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

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

#### 1916 Events in Maynooth

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

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

#### Saint Patrick Breakfast and Saint Patrick Concert

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

#### <u>National Transport Authority Approves Funding for</u> <u>Maynooth</u>

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

#### A Chara,

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

Sincerely,

May Daly Moyglare Rd Maynooth



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

#### Local Property Tax Delivers more Maynooth Projects

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

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

#### County Development Plan

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

#### Re. Student Accommodation,

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

#### Re. Homelessness,

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

#### Re. Employment,

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

#### Re. Tourism,

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

#### Re. Transport to Naas Hospital,

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

#### **Representations**

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has been making representations on behalf of residents on a range of issues. If you have an issue or need advice please get in contact. Areas covered to date include;

- Local Issues
- Grants for Older People
- College Grants (SUSI)
- Housing Issues
- Planning Issues
- Medical Card Issues
- Business Start Ups

#### Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.



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

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

When you have that done you can start on your art, craft, needlework etc. in preparation for Bealtaine, which we all know by now is the celebration of May and our Heritage. With all that exhausting work out of the way you can start packing for a welcome break in Kerdiffstown on June 19<sup>th</sup> straight after our Summer Tea-Dance.

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

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

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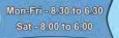
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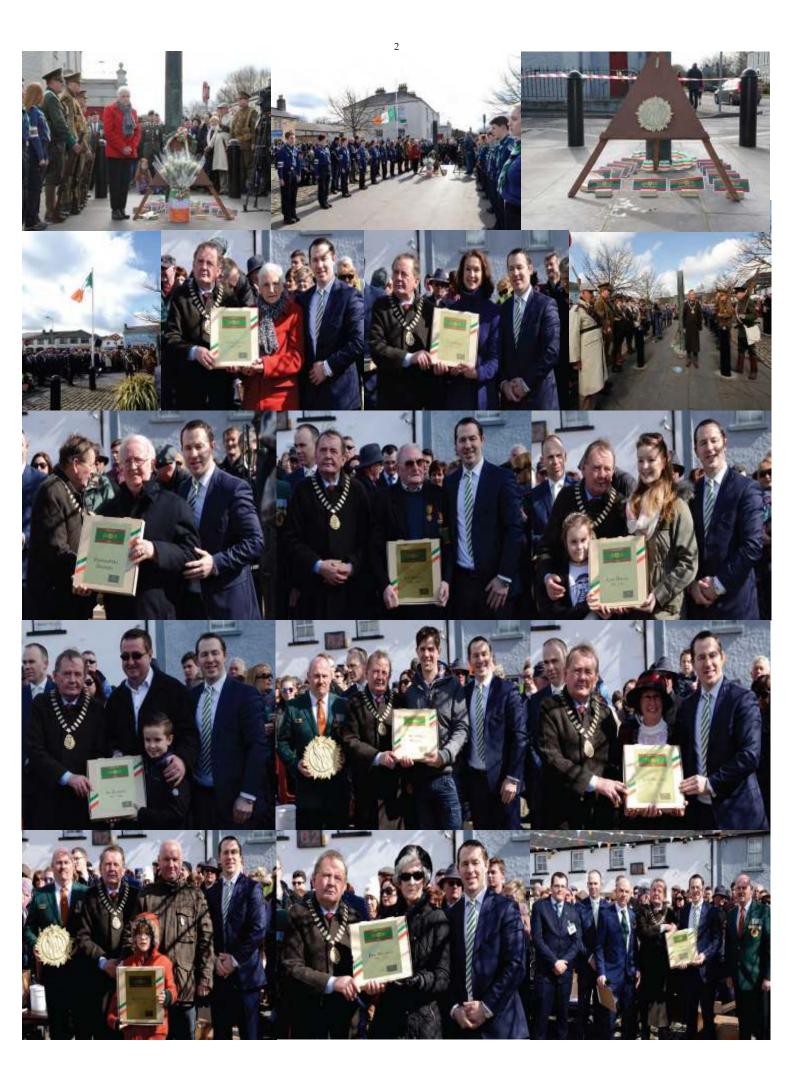


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## Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2016 Photo Gallery Photos by Rory O'Connor, John Boyd & Mark Colfer





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

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

Congratulation to John Kavanagh and his team for putting together the float. Flowers were supplied by Eddie Casey of Supervalu and have since been planted around

Maynooth. Later on St. Patrick's Day, Mattie Callaghan was presented by Naoise Ó Cearúil with a trophy for the environmental awareness section of the parade.

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

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

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

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

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## Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2016 Report Photos by Rory O'Connor & John Boyd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### The winners for the parade were as follows;

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Memorial Trophy (Best Portrayal of Irish Culture) (Inaugural Award) = Michael Noone Motors Best Band = St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band Best Portrayal of Theme = An Nuadha Players Best Commercial Entry = The Glenroyal Hotel Best School Float = Maynooth Post Primary TY, Formula 24 Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness = Maynooth Tidy Towns Owen Byrne Perpetual Trophy, Best Community Float = Maynooth Educate Together

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

We also had a competition for Best Shop fronts and the winners were; 1<sup>st</sup> The Zipyard

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> The Barbers, Richie Mulligan

3<sup>rd</sup> Maynooth Office Supplies.

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

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

Is mise le meas, Naoise Ó Cearúil

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



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

## **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

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Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie

#### I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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**Maynooth Senior Citizens** 

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.

**Community Library** 

**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

## History Group

Meetings last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community **Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre** at 8.00pm. All Welcome

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

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Highest ever first preference applications for Maynooth University Maynooth Bachelor of Arts degree the most popular course in the country

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Frank O'Rourke T.D.

#### Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183000 - Mobile: 087 2555257

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

#### Traffic Management Update For Straffan Road in Council have confirmed that a roundabout will not be 'Recently I met with residents across rural and Maynooth -- Deputy O'Rourke.

At my weekly clinics in Maynooth and while canvassing there during the recent General Election a large number of Residents raised the traffic management issue with me regarding the junction at Hayfield Estate on the Straffan and in general that traffic management is about all road articulate the consequences of poor broadband coverage. Road in Maynooth.

Following my ongoing representations, the Council have If you have any further queries on this or any other issue confirmed that the developer has engaged with the please make contact with me. Council regarding their obligation and planning condition to install signal lights at this junction. O'Rourke Presses For Improved Broadband Services However the Council have engaged consultants to carry out traffic movement surveys in Maynooth and in this general location before this condition is complied with in an effort to ensure the outcome will work to operate in a positive way at this location.

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

A roundabout has been suggested at this location, the

Council have highlighted to me in regard to this junction faster.

#### In Kildare.

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

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

trying to access educational material all require considered like other utilities, such as Electricity. broadband coverage.'

installed at this junction as it will not give safe access urban Kildare North to discuss the poor broadband and movement to all road users and in particular coverage. I gave them a commitment that I would invite pedestrians, cyclists, people with disabilities etc. the them to address the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, once it has been established, to users getting there safely, it is not about getting there I will honour that commitment once the committee has been established.'

'I appreciate that over the last ten years, progress has been made in improving broadband coverage nationally. However, we need to focus now on the areas that have a poor broadband service.<sup>3</sup>

'I have again made contact with the Minister for Communications and made representations to have the level of broadband services improved. I will continue to lobby for improvements. I was delighted, that in recent months, we secured new cabinets which allow for faster internet speeds in parts of the North Kildare area. We now must finish the job and I look forward to continuing 'Access to an adequate broadband coverage, in terms of to work with the community to ensure that we succeed.' 'Adequate Broadband Coverage is now a basic reasons. Businesses, those working from home, students infrastructural requirement, and access to it must be

Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



#### **Maynooth Cycling Campaign**

We first changed the name of our organisation from Maynooth Cycling Campaign to Maynooth Cycling a number of years ago. Since then, a local bike shop Maynooth Cycles has opened and an associated cycling club has been formed. We welcome the presence of a local bike shop in the town and wish the club well. However, as there has been some confusion over the name of the different entities, we have decided to revert to our original name

Maynooth Cycling Campaign. Everything else will be unchanged so we will still retain our links to Cyclist.ie - the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network and through them affiliation to the European Cycling Federation.

#### Clarification - 'DEEMED' vs 'IS'

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

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

#### Low Standards



For many years, pedestrians and cyclists from Moyglare Hall have had to make a long detour to go to Maynooth town centre. While people can see the new junction on the Moyglare Road, the link to Moyglare Hall is not yet on the horizon. New design standards are supposed to place pedestrians and cyclists at the top of the

hierarchy of urban road users. Looking at the new junction, it is hard to imagine that any

thought has been given to pedestrians on the Moyglare Road and of course there are no segregated cycle facilities on what will be a rat run for traffic going to and from the proposed secondary schools. So much for standards!

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

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

#### Public Consultation on the Royal Canal - Confey to Maynooth

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

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

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Its aims are to promote cycling as a healthy leisure pursuit and as a safe, enjoyable and efficient mode of transport for everyone in the Maynooth area.

#### **Clane Toastmasters**

In the first International Club Contest held at Clane Toastmasters recently we heard 5 quality speeches and had a worthy evaluation contest. A big congratulations to the two winners,



Yvonne Flynn and Billy Grennan, who will now represent Clane Toastmasters at the upcoming Area Contest. Good luck to both of you!

If you are looking for a dynamic club at which to develop your public speaking and leaderships skills in a friendly environment then look no further than Clane Toastmasters Club. We are helping our members enhance their skills in a fun and supportive environment. Meetings are held in Clane GAA, Prosperous Road, Clane, Co. Kildare, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7.45pm.

Our next one is on 6th April and guests are welcome to attend any meeting for FREE. Join us for a memorable evening and maybe bring a friend you won't regret it!

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

#### April Crossword - No: 445

#### **Clues Down**

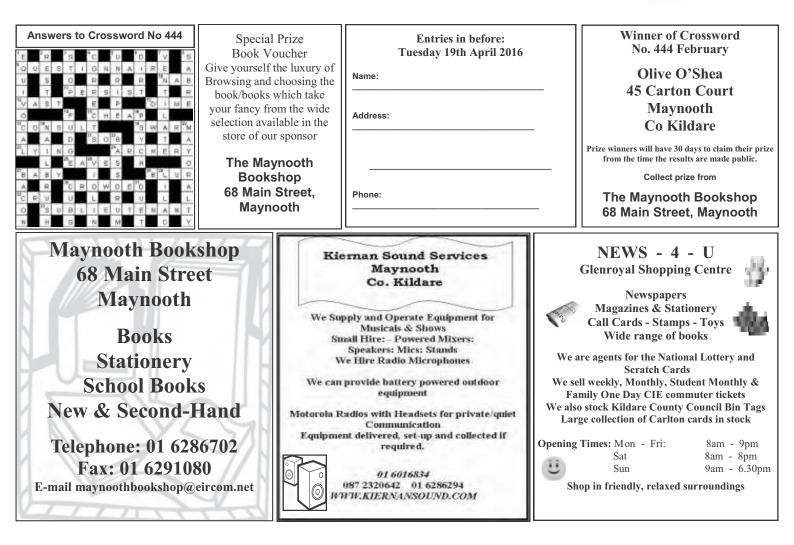
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- 11. Religious practice (4)
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- 18. Mathematics (5)
- 19. Private room on a ship (9)
- 20. Happiness (3)
- 21. Remains of a fire (5)
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- **28.** Frozen water vapour (4)
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- 31. Flat shelf (5)
- 33. Slender missile (4)
- 34. Wagers (4)
- **36.** Lair (3)
- 37. Pronoun (3)







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

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

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

A really great tribute to these men who believed in a principle and were willing to put their lives on the line to see it through.

Regardless of your opinion of the rising, men and women died for something they believed in and it's important we remember and respect their sacrifice.

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

"The Land" by Pauric Brennan "War Stories " by Emma Gibson and Rob Johnson " This Other Land" by Tom Byrne. Castletown House is the spot on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm. Good luck to Tom and Red Embers. Celbridge will perform "The Risen People" by James Plunkett and directed by Joe Bergin. This play covers the General Strike known as the 1913 lockout and the people who followed Big Jim Larkin and the fight for the working class to join a much-needed union. Great stuff not to be missed. This will take place at the Kildrought Pub Celbridge on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> April to Sat 16<sup>th</sup> and Tues 19<sup>th</sup> to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Looking forward to all of these plays.

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

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

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

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

Mind the Trams. Terry Nealon

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



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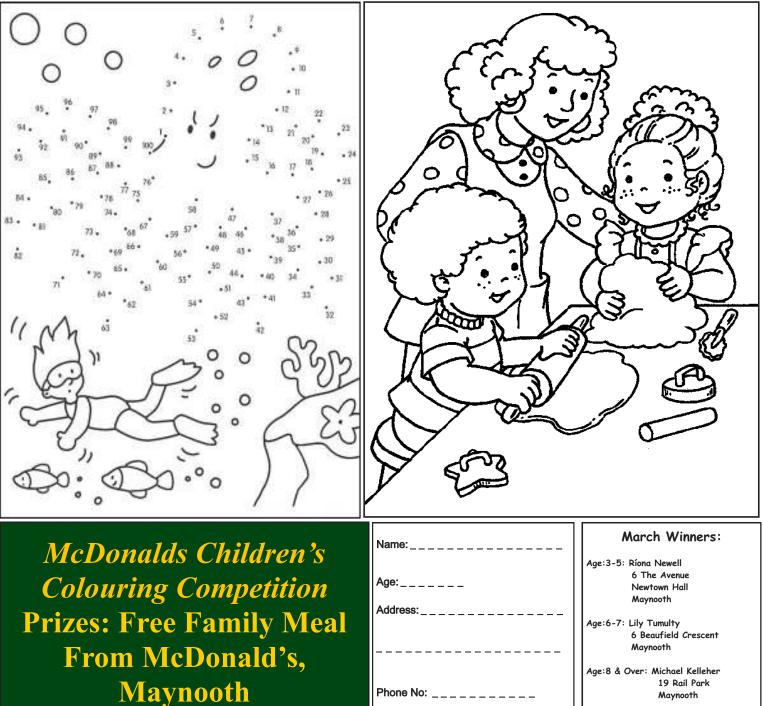
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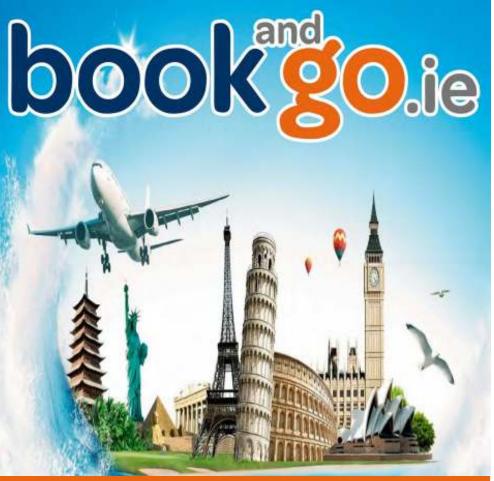


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#### FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON MICHAEL COLLINS Starring: LIAM NEESON, AIDAN QUINN & ALAN RICKMAN

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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



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



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

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



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

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

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



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

## THE MAYNOOTH 10K/5K REBELLION RUN

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

# MAYNOOTH 10K/5K





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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 13<sup>th</sup> April in the University.

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



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.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. Tá sí caillte go mór. *Susan Durack Secretary, Maynooth Community Council* 



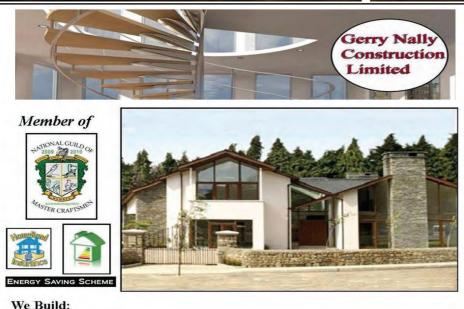
Presentation in memory of Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin to Don Foley by Gavin MacAllister, President of the Celtic Society, Maynooth University on behalf of her students and colleagues

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## **DOG MICROCHIPPING**



Compulsory microchipping for dogs has been passed into law by the Minister for Agriculture Food and Marine Mr. Coveney. From 31 March 2016 dogs of all age groups have to be microchipped. When microchipping your dog the owner will be asked for photo and address identification, so the dog can be correctly registered to them.

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.



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## **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 years 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'Neills 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 years 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.



#SupportingEachOther

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



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

## **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 MAYNOOTH SCOUTS

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 McMahons 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.

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 Larchilll 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 Ni 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'Cearuil, 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 € 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 €0,000.

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

# DARKNESS

## **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.

Maynoothscoutsec@gmail.com

#### 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 allparty 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.

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

#### 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**

#### Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

#### 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*  $\in 1$  *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 Cllr John McGinley submitted the following motion for 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.

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."



# **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

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## Bereavement at work

## **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 longterm 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	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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# **Kildare Culture Night**

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announce Culture Night 2016 call for proposals! Culture Night will take place on Friday 16th of September! However, given the wide range of activities on offer, the programme will be extended to include events held on Saturday 17th or Sunday 18th.

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.

If you or your organisation would like to take part, please get in contact. We can work together to make your idea a reality!

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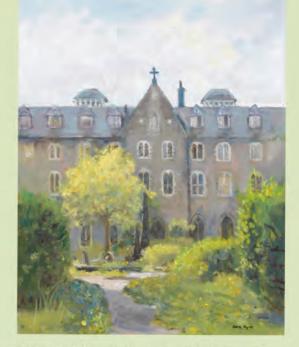
# **Art Exhibition**

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Photo above: Tom Mc Mullon Chairman Maynooth Community Council on the right presenting John Fleming Vice Chairman St Vincent De Paul Maynooth with a cheque for €1,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the 2016 Christmas Calendar. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

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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 deadhead 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.

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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 butter2 tbs extra-virgin olive oil
  - 8 sprigs fresh thyme
  - 4 cloves garlic, smashed
  - 1 bay leaf
- 2 lbs vellou
- 2 lbs yellow onions, halved and sliced2 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.

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# 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*

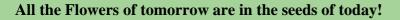
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 4 sticks celery, chopped
- 2 parsnips, peeled and chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 100g baby button mushrooms
- 4 large free range chicken legs
- 1.5 ltr chicken stock
- Few sprigs fresh thyme
- 1.5 kg new season rooster or Irish white potatoes
- Sea salt and 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 potatos and thyme. Season and cook on high setting for 4 hours or low for 7 hours.







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# 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.

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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



Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> April. Maynooth Tidy Towns had clean-up crews on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Qb6SDrzLWnA

Artwork: Right by Emma Boyce, Far right by Regina Richardson, Photography by Alan Monahan.



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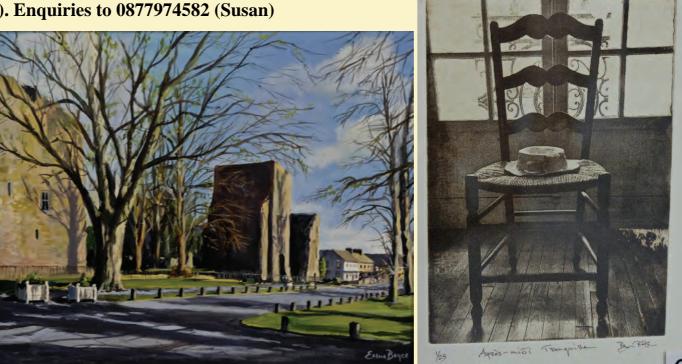
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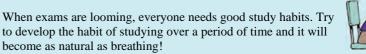


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## Study tips - Get into those good study habits! Source: SPUNOUT.IE



- 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. Selftest 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 that 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!
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- 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.



**Remember Pressure is for Tyres and Good Luck** 

# 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 togged 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Go n-éirí an cheoil linn!

Lots more information on <u>www.ccemaighnuad</u>.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 Luggers, 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

Times: The Ambassador is opened daily from 10am to 7pm Address: O'Connell Street, on Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Tickets are available to purchase telephone 01 6725883.

1916 Freedom Tour

"1916 Freedom Tour" is a unique open air guided tour with supporting audio visual footage of the key Battle sites and locations of the 1916 Rebellion Dublin in a specially converted 1916 themed trucks. The ethos of the tours are entirely non-political and focuses on the historical events in the city 100 years ago. Fully uniformed guides and drivers



with period equipment complete the picture for those on board. The tour is 1 hour long and the vehicles can operate in all weather as they have opened and closed facilities. The Tour departs from Merrion Square West, opposite the American College, near the Oscar Wilde Statue at 10 am, 12, 2pm and 4pm from Wednesday to Sundays but expanding to 7 days very soon. For ticket prices and more information phone 01 5311916.

# **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.



Opening Times: Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5pm, Sunday 2pm to 5pm. Closed Mondays, Christmas Day and Good Friday. For further information tel. 01 6777444. Admission Free

# **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	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	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
I.C.A.	History Group	Arthritis Ireland
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	Meetings last Thursday of the month in Maynooth Community Council Office Tesco Shopping Centre at 8.00pm. All Welcome	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth For Seated Exercise & Walking New Members Welcome
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome	Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189	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.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com	1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
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.	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.	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

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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  $19^{th}$ , 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.* 



# Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

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#### Bus Service To Link Up Kildare North Towns With travelling to the Hospital linking Naas, Clane, 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 being 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 exiting 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 Nationally, there are 130,000 households - close to 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

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. 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

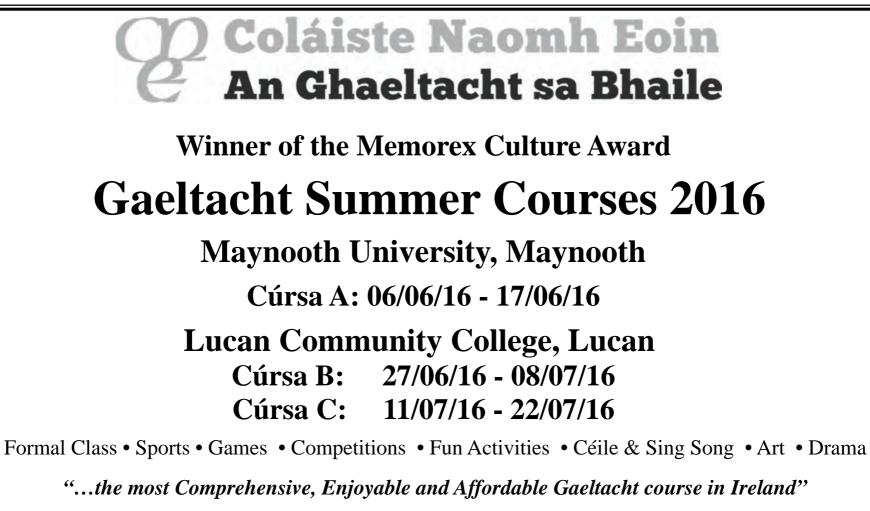
the whole of last year.'

'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.<sup>1</sup>

'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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## 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.

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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."



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.

# **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 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.

# **Maynooth Town Football Club**

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# 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 Mc Govern - 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.

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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
Leir	nster S	Senior	Leag	ue 1A	Sunc	lay		
Team	Р	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
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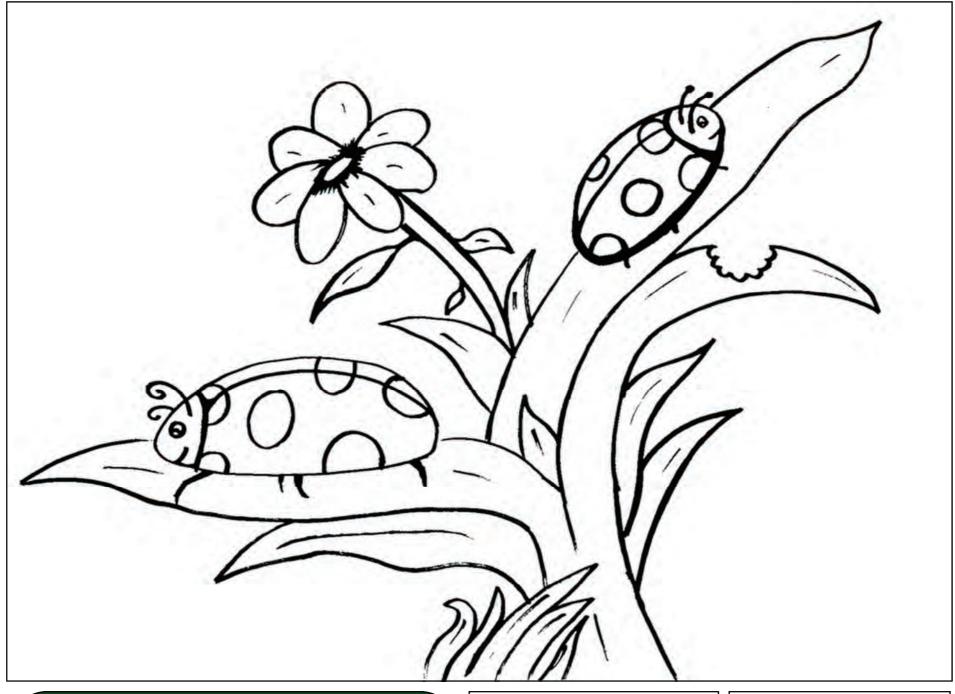
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# Leinster Senior League Major 1B Saturday

# **McDonald's Maynooth** Proud Sponsor of the Colouring Competition

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McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition Prizes: Free Family Meal From McDonald's, Maynooth

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Age:		Straffan Wood Maynooth
Address:	Age:6-7:	Sophie Clarke 283c Old Greenfield Maynooth
Phone No:	Age:8 & Over:	Ava Murray 58 The Green Moyglare Hall Maynooth



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Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: Tuesday May 17th 2016



# 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



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 how

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** 



Summer Festival 2016 Friday 8th - Sunday 10th July If you wish to get involved contact: maynoothfest15@gmail.com

# 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** 

# *FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON* 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 Tóbín'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 fastpaced 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 *A bout a Boy* has adapted Colm Tóbín'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 selfassurance 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 kindhearted 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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# Maynooth Welcomes the Irish Golf Open 2016 with a Reception in the Avenue Restaurant



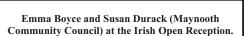
Maynooth Business Association held a pre-tournament reception in the Avenue Restaurant to welcome the Irish Open 2016 Golf to Maynooth. Kevin Phelan and Gary Hurley, a Graduate of Maynooth University attended the reception representing the European Tour. (*Photos by John Boyd*)



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



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





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



Rory McIlroy wins the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open

Tournament host Rory McIlroy produced a sensational finish to win the Dubai Duty Free Irish Open for the first time at The K Club. McIlroy will donate the first prize of 6666,660 to the Rory Foundation. The three charities to benefit in the Kildare-Dublin region are Barretstown, the Jack & Jill Foundation and Laura Lynn Children's Hospice.

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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# Local club member Marie McEneaney wins Curvette Finalist 2016 award

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

May 2016 – The national finalists for Curves' Curvette of the Year Award have been announced, with local Maynooth club member, Marie McEneaney taking home a Curvette Finalist 2016 award. Judges awarded Marie 'Irish 60+ Curvette of the Year, 2016'. Marie joined Curves after seeing the results in a colleague and hasn't looked back since. She is so dedicated to the 30 minute workout that she has even used her pass at Curves clubs while abroad. Marie had been advised by her doctor to visit a physiotherapist after breaking a bone but was told she didn't need treatment due to her strength and flexibility – impressive for a 72 year old! Marie says Curves helps her to feel young, and has taught her that age is just a mental attitude.

Curves, one of the largest chains of fitness clubs for women in the world, initiated the Curvette of the Year Award to celebrate the success of their members who have made great strides while working out at Curves, with the awards split into three categories and a national finalist for each:

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

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

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

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

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

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#### About Curves International, Inc.

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

# Darkness Into Light

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

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

Warmest Regards, Brian Higgins - CEO Pieta House



# **Maynooth Community Council Notes**

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

#### **PRE-MEETING PRESENTATION**

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

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

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

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

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

#### MATTERS ARISING

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

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

#### FESTIVAL

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

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

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

#### TIDY TOWNS

Activities are ongoing and recently the hanging baskets were removed for painting and repair. Some have been placed in Pound Park opposite the Matt O'Boyle thanked the Council for their support

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

The Tidy Towns Collection was between 12-15 May.

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

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

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

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

#### ICA

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

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

Members are looking forward to being a part of the Festival on the Saturday in the Harbour. A number of the ladies attended the one to one digital course in the University. They passed on their thanks to the students who were both patient and informative. Thanks were also extended to Maynooth University for their wonderful initiative.

#### **COMHALTAS**

Classes were due to finish on May 11th for the summer break. Members were congratulated on their success at the recent Kildare Fleadh held in Kilcock. Winners will go on to compete at the Leinster Fleadh on the 9/10 July. The Maynooth branch has competitors in 15 disciplines. Thanks were extended to McMahons for their support in regular music sessions. The group are booked for many upcoming events and are looking forward to classes recommencing in September.

#### **SCOUTS**

Beavers recently enjoyed a trip to Dublin Zoo. Some of the older scouts are preparing for the County Shield in Larchill. 14 troops from Kildare will compete. Camping trips are coming up soon in Pallaskenry and Castle Sanderson. Scouts recently volunteered as litter wardens at the recent Darkness into Light event. Johnny Dowling thanked Supervalu and Mulcahy's Butchers for their sponsorship of food items for the Scout breakfast after the Darkness into Light event. Venture Scouts will be volunteering at Kerdiffstown House during the summer. Johnny also called for anyone in a position to donate or sponsor a tall step ladder to the Scouts to please do so. They would be most grateful.

#### **STUDENTS' UNION**

over the past year. His tenure as SU President is coming to an end with Dillon Grace replacing him at the helm of the SU. Maynooth University recently won a Community Awareness award at the recent Irish Student Awards. Information on Clubs and Socs is now available online and not just at Fairs Day. This initiative is being co-pioneered with University College

#### **EDUCATE TOGETHER**

Limerick.

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

#### **ST PATRICK FOUNDATION**

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

#### AOB

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

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

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

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

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

# **Editorial**

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

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

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

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

Paul Croghan

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# MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

#### Bikeweek 2016

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

#### **Correction to May Notes**

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

#### New Website!!!

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

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

#### **Stop Climate Chaos**

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

#### **Royal Canal Greenway - Public Consultation**

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

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

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

#### Maynooth North Ring

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

Maynooth Cycling is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Its aims are to promote cycling as a healthy leisure pursuit and as a safe, enjoyable and efficient mode of transport for

everyone in the Maynooth area. It is affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation

#### **Maynooth Scouts**

#### Bingo

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



#### Darkness Into Light

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

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

#### Parents and Friends Committee

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

Mavnoothscoutsec@gmail.com

# Maynooth Labour News Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: 01- 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

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

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

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

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

#### Update on Implementation of Pay Parking By-Laws in Maynooth

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Community and Festival Grant Allocation agreed**

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

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

# **Collection of Empty Paint Tins Hopefully in September**

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

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

#### Up Date on Deputation on behalf of Barrogstown and Kilmacredock

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

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

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#### **Carer's Support Grant**

#### Question:

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

#### The Homemaker's Scheme

#### Question:

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

#### Answer

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

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

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

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

#### Challenging a school's policies Question;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Rules on operating drones

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

#### Answer:

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

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

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- If it will be a hazard to another aircraft in flight
- In civil or military controlled airspace or in restricted areas such as prisons

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

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

	<b>Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area</b> From 2/3/2016 to 15/4/2016 - Information from Kildare County Council Website									
App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date						
16517	Kildare County Council	John and Fiona Merrick	21 Rockfield Square, Railpark, Maynooth	20/05/2016						
16508	Kildare County Council	John and Breda McLoughlin	1 The Avenue Newtownhall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	18/05/2016						
16485	Kildare County Council	Rev Liam Rigney PP on behalf of The Parish Council of St. Marys and Ladychapel	Mill Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	11/05/2016						
16483	Kildare County Council	Donal Houlihan	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	10/05/2016						
16466	Kildare County Council	Pauline Dunne	Clonfert South, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/05/2016						
16460	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Limited	Celbridge Primary Care Centre, Adjacent the Maynooth Road, Celbridge	03/05/2016						
16439	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Limited,	Celbridge Primary Care Centre, Adjacent the Maynooth Road, Celbridge	28/04/2016						
16440	Kildare County Council	Clarington Properties (Celbridge) Limited,	Celbridge Primary Care Centre, Adjacent the Maynooth Road, Celbridge	28/04/2016						
16427	Kildare County Council	Donal Houlihan	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/04/2016						
16416	Kildare County Council	Three Ireland (Hutchinson) Ltd.	Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/04/2016						
16408	Kildare County Council	Aine Hoare	Catherinestown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	22/04/2016						
16373	Kildare County Council	Rose and Michael Dillane	Gleann Corbaire, Railpark, Maynooth	15/04/2016						
16330	Kildare County Council	Trustees of St. Patrick's College Maynooth,	St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	01/04/2016						
16328	Kildare County Council	Forward Thinking, Future Planning Limited	Buckley House, Parson Street, Maynooth	01/04/2016						
16332	Kildare County Council	Sheila & Don Holmes	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/04/2016						
16329	Kildare County Council	Boldnote Developments Ltd	Carton Demense, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/04/2016						
16311	Kildare County Council	Society of the Divine Word	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	29/03/2016						
16301	Kildare County Council	Wayil Kubba	Maynooth to Barberstown Rd, Barberstown Lower, Straffan	24/03/2016						
16303	Kildare County Council	Teresa and Patrick Carolan	482 The Crescent, Straffan Road, Maynooth	24/03/2016						

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An update on the plans for An Nuadha Players for June 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

See you at the show *Terry Nealon* 



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

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

Catherine Murphy TD said:

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

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

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

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

#### MSU then went on to win the following awards:

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

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







## **Congratulations to Maynooth Education Campus Choir**

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

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

The choir was led by Mr Jonathan Hanlon, Choral Director and Conductor. He was assisted by Ms Elaine Clarke, Ms Aisling Murtagh, Ms Erin Dollard, Ms Lorraine Cormican, Ms Paula Farrell and Mr Fergal Brennan. Mr Hanlon was singled out for particular praise by the adjudicators for his ability to command so successfully the attention of such a large choir. Indeed, the

attention of stuff a farge choir. Indeed, the students must be commended for their exemplary behaviour and dedication. The many long Friday afternoon, weekend and holiday rehearsals most definitely paid off and built on a long established, strong choral tradition in the school. The sense of pride and achievement in their success was palpable among students and staff alike on the day. Well done to all involved. We look forward to their building on this success in to the future! (You can watch the performances on the schools' Facebook pages of Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth Community College.)



### BEST MALE PERFORMANCE Caolann Haughton

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



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

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





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Best of Luck to All Students in Maynooth who are sitting Exams in the coming weeks.

### **Practical Exam Tips**

Take Spares: Take spare pens and pencils just in case the one you are using stops working.

On time not In time: Allow for problems, hold-

ups and traffic jams on the way and make sure you arrive with time to spare so that you can go in

calmly rather than in a frantic rush. It may sound stupid, but... Don't forget to read the instructions and make sure you know what you are being asked to do. You should go into the exam well aware of what is expected of you, but



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

### Writing Tips

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

2: Write on alternate lines (leaving every second line blank) so that you have space to make changes when checking through your work. 3: Always credit your sources in academic writing, even when you are referring to ideas rather than actually quoting.



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# Maynooth Town Football Club Cup Finals Weekend



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

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

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

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



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

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

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



Back Row (L-R): Harry McCahey, Luke Murnane, Patrick Kellet, Paudie Doran, Adam Byrne, Matthew Eustace, Timofei Cotorbai, Eoghan Creighton, David Qualter. Front Row (L-R): Cathal O'Donovan, Connor Walsh, Adam Jordan, David Byrne, Gearoid Hogan, James Sutton, Shane Curran, Dawid Koziel Unavailable on the day: Luke Kosinski, Daniel Gligor

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

Both sides would have to contend not only with the wide pitch at Oscar Traynor, but the energy sapping temperatures on a beautiful sunny day. Swords started the better of the two teams and pinned the Kildare team back into their own half for the first ten minutes. They created a few half chances but the agility of Luke Kosinski in goal and the centre back partnership of Matthew Eustace and Harry McCahey kept them at bay. Gradually Maynooth settled into the game and started to pass the ball and move with greater confidence. The two wide players for Maynooth started to exploit the width of the pitch to telling effect. 15 minutes into the game and after some intricate passing in midfield the ball went wide to Adam Jordan, who found Shane Curran on the wing who sent a dangerous cross to the far post. Maynooth's dynamic striker Timofei Cotorbai took a shot which rebounded off the Swords centre back. Midfielder Dawid Koziel managed to get the ball and placed a wonderful left

footed shot past the keeper. 1-0 to Maynooth. Swords continued to press in search of an equaliser but by this stage Maynooth's midfield were gaining the upper hand. Again after some great passing and moving on the left, David Qualter opened the Swords defence in the 29th minute with a marvellous through ball to Timofei Cotobai and the striker didn't miss. 2-0 to Maynooth. Swords never gave up on their quest to get back into the game and the Maynooth full backs David Byrne and Luke Murnane were constantly called upon to cut out crosses and stop the pacey Swords wingers from doing any damage.

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

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

# Maynooth Town Football Club Cup Finals Weekend (Cont)



Joe Kirby Cup Final Maynooth Town U13P 1 v St. Kevin's Boys U13P 4 Back Row L-R:Aidan Duffy, Josh Kilkenny, Cain Allende, Andre Allende, Patrick Odumade, Michael Burns

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

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

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

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

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

### Pictured.

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

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



Maynooth U10s win 3-0 against Balrath FC in the Muriel McCroarty Cup Final. Hughie O'Donnell got the opener with a great strike following a tense start. Paul O'Dea scored from outside the box to stretch the lead in the second half and Sean O'Donnell sealed the deal late on. Fantastic team performance. Back Row: Conor O'Dea - Coach, Oisin O'Giollain, Conor Doyle, Hughie O'Domhnaill, Conor Keane, Kallum Gilligan, Finn Conheady, Jimmy Conheady -Coach

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



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

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

Our very comprehensive National Tidy Towns entry has been submitted.

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

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

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

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

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

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4th - Tommy Campbell (25) 35ptsB6
5th - John Carroll (15) -35pts
Over 50s - Joey Edwards -33pts
F9 - Norman Kavanag -18pts
B9 - Eamon Murphy -19pts
Nearest Pin - Pat Connolly
2's Club -Darren Weafer

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

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



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## Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

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

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

The list of members qualifying from Kildare and going to the "Leinsters" is growing each year; a tribute to the hard work of everyone associated with our Craobh. The Leinster Fleadh is held this year in Kilkenny from 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> July, so best wishes to the following perfomers; Tom Ó Catháin, James McEntire, Shane Mc Nerney, Síle Flood, Susie Nestor, Killian Ó Fearail, Déaglán Ó Conchubhair, Aoife McNerney, Conor Mc Nerney, Tom Ó Catháin, Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl, Róisin Howley, Emma Keane.

Bígí ag cleachtú sna seachtaine seo chugainn!

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

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

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

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

http://www.facebook.com/ccemaighnuad http://twitter.com/CCEMaighNuad Committee Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE





# **Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee**

Our Bealtaine celebrations on May 15th was a most enjoyable occasion. Once again we had a great crowd from all the surrounding areas. There were wonderful exhibits of all kinds of art on the day and

while Susan Durack from the Castle Keep Art Group, our adjudicator, deemed all entries worthy of a prize, our overall winner was Teresa Murray for her painting. Teresa, from Leixlip, has entered many wonderful pieces over the years. Well done to all the entries, you are very talented indeed.

Our next Tea-Dance will be on June 19th which is also the start of your week in Kerdiffstown. So those who are travelling please don't forget to take your luggage to the bus on your way to the Tea-Dance or you will be, as the song says, "Travelling

Light". All we need now is for the weather to hold, or at least to return for a while.

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

Josephine Moore.



Eileen McGlynn participant in "Bealtaine Festival"



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



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



# **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club	
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	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	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	
I.C.A.	Local History Group	Arthritis Ireland	
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	Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month at 8pm in the Maynooth Community Council Office (Next to the Post Office) New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth For Seated Exercise & Walking New Members Welcome	
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds	
Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome	Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334	
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church	
Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189	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.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com	1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome	
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	NORTH KILDARE BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.	
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.	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.	Bee Site required for 3 Bee Hives by Beekeeper within 20km of Maynooth by a member of NKBYA. kevindunne7@gmail.com	

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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Send completed puzzles to **Maynooth Newsletter** Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth

Collect prize from Newsletter Office



Geetha Karthikesan 16 The Green Moyglare Hall Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

# Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - f /Frank O'Rourke Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Kildare secures only 5 Summer Works Schemes says O'Rourke

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

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

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

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

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

Strong Support From Clane Residents For Proposed

## New Bus Service Linking Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER TO the blessed virgin (never known to fail). O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of heaven, blessed mother of the son of God, immaculate virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O star of the sea help me and show me herein you are my mother of God, Queen of heaven and earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Show me herein your are my mother, O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Sweet mother I place this cause in your hands (3 times). This prayer must be said for three days and after three days the favour will be granted. Prayer must be published immediately. **PM** 

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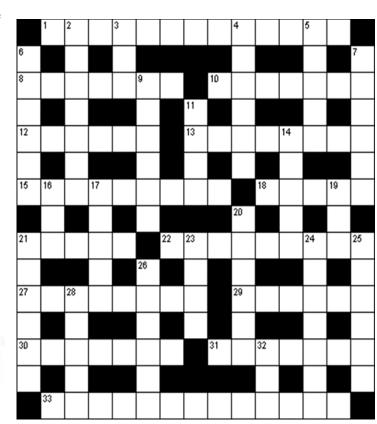
Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention favour). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it, then it will become your favour not mine. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted.



### **Clues Across**

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

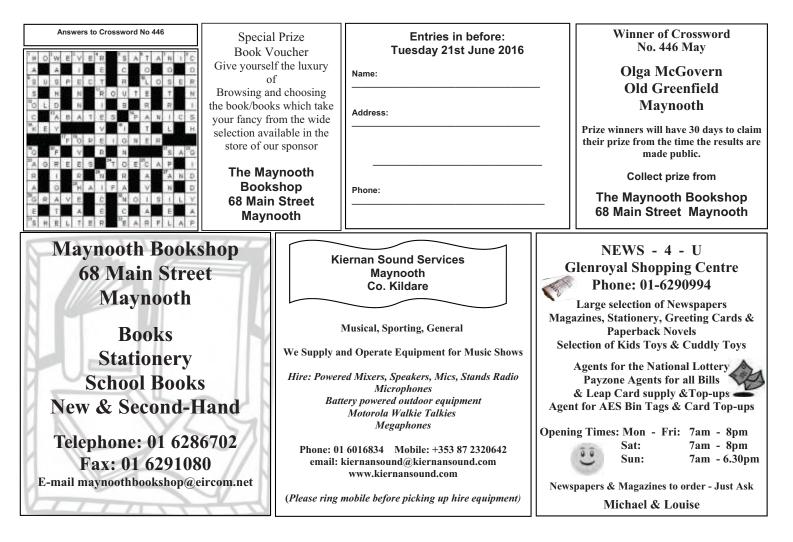




### **2.** Marine crustacean (7) 3. Encountered (3) 4. Encountered (6) 5. Rock (5) 6. Idle talk (6) 7. Combines (6) **9.** Anybody (6) **11.** Sharp pain (4) 14. Intended (5)16. Exclamation of surprise (3)17. Connected series of rooms (5)**19.** It is (3) **20.** Far distant (6) **21.** Cold and damp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

- **28.** Cuban ballroom dance (5)
- **32.** Donkey (3)





June Crossword - No. 447

### **Clues Down**





# SAP Landscapes are Recruiting the following positions:

## **Position: Assistant Estimator**

Due to a growth in our business we are recruiting for the position of Assistant Estimator based in our head office in Maynooth. This role is in the estimating department of SAP Landscapes. The function of the department within the business is to undertake the tendering and estimating of new projects which in turn leads to sustaining / increased turnover of the business.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Pre tender procurement source buying prices for all materials which constituent the estimate for the works, soft and hard landscaping materials. For example; shrubs, tree and plant prices, paving materials.
- Assist with Sub Contractor procurement
- Measurement produce bills of quantities from either site visits or from drawings which form the basis of the estimate.
- Assist in the production of estimates producing the estimate document(s),
- Post tender procurement assisting the project supervisors with buying of materials & creating purchase orders.

### **Essential Requirements:**

- Excellent computer literacy
- The ability to read & analyse construction drawings
- Good numeracy skills
- The ability to work on own imitative
- Full driving licence

# The successful candidate should be able to demonstrate a good level of knowledge and understanding of the following:

Tree / shrub plant installation tree / shrub plant maintenance
The successful candidate should be familiar with the structure of the construction industry and the types of organisations therein

### Desirable

- Have some experience in estimating software packages
- The ability to use CAD packages such as Sketchup
- Safepass

### Package:

Competitive package offered, depending on experience.

## **Position: General Operative**

 Location:
 Base out of SAP Landscape Maynooth site but will be required to work on other sites as the company directs.

 Reporting to:
 Site Foreperson

 Position:
 General Operative

### **Roles and Responsibilities Include:**

Pedestrian mowing - Strimming - Spraying - Grass cutting - Litter collection Pruning - Cleaning and tidying - Planting - Paving - Laying of soil & lawns

Light civil works - Safe use and care of company equipment - Health and Safety

Observe site policy and procedure - General landscape and maintenance duties as directed by foreperson.

### **Requirements:**

Previous experience desirable. Safe Pass

Digger and / or tractor licence desirable Provisional/full driver's license. Medically fit for roles and responsibilities.

Applications : Please email your CV to michelle.tully@saplandscapes.ie along with a short paragraph about yourself.

## James Lawless T.D. Kildare North Phone: 01-6183587 - e-mail: james@jameslawless.ie Web: www.jameslawless.ie

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 lobbied the Minister of Education on the Dáil record to advocate on behalf of the students and parents for this build. I have also held meetings with Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board to progress the same. When I have further information I will update residents accordingly.

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

### Maynooth University Sean Lemass

<u>Cumman:</u> I was delighted to speak at a recent meeting of the Sean Lemass Cumman from Maynooth University. The University's Fianna Fáil branch have been a great help to my election campaign and do dedicated work in the local community. Dublin Bus Services: In the coming weeks I will be meeting with officials from Dublin Bus to discuss the service to Maynooth, the 66, 67, and Express services. I will be advocating for more Express services in the mornings and evenings while also looking to see an increase in the volume of bus routes on Sundays. If you have any issues or comments in relation to Dublin Bus services to Maynooth please don't hesitate to contact me as I will make your views known.

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

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

# **Art Exhibition**

## 16 Up Close

An exhibition of an interconnected series of portrait paintings of the 1916 executed rebels by Maynooth based Dutch Artist

## **Antoon Knaap**

John Paul II Library, Maynooth University.

The exhibition is open to the public from 7<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June All welcome, Admission Free.

### Prader Willi Syndrome Association Ireland. 5km walk/run the 19th June 2016

It's the 3rd year of the PWS 5km, a charity 5km walk/run to support Prader Willi Syndrome Association Ireland. Last year we welcomed families from all over Ireland which is amazing, as there's only approx 100 people with Prader Willi Syndrome (one of which lives in Maynooth).

### PWS 5km Team

www.pws5km.com - www.pwsai.ie www.facebook.comPWS5km - www.twitter.com/pws5km

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# **McDonald's Maynooth Proud Sponsor of the Colouring Competition**



**McDonalds** Children's **Colouring Competition Prizes: Free Family Meal** From McDonald's, Maynooth

Name:	Last Month's Winners			
Age:	Age: 3 - 5:	Alice Murray 6 Rockfield Square Maynooth		
Address:	Age: 6-7:	Grace Dorman 101 Carton Court Maynooth		
Phone No:	Age: 8 & Over:	Evelyn Fagan 116 Castle Dawson Maynooth		



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**Prizes for Colouring Competition can be collected at:** 

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 21st June 2016



Winners:



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## For more information ring or call in to us:

Further Education & Training Centre, First Floor, Riverforest Shopping Centre, Leixlip. Phone: 01-6246420 Email : vtosleixlip@kwetb.ie



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# **Barbecue** Recipes

Everyone loves a barbecue when the sun is shining. Make the most of the summer weather and cook al fresco with these delicious recipes.

### Chicken satay sticks with cucumber salad

### **Ingredients:**

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

### Method:

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

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

Pre heat the barbecue to a medium heat.

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

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

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

### **Pork & Apricot Kebabs**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 450g/11b of boneless pork
- 12 apricots, dried ready to eat
- 2 medium courgettes, trimmed and cut into chunks

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

### Method:

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

Trim any fat from the pork and cut into chunks.

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

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

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

### Mexican corn on the cob

### **Ingredients:**

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

### Method

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

# June Gardening

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

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



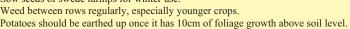


Unfortunately, weeds also love the extra hours of daylight and will experience rapid growth. One of your biggest challenges this month will be to keep on top of weeding. Hoe borders regularly to keep weeds down. Don't let seed heads develop or your problems will multiply. The best time to pull weeds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

### Fruit & Veg Garden

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

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



### **Garden Beds & Borders**

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

Plant out Summer herbaceous seedlings such as Marigolds, Delphiniums, Cosmos, Asters amongst others. Cut back geraniums after flowering. Train wisteria and honeysuckle to a support frame.

Inspect your roses for blackspot - pick off infected leaves or spray to control the

disease.

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

During hot days, containers can dry out very rapidly and it is essential to water every day in

some cases, especially with well fed lush plants that are used to frequent watering. When the plants cover the top of the pot, rainfall is never adequate as it is likely to run off. Make sure that all containers are given liquid fertilizer every two or three weeks, at least.

### Lawn Care

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

Mulch grass once each month.

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

Feed lawns with fertilizer once each month.

Keep lawn edges trimmed for a neat line to borders.

Don't let the grass grow under your feet!













## FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON I SAW THE LIGHT Starring: Tom Hiddleston & Elizabeth Olsen

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



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

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



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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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# Summer Festival 2016 Friday 8th - Sunday 10th July maynoothfest15@gmail.com

### Maynooth Summer Festival 2016 Launch

The launch of the Maynooth Summer Festival 2016 was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 26th June. The launch outlined the schedule of events to take place over the three days from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th July. Liam Ó Maonlaí (Hothouse Flowers) will return to



Maynooth again this year to headline the Sunday SilverArm Session. Saturday's SilverArm Session will be headlined by the Johnny Fean Band (Ex Horslips). The SilverArms Sessions will take place in Maynooth Castle.

Following the Grand Opening on Friday evening in the Square, events will take place in the Russell & JP11 Libraries, The Geraldine Hall, Manor Mills Shopping Centre, The Harbour, St Mary's Church of Ireland and the Prize Giving and Closing ceremony in O'Neill's Bar & Steakhouse on Sunday Evening.

A full programme of events is available on pages 13, 14 & 15 inside. Throughout the Festival Weekend tickets will be on sale for the Taste of Maynooth Raffle. Proceeds from the Raffle will fund the Maynooth Festival 2016. Please note that events are libel to change or to be cancelled without notice. Keep up to date with the latest Festival news on the Maynooth Festival Facebook page.



(Photos - Above: Tom Mc Mullon (Maynooth Community Council Chair) at the Festival launch. Below: Jacqueline Farrell (Festival Committee) at the Festival Launch.

### Maynooth Bank of Ireland Enterprise Expo

The Bank of Ireland Maynooth hosted the Enterprise Town Expo in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 10th & 11th of June. The event showcased local small and medium enterprises together with local sports and community groups. The aim of the Expo was to bring together local businesses, sport & community groups to network while seminars and advice clinics were given by keynote speakers.

The Enterprise Town initiative has grown from one town to over 50 in just three years and continues to develop further with 100 towns scheduled for 2016. Below are a selection of photos of the event.



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Dental plaque can turn into tartar, a crust deposited on teeth, this can lead to bacteria increase in the mouth and will cause tooth decay and "halitosis" otherwise known as bad breath. Bad breath is not natural for your dog or cat. Your dog's general health is directly affected by its dental health. Bacteria from your pet's mouth can be absorbed into the blood stream causing possible heart and kidney problems. In cats, feline leukaemia virus can alter the defence mechanism and can cause a severe gingivitis. It is probably easier to detect dental problems in cats than in dogs.

Cats will behave as if they want to eat, will go to their dish but will not be able to eat! They will show salivation (dribbling), rubbing their face against objects and will loose considerable weight. As a general rule it is hard to detect pain from a dog and this is where a 6 month check-up in **Maynooth Veterinary Clinic (01 6289467)** or **Clane Veterinary Clinic (045 982763)** can be very productive in treating and preventing dental disease. Dental care can start early in a pups life by getting it accustomed to having its teeth cleaned. A soft toothbrush can be used with a pet toothpaste.

Feeding your dog and cat dry food can help prevent dental tartar developing. In many cases problems have advanced too far and a dental scaling is necessary for your dog or cat to reduce the plaque and dental bacteria. This entails an anaesthetic and the teeth are scaled and polished and sometimes extractions are necessary. In some of our older patients a pre-anaesthetic blood test is required to determine kidney and liver function.



Dental scaling is a procedure that dramatically improves the general health and well being of your pet!!

## Maynooth Wing Tsun Self Defence Visit Germany

On the weekend beginning Friday 13th May, a seminar to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the arrival of Wing Tsun to Europe was held in Hockenheim in Germany. Maynooth was represented by the Maynooth Wing Tsun Club. Wing Tsun is a martial art that was founded by a woman (Ng Mui) for women in China almost 300 years ago.

In essence, the skilled practitioner of Wing Tsun, will be able to defend him or herself against an opponent who may be far stronger. This is achieved through the use of techniques unique to Wing Tsun. Nowadays the art has no gender division and self defence classes in Maynooth are open to both men and women. Maynooth Wing Tsun is run by Indre Petrikaite (Assistant Instructor) and Barry Smith (Instructor).

From left to right: Joe Glasheen, Ross Keating, Dai Sifu Rainer Tausend, Sifu Aidan Canavan, Si-Hing Barry Smith, Indre Petrikaite, Danny Keating.





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# **Community Council Notes**

### Festival/Event

A letter of thanks from the St. Vincent de Paul Maynooth for a donation of  $\pounds$ 1,000 from the sale of the Festival Calendar 2015 was read at the MCC monthly meeting. The Festival Committee attended the Bank of Ireland Expo in the Glenroyal on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. This proved to be extremely worthwhile. The committee raised the profile of Maynooth Community Council, sold Taste of Maynooth Raffle Tickets, recruited volunteers and made contact with vendors who wished to take part in the Festival this year.

A report of the current planning for the festival was outlined to the council by Jacqui Farrell and Paul Daly. All events planned for the festival were nearing completion. A strong facebook drive for further volunteers will be organised. Transition year students were encouraged to get involved. This would be good for their CVs and a reference will be organised to indicate their participation in this community event.

There will be a vintage car display, Taste of Maynooth Raffle, Mind Body and Soul centre – our thanks to Maynooth Scouts for the use of their hall for this event. The Garden Competition is ready to go. Thanks to Maynooth Garden Centre for sponsoring the three category prizes which will be given for a small, medium and large garden. Closing date was Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. A judging panel will call out and give notice beforehand.

Service person or Service Ambassador (Food and Drink trades) has already had a number of people signed up. Ambassadors will ask customers to buy a line for  $\in 1$ . On foot of the recent good news story in Bistro 53, 50% of funds raised will go to train guide dogs for children with special needs. This section of the Irish Guide Dogs Association receives little funding and is a very worthwhile cause.

There will be lots more on during the Festival, details will be on facebook, social media, the Newsletter, the Liffey Champion, posters and flyers. Paul Daly, on behalf of MCC and the Festival, thanked the Bank of Ireland for an excellent, well organised Bank of Ireland town event held in the Glenroyal Hotel on 10/11th June.

### Local Matters

### Maynooth/Canet-en-Rousillon connections

Tom McMullon reported that two young girls from Canet-en-Rousillon have been working in the University Library and French Department over the last couple of weeks. They have received good experience and are enjoying their visit. They are to be commended on their achievement in coming to Ireland to gain work experience. Groups, organisations and individuals were strongly encouraged to make links with Canet. The beauty and festival atmosphere of Canet was well described.

### Condolences

Tom McMullon extended condolences to Anne and Norman Birchall on the recent death of Norman's mother. It was noted that Norman very kindly replaced damaged plants as part of his contribution to Maynooth Tidy Towns.

### Tidy Towns

John Kavanagh reported recent (Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June) damage to planters and plants. A cast iron planter which was in the Pound was thrown into the river. It is very discouraging to see such behaviour. The recent work of

the Tidy Towns was praised, especially the introduction median line is now off centre and the continuous white line was questioned. Individual parking places are not

Three tubs have been placed in the doorway of the Maynooth Tidy Towns display window which has been used as a homeless sleeping spot.

There was a general discussion on the homeless situation in Maynooth. It has been established that some people sleeping on the streets are not in fact homeless. There are agencies to contact in the event of genuine homelessness such as the Community Welfare Officer, St. Vincent de Paul and the Citizens information Advice centre.

Concern was expressed about the dubious use of an almost derelict house at the entrance to Castlebridge. It was thought that the house should be demolished as it was a danger. The situation regarding begging was clarified. It is not illegal to beg, even beside a financial institution. The problem arises only if there is intimidation.

### Senior Citizens

The Bealtaine Tea Party was held on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Susan Durack adjudicated on the arts and craft display. The Summer Tea Dance is coming up. Fifteen members will be going on holiday to Kerdiffstown. Meetings will continue on Tuesdays for the month of July.

### ICA

Arts and Crafts are on Mondays. The guild closes for the month of August will reopen in September on the First Thursday. The ICA ladies will be taking part in the Festival providing much needed tea and cakes in the Harbour Field on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### CCE – Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

The Group has finished for the summer. Craobh Mhaigh Nuad will be attending the Leinster Fleadh in Kilkenny 9-10<sup>th</sup> July and hopefully there will be winners that will go on to the All-Ireland Fleadh which will be held in Ennis. The branch will reopen the second week in September.

#### **Scouts**

Congratulations were expressed to the Scouts on their achievement on winning the Phoenix Shield.

### **Educate Together School**

There was a power off day – a contribution towards the energy green flag. There was a Family Fair on the  $19^{th}$  June from 2-5pm. This was a big fundraiser, with talent competitions, craft and bouncy castles.  $30^{th}$  June saw the beginning of activity week.

The footpath from the traffic lights on the Celbridge Road to the school is to be completed which was very welcomed.

#### **Road Safety Issues**

The issue of children walking on the road and not using the footpath at Rail Park was raised. This is very dangerous and someone will be killed. The same experience was outlined by Rockfield residents. The speed van is most welcome and has made a difference. It was noted that the schools on the Celbridge road have a good delivery and pick up system and the Convent has improved but the Boys' National School is fraught with danger. More priority has to be given to buses. Bad parking, day long parking, children running all over is contributing to a chaotic situation.

The situation in Parson's Street regarding the new parking places was raised. The position of the central

median line is now off centre and the continuous white line was questioned. Individual parking places are not marked out. This has serious implications. Maynooth Community Council will send a letter to KCC.

The presence of a bicycle chained to the lights on the Straffan Road was causing an obstruction and a danger. It was pointed out that the Litter Warden can be called upon to look after this.

The improvement in parking spaces in Maynooth with the introduction of paid parking was remarked. The problem remains for residents on the Back Lanes but it is hoped that this will be resolved.

### Visitors to Maynooth Impressed

Keith McCrory reported that twelve people from the US visited Maynooth as part of a larger visit. They were given a tour of the town. They stated that it was the best part of their visit. They were impressed with how the town looked with the work of the Tidy Towns and the Restaurants and the University. It shows that all the work that goes on in the background is noticed.

### Ancient East Trail and Maynooth

Jacqui Farrell reported that it was the intention of the Maynooth Festival Committee and MCC to work to see the realisation of Maynooth being included in the development of the Ancient East Trail. The popularity of the Castle particularly in the last year or so with increased foot fall during the Festival and the Fleadh has been a great boost.

### **Refuse and Litter**

Bags of refuse were found in various places in Rockfield. Investigations are ongoing with the Litter Warden. It was noted that the recent changes in refuse charges could mean that there will be more rubbish dumped as people simply cannot afford to pay. Some companies have already increase their charges. MCC and Tidy Towns request that all Residents' Associations encourage youngsters to do a monthly clean up on their estates.

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# **Editorial**

While paying for waste disposal has been on the political agenda, the key issue for me, is the widely held opinion of decision makers that it is necessary to penalise people with extra charges to increase the level of recycling and to reduce the amount of waste that is going to landfill. Thinking about all the people that I know I have to say that the practice of maximising recycling and the use of waste composting and the careful disposal of other waste is now normal behaviour.

There will be always the few who do not behave in this way but you will find that they will be already paying high bin charges so they are unlikely to change habits with pay by weight as their waste collection company will have already bumped them up the charging bands and they are used to these level of charges. I currently pay by lift with my bins only going on an infrequent basis. I have still to monitor my account because in the past the bin lorry has lifted the bin twice on the same collection so the charges are doubled. Moving to pay by weight would have significantly increased my charges because of the flat maintenance charge that was proposed. I already regularly witness people putting their domestic waste into public litter bins and it is not always those that cannot afford to pay charges. We do not need to encourage others to adopt such a habit.

While on the subject of public litter bins, it is great news that Maynooth now has more pot belly compactors in the centre of the town. Hopefully they will be used instead of litter being thrown on the ground. Maynooth Tidy Towns do a great job in enhancing the town for the National Tidy Towns Competition. There are flowers everywhere and the beauty of these flowers is diminished with litter around them. Please support Tidy Towns by helping to keep Maynooth litter free this summer.

Pay Parking is bedding in and there are clearly increased numbers of people using the private car parks in the town. It seems strange that the pay parking prices are cheaper in Main Street than in other streets. It must be confusing for visitors in that the minimum charges vary depending on where you park, instead of a standard rate for the entire town.

Speaking about visitors my experience is that we have more tourists coming to Maynooth this year. I feel that I have met more tourists in the restaurants and the pubs. I know that we give visitors a good welcome when we meet them and it is great that our businesses are benefitting. You will know yourself that when you go elsewhere that you appreciate a welcome from the locals. While everyone is welcome to Maynooth, I would like to offer a very special welcome to visitors who come from Canet-en-Roussillon, the French town with which Maynooth has a twinning relationship. Only caveat we cannot guarantee the weather to anybody but our twinning partners can if you choose to go to Canet-en-Roussillon. Enjoy your holidays whatever you do this year.

Paul Croghan

### Top Club in Kildare Maynooth Toastmasters



It's official Maynooth Toastmasters are the top club in Kildare, achieving all of the necessary goals to be ranked the best.

It's the tenth year since the club started and each year it's achievements have being great.

For Maynooth Toastmasters ticking the boxes is only part of the story, of equal importance is helping our members to develop, learn communication skills, take leadership rolls and learn to speak with confidence.

We will be recommencing at the Glenroyal Hotel in September, on the 2nd/ 4th Monday and look forward to welcoming everyone to a new season of communication development.

Maynooth Toastmasters most valuable asset is its members, so come along and continue your communication journey.

Peter Cuthbert PRO. Maynooth Toastmasters

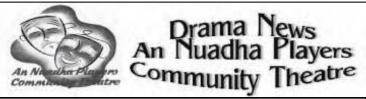


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### Hi Folks,

Depending when you receive your copy of the Newsletter you might be in time to catch the final two performances of Echoes from a Room Sat  $2^{nd}$  and Sun  $3^{rd}$  in the Presentation Girls School Maynooth . It's a good night out. It's the type of play you will discuss with your neighbour from over the wall when you are hanging out your washing. Do people still hang out washing and talk to their neighbour over the wall? Do you know who it is who is over your wall?

When I was a kid we knew everyone over the wall and on the road. People appeared to know everyone's business; the fact that it was incorrect and just gossip did not seem to bother anyone. Most families had someone living in England sending money home to keep body and soul together. People would say it's a pagan country but they pay well, they would then bless themselves hoping God would not see this as an act of treachery.

Some husbands would come home every Christmas armed with packets of spangles, banned books (this includes all writers that had something interesting to say) True Detective magazine and stuff from Boots chemist. Stuff we could only dream about. They had pens with a picture of a woman in a black dress, shake the pen and now she has no dress. The younger men would have ties with Rita Hayworth's fabulous face looking out at you. Soon the tie will have beer stains and creases rendering Rita haggard.

After spending the Christmas carousing and speaking with a slightly English accent, the husband would then leave the country for another year leaving the wife pregnant (or expecting a happy event) the p word was not used in polite company. The church loved this because these men came back to do their duty. Some husbands never came home again; this was seen as divorce Irish style. I can still hear our parish priest saying from the pulpit, that these men had their heads turned by the fleshpots of Soho, and maybe its better they stay in that morally redundant place. I'm talking here about some men. Most men hated to be away from the family so they packed up everything and moved to England and made good lives for themselves.

This is an era, the mid 50s that is not covered enough. Maybe someone in the History group should research this and come up with a talk accompanied by a cup of tea and a biscuit. I would go to that.

Now let us return to 2016 and reality. Bin charges and water charges. Is it bin or water that's god- giving, I always get them mixed up. Anyway forget all that stuff the great news for Maynooth is An Nuadha Players will soon be casting parts for their 2016 Pantomime Robin Hood. It's about a man who dresses in green and lives in the woods. All his pals are quite merry. One is a very large monk Fryer Tuck. Another is called Little John even though he's a big lump of a fella. There's at least 30 merry men including Robin's girl friend Maid Marion all dressed in green living in a wood. Great fun.

If you fancy a bit of Panto for the Christmas, we need people on stage, back stage or under the stage. All are welcome.

For more information on An Nuadha Players check our Facebook page or ring 086-8068068

Mind the Trams - Terry Nealon

# **Maynooth Labour News**

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### Pre-qualification of Contractors Commences for

Maynooth Education Campus - Stagg Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the commencement of the Pre-qualification process for Contractors for the Re-Tendering of the Maynooth Education Campus.

Contractors have until July 19<sup>th</sup> to indicate their interest in tendering for the construction of the two new Post Primary Schools and shared Sports Facility. The estimated value of the contract is €30 Million and the envisaged construction period is 24 months. Contractors who qualify under this process will be issued with invitations to tender for the contract on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Separately Officials from the Department of Education have met with Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board staff and the Design Team and the technical issues to be resolved from the previous tender were fully discussed and are in the process of being resolved by the Design Team. KWETB are also addressing the issues in relation to planning conditions with Kildare Co. Council.

It is envisaged that the technical issues and the planning condition issues will be resolved in tandem with the pre -qualification process to enable the re-tendering to commence proper on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Stagg concluded by stating that whilst it was disappointing that we had to go through this retendering he was pleased that action was now being taken to get the project back on track.

### Footpath from Rockfield to the Educate Together School to be Completed in August

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his Question:

"When will the footpath be extended from Rockfield to the Educate Together School on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth and will a cycle path be included?

**Engineers Reply:** "It is anticipated that this work will be completed in August this year. Unfortunately,

there is insufficient space for a cycle path." The footpath will be 2m wide and will improve safety for the children going to the Educate Together School and the Gael Scoil This good news is a result of prolonged representations by Cllr. McGinley. John has also asked that the road markings at the pedestrian crossing be re-painted to make in more difficult for drivers to go through a red light.

# Yellow Box Junction and Stop signs for Silken Vale in August

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 8 June:

"That a solid white line and stop sign be painted on the road at the exit from Silken Vale to the Straffan Road, Maynooth, in the interest of public safety."

### John got the flowing reply:

"This exit is being reworked as part of the north south corridor Phase 3 which is

planned to be carried out in August this year" The engineer also told Cllr. McGinley that the yellow box junction will be painted at the same time.

# Shrubbery to be Cut at the Speed Signs on the Newtown Road

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 8 June:

"Can the Council cut the shrubbery that is blocking the 50km speed signs at the M4 bridge on the Newtown Road, Maynooth?"

The Engineer advised John that the shrubbery would be cut shortly as would the vegetation at all key junctions.

## 66 Bus Terminus Going Ahead at Nursing Home at Crinstown

The Director of Services advised Cllr. John McGinley<br/>at the Maynooth MD meeting on 8 June that DublinAction Plan<br/>Maynooth Univer<br/>Biodiversity DayBus are proceeding with the extension of the 66 bus and<br/>Biodiversity DayBiodiversity Day

that the terminus would be at the new Nursing Home at Crinstown. Cllr. McGinley pointed out that both he and former Councillor Senan Griffin had proposed this location for the terminus over four years ago.

# Hand Rail at Exit from Train Station to Bond Bridge

Cllr. McGinley asked representatives from Waterways Ireland at the Maynooth MD meeting on 8 June if they could put a hand rail at the exit from the Maynooth train station to Bond Bridge, in order to make it safer for pedestrians in wintry conditions. (Similar to the hand rails at the steps on the other side of the canal.)

They responded saying that they believed it is Iarnrod Eireann property, but, if it is their property that they will erect the rail.

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Removal "central" broken white line at Parson Street.

Cllr. McGinley has asked for the "central" white line at Parson Street to be removed, as it is longer central since the Pay Parking line was put in place.

### Cllr. McGinley asks Gardai to put a Stop to the Professional Begging in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley and other local Councillors raised this very serious issue at a meeting with the Garda Superintendent on 8 June. Unfortunately, the Superintendent said that there was very little that he could do unless there was harassment, assault, threatening or obstruction of another person. John pointed out that there is harassment and that he would expect the Gardai to take appropriate action to put an end to this professional begging.

# The following Heritage Grants Were Approved at the Maynooth MD meeting on 8 June:

Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee to get €400 for the Heritage Walking Tour

Maynooth Tidy Towns to get €1,200 for a Biodiversity Action Plan

Maynooth University Dept. of Biology to get €300 for a Biodiversity Day

## **Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee**

As I indicated in last month's edition, our club is winding down now and so are we. Unlike the rabbit in the Duracell add our batteries won't go on forever. By the time you read this our people will be back from Kerdiffstown and enjoying the last few days of the morning club and our final Tea-Dance which will take place on July 17<sup>th</sup> before our summer break.

Our club will reopen on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> and our project, as we approach the Autumn/Winter, will be Carbon Monoxide Alarms, as safety and security are high on our list of priorities.

We already provide smoke alarms and personal monitored alarms for <u>older people living alone or with</u> <u>an eligible person</u> and we will provide CM alarms to those who meet the same criteria. During the past few months we have surveyed our older people and we found that 60/70 do not have these alarms. Carbon Monoxide has been responsible for many deaths over the past few years and we need to raise awareness in this regard.

Finally may I thank our dedicated committee for their work and commitment and all those who come along to give a hand at our morning club and Tea-Dances, especially Ann O'Connor who keeps us all fit with her exercise regime and Tony and Johnny who look after us all so well. Thank you also to those who help with our annual collection and our sale of work especially our young and not so young scouts. A big thank you to all the business people who support us year on year and it is the policy of this committee to return that support by shopping locally.

May I wish you all a happy holiday where ever you are, enjoy the summer but most of all stay safe. *Josephine Moore. Chairperson* 



Summer breezes and Swallows

They have returned, like clockwork Swallows have returned to Maynooth on a temporary sojourn till they again glide away in the sky to Northern Africa. School holidays beckon, just as exams commence so the cycle of life turns. Things change so quickly, in a blink of an eye.

Last week on the Maynooth Road there were the senetils of time, mature trees and hedgerows which had survived and flourished since the 1916 Rising, but no more.

Rev Father Browne SJ made an outstanding contribution in the amazing photographic records he left for generations to come, he recorded history so that others could see history.

Maynooth needs some photographs of what's there before its all gone. In a blink of an eye, it's gone, hope Swallows don't get lost next time on the way to Maynooth.

Peter Cuthbert



# **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

### Terminating a tenancy

### **Ouestion:**

Our landlord phoned to ask us to leave the house we have rented for the last three years because he plans to sell the house. Do we have to accept this?

### Answer:

As you have been renting the house for three years, you have what is called a "Part 4 tenancy", which gives you certain rights. The landlord can only end your tenancy for certain specified reasons. An intention to sell the property within three months counts as a valid reason.

However, a phone call is not a valid form of notice. You must get a written notice of termination, signed and dated, stating the reason for termination and giving you the proper period of notice, which, in your case, as you have rented for three years, is 12 weeks (84 days).

When a landlord plans to sell the property, the notice of termination must include a statement that he intends to sell the property within three months after the tenancy ends. The Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) publishes sample notices of termination with the detailed information that is required in various situations. In the case of a planned sale, the wording of the required statement is: "The reason for the termination of the tenancy is due to the fact that the landlord intends to sell the dwelling, for full consideration, within three months after the termination of the tenancy".

Your landlord must also make a statutory declaration that he intends to enter into an enforceable agreement to sell his full interest in the house. (A statutory declaration is a solemn statement, which must be signed in the presence of someone who is authorised to witness statutory declarations - such as a practicing solicitor, a Peace Commissioner, a notary public or a Commissioner for Oaths.)

The RTB's sample notice of termination for a landlord planning to sell contains sample wording for this statutory declaration, which you should receive along with the notice of termination. If your landlord is found to have evicted you illegally, he may be required to pay you substantial damages.

### Pregnant at work - health and safety leave **Ouestion**:

I do night work regularly but I am expecting a baby in six months. Can I stop working at night while I am pregnant?

### Answer:

Under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005, every employer is required to carry out a risk assessment for the workplace. This assessment should identify hazards in the workplace, assess the risks from such hazards and identify the steps to be taken to deal with any risks. Now that you are pregnant, your employer should carry out a separate risk assessment for you.

If there are particular risks to you during your pregnancy, these should be either removed or you

should be moved away from them. If neither of these options is possible, you should be given health required to publish anonymised versions of all of and safety leave from work, which may continue up to the beginning of your maternity leave (under the Maternity Protection Acts 1994 and 2004).

If a doctor certifies that night work is unsuitable for you during your pregnancy, you must be given alternative work or health and safety leave. Time spent on health and safety leave is treated as though you have been in employment, and this time can be used to accumulate annual leave entitlement. You are not entitled to leave for any public holidays that occur during health and safety leave. During health and safety leave, your employer must pay you your normal wages for the first 21 days (3 weeks), after which you may qualify for Health and Safety Benefit from the Department of Social Protection

When you return to work after maternity leave, if there is any risk to you because you have recently given birth or are breastfeeding, that risk should be removed. If this is not possible, you should be moved to alternative work. If it is not possible for you to be assigned alternative work, you should be given health and safety leave. If night work is certified by a doctor as being unsuitable after the birth, alternative work should be provided. If alternative work cannot be provided, you should be given health and safety leave.

### **Tax Appeals Commission Ouestion:**

What is the new Tax Appeals Commission?

### Answer:

The Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015 came into operation on 21 March 2016. This Act gives effect to a revised tax appeals process and established a new independent statutory Tax Appeals Commission (TAC), which replaces the former Office of the Appeal Commissioners.

The TAC adjudicates, hears and determines appeals against Revenue decisions concerning taxes and duties under the Finance (Tax Appeals) Act 2015, the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 as amended and other related legislation. There are currently two Appeal Commissioners, appointed by the Minister for Finance for a period of seven years.

The main change to the tax appeals process is the requirement that all appeals (other than customs duties and Registration Tax "first-stage" appeals) are now made directly to the TAC and not to Revenue in the first instance.

The Appeal Commissioners have sole responsibility for accepting or refusing appeals, although Revenue can raise objections to appeals. If both parties agree, the Appeal Commissioners can make determinations based on written submissions (rather than a full hearing). However, you can insist on a hearing if you wish.

By default, all hearings are held in public. However, you can request that a hearing (or part of a hearing) be held in private. To improve the transparency of

the appeals process, the Appeal Commissioners are their determinations. Another significant change is that appeals can no longer be re-heard before a Circuit Court Judge. You can appeal to the High Court on a point of law, but not in relation to the facts

### Cohabiting and social welfare payments **Ouestion:**

I have applied for a means-tested Jobseeker's Allowance but I was told that I'm not eligible because of my live-in partner's earnings. We live together but we are not married and we split our expenses equally. Why is this?

### Answer:

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) treats married and unmarried couples in the same way when assessing entitlement to a means-tested social welfare payment. It assesses the total income of the household, rather than the circumstances of the individual claimant.

This means that if you are married, or are living with another person in an intimate and committed relationship, the means of your spouse or partner are also taken into account. This is the case even if only one of you is actually claiming a payment. The DSP uses detailed definitions and criteria to assess whether a couple are cohabiting and you can read these online at welfare.ie.

How the means of a couple are assessed differs slightly depending on the payment being applied for. For Blind Pension, State Pension (Non-Contributory) and Carer's Allowance, the DSP adds all of your means together and then halves them to get the assessable means for each one of you. For Jobseeker's Allowance, Disability Allowance, and Farm Assist, the DSP adds all your combined means together and then assesses them against the maximum household payment for your circumstances. If your spouse or partner is getting a social welfare payment in their own right, your means are taken to be half of the total means of yourself and your spouse or partner.

Sometimes a certain amount of income, or income from particular sources, is not taken into account. This is called an income disregard. For example, a certain amount of income from employment can be disregarded.

### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eves it will become Your favour not mine Amen Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received. RD

# Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

From 03/05/2016 to 23/06/2016 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
16653	Kildare County Council	Pauline Dunne	Clonfert South, Maynooth, Co Kildare	23/06/2016
16647	Kildare County Council	Kim Barrett	(Dowdstown), Rowanstown, Maynooth	22/06/2016
16637	Kildare County Council	Gavin Satchwell & Niamh Corbet	Mariavilla, Moyglare Road, Maynooth	20/06/2016
16633	Kildare County Council	Raymond & Tracy Payne	Geraldine Lodge/Silken Vale, Maynooth, Kildare	17/06/2016
16626	Kildare County Council	Nora Lennon	Kilmacredock Lower, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/06/2016
16614	Kildare County Council	John O'Sullivan and Jayne McDermot	4 The Lawn, Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth	14/06/2016
16611	Kildare County Council	Iarnród Éireann	Maynooth Train Station, Greenfield, Maynooth	13/06/2016
16585	Kildare County Council	National University of Ireland,	North Campus, National University of Ireland, Maynooth	02/06/2016
16572	Kildare County Council	Ballygoran Developments Ltd.	Coates Lane and Pound Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	02/06/2016
16536	Kildare County Council	Brian McDermott	Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/05/2016

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# Minister Heightens Concerns Regarding Maynooth School Campus

Social Democrats TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy has said she is deeply concerned about the Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton's response to her on Thursday in the Dail when she raised this issue. Deputy Murphy and Bernard Durkan had both raised the issue during the Dáil Adjournment debate on Thursday evening when Minister Bruton replied that there would be a need to re-tender for the campus.

#### Catherine Murphy said:

"We had understood all along that there were some minor issues delaying the original tender so to have the Minister say that there is a need for an entirely new tender was a big surprise. There has been significant confusion about the progress of this vital development with different answers coming from the Department and the KWETB. It is now clear, based on the Minister's answer, the work will not proceed in the summer as anticipated; that the new tendering process will take considerable time and will provide for a phased development to meet the Sept 2018 critical date but raises other concerns about completion of the balance of the project and about the accommodation of students on what will still be a construction site."

## Maynooth Campus Group Meets Minister for Education and Skills

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy joined the group campaigning for the Maynooth School Campus along with the other TDs for North Kildare in a meeting with Minister for Education Richard Bruton on Wednesday evening in Leinster House. The group met with the Minister following his reply to Deputy Murphy and Fine Gael's Bernard Durkan in the Dáil last week regarding the delays with the tendering process on the site. In that reply the Minister indicated that the original tender would not stand and there would need to be a new tendering process thereby ensuring a significant delay.

Following the meeting of the group and the Minister Catherine Murphy said:

"I had sought the schedule of the various elements of

the tendering process from the Minister in order to rebuild trust between the community and the department. The Minister presented the schedule and it is now expected that the tender will be awarded in early 2017 at the latest."

"It's far from ideal that building won't commence this summer but the emphasis now must be on ensuring there is no further slippage in the timeline for the building of these schools and I will continue to work with this group and the Minister to ensure no further delays.

## North Kildare Swimming Pool Thwarted by Invalid Application

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has had it confirmed to her in a reply form the Minister that the application for a swimming pool in North Kildare has been refused because the application was invalid.

Deputy Murphy, as part of a series of questions on Swimming Pool funding and allocations tabled by her over the past number of years, asked the Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport what counties had responded to a January 2016 request for expressions of interest and what counties, if any, were turned down. In his response the Minister confirmed that Kildare had been turned down because the application submitted by Kildare County Council was invalid.

#### Catherine Murphy said:

"It is very disappointing to see that after so much hard work by the community in trying to achieve funding for a vital community facility that Kildare County Council made a submission that did not comply with the requirements for funding. The submission made by KCC expressed interest in developing the swimming pool on the Maynooth campus which are not public grounds and therefore not eligible for funding under the scheme."

"The funding scheme does not allow for the development of a swimming pool facility on private land and the community has now missed the opportunity for the long-awaited pool for North Kildare during this round of applications and we have no idea when the next round is likely to arise. The funding from this scheme would require matching funds from KCC and we need to have a discussion to see if this is possible. This will be a critical issue in determining whether or not we can have a successful application in the future."

## Minister Must Ensure Bin Companies Don't Exploit Legislation

Social Democrats TD, Catherine Murphy, has highlighted the recent changes to legislation which will see the costs of waste collections skyrocket and has called on Minister Simon Coveney to urgently intervene to stop waste companies exploiting new bin charge rules.

Catherine Murphy said:

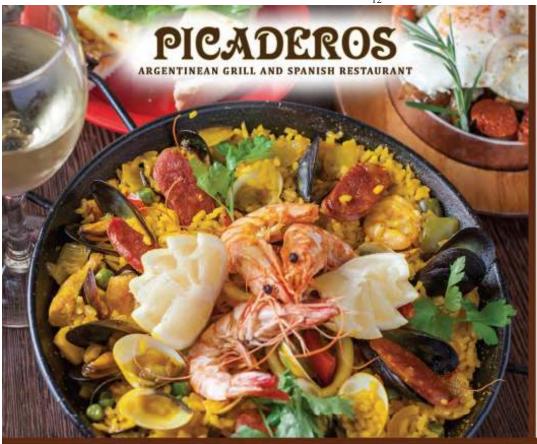
"I am concerned that some waste companies appear to be using the new waste charge rules to introduce significant increases in charges for certain customer categories. For example Thorntons – a refuse collection company operating in both Meath and Kildare are introducing a new "service fee" of  $\notin$ 2 per week which will more than double standing charges from the current registration fee of  $\notin$ 50 per year - again these charges come in before any bins are actually used."

"New regulations to change to pay-by-weight were signed by then Minister, Alan Kelly, in January of this year. At the time he heralded it as a saving for 87% of customers. This is proving to be far from reality. Nothing has been done to prevent waste companies hiking up service charges so customers are being fleeced. When questioned in the Dáil last Wednesday, the Taoiseach said the spirit of the new legislation was designed to promote recycling and less waste however that it is direct contradiction to a standing charge being levied no matter what amount of waste you produce – in fact it discourages responsible recycling in many cases."

"The new Minister, Simon Coveney, must produce new regulations which strictly limit the amounts waste companies can charge for service charges. In advance of these, he should call the waste companies in and signal clearly to them that the level of charges is completely unacceptable."



Maynooth Newsletter is Tuesday 19th July





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### Basketball on the up in Maynooth

Maynooth Basketball Academy has recently been set up to promote the playing of under-age basketball in Maynooth. The academy takes place on Saturday mornings at Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich and caters for boys and girls attending national school.

The first result of the academy was to enter an under 11 team in Kildare Community Games. The team performed bravely in their first tournament and finished in third place. (See photo below)

The academy will run a basketball summer camp in Maynooth Post Primary School from 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August. There will be two camps daily, catering for 6 -11 year olds in the morning from 9am to 12.45pm and for 12-17 year olds in the afternoon from 1pm to 5.30pm.

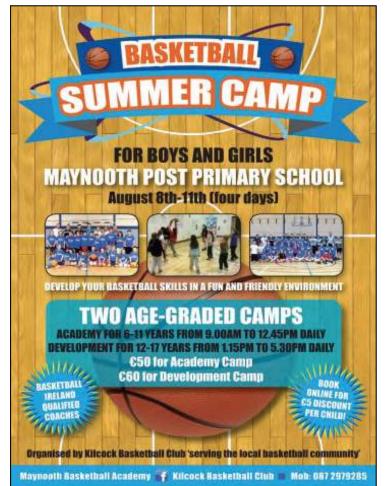
Coaching will be provided by qualified Basketball Ireland coaches. One of the guest coaches will be Nabil Murad, who is coach of the Irish u16 boys team.

The cost of the camps are between  $\notin$ 50 and  $\notin$ 60, depending on age group.

Places can be booked online on our Facebook page Maynooth Basketball Academy, and qualify for a discount of  $\in$ 5. Tel 087-2979285 for more information.

The camp will cater for all levels of basketball experience and promises a fun-filled week of basketball skills and games.





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### Friday 8th July

11am-12pm Russell Library Maynooth College and 1916: An Exhibition Booking essential: Library.Russell@nuim.ie (01) 7083890

> 10am - 5pm JPII Library Booking not required Domhnall Ua Buachalla: An Exhibition

11am - 12pm St Patrick's College Russell Library Tour

**7pm - 7.30pm Courthouse Square** Festival Grand Opening

7.30pm - 9pm Main St Fringe on Main: Street entertainment

> **8pm - 10pm Geraldine Hall** Orla Feeney RTE Pulse DJ workshop

> > 8.30pm -11pm Glenroyal Hotel Trad Session

10pm - Late Live entertainment in local bars



### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**11am - 3pm Manor Mills Shopping Centre** Family Fun Day: Music, Dancing, Kids Entertainment

12pm - 3.30pm The Harbour Adventure Sports, Kayaks, RCAG Steam Boat Display, Kids Carnival, Vintage Car Show

12pm - 3.30pm The Geraldine Hall Mind Body & Soul Experience: Yoga, Tai Chi, Holistic Health, Mindfulness, Fitness

> 2pm - 7pm The Castle SilverArm Sessions: Music & Dance, Art, Crafts & Food, Teddy Bears Picnic, Irish Military Volunteers & Artifacts

6pm - 9pm Maynooth Music Academy Live in the Lane

10pm - Late Live entertainment in local bars

Events & Times May Change Without Notice For Latest Updates Checkout Maynooth Festival Facebook Page



### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

2pm - 6pm St Patrick's College National Science and Ecclesiology Museum

**1pm - 2pm St Patrick's College** Biodiversity Walk

2pm - 5pm Church of Ireland Maynooth Sunday Miscellany: Poetry & Prose, Music

2pm - 7pm The Castle SilverArm Sessions: Music & Dance, Art, Crafts & Food, Children's Costume Competition

9pm - Late O'Neill's Bar & Steakhouse Closing Ceremony, Prize Giving, Live Music

A Taste of Maynooth Raffle tickets will be available throughout the weekend. Your chance to win one of many fabulous prize packages containing multiple vouchers with a minimum value of €150 Prizes Sponsored by Local Businesses Proceeds from the Raffle fund the Maynooth Festival 2016

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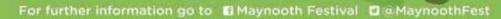
# MAYNOOTH CASTLE 9th & 10th July 2016 from 2.00pm - 7.00pm

# JOHNNY FEAN BAND (HORSLIPS) LIAM Ó MAONLAÍ (HOTHOUSE FLOWERS)

# DAVE MCHUGH BAND . BLIND WOLF CLUB

DISTRICT DAZE, LEMONCELLO, WARSAW, MAYNOOTH GOSPEL CHOIR,

NIAMH DOOLEY, CATHAL FARRELLY, DR MINDFLIP & MORE





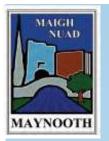
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# Venue: St Mary's Church of Ireland Event: Maynooth Sunday Miscellany Time: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2 - 5pm

The Maynooth Summer Festival Committee in partnership with St Mary's Church of Ireland Maynooth invite you to an afternoon of Poetry, Prose, Drama, Music & Song in the company of the North Kildare Writers Group, Martina Reilly, Terry and Ann Nealon, Shauna Gilligan, Ron Carey, Anna Stempel and many more.

Further details of the programme will be posted on the Maynooth Festival Facebook Page and social media. See links below



## WING TSUN - IEWTO

### Ladies & Gents

Self – Defence Class

### **Beginners Welcome**

Venue: Maynooth Community Space Unit 11 Carton Park Tesco Shopping Centre Maynooth



Class Times Wednesday 8pm - 10pm Sunday 10am - 12pm *Class Sizes Limited* 

Instructor Si-Hing Barry Smith 1st HG

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Town Centre Mall, Main St, Maynooth, Co. Kildare Ph: 01 6289660 | www.donatellos.info

## Maynooth Tidy Towns Win Intel Grant

Maynooth Tidy Tidy Towns Treasurer, Mary Jennings submitted our Project in person to Intel in order to meet the deadline. Obviously Mary submitted the correct idea to the four Judges and we received our  $\notin$ 5,000 prize and a Trophy at a ceremony hosted by Leonard Hobbs at Intel Leixlip on the 15th June.

Our Chairman John Kavanagh accepted the Trophy on behalf of the Committee, also in attendance were Mary Molloy and Des Matthews. (See photo below)

We were one of 6 projects to win out of 27 entries for the competition.

Thanks again Intel.



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## Maynooth Tidy Towns July 2016

This is a very busy time of the year for our Volunteers and Committee members the deadline for our application was met on the 20th May and judging should have commence around Ireland on the 11th June.

Maynooth Community Church and Rev Keith McCrory joined us for a clean up on May 28th. Everyone was invited back to the Community Church in Manor Mills for refreshments which was sponsored by The Coffee Mill. We removed all the hanging baskets for repairs and placed them in different areas, 4 in the Pound. The Sap from Lime Trees were inhibiting their growth on the Main Street. Your reactions to the new triple planters in The Square and Carton Avenue have been phenomenal.

Some of our pots in the Pound were upended but thankfully none broken. Thanks to Norman and Anne Birchall who offered to pay for replacement plants. We have finished planting in the Pound and we hope to put some seats in that area. Four hanging baskets from Main Street have been planted and attached to the railings. Our fundraiser/ Church gate collection as usual was a great success thanks to all who contributed.

We have been asked to get involved with Bank Of Ireland enterprise town which was held in The Glenroyal Hotel on the 10th-11th June.

We ask all Residents' Associations to make a special effort to keep the front of their estates Litter Free over the coming months. Not all Judges visit the estates but they do comment on Litter and Signage that has graffiti.

If any Residents' Associations need help/advice about trees please contact us on 087-3153189 or on Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook Page.

Best Wishes to Maynooth Festival Committee and Maynooth Community Council for organinsing this year's Festival which takes place from July 8th-10th. Many events are being organised to suit all patrons. I'm sure it will be an unforgettable experience for all of us.

Mary Molloy Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

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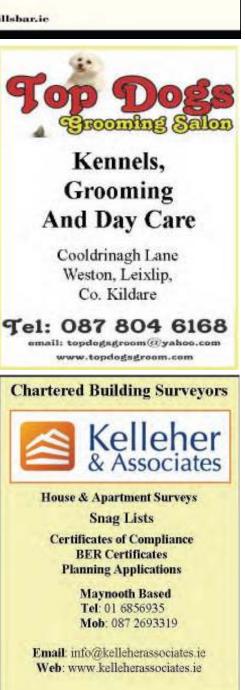
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2nd - Liam Farrelly	67pts
<b>3rd</b> - Gerry McTernan	66pts
4th - Sam Feeney	64pt
<b>5th</b> - John Byrne	63pts

F18 - Portumna - Dave Weafer 33pts B18 - Nenagh - Ken Donnelly 31pts Nearest Pin - Portumna -Dave Weafer Nearest Pin - Nenagh - Niall Farrell

**2's Club** -Dave Weafer, Marty Maguire, Liam Farrelly

Our Next outing is the Joe Murray Cup in Naas 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 @ 3pm



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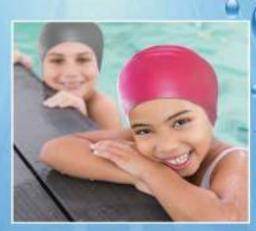


### Family Time at the Glenroyal Hotel

If you are searching for the perfect family break away then look no further than the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club, whether it is a miserable day or sunny skies there is plenty to do to keep you and the little one's entertained. Providing you with a warm welcome the Glenroyal Hotel will do all they can to make your stay enjoyable. With an exceptional range of facilities under one roof it is no surprise that they are a popular family friendly hotel. Their modern and spacious family rooms will allow you to relax comfortably after a fun day spent in the heart of Maynooth. They also ensure your little one's will be satisfied when it comes to meal time as they have a kid friendly menu and delicious desserts on offer daily.

Staying at the Glenroyal Hotel gives you full access to their Leisure club which includes a dedicated kid's pool, a family pool and a state of the art gym for the adults. The Lenny Lion's Kids Club is a big hit with families as they provide a wide range of activities to keep the kiddies entertained in the morning and afternoon. From arts and crafts, baking, painting and story time there is lots of activities children can enjoy while in the Lenny Lions Kids Club. Open during school holidays it is a fully supervised club so parents can be safe in the knowledge that their little ones are being well taken care of. Also available is the playroom where the kids have plenty of space to play with the vast collection of toys and enjoy the slides and puzzles while making new friends.

If you want to explore the area the Glenroyal Hotel is perfectly located as it is just a short distance away from a great range of family friendly amenities. If you are looking to stay local the Maynooth Park has a great range in the playground to suit baby's right up to teenagers. Just 10 minutes out of Maynooth you can visit a great range of indoor and outdoor places which suit all the family. If you have animal lovers in your family a trip to Wallaby Woods or Clonfert Pet Farm will have them gushing at cute bunnies while also enjoying a bit of mini golf, bouncy castles and go karts. Just a few miles away you will find Base Entertainment Centre this is an indoor play centre which offers a wide range of indoor play activities, from bowling to quasar and hours of fun in their play gym for ages 1 to 12 year olds. Within a short drive is Lullymore Heritage Park which is based in the Bog of Allen. It is a truly magical place with crazy golf, train trips and a new biodiversity boardwalk for you to explore the landscape and gardens. The National Aquatic Centre is just 20 minutes away and offers a range of fun slides, rides and water activities all providing your family great entertainment.



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The Glenroyal Hotel have a range of special family offers running all year round. Check out their 2 night family packages that include dinner on an evening of your choice and tickets to either Dublin Zoo or Tayto Park! Guaranteed fun for the entire family a trip to either of these places is sure to have the kids grinning. Dublin Zoo is a firm favourite where the little ones can enjoy seeing elephants and tigers to the cheeky sea lions across the African and Asian plains. You are sure to spot your favourite animal roaming around Dublin Zoo. Tayto Park has quickly become a brilliant family destination with plenty of parks, animals, amusement rides and not to mention a tour around the Tayto Factory where you can see how they make those delicious crisps we all love. You are really spoilt for choice on activities when you choose to stay in the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club. So all that remains is for you to choose the date you plan on staying in the Glenroyal Hotel and Leisure Club and give them a call to book your family break!

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### Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club Earns 2016 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

Glenroyal Hotel & Leisure Club today announced that it has received a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence. Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year. Certificate of Excellence recipients include accommodations, eateries and attractions located all over the world that have continually delivered a quality customer experience.

"With the Certificate of Excellence, TripAdvisor honours hospitality businesses that have consistently received strong praise and ratings from travellers", said Heather Leisman, Vice President of Industry Marketing, TripAdvisor. "This recognition helps travellers identify and book properties that regularly deliver great service. TripAdvisor is proud to play this integral role in helping travellers feel more confident in their booking decisions."

The Certificate of Excellence accounts for the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period. To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

### **Top Food Safety Tips for Barbecues**

Ensure your friends and neighbours go home with memories of a good time, not a tummy bug to remember you by. To make the most of your barbecue, here are some top food safety tips.

### Before you start grilling

If this is your first time barbecuing this year, give your barbecue grill a thorough clean by scrubbing the metal rack with a suitable oven cleaner or a damp brush dipped in bicarbonate of soda. Remember to rinse it thoroughly with warm, soapy water afterwards.

### Keep your cool

Food is away from your fridge for a longer period of time when cooking and eating outdoors which can lead to germs multiplying quickly. Keep perishable goods like salads and coleslaw in your fridge until you need them.

### Before you start cooking

- Make sure frozen foods are fully thawed (preferably in the fridge on the bottom shelf; which may take overnight) before you start cooking them.
- Keep foods you plan to cook properly chilled in the fridge or a cool box until needed.
- Light your barbecue well in advance for charcoal barbecues, the flames should have died down before you start cooking.

### Handle with care

- Wash your hands before and after handling food.
- Remember to keep raw meat separate from cooked meat and salads.
- Always use separate utensils for handling raw and cooked meat when cooking.
- Never put cooked food on a dish that has been used for raw meat or poultry (unless it has been thoroughly washed in between.)

### How to know its cooked

The big issue when barbecuing is making sure your food has been cooked thoroughly, all the way through. The outside may look cooked (and in some cases burnt), the inside can still be raw. When cooking meat that is minced or skewered such as burgers, sausages, kebabs and poultry make sure to turn it regularly and to move it around the barbecue to ensure it is cooked evenly on both sides then run this test:

- Is it piping hot all the way through?
- Is there no pink meat left?
- Do the juices run clear?

Steaks or whole meat joints of beef or lamb can be served rare as long as they are cooked on the outside as any harmful bacteria will be on the outside only, and not in the centre.

### Using leftovers

If you have any leftovers from your barbecue, these should not be left outside where they could be in the sun and where insects and animals could get them. As with all leftovers, cover these foods and allow them to cool down in a cool place (your kitchen) before refrigerating within two hours of cooking and use within three days. If you're reheating leftovers, reheat them only once until pipping hot but if in doubt throw them out.



# Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2016 www.maynoothtownfc.com - Join Us On Facebook W/End Numbers Jackpot 3 x €35 Winners 03-Apr 20,22,26,27 €1,550 Conor Strickland - C & C Gallagher - 'CHA' 10-Apr 14,15,21,28 €1,600 Lily Murphy - Paul Lanigan - Mary Claire Mathias

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17-Apr	3,14,16,17	€1,650	Mick Mc Govern - Claudia Toderic - Mick Ryan
24-Apr	4,8,22,27	€1,700	Noel Donovan - Emer Hewson - Stephen Finnegan
01-May	8,21,24,26	€1,750	K. Bennett - Ashling & Liam - Paul Denton
08-May	1,3,16,24	€1,800	Three Pin - Gillian Ledwith - Niall Bright
15-May	5,13,21,23	€1,850	Michael Doyle - Brian Herbert - Aaron Casey
22-May	4,9,11,15	€1,900	Mary Murray - Tina & Tozzie - Pat Connolly
29-May	6,18,23,27	€1,950	Evan Duff - Jim's Shoe Repair - Kieran O'Connor
05-Jun	18,20,21,22	€2,000	Mark Nolan - John Sheeran - Paul Lanigan
12-Jun	4,18,20,26	€2,050	Emma Gallagher - Aonghus - Terry Hinds
19-Jun	15,17,18,24	€2,100	Ann Monaghan - Peter Egan - Mary Claire Mathias

# Holistic & Psychic Health Fair Sunday 17th July

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### Events for children in Maynooth Community Library this July

Percussion Workshop with Paul Maher (ages 4-7) Thursday 14th July, 10.30am – 11.15am Hands on Percussion Workshop for Juniors with Paul Maher. Workshop incorporates hands on music making and performance elements in a fun filled learning environment. For children aged 4-7 years. Booking essential.

Percussion Workshop with Paul Maher (ages 8-12) Thursday 14th July, 11.30am – 12.45pm Hands on Percussion Workshop for Seniors with Paul Maher. Workshop incorporates hands on music making and performance elements in a fun filled learning environment. For children aged 8-12 years. Booking essential.

Coding Workshop for Children Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July, 10.30am – 12.30pm (ages 8-10 years) Wednesday 12th Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July 22

Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th & Friday 15th July, 2pm – 4pm (ages 11-13 years)

During this free 3 day course participants will learn the basic concepts of programming through Scratch, as well as basic game design and problem solving. They will get a taste of programming in the real world and how the games/programs/websites they use every day are coded. The course is suitable for complete beginners and more experienced coders.

Participants should bring their own laptop or windows tablet. Android and Apple tablets may not work with Scratch.

For children aged 8-10 years. Booking essential please contact Maynooth Library to book your place.

Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth, Tel:01 6285530 -Email:maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie http://www.kildare.ie/library/maynooth/





# **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club				
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	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	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				
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland				
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	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	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's at 12 Noon Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth For Seated Exercise & Walking New Members Welcome				
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds				
Weekly meetings on Fridays at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome	Every Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334				
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church				
Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189	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.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com	1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome				
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND				
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.	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.	Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45 to 9.30 and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie				

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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voice your concerns to Kildare County Council. <b>New School Build:</b> I met with the Schools Parents Group and listened to their concerns over the delay in the construction process. We have also held a masting with the Minister of Education over these same concerns. Minister						Parents Group and listened to ion process. We have also held a	ıld like imagi four		eir fa	mily	crest	ts up	my v					

their concerns over the delay in the construction process. We have also held a meeting with the Minister of Education over these same concerns. Minister Bruton T.D. is disappointed with the length of time the tendering process has taken and acknowledged that it has caused a delay in the starting of construction. The Minister has given assurances that even though the project has been delayed, the money will not be used on a different project and has been set aside for the new school. I will continue to keep a close eye on this and I will inform residents of any changes accordingly.

## buzzing their way. John Doyle

getting used to football and curry,

mooching little flies who come



Copy date for the August edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 19th July 2016

## Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - f /Frank O'Rourke Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

### Fairness Is The Objective Of Fianna Fail Bill On Variable Mortgages

Fianna Fail's Bill on Mortgages, entitled 'Central Bank Variable Rate Mortgages Bill 2016', passed by the Dail recently, puts fairness of mortgage rates top of the Central Bank's agenda, according to Kildare North Deputy Frank O Rourke, after speaking in the Dail on the Bill during the week.

'As I said in my Dail contribution on the Bill, customers on typical variable rate mortgages are paying approximately  $\notin 1,500$  per year more than new bank customers and  $\notin 6,000$  more per year than people with a tracker mortgage for the same amount.'

"Indeed, some mortgage holders in this jurisdiction are paying up to nearly  $\notin$ 4,000 a year more in interest than customers with comparable mortgages in Northern Ireland and other European countries. This is simply unfair."

'These high variable interest rates mortgages are a key issue in my constituency. The issue has been raised at my clinics in Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth, Clane, Prosperous, Naas and Kilcock over the past year. A mortgage is the single biggest financial commitment for many families, and people on these variable mortgages have felt the least benefit from the current low interest rate environment in Europe. Our Bill is designed to provide some relief to these families.'

<sup>•</sup>Our Bill gives the Central Bank the authority to put a cap on interest rates if banks are found objectively to be charging unreasonable variable mortgage rates. In our view, this policy initiative will go a long way to relieving this variable mortgage rate problem,' stated Deputy O'Rourke.

'The current approach adopted by the banks is simply unfair. The Fianna Fail Bill, which will mark a significant change in the relationship between banks and their customers, will put fairness at the heart of mortgage rate policy. It will give mortgage holders more protection against rip-off bank practices. Any financial benefit that families receive from reduced variable mortgage rates, will be much needed for other financial commitments that families have. Indeed, it will mean that there will be more money available for spending in the local economy, rather than artificially improving bank profits,'

economy, rather than artificially improving bank profits concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

**Government Will Consider O'Rourke Proposal To Extend Child Benefit For The 18 - 19 Year Olds** The Government is considering a proposal put forward in the Dail by Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, in connection with extending child benefit to 18 and 19 year olds who are in full time education.

'At the moment, when a child in full time education reaches the age of 18, they lose their entitlement to Child Benefit. However, as many families know, the costs associated with keeping children in full time education continues and there is a gap in the supports available for families for the 18-19 year age bracket that are in secondary school education.' The cost of extending child benefit to 18 year olds in second level education is estimated at  $\epsilon$ 62.5 million' stated Deputy O'Rourke. 'Last week, by way of oral parliamentary question, I asked the Minister for Social Protection to review the age criteria under the Child Benefit Scheme and asked him to link this payment to children who are still in full time education.'

'Nowadays, given the 6 year duration of secondary school, many pupils are now aged 18 and 19 when sitting the leaving certificate.'

'Child Benefit is an important source of income for families and we must support families that are keeping their children in education.'

'The Minister has said that he would consider my proposal. I have raised the issue with our Social Protection spokesperson, Willie O'Dea TD, and I intend on bringing forward a private members motion to ensure that my proposal is kept on the Government's agenda.' concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

## Comprehensive Strategy for Home Care needed says Deputy O' Rourke

A comprehensive strategy for Home Care is needed if we are to provide a sustainable home care structure for the future according to Kildare North Deputy Frank O Rourke following a meeting with a number of families in Leixlip and Clane that required home care for their elderly parents.

'As Ireland's population grows, the provision of quality home care is one of Ireland's greatest challenges. The whole Home care industry is unregulated and has experienced huge growth in the last number of years,

on the streets or in the pubs and hotels – really anywhere a dry spot can be found!

The county Fleadh competitions, held this year by Craobh Chill Choca, saw an increased number of branch members qualify for the Fleadh Laighean, being held in Kilkenny from 4th to 10th July; Tom Ó Catháin, James McEntire, Shane Mc Nerney, Síle Flood, Susie Nestor, Killian Ó Fearail, Déaglán Ó Conchubhair, Aoife McNerney, Conor Mc Nerney, Tom Ó Catháin, Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl, Róisin Howley, Emma Keane. While competitions are most definitely not the be all and end all of our local branch; the technical improvement gained from spending extended periods of time mastering the set of tunes for the performance, coupled with the experience of getting on a stage and performing for judges is hugely worthwhile for all. Well done to all who participated in the Kildare Fleadh and good luck in Kilkenny to the team above.

While classes come to a close for the summer, there are plenty of opportunities to continue your music, song and dance, with many workshops and Summer schools taking place countrywide. We'd love to see you in historical Kilkenny in July, while there are also innumerable opportunities to enjoy traditional music over the summer month from the infamous "Willie Week" – the **Willie Clancy Summer School** - 2nd July to Sunday 10th July; **Joe Mooney Summer School in**  with a significant increase in the number of people working in the sector.' Stated Deputy O'Rourke 'To-date, I understand that there are over 40,000 people employed in the home care sector nationally, which includes the HSE, private sector and not for profit organisations'.

'Some sources indicate that there will be an increase of 54% in the number of people over 65 over the period 2011 to 2025 with in excess of 320,000 additional older people who may require care services.'

'In the cases where there is a significant dependency, residential care is undoubtedly the most appropriate option for people. However, I believe that there is a significant number of people currently in a nursing home, who with the right support, could be cared for in their own homes. Most people, where possible prefer to be cared for in their own home.'

'In my view, it is clear from the reply that I received from the Minister for Enterprise, Jobs and Innovation that the Government has little or no strategy or policies in place for Home carers, as reflected by his answer to my parliamentary question when he stated that 'The rate of pay and conditions of employment of staff who are employed by care providers is a matter for these providers.' This reply reflects lack of Government interest in the sector.'

'In the last week alone, at my clinics in Leixlip and Clane, I see the need for a comprehensive strategy for this home care industry. We need to encourage more employees into this sector, seek to expand the not for profit organisations sector, develop the Live-in care and encourage more training and development for people working in this sector.' Stated Deputy O'Rourke. 'This is a growth industry, but, by its very nature is a much personalised service to enable our older people be cared for with dignity in their own homes. Indeed, by providing more home care packages, it will relieve the pressure on the residential home care sector.' 'We need a strategy to cater for the growing demand for home care packages.' Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

### Frank O'Rourke T.D

**Drumshambo** 16 - 23 July 2016; **Scoil Acla** 23 - 30 July; **Scoil Eigse at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann** 14 - 21 Aug; 16 - 23 July 2016; **Feakle Festival** 3 - 8 Aug; ...the list is endless.

Closer to home there are regular traditional sessions held in Brady's, McMahon's, the Newtown Inn and the Roost, so plenty of opportunities for a trad fix between now and September. Have you thought about taking up an instrument yourself?

Our branch has beginners and improvers across all age groups – so you have all summer to dust down granddad's old fiddle, or to get busy on done-deal, to hunt down an accordion or a banjo. Learning an instrument is a fantastic journey that it is never too late to embark upon. Of course kids have a special advantage in this regard, so we're always on the lookout for new junior members to add to the fantastic bunch we've had with us for the last number of years. Registration for the 2016/2017 Comhaltas year will take place in early September. We are a totally inclusive organisation, and new members are always welcome – young and old. Full details regarding registration date and time will be published in due course. Keep an eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information.

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### Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

The 2015/2016 year has come to an end, so the formal Craobh activities have quietened – however there is still plenty going on in the world of traditional music, both in Maynooth and further afield. Maynooth University on 23rd June saw the branch perform at the European Laeity Forum - a prestigious platform for the branch to display their talents.

The Fleadh competitions has been central point of the Comhaltas calendar for many years; driven by the competition, but perhaps even more so as an opportunity for those who play and enjoy traditional music to come together for the annual carnival. The first Fleadh Cheoil (festival of music) organized by Comhaltas in May 1951 was a marginal event, attended by a small core of those who set up Comhaltas Ceolteoiri Eireann, but it helped set in motion a renewed interest in Irish music.

Over 400,000 people will attend this year's Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann, to be held in Ennis, making it the largest music festival in the world. What makes it even more remarkable however is the number of actual players who come along and share their music; be it in formal performances or primarily in impromptu sessions

### **Clues Across**

- 1. Absent (7)
- **5.** Solidifying (7)
- 9. Rank (3)
- **10.** In what place (5)
- **11.** Similar (5)
- 12. Monetary unit of Japan (3)
- **13.** In some degree (6)
- 16. Pot (6)
- 19. Principal (4)
- **21.** Flightless bird (4)
- 23. Social standing (4)
- **24.** Employed to drive a car (9)
- 25. Knave (4)
- **26.** To the inside of (4)
- 27. Immediately following (4)
- **28.** Hate (6)
- 31. Brandy distilled from cherries (6)
- **35.** Central part of a wheel (3)
- **37.** Newly married woman (5)
- 38. Mistake (5)
- **39.** Colour (3)
- 40. Lattice (7)
- 41. Neuter (7)

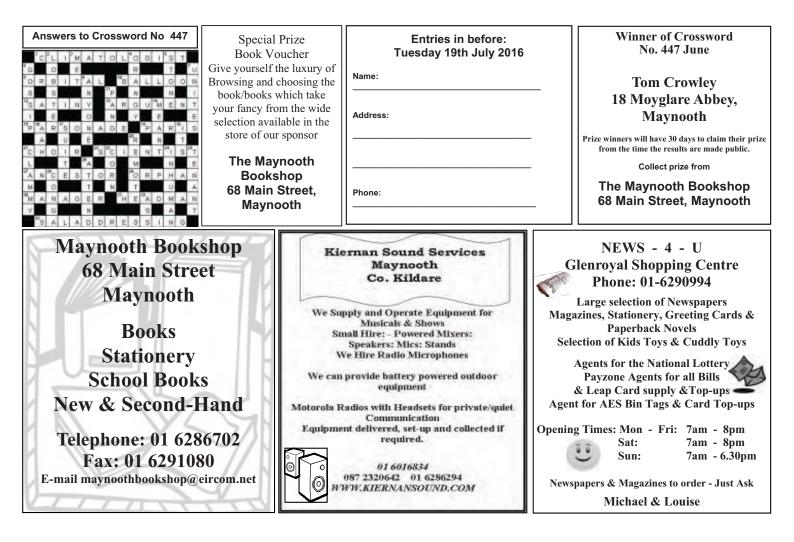


### **Clues Down**

- 1. State of confusion (3-2) **2.** Effluent system (5) **3.** Standard of perfection (5) 4. Dull colour (4) 5. Stately aquatic bird (4) 7. Inactive (5) 8. Stare angrily (5) 14. Shake (7) 15. Dribble (7) 16. Leg joints (5) 17. Small dog (7) 18. Insane person (7) 20. Attach (5) 22. Lacking brightness (5) 28. Did not (5) **29.** Article of furniture (5) 30. Dexterity (5) **32.** Scottish stadium (5) 34. Clock pointers (5) **35.** Possessive pronoun (4)
- **36.** Places to sleep (4)



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# **Maynooth Schools Group Report**

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May a delegation from the Maynooth Schools definitive about the timeline provided. The Department says in Group met with Kildare North TD's to discuses the Department this regard that issues that occur in one stage must be resolved of Education & Skills briefing document for their new minister Mr Richard Bruton TD and the delay in the building of the new Maynooth post primary schools. Catherine Murphy TD read an email she received from the Dept. of Education & Skills on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

"As the Deputy may be aware, the project in question has been devolved for delivery to Kildare & Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB). The project has been tendered by the KWETB and an assessment of the Tender Report is at an advanced stage in the Department. In this regard, the Department recently sought clarifications from KWETB on aspects of the Tender Report and these are awaited. When these have been received and evaluated the Department will be in direct contact with KWETB with regard to the next steps for the project."

The Deputies agreed to seek clarification on the issues.

During the Dail adjournment debate on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Deputies Catherine Murphy and Bernard Durkan asked questions concerning the development of the new Maynooth post primary schools. In his reply The Minister of Education & Skills Richard Bruton TD announced his department's decision • to advise the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board to now re-tender the project and stated;

"The specific issues of concern include; an unexplained cost overrun; the absence of an acceptable schedule of proposed reductions both to address this cost overrun and to meet the approved budget; the inclusion of an additional 700 sq.m of floor space; the exclusion in the tender documents of significant additional works relating to planning permission conditions. Indeed, the extent of these works has not been fleshed out with the local authority which, in and of itself, is a planning condition. It is also a planning condition that the new schools cannot open until these works are carried out. The cost • of the works involved are substantial and unquantified"

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May the Maynooth Schools Group met to discuss the Ministers statement. On Monday 30th May the group met with the local TDs to access the situation. The TD's arranged a meeting with the Minister Richard Bruton for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. At the meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Minister and his officials detailed the re-tendering process. It was also agreed that the KWETB would make a monthly progress report to the Maynooth Schools Group. (see below)

The Department has provided an indicative timeline for the delivery of the project. It is working closely with KWETB to assist it in achieving this timeline. However, the Department warns that, as with any school building project, unforeseen issues can and do arise as projects move through the various stages involved in bringing them to site. This being the case, neither the Department nor KWETB can be precise or

before moving to the succeeding stage.

Where issues arise, this would have the effect of pushing the timeline out somewhat. The Department has also advised that all of the technical issues, including planning permission issues that were identified by the Department with the previous tender competition, must be resolved before the re-tender for construction can issue (start of September milestone). The approach being taken by KWETB is to resolve these issues

in tandem with a pre-qualification process for contractors. This course of action is expected to save time. Work by KWETB is well underway on both the pre-qualification exercise and on resolving the issues referred to.

Current indicative timeframe for the delivery of the project is:

- Contractor pre-qualification/financial robustness process - E-Tender Advert - Mid-June 2016
- **Return of pre-qualification documentation End July** 2016
- Assessment of pre-qualification documentation End August 2016
- Issue of construction Tender to pre-qualified contractors (usually 10 contractors) - Start of September 2016
- Tender return Mid October 2016
- **Tender evaluation Mid November 2016**
- **Appeals period End November 2016**
- Letter of intent to apparently successful contractor -**Beginning December 2016**
- Contractors compliance with bond/tax/insurance etc. -Mid - December 2016
- **Contractors letter of acceptance End December 2016**
- On site Early 2017
- **Contract period 24 months**

Subject to any commercially sensitive matters, KWETB has committed to providing the Maynooth Schools Group with a monthly update on how the project is proceeding.

For more information go to Maynooth Schools Group Facebook.

The Maynooth Schools Group acknowledges the assistance of all the North Kildare TD's past and present. They have given their time and advice and have asked Dail questions about the development of the new Maynooth Post Primary schools.

E-Tenders website: www.etenders.gov.ie/ Keyword: Maynooth

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Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be

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### **Locations for the perfect picnic** Donadea Forest Park, Donadea, Co. Kildare,

The Park is a designated National Heritage Park Area. It is a mixed woodland about 60% broadleaf (beech and ash) and 40% conifer (Norway



spruce) covering over 240 hectares. There are many historical features including the remains of the castle and walled gardens, St. Peter's Church, an Ice House and Boat House. Another feature of the park is the 9/11 Memorial, a scaled replica of the twin towers

carved in limestone. The small lake is brimming with flora and fauna including mallard duck, waterhen, fish and a beautiful display of water lilies in the summer. Amenities include toilets, picnic site, orienteering course, waymarked trails, arboreta/gardens and a small café which serves light refreshments. There is a parking fee for the day. (coins only 50c,  $\in 1 \& \in 2$  accepted)

### Castletown House and Parklands, Celbridge, Co. Kildare.

The recently restored 18th century designed parklands and river walks are open every day throughout the year. There is no admission fee to walk and explore the

parklands. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead and are not allowed in the lake as there is wildlife nesting. Free musical afternoons (Sundays, from June to August)

House Tours have an admission cost, free admission to the House on the first Wednesday of every month.



### The Phoenix Park

The Phoenix Park is one of the largest and most magnificent city parks in Europe. There are lots of things to do in Dublin's Phoenix such as a visit to Áras an



Uachtaráin, the residence of the President of Ireland, the building dates back as far as 1750. The Papal Cross which was erected for the visit of Pope John Paul 2nd in 1979. The Victorian People's Flower Gardens are located between the Parkgate Street entrance and the North Circular Road Gate entrance to the Phoenix Park

which comprises of an area of 9 hectares which were laid out and enclosed in 1864. A large ornamental lake, children's playground, picnic areas and Victorian bedding schemes are just some of the attractions.

## *Rathbeggan Lakes Heritage and Family Park, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath.*

Rathbeggan Lakes has something for everyone in the family. Whether you want

high flying excitement or just a quiet stroll you'll find it in this beautiful family park. You can zip across the lake from the High Kings Climbing tower, or fish for a tasty trout. You can visit the allotment gardens and farm shop or race the paddleboats and then try out Rathbeggan mini jeeps. The Heritage Park and Fairy



Gardens are open for walks daily as are the grounds, picnic areas, pet farm and playground. Admission to the park is €2.50 per person (over the age of 24 months) and is open from 9 am. Admission includes Lakeside walks, picnic areas, pet farm, playground, heritage park and fairy garden. Tokens for extra activities are available to purchase from the lodge. To check details and bookings telephone 01 8240197 or visit www.rathbegganlakes.com

### Glendalough, Co.Wicklow.

The name Glendalough means "valley of two lakes" and is the "honey pot" of the Wicklow Mountains National Park The combination of the stunning scenery and



the fascinating monastic history make it one of the most popular tourist destinations in Ireland. The valley stretches for approximately 3km, boasting several sites of historic interest including the world famous 6th century Monastic Site with Round Tower, St. Kevin's Cross and the Gateway. Entrance to the Monastic

Site is free of charge, the site is open to anyone who wishes to explore at their own pace. Glendalough is ideal for walking and is suitable for all levels, from a short stroll around the ruins and lakes to demanding mountain walks through the valley and surrounding hills. If you are planning to visit with small children there are big open grassy areas and picnic tables.

### Corkagh Park, Clondalkin, Dublin.

This attractive park was opened to the public in 1986, consists of 120 hectares and was formerly part of Corkagh Demense. In the centre of the park there is a playground with a very picturesque setting where visitors can enjoy games and picnics. There is also a pet farm situated near the visitor centre and rose garden with an



aviary and a wide range of farm animals and pets. The animals include eagle owls, pygmy goats, pot-bellied pigs, geese, ducks and chickens. Admission to the pet farm is free. The pet farm, the nearby fishing lakes and the other visitor attractions located in Corkagh Park, combined with ease of access and car parking facilities make for a great family day out.

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July is a time when you can sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labour in the garden. While there are still ongoing tasks to perform in the garden your main concern will be assuring an ample supply of water for your plants. Try to do your watering during the morning hours so that the leaves have time to dry out before the sun hits them.

### Flowers

Regular watering and feeding is needed with liquid feed every two weeks or even every week to keep the plants going after the first flush of flowers.

Remove seed heads of flowers that self-sow, such as foxgloves and libertia if this is not wanted as these can self-sow around the garden.

Seeds of perennial flowers such as lupins, mallows and foxgloves could be sown now for flowering next year. Geranium cuttings can be made in late July to start plants for indoor blooming in the winter months and for setting into the garden next spring.

### **Containers & Hanging Baskets**



Container gardening is one of the greatest ways to add colour around our homes. Water is key. Since container plantings and hanging baskets are above ground, their roots dry out much faster than if they were planted. Never, let your soil become "bone" dry. When your soil dries to the point of being almost dry, water thoroughly. You know you watered correctly when some drains out the bottom of the pot. Plants are like people...they love

food. The contained roots of these plants will not have the benefit of water trickling in from all sides, as they would if planted in open ground, instead they live and die based on the amount of water dropped onto their limited soil surface. You will be repaid with loads of flowers and foliage if before watering you also dilute some liquid feed in your watering can, ensuring that your container plants are both fed and watered in one go.

### The Vegetable Garden

During dry spells in the vegetable garden you should take the opportunity to hoe off weeds, dry weather is the key, because if done in wet weather, the weeds are liable to re-root. Not got a hoe, well a sharpened spade angled towards the ground will tide you over. If you've sown a veg garden you will be reaping the rewards about now by harvesting spinach, peas, carrots and salads. If



you're grinding your teeth reading this at the fact that you missed out on sowing any of these earlier in the season, put those gripes away now as you can still sow loads during the month of July. How about spring cabbage (harvesting in spring), carrots, turnips, chicory, fennel, and autumn/winter salads such as lamb's lettuce and rocket.

### Lawns



Keep up regular mowing and feed the grass if growth is poor or the colour is light. Select a feed containing weed killer granules as well to ensure the grass thickens and smothers weeds. Use high-nitrogen lawn fertilizer during a wet spell but make sure more rain is on the way. If weeds have built up in the last few years, apply a lawn weedkiller during a fine spell when growth is active. Most lawns need weed control every three years or so as weeds

re-establish from seeds in the ground. Towards the end of July continue mowing regularly but not too tightly. Keep the edges neat around beds and borders.

### *Houseplants*

If you have plants growing in a conservatory or sunroom don't forget to ventilate them daily by opening a window or two. You may not venture into the conservatory during the day, but your poor plants will have to put up with its hothouse like conditions each time the sun is out. Houseplants are growing freely at this time of year and should not be allowed to dry out, watering in late evening will also avoid the risk of leaf scorch on hot days.

In the garden more grows, than the gardener sows!





What better way to enjoy the sunshine than to fill a picnic

basket and head out of doors. The beauty of a picnic is that everything is prepared in advance so that by the time it comes to eating all you have to worry about is sitting back and tucking in.

### **Pizza Muffins**

### **Ingredients:**

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- 300g self raising flour
- 80g butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 150g low fat natural yoghurt
- 150ml low fat milk
- 1 tsp dried oregano or mixed Italian herbs 1 and half cups of strong grated cheddar cheese, low fat brand if
- preferred
- 150g lean ham, diced
- 6 spring onions, finely chopped
- 150g chopped sundried or sunblush tomatoes Method:

Preheat the oven to 200°C /400°F/Gas 6. Line a 12 hole muffin tin with paper cases for big muffins or two trays for mini muffins.

Mix the butter, egg, yoghurt, milk and oregano together.

Sieve in the flour and barely mix. Stir in 1 cup of the cheese, ham, spring onions and tomatoes. Don't overmix, leave the mixture quite lumpy.

Spoon into the paper cases and sprinkle the remaining cheese on top of each muffin. Bake for about 20 minutes until baked through and firm.

### Quiche

### **Ingredients:**

- Pastry
- 125g/4oz cream plain flour
- 50g/2oz margarine • . 4 tblsp cold water

### Filling

- 2 rashers (chopped)
- 1 small onion (thinly sliced) •
- 50g/2oz grated cheddar cheese •
  - 1 tomato (sliced)
  - 2 eggs
  - 150ml/1/4pint of cold milk
  - Freshly ground pepper

### Method:

Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Lightly grease a 24cm/9" flan dish. Sieve flour into a bowl. Coarsely rub in the margarine. Add sufficient water to give a soft but not sticky dough.

Lightly roll the pastry on a floured board, then roll it out and use to line the flan dish. Spread the rashers, onion and cheese on the base and arrange the tomato slices on top. Beat the eggs, milk and pepper together and pour over the filling in the flan dish. Bake for about 30 minutes until filling is "set" and golden brown

### **Coconut Macaroons**

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 Tin Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 250g desiccated coconut
- 2 egg whites •
- Pinch of salt
- Topping (if you wish)
- 50g/2oz chocolate
- 25g/loz margarine

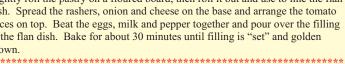
### Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/400°F/Gas 4. Line 2 flat baking trays with a good quality baking parchment. Put the condensed milk and coconut into a bowl and mix well. Meanwhile, put the egg whites into a clean dry bowl, add a pinch of salt and beat until soft peaks are formed. Fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture. Drop spoonful's of the mixture, slightly apart, on the prepared tin. Bake for about 10 minutes until 'just' golden brown. Remove from the oven, allow to rest for a few minutes then with a palette knife remove from the paper and place on a wire tray to cool.

Melt the chocolate and margarine in the microwave and combine with a spoon. When macaroons are cold drizzle over the melted chocolate.









## FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON SUMMER FILMS PREVIEW

After a protracted winter, summer is finally here! Well the summer movie season is here anyway and with it comes the usual sequels, prequels, remakes, adaptations and spinoffs. There is just about something for everyone.

Recently, we have seen the release of blockbuster sequels like X-Men: Apocalypse, Captain America: Civil War and Independence Day: Resurgence. This kind of fare is designed specifically to attract families into darkened cinemas on long summer days. Inevitably with sequels the law of diminishing returns can kick in. However Captain America and an Independence Day revival, worthy of the 2001 classic, are proving the exception to the rule. To help you navigate your way through the many offerings, here is a select preview of the summer movie highlights coming your way.



Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie is the long awaited film adaptation of the cult British sit-com. Directed by Mandie Fletcher, comic duo Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley will reprise their roles as Eddie and her constantly inebriated best friend Patsy. After the pair accidentally kill (yes kill!) Kate Moss, they flee to the French Rivera. Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie boasts the most cameo appearances in the history of film as more than sixty celebrities will perform on screen. Expect to see the likes of Jerry Hall, Stella McCartney, Lulu, Joan Collins, Rebel Wilson, Emma Bunton, Dawn French, Kathy Burke and Graham Norton strutting their stuff.

Female leads continue to dominate in the eagerly anticipated reworking of paranormal comedy classic - **Ghostbusters**. When the trailer for director Paul Feig's reboot premiered on YouTube last March, it generated much negativity with threequarters of a million people giving it the thumbs down. However, unlike most remakes, it dares to do something different. This gender flipping remake of the hugely popular 1984 blockbuster features some of the funniest actresses on screen today. Melissa McCarthy and Kristen Wigg (**Bridesmaids, Spy**) bravely take on the comic mantel of legends Dan Aykroyd and Bill Murray as they join forces to fight off ectoplasm-spewing modern spooks. This 2016 **Ghostbusters** has a lot to live up to but with Paul Feig at the helm, it might just deliver the goods.



Based on the children's book by Roald Dahl, **The BFG** is a fantasy adventure film directed by Steven Spielberg. It stars ten-year old Ruby Barnhill who befriends the Big Friendly

Giant, a 24-foot tall man played by **Bridge of Spies** Oscar winner Mark Rylance. Through the course of the film, the little girl and the Giant embark on the adventure of a lifetime. Spielberg's film was well received at the **Cannes Film Festival** and word of mouth seems to indicate that **The BFG** will be another children's classic in the mode of **E.T**. With the exceptionally talented Rylance on board and the gifted Spielberg returning to family film territory, **The BFG** could just be the big hit of this summer season.



In Star Trek Beyond, the latest film in the classic Sci-Fi franchise, the crew find themselves stranded on a hostile planet. Captain Kirk (Chris Pine), Spock (Zachary Quinto) and the rest of the Enterprise face an alien threat. This all sounds very familiar. The previous Star Trek: Into Darkness proved a disappointing entry in the series. However with a new director on board this time – action expert Justin Lin replaces J.J. Abrams in the Captain's seat – this might just provide the fresh impetus that the franchise badly needs. Actor/comedian Simon Pegg (Mission Impossible) co-wrote the script so the signs are looking good for an entertaining and enjoyable Trekkie experience.

The Bourne Supremacy and The Bourne Ultimatum director Paul Greengrass is back with Matt Damon for a new entry to this superior spy series. Matt Damon has always been a very watchable actor and in the early Bourne films he was exceptionally good. In the latest film offering, **Jason Bourne**, Damon's amnesiac spy is beginning to remember more things about his dark past. He is thrown into a whole new modern political context. With the great Tommy Lee Jones and Vincent Cassell joining Damon in the cast, pencil this in as the must-see action flick of the year.

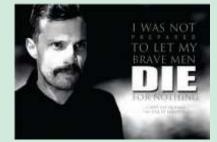


Other films to look out for include a rehash of **The Legend of Tarzan**. Swedish actor Alexander Skarsgard discards his clothes and bangs his impressive chest to take on the role of the iconic tree-swinging hero. In support, Christopher Waltz chews the scenery as a villainous Belgian military officer. **Nine Lives** sees Christopher Walken turning Kevin Spacey's businessman into a cat in order to teach him a lesson about being a better father! The combined acting talent of Spacey and Walken should make this a popular comedy hit.

The **Galway Film Fleadh** is one of Ireland's leading and most exciting film festivals. It is a week-long event held in July each year and welcomes a diverse range of filmmaking from around the world. The Festival, in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, will kick off the programme of events on 5<sup>th</sup> July in the beautiful City Town

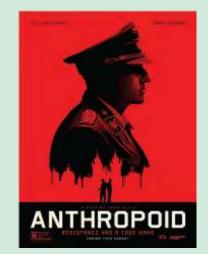
Hall. The **Fleadh** will host over 90 films and premieres over the course of the week.

The Festival has pulled off quite a coup with the world premiere of **The Siege of Jadotville**. Based on the celebrated book by Irish journalist Declan Power, it recounts the immensely brave stand taken by Irish soldiers at Jadotville while serving with the UN Force in 1960s Congo. The film stars Jamie Dornan as Commandant Pat Quinlan, the man who marshalled his 150-strong battalion during a tense stand-off with 3000 French and Belgian mercenaries. **The Siege of Jadotville** depicts a story of great heroism against impossible odds. Guillaume Canet, Jason O'Mara and Mark Strong make up the supporting cast. The film will feature on Netflix later this year.



Jadotville leads a strong line-up of Irish cinema at the Festival this year. Highlights include **Bobby Sands: 66 Days** an acclaimed documentary on the hunger striker, and Kit Ryan's **Property of the State**, a study of the notorious murder er Brendan O'Donnell. Guests at the Festival include director Jim Sheridan, actress Ruth Negga and screenwriter Kirsten Smith. It promises to be an impressive calendar of events.

It is certainly the year of Northern Irish actor Jamie Dornan. He is currently filming the sequels to **Fifty Shades of Grey** in Vancouver and Paris. Two of his other films **Anthropoid** and **The Ninth Life of Louis Drax** will have cinema releases worldwide in coming months.



Dornan co-stars with the excellent Cillian Murphy (Peaky Blinders) in Anthropoid. Directed by Sean Ellis, it is based on the true-life story of 'Operation Anthropoid'. Murphy and Dornan portray the Czechoslovakian operatives who took part in an assassination attempt on the main architect behind the 'Final Solution', Reinhard Heydrich. Anthropoid will have its premiere at the Karlovy Vary Film Festival in Prague in July. In the autumn, Dornan will return as Paul Spector in the third and final instalment of the acclaimed BBC/RTÉ series - The Fall

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This year's Maynooth Summer Festival took place over the damp weekend of July 8 -10th. A number of events suffered with the vintage and classic cars and the vintage carnival cancelling just hours before they were due to begin at the Harbour. The spirits of those attending events however were not dampened.

On Friday evening the weather remained dry for the opening ceremony and entertainment in the Square. Attendees were regaled with exhibitions of dance, song, magic and fire twirling. The trad session in the Glenroyal Hotel proved popular and the DJ workshop gave local music enthusiasts a good grounding in music production and promotion. enthusiasm the festival would not be possible.



Saturdays children's fun day in Manor Mills was well attended but events at the Harbour were badly affected by the torrential downpours early in the morning. The weather picked up somewhat for the SilverArm session at the Castle in the afternoon. Many local groups, musicians, and stall holders and your time towards next years event. punters made the most of the sunny with 'Live in the Lane', a concert highlighting the best in young local talent.

competition were presented and the raffle winners were drawn.

The Committee wish to thank most sincerely all those involved with the organisation of the festival. We wish to particularly thank our main sponsors, The Glenroyal Hotel, O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse, Kildare County Council, KBC Bank, the Cecil Doyle Bursary of Naas Credit Union, the OPW and Maynooth Community Council. Without their financial help and Thanks to all our volunteers and stewards, our artists, stall holders, local businesses, local community groups, and venues for their assistance. Finally, thanks to all the people of Maynooth that came out to attend events. The festival is run by the community, for the community, but it needs more community involvement. Please consider giving some of

Photo: Niamh Dooley at the SilverArm session in the Castle.

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Photo: Enjoying the Family Fun Day at Manor Mills on Saturday

Sunday began as a beautiful day with early attendees at the Castle enjoying the music, crafts and food available. The Maynooth Sunday Miscellany at the Church of Ireland was particularly well attended and enjoyed by all. Alas the rain came down heavily in the early evening with only a small number of die hards braving the elements to stay and hear Liam O Maonlai. The festival came to a close in O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse on Sunday night with Liam taking to the microphone to entertain those present. The awards for the garden competition and service person



Photo: All the Fun of the Fair at the Castle

afternoon. The evening was finished off Next for the committee will be some well deserved rest time, and then it will be all systems go for the Christmas Fair. See you there!



Photo: The young talent of the Brennan Academy of Performing Arts at the SilverArm Session in the Castle

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We may never know the real story of how dogs became domesticated but, the number worldwide and the different breeds leaves us in no doubt about their popularity. In our psychic we always think of our dog as a hero figure like "Lassie"! How many times did he rescue someone from the forest fire or save someone



from drowning? Some dogs, after the death of their owner are known to have gone into a deep depression. Why is it that some dogs are highly sociable and some dogs not? In some it is due to their breed, Setters and Retrievers can be extremely friendly. In other breeds it can be their development.

Socialization of puppies with their litter mates for a long enough period is vital in the development of your pup. Puppies need the initial 8-9 weeks of life to learn the way of their litter mates and their mother. Puppies weaned too early and thus homed too early, at 5 weeks, can grow up to be inhibited, introverted and sometimes aggressive in later life.

From 7-12 weeks of age it is important to develop human socialization. During this period the puppy is taught how to relate with humans, to accept commands and to understand boundaries. It is important for your pup in its development to get to know and understand his/her position in the pack, ie at the bottom and not to become the dominant.



By taking these small steps you and your puppy will be able to walk the long mile!



### **Craobh Mhaigh Nuad**

The Leinster Fleadh was held in Kilkenny with Craobh Mhaigh Nuad members competing on 9th and 10th July in various competitions. All branch members and friends who attended had a most enjoyable weekend. Congratulations and good luck to all who will represent Kildare Comhaltas at Fleadh Ceoil na hÉireann in Ennis in August.

Registration for classes for our new term will take place on Wednesday 7th September at 7.00 p.m. in Maynooth Post Primary School, with classes commencing on the 14th September same time, same venue.

Congratulations to the Maynooth Festival Committee who despite the "Irish Summer" put on another great festival this year.

Photo's: C.C.E. Craobh Mhaigh Nuad took part in the Fringe on Main Street as part of the Maynooth Summer Festival 2016.





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## **Maynooth Community Council Notes**

### Parking Back Lane – Address by Elaine Bean

Elaine thanked the meeting for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Lyreen Residents Association to raise awareness about the impact of the new parking Bye-Laws on the Back Lane. The Back Lane covers the area from Pound Lane, residential areas on upper Main Street, Convent Lane and part of the Dunboyne Road. Elaine noted the obvious improvement in the Town for parking as a result of the new parking scheme.

However, an article in the editorial highlighting different parking rates and illustrated some confusion around the matter. The  $\varepsilon$ 3 charge per hour is designated for residential areas.

Elaine raised the following issues regarding the impact of the introduction of paid parking in the Back Lane. The Back Lane has a number of elderly residents and it is an historic section of the town.

1. Lack of flexibility regarding parking rules

Evening Parking – People can park outside front doors
 Entry and Egress blocked, health and safety issues,

rollater access and entry denied.

4. Visitor Permits – Costly - estimated to cost up to  $\notin$ 400 per year.

5. Number of visitor permits. Only 165 permits permitted in the year. Some Carers come twice a day. Talks are ongoing with KCC. Awaiting the outcome.

### Memorial Plaques

Letter from Brigid Loughlin, Heritage Officer seeking assistance with the recording of memorial plaques in the county.

### Festival Update

Tom McMullon complimented the Festival Committee on the phenomenal work done by them. John Doogan and P. Farrell did a tremendous amount of work. He stressed that more volunteers were needed to reduce the stressful burden of the work.

Paul Daly agreed it was a tough weekend but came together in the end. Bad weather on Saturday and Sunday did not help which led to some events being cancelled at the very last minute. This greatly reduced the spectacle of the event particularly in the Harbour Field and as a result the footfall was not what was expected there. Paul expressed his thanks to the main Sponsors - O'Neills Bar and Steakhouse, the Glenroyal Hotel, KBC Bank, KCC, OPW and Cecil Doyle bursary. He thanked local groups – Tidy Towns, Scouts, Church of Ireland and to everyone who supported the Festival. Five months of invisible work went into the three days. He stressed that if the Festival is to continue more volunteers would be needed on the ground. We will be preparing earlier next year for the festival and there will need to be an improvement in our fundraising mechanism. The unexpected Road works on the Main Street was disappointing and held up setup.

### Local Matters Sub-Committees and Affiliates

### **Tidy Towns**

Work continues on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. MTT are unaware at this time if the Tidy Towns judges have visited Maynooth.

### Senior Citizens

A Tea Dance was in June and there will be one on 17th July. Clarification given on foot of last minutes that the Club is not closing. There will the annual break for the month of August and meetings will resume after that. Thanks were expressed to Maynooth GAA for the use of their venue for the Tea Dances and to Johnny and Tony for their support in the Scouts Hall for the Tues and Thursday meetings – very much appreciated. Thanks also expressed to students in the Scouts and the girls in the GAA who help. Josephine Moore reiterated that the Senior Citizens organisation through its activities is central to providing respite for families.

### CCE Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

On holiday at the moment. Fifteen Maynooth members and their parents attended the Leinster Fleadh in Kilkenny. It was a very enjoyable weekend. Congratulations expressed to Leixlip Ceili Band who got through to the finals. Classes will resume in September.

### **Maynooth Scouts**

There was an amendment to last month's minutes: Scouts are participating in Phoenix Shield, not winners as stated previously. Beavers and Cubs had a weekend in June in Pallaskenry. They will begin an 8 day Annual Camp on the 23rd July in Castle Sanderson, Co. Cavan. Venturer activities will continue throughout the Summer and they will spend the 1st week in August in Italy. They were in Kerry two weeks ago where scouts built a rig with go-pro cameras attached to explore the crash site of an American plane. The US embassy has expressed an interest in the footage.

Johnny Dowling thanked the five young maynooth people (17/18 years of age) who assisted for three weeks in Kerdiffstown looking after 185 Senior Citizens. He was astounded at their commitment and work (which were long days 8am-1am) and it is important that this be acknowledged.

### Maynooth Educate Together School

Annual Summer Fair was held on 19th June. There was also an Active School Week. The new footpath was welcomed. The schools will stay open for the first two weeks in July to provide family support for special needs children. The Department of Education visited the site regarding provision of a permanent school building. The girls' basketball team competed in the West and North Kildare section. This is their first time to enter. Paul Croghan has been appointed to the National Board of Education Together.

#### AOB

Parking – Rate is cheaper in the Railway carpark than elsewhere and is filling up very quickly, in some cases displacing commuters' parking. Paid parking may result in increased parking in residential areas and this will become more evident in September. The provision of adequate amount of bike parking was questioned. Not enough in the Railway. The problem of stolen bikes was raised.

Swimming Pool. Confirmed that negotiations are still ongoing.

The cutting of the hedgerow on the Celbridge road near Rockfield was raised. Meeting had no information on this. To be investigated.

It was noted that there was a very useful and good first meeting between Moyglare Residents and Maynooth University regarding building development in the University

It was clarified that the faded yellow box outside Maxol is no longer in use. The placement of parking bay at Convent Lane has narrowed traffic lanes.

The next meeting will take place in September.

## Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2016

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners
15-May	5,13,21,23	€1,850	Michael Doyle - Brian Herbert - Aaron Casey
22-May	4,9,11,15	€1,900	Mary Murray - Tina & Tozzie - Pat Connolly
29-May	6,18,23,27	€1,950	Evan Duff - Jim's Shoe Repair - Kieran O'Connor
05-Jun	18,20,21,22	€2,000	Mark Nolan - John Sheeran - Paul Lanigan
12-Jun	4,18,20,26	€2,050	Emma Gallagher - Aonghus - Terry Hinds
19-Jun	15,17,18,24	€2,100	Ann Monaghan - Peter Egan - Mary Claire Mathias
26-Jun	13,18,24,25	€2,150	Jim's Shoe Repair - Barry Desmond - Cam Dunne
03-Jul	8,20,21,24	€2,200	Jean Martyn - Kevin Galligan - Nuala Mc Tiernan
10-Jul	9,11,13,16	€2,250	Gus Reilly - Fergal Barton - Mick Gleeson
17-Jul	1,6,27,28	€2,300	Ciaran Flannagan - Barry Desmond - Shane O'Duffy

## **Editorial**

Editorials in this newspaper tend to steer clear of any political issues and August is not an exception. This month I want to raise an issue which is personal but also raises concerns for us as a society. My father is a great man, still with us physically at ninety three years of age. I say still with us physically but unfortunately he has Alzheimer's Disease for almost a decade. He has gone from being slightly forgetful to almost complete incapacity even though he thankfully still has some faculties such as his swallow. He needs twenty four hour care and he spends his days still in the comfort of his own home. He has moments of clarity that would lead you to think that he is perfectly well but with the constant care of my mother he still maintains as much dignity as possible.

We realise that we are not the only family trying to manage in very difficult circumstances. Yes we have some support in the form of homecare but it is limited to thirteen hours a week with two visits a day just five days a week. While the people coming in are changed very regularly and in many cases they provide good care, the system is unreliable and one that often leaves us without any support. We are curious about how the hours are allocated as there is evidence that people with less needs seem to get more hours than we do and the people who come are often inadequately trained to deal with my father's care needs.

So as a society how do we provide care to people like my father who in his working days significantly contributed to society paying very high taxes at the end of his working life? My father's carers are employed by a private company which is contracted by the HSE. Some of the staff are employed on a Community Employment Scheme and others are paid close to the minimum wage. The HSE do not have any care staff themselves and quite actively try to push us into putting my father into a nursing home. He simply needs help three times a day, getting up in the morning, going to the toilet once a day and being put to bed at night. The cost of keeping him at home is much less for the State and much better for my father.

In recent months the issue of charities and the duplication of some services has been in the news. While many care charities do great work, they are paid by the State to replace bodies like the HSE from providing very important services directly. We will always need trained carers particularly in the part of the Country where my parents live as it is not possible for children like us to make a living there and provide support to our parents in their later years. I know that this will strike a chord with many readers who are in similar circumstances.

In July, we learned that Ireland will have to significantly increase our contribution to the EU in 2017 because of distortions in the calculation of our GDP. Just imagine how far these transfers of funds to the EU would go towards funding a proper homecare service for families. It is issues like this that bring out the Eurosceptic in me and more especially makes me question what kind of a society that we have become. Too often we read news stories about our economy but very few about our society.

### Paul Croghan

Hello there.

### NUI Galway Student Niamh Cullen runner up in Headline Award for Student Journalism 2016

Niamh Cullen, an NUI Galway student from Celbridge Co. Kildare, was a runner up in the Headline Award for Student journalism 2016. Niamh's radio documentary, "Rennafix: Exercising Minds", was one of 5 entries that were shortlisted in the national competition. Headline runs the award in an effort to raise awareness among media students of the issues involved when reporting on mental health and suicide and to recognise the good work being produced. The competition was judged by Carl O'Brien, the Education Editor at The Irish Times. Speaking about the documentary, he said "Niamh's documentary is an inspiring and uplifting story of how campaigners are promoting positive mental health activities in the north-west through outdoor activities". He continued, "As well as chronicling the stories of those affected by mental ill-health or bereaved by suicide, it shows the powerful support that can be provided by groups of friends and the wider community. It also shows the complexity of providing the right kind of support and how one size does not necessarily fit all". In conclusion, he said, "This is a sensitive and well-crafted story of what one group of people can achieve with vision and determination".

Jennifer Purcell, a native of Rosbrien Co. Limerick, won the overall award for student journalism relating to mental health or suicide prevention. The award was presented at the ceremony held in The Dean Hotel, Dublin on 6th July. Her articles titled, "Our Suicide Scourge", and "Everyone's in the same Boat" won for a combination of excellent writing, compelling personal stories of grief and recovery, which included expert advice and a focus on support services.

### Wicked Young Writers Corner

### Penny & Molly



My name is Penny. I am a doll. My owner is Molly. Molly loves me so much. I am more than a doll to Molly. I am like her friend. She brings other friends around to play with me. Some of Molly's friends are like Molly and they play with me but others think playing with dolls is stupid. Molly doesn't care. She is very loyal to me and she loves me. I love Molly too. I stay at home in Molly's bedroom with lots of other toys including other dolls that belong to Molly when Molly is at school. When Molly has a rough day at school she comes and tells me all about it. She also tells me about all her good days. Molly does pony-riding also. She really loves that but she still loves me. Molly is like that. She's loyal. She will never forget the ones she loves no matter what she does. I love Molly. Molly bought me a toy pony with her

### St Mary's Brass & Reed Band

July was a busy month for the Band opening with our annual trip to the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty County Cork. The competition from eleven bands coming from all over the country was very intense and while the band played



exceptionally well we weren't among the prizes. Apart from the competition itself it was a great week-end with street performances from all the competing bands and with an opportunity to meet with and share notes (pardon the pun) with hundreds of musicians. Unfortunately the week-end this year clashed with Cemetery Sunday in Maynooth, which is usually on the last Sunday in June, and we were missing from that for the first time in many years. The Band also took part in a Band Festival in Kingscourt in Co Cavan where they joined 16 other bands in giving recitals and finishing up with a massed band parade through the town which was a sight, and sound, behold.

### THE OLD VILLAGE BAND FINOLA WATCHORN

As I slowly draw near to this place I hold dear, The quaint little town of Maynooth, The sound, rich and grand, of the old village band, Takes me back to the days of my youth.

I remember with joy when I stood as a boy, While the brass band marched cheerfully past, I thrilled just to hear the trumpets so clear, And the big drum that always came last.

Sure the whole town was gay, when the band came to play, And the children so eager for fun, Danced sprightly along to some popular song, While the instruments gleamed in the sun.

With the feeling of pride which none tried to hide, The old folk would hasten to tell, How, in funeral array, the band came to play A last farewell hymn for Parnell.

I was still in Maynooth when I left old Maynooth, 'Twas a silent and colourless dawn, As my eager young feet echoed through the main street, While the whole town slept peacefully on.

From the seas of the north to a far eastern port, And southwards by way of Cape Horn. A life thus passed 'neath a ship's towering mast, till alas! too late I return.

If I make my way down through the streets of the town Sure, a stranger I'll be there, I know, For the folks I love best will have gone to rest, And my friends will have scattered and so-

When the trumpets clear call bids me come and leave all, Sure, I won't mind leaving this land, If they bear me away on some bright summer's day, To the sound of the old village band.

pocket money that she saved up and on rainy days when there is no school Molly puts me up on the toy pony and we go flying around Molly's bedroom. Its great fun and we laugh a lot. I understand why Molly loves pony-riding so much. I broke my arm one time and Molly had to send me away to the doll hospital. She worried all the time while I was away and the day she came to pick me up she was so excited. Molly loves all her other dolls also but I think I'm a bit special because I belonged to Molly's mom when she was little. Molly's mom was great fun too but in a different way to Molly. She loved dressing me up in fashionable clothes. I enjoyed that too but Molly gives more time playing with me. I really love that. Molly wins ribbons in her pony-riding competitions. She is so excited about that and she shows me all her ribbons and tells me what each one is for. Once she came first in the jumping competition. She 's really good at the pony-riding. If I was a human person I would love Molly as my best friend. She is kind and loving, fun and caring and I love Molly so very much.

Writer: Bernadette Thornton - Age 11

### **Maynooth Labour News**

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Update on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex Councillors were given the following Report by the Director of Services at the Council Meeting on 27 June in response to media comments: "The Council has received no communication from the Department indicating that the submission for the provision of the North Kildare Swimming Pool has been deemed invalid.

Following a meeting of Oireachtas Members with Minister Michael Ring, a submission was made on 16th October, 2015 in relation to the provision of a pool for North Kildare. This submission was acknowledged by the Minister personally and by his private secretary by letters dated 17th November and 21st October respectively.

Following a limited call for proposals in January 2016, for the construction of new swimming pools, Kildare County Council made a submission on 4th February, 2016. In essence, the submission was around the proposal for the provision of a North Kildare Swimming Pool and referenced Leixlip as the preferred site, but notwithstanding the selection of this site, that the council were prepared to partner with Maynooth University to deliver a swimming pool on the Maynooth University Campus. The key issue in offering the partnership arrangement with Maynooth University was the potential to have a fully funded proposal which would allow money set aside by council together with grant funding from the Department to be coupled with funding coming through the University to ensure that a project could be delivered.

In the original request for submissions, a number of conditions were identified to secure department approval for submissions. These included the following:

· Having chargeable title to the proposed facility

- · Ability to progress the project without delay
- Having necessary funding to complete the project

• Ability to meet any shortfalls arising and any unanticipated additional costs.

It was indicated that the maximum grant would be  $\notin$ 3.8 million and that the local authority would have to provide the balance of the project funding and would have to meet all operations costs of the facility.

The call for proposals further advised that local authorities would only be allowed to make one application and they would have to indicate a realistic timeframe for the drawdown of the grant and that they would have to give an undertaking in writing that any shortfall between project costs and grant allocated would have to be met.

The call for proposals also required that the local authority would enter a Deed of Covenant and Charge to protect the Minister's investment. This would ensure that should the facility cease to be used for the purpose for which the grant aid was provided before the expiration of 15 years from the date of the final payment, that the Minister would have an entitlement to have the grant re-funded.

In recognition of the concern raised in the call for proposals, undertakings were given by council in association with Maynooth University that the requisite chargeability on title would be provided in the event of the proposal receiving approval.

A copy of the legal advice pertaining to this matter was forwarded in March to the Department with a firm undertaking that the requisite guarantee would be put in place to secure the State's investment. More recently, following the formation of the new Government, a further submission of all previous papers was made to the new Minister for State for Tourism and Sport, Minister Patrick O'Donovan on 9th June, 2016. This indicated the Council's continuing interest in delivering a facility for North Kildare in partnership with Maynooth University and requested a positive response to the proposition. No communication has been received indicating a positive or negative response to either the initial submission or the recent communication and there has been no confirmation or advice that the proposition is invalid.

### Update on the Removal of Lead and Rusted Water Mains in Maynooth:

Councillors were given the following Report at Council Meeting on 27 June: Maynooth Watermains Rehabilitation – A Consultant has been appointed to progress this scheme. Design works are ongoing. Site Investigation and Construction are anticipated to commence in Q3/Q4 2016. This scheme is being carried out in conjunction with Kildare Town Backyard Services. The Maynooth scheme is being prioritised.

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for Maintenance of the Maynooth Playground

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

"Can the Council carry out general overall maintenance of the Maynooth Playground in order to enhance its appearance? (the two towers have moss growing on them and the sign at the basketball court needs to be replaced)"

John got the following response from the Council on 13 July:

"This will be included in the playground maintenance programme and completed before the end of the year."

**Cllr. John McGinley Calls for the Demolition of the Roofless Hut in the field opposite Dunnes Stores:** Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District MD meeting:

"Can the Council get the owner of the field opposite Dunnes Stores, Maynooth (and next to St. Mary's R.C. Church) to demolish the derelict and roofless hut in the field as it is an eyesore and is in a very sensitive location?"

John got the following unsatisfactory response from the Council on 13 July:

"The Environment Section will contact the owner of the site to seek a report on their proposals for the structure."

Cllr. McGinley stated that looking for a Report on the hut was very weak and that the only acceptable solution was the demolition of the hut as its present appearance could impact on the Tidy Towns scoring.

#### Cllr. McGinley Objects to the Suggestion that the Joan Slade River, at Parson Street could be Culverted for a footpath/cycleway

In response to a motion from another Maynooth Councillor calling for the removal of the footpath at the river side of Parson Street the Area engineer responded saying that the removal of the footpath was not warranted but that a long term solution may be to culvert the stream for a footpath/ cycleway.

Cllr. John McGinley replied saying that he agreed with the Area Engineer that the footpath should not be removed, but that he was completely opposed to the suggestion of culverting the Joan Slade river. John pointed out that the river is there to be admired and not hidden away.

Thankfully, the daft motion did not get the support of any of the other 8 Maynooth MD Councillors John asked the Area Engineer to remove what was the central white broken line on Parson Street as it makes no sense since the Pay Parking line was put in place.

### Update on Traffic Calming on Newtown Road, Maynooth

The Area Engineer reported at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 July that they were considering putting a roundabout at the Newtown Road/Castle Dawson junction as a much needed traffic calming measure on this road.

#### **Update on Extension of 66 Bus to Newtown, Maynooth** The Area Engineer gave the following update at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 13 July:

"The preparation of a design is currently under way for a Bus Terminus within the grounds of the Nursing Home on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth. Once the design and costing is ready the funding issue will be discussed with the National Transport Authority."

The Director of Services advised Cllr. McGinley that he would be hopeful of the funding coming through as the NTA were very much in favour of the proposal.

Stagg appointed Labour Spokesperson on Older People Kildare North Public Representative Emmet Stagg has been appointed by the Labour Party Leader Brendan Howlin as Spokesperson on Older People. A former member of Kildare Co. Council Emmet Stagg was a member of Dail Eireann from 1987 to 2016. Emmet Stagg previously served as Minister for Housing and Minister for Energy from 1993 to 1997 and was Labour's Assistant Government Whip from 2011 to 2016.

Welcoming the announcement in an address to a meeting of Kildare North Labour Constituency Council on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, in McMahons, Maynooth, Mr. Stagg said 'I am very honoured to have been chosen by the Party Leader as spokesperson for the Labour Party Nationally on Older People. I regard the role as an important one to which I will commit my energy to representing the interests of Older People'.

Mr. Stagg further stated 'We have a Blueprint for age related policy and service delivery in Ireland, the National Positive Ageing Strategy which was published in 2013, and I will push for its implementation. We must ensure that older people are protected from poverty through increases in the State Pension and a reversal of all cuts to the Household Benefits Package, now that the Country can afford such measures. Finally we must do everything we can to ensure that older people can remain in their communities with adequate state supports'.

In conclusion Mr. Stagg stated 'To further develop a comprehensive Labour Strategy covering all aspects of issues relating to Older People I will meet with Representative Organisations such as Age Action, Active Retirement Ireland, Third Age, Alone, Active Ageing Partnership, Age and Opportunity and the Irish Senior Citizens Parliament.

I look forward very much to meeting these groups and to working with them and my Labour colleagues in the Dail in progressing Older People's Issues.

#### 13 Contractors Express Interest in Maynooth Education Campus Construction – Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that 13 Contractors have expressed their interest in tendering for the construction of the Maynooth Education Campus by the closing date of July 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stagg said the Maynooth Education Campus Project involves the construction of two new Post Primary Schools and a Shared Sports Facility at an estimated value of  $\epsilon$ 30 Million and the envisaged construction period is 24 months. Contractors who are deemed suitable for the Construction Project will be issued with invitations to tender for the contract on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

In more good news all of the technical issues arising from the previous tendering of the project have been resolved between the Design Team and Departmental Officials. Furthermore Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board have all but cleared all of the planning conditions with Kildare Co. Council with one matter outstanding which is expected to be finalised shortly.

Welcoming continuing progress on the re-tendering of the project Mr. Stagg concluded by stating that he was pleased that the project was now firmly back on track.

## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

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### State pensions and qualified adults Ouestion

I am retiring from work when I turn 66 and will be eligible for a reduced-rate State Pension (Contributory) of €198.60. My husband is getting his full State Pension (Contributory) of €233. He thinks we would be better off if he claimed for me as a qualified adult on his pension. Is he correct? If we do this, will all the money be paid to him?

### Answer

If your husband claims for you as a qualified adult on his pension, then his pension will consist of €233 plus an increase of €209 – a total of €442. The increase is automatically paid directly to you (although you can request that it is paid with your husband's pension). If you decide to claim a reduced rate contributory pension then the total for you both will be €431.60. Therefore, it would appear that you are indeed better off being a qualified adult.

However, there are other factors that you should take into account. While your husband's pension is not means tested, the Increase for a Qualified Adult is means tested. This means that any income you have in your own right from employment, self-employment, savings, investments and capital (for example, any property except your own home) is taken into account. If you have joint savings or investments with your spouse, half is taken into account.

You also need to look at the tax situation. Your husband is entitled to claim a PAYE tax credit (€1,650) with his pension. Even though the Increase for a Qualified Adult is paid directly to you it is not a social welfare payment to you so you cannot claim a PAYE tax credit of €1,650. However if you claim a social welfare payment in your own right (for example, your reduced-rate pension) you can claim a full PAYE tax credit.

You should analyse both options carefully and do detailed calculations, taking all the factors that affect how much you receive into account. After you do the calculations, you may find that you are better off claiming the reduced-rate contributory pension in your own right.

### Garda vetting Question

I have applied for a job in a sports club and have been told that I must be vetted by the Gardaí. What does this mean?

### Answer

Since 29 April 2016, people working with children or vulnerable adults must be vetted by the Garda Síochána National Vetting Bureau. Workers include staff, volunteers and those on student placements working for an organisation through which they have unsupervised access to children and/or vulnerable adults.

Under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016, organisations that require Garda vetting of individuals must register with the National Vetting Bureau. These include childcare services, schools, hospitals, health services and organisations providing leisure, sporting or physical activities to children and/or vulnerable people.

If you are applying for a job with a registered organisation, the organisation will send you a vetting invitation form. You must complete the form and return

to the organisation with proof of your identity. After validating your identity, the organisation will send you an email with a link to the vetting application form. You then apply to be vetted online using e-Vetting. If you wish, you may apply using a paper form instead. If you are aged under 18 you must submit a signed parent or guardian consent form.

After reviewing your vetting application, the organisation submits it to the National Vetting Bureau. The National Vetting Bureau processes the application and sends a vetting disclosure to the organisation. A vetting disclosure may include details of convictions and pending prosecutions or a statement that there is no criminal record. The organisation will review the disclosure and will send you a copy of it.

You can track the progress of your e-Vetting application online.

Further information is available from the National Vetting Bureau at https://vetting.garda.ie/ and from the Citizens Information Centre

### Rent a room relief July 2016 Ouestion

I have retired from work and am planning to rent my spare room to a student lodger to supplement my pension. Will I have to pay tax on the rental income?

### Answer

If you rent out part of your home as residential accommodation, the income you earn is exempt from tax, provided the total paid by the tenant(s) is not more than €12,000 in a tax year and you satisfy the qualifying conditions. This is called rent-a-room relief. It applies to accommodation in your home - which can include a self -contained unit such as a basement flat or a converted garage. It does not apply to rooms that are not attached to your home and it does not apply to rent paid by your child.

You must live in your home as your sole or main residence during the tax year for which you are claiming the relief and the room(s) must be used as residential accommodation. For example, you can claim the relief if you are renting a room to a student for the academic year, but not if you are taking in short-term guests. If you rent a room in your home, residential tenancies legislation does not apply. So, if you are only renting out a room, you do not have to register as a landlord with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB), provide a rent book to the tenant or ensure that the accommodation meets any minimum physical standards. However, if you rent out a self-contained unit such as a basement flat, the legislation does apply.

The gross income you get cannot be more than €12,000 in a tax year. This includes sums that the tenant pays to you for food, utilities, laundry or similar goods and services. When you are working out whether the gross income is more than this limit, you cannot deduct any costs that you incurred in earning that income. If your income from rent and other services is over the limit, the entire income (not just the amount over the limit) is taxable.

If you qualify for rent-a-room relief, the income is not liable to PRSI, the Universal Social Charge or income tax. Claiming rent-a-room relief does not affect your mortgage interest relief or your exemption from Capital Gains Tax (CGT) if you sell your home. You do not have to claim rent-a-room relief as it applies

automatically. However, if you are submitting an annual tax return you must record the amount of the exempt income on the return.

### Pre-school education for children with disabilities July 2016 Ouestion

My child is almost three years old and has a disability. Will he be able to access the free Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) year?

### Answer

Yes, he will. A new programme - the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - was launched on 15 June 2016 for enrolments in September 2016. AIM ensures that supports are available for children with special needs so they can fully benefit from the free pre-school year in mainstream pre-schools.

AIM is a child-centred model, involving seven levels of progressive support which offer tailored, practical supports based on the needs of the child and the preschool provider. It does not require a formal diagnosis of disability.

Levels 1-3 provide universal supports designed to promote and support an inclusive culture in pre-schools. If a pre-school provider and a parent think that additional support may be needed to meet the needs of a particular child, they can apply for additional targeted supports under levels 4-7 of the model. These targeted supports include expert early childhood care and educational advice and mentoring (level 4), specialised equipment, appliances and minor alterations (level 5), therapeutic supports (level 6) or additional capitation to fund extra assistance in the ECCE pre-school room (level 7).

You access AIM supports through your pre-school service provider. If you have not identified a suitable pre -school for your child, your local City or County Childcare Committee will be able to help you. When you have identified a pre-school for your child, your service provider will consider, in consultation with you, what supports may be needed to ensure that your child can participate fully in pre-school. Applications for supports under AIM are made by the service provider via the Pobal website. Pobal are the current administrators of the ECCE programme so your service provider will be familiar with the Pobal website. The application process is now open and will remain open throughout the year.

For advice and support from the Early Years Specialist Service (Access and Inclusion) you can contact (01) 511 7222 or e-mail: onlinesupport@pobal.ie

### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

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## Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

From 23/06/2016 to 11/07/2016 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
16723	Kildare County Council	Muhammad Farooq,	12 Temple Wood, Carton House, Maynooth	11/07/2016
16727	Kildare County Council	Three Ireland (Hutchison) Limited	Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/07/2016
16724	Kildare County Council	The Society of St. Paul,	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/07/2016
16706	Kildare County Council	Michael O'Shea	Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/07/2016
16693	Kildare County Council	BDS Alliance Ltd	368 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	01/07/2016
16677	Kildare County Council	Hibernian Autopark Ltd.,	Leinster Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	29/06/2016
16678	Kildare County Council	Niamh & Scott Wallace	113 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	29/06/2016
16667	Kildare County Council	Cora McGorry,	21 Parklands Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	24/06/2016
16653	Kildare County Council	Pauline Dunne	Clonfert South, Maynooth, Co Kildare	23/06/2016
16666	Kildare County Council	Maureen Reilly	Finnerty House, Dublin Road, Maynooth	23/06/2016

### A Memorable Event with Irish Connections

One would imagine that the State Opening of Parliament would have no Irish connections but, recently, I was surprised to find out that there were a few.

While walking down Regent Street on May 18th, we noticed that there was a lot of police activity in the area and then we heard a band playing in The Mall, which Regent Street joins at this point. The Queen would soon be travelling from Buckingham Palace, down the treelined Royal thoroughfare, for the State Opening of Parliament. Foot Guards, wearing imposing bearskins, scarlet tunics, black trousers and shiny boots, were standing rigid as statues, thirty feet apart, along both sides of The Mall. Those near us were Scots Guards, the Irish Guards being further down the route.

The Irish Guards, whose Colonel of the Regiment is Prince William, have a prominent blue plume on the right side of their bearskin hats and have their tunic buttons arranged in groups of four, as they were the fourth Foot Guards regiment to be founded. The current Irish Guards history dates from 1900 and they are the second unit to bear this name. The first Irish Guards fought on the Jacobite side at the Battle of the Boyne and went to France as a Stuart regiment in 1692.

The most senior infantry regiment is the Grenadier Guards, which was formed in 1656 and their tunic buttons are equally spaced. The Scots Guards have their buttons arranged in groups of three and they have no plumes on their bearskins. These eighteen-inch high fur hats are made from the entire skin of a culled Canadian black bear – officers have theirs made from female brown bears, as they have thicker fur, which is then dyed black. False fur substitutes absorb the water and look bedraggled after a shower, so are not an option. The busby is a much smaller fur hat and is worn by the Royal Horse Artillery and Hussar regiments when in full dress.

As rain was forecast, the guards had grey capes, which they had placed folded on the ground behind them. Periodically, a sergeant marched up to inspect each guard, re-arranging his cape if it was carelessly folded. One soldier was slightly out of line with the rest of his group and was ordered to shuffle slightly forward and then backwards until his position was correct. He looked just like a clockwork toy! The attention to detail was unbelievable.

Finally, our patient wait was rewarded. The first carriage in the procession, Queen Alexandra's State Coach, appeared from the direction of Buckingham Palace. It was conveying the sparkling Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State, the Cap of Maintenance and their respective bearers. Last year, while visiting Waterford's Medieval Museum, we had seen King Henry VIII's "Cap of Maintenance". The Pope had granted it to King Henry as a mark of special privilege. Made of red velvet and embroidered with a Tudor Rose on the top and daisies on the brim, Henry had later given it to his boyhood friend, William Wyse, who was a Waterford man.

It is the only piece of Henry's clothing to have survived. The present ceremonial cap of crimson velvet lined with ermine is one of the insignia of the British Sovereign and is carried directly before the monarch at the State Opening of Parliament. We learned that the footmen standing on the rear of the coach were the Queen's Bargemaster and Watermen. This is a reminder of the days when, on state occasions, the Crown Jewels were taken by boat down the Thames from the Tower of London.

We glimpsed Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, in the Irish State Coach, which was built in 1851 by "John Hutton and Sons of Dublin".

This firm was situated in Summerhill and John could trace his ancestry back to Thomas Hutton, an officer in Cromwell's army who was given confiscated land in Ulster. By 1750, the family had moved to Dublin and John's brother, Henry, became Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1803. When the Irish Post Office was established in 1784, John was commissioned to build the first mail coaches. His Irish State Coach was exhibited at the 1853 Great Industrial Exhibition and was purchased by Queen Victoria. After Prince Albert's death, Victoria refused to use the Gold State Coach, and the Irish State Coach became her state carriage. It was then used by King Edward VII's son and, after fire damage, was reconstructed to the original design in 1911.

Finally, to the crowd's delight, the Queen arrived with Prince Philip. They were in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach drawn by six white horses. This coach was constructed to celebrate the monarch's sixty years on the throne. Life Guards, the Queen's personal bodyguards, dressed in red cloaks and silver helmets with white plumes, preceded the coach. They are the most senior regiment of the Household Cavalry. Its other regiment, the Royal Horse Guards and First Dragoons, which are the only regiment to be officially known by their nickname of "Blues and Royals", followed the Queen's coach. They were dressed in navy blue cloaks with silver helmets and red plumes.

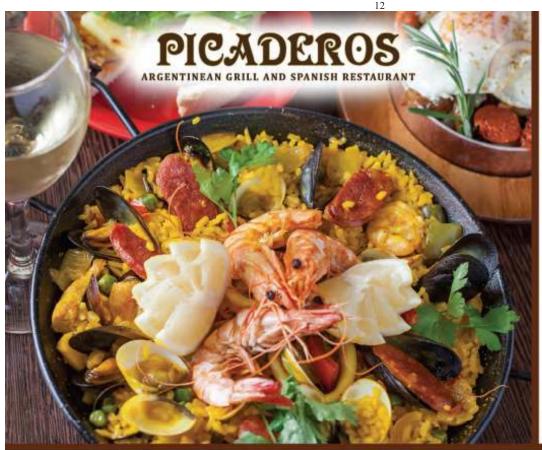
As the procession drew to a close, instead of being impressed by all the colourful pageantry and tradition, the only comment from my husband was that the horses looked magnificent! The whole parade was, however, in this age of motorized transport, a truly unique spectacle.

By Cheryl Devaney



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Free family fun things to do this August We know how expensive it can be to entertain the kids during the summer so we put together a few ideas for things to do for free.

### Maynooth Castle



Maynooth Castle, a ruined 13<sup>th</sup> century castle which was built at the junction of two streams and became the home of the Fitzgerald family before its expansion by Sir John Fitzgerald in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The Fitzgeralds would later become the Earls of Kildare; Maynooth Castle was known as one of the largest and richest Earl's houses in Ireland.

Today, the atmospheric castle lies in ruins - only the ruins of the keep and the main entrance gateway on the southern side remain. Restoration work on the castle was undertaken by the Office of Public Works in 2000 in order to develop it into an Irish Heritage Site. An exhibition on the history of Maynooth Castle and the Fitzgerald family is on display at the on-site visitor centre. Summer opening hours: Wednesday to Sunday 10am until 6pm. The grounds close at 5.45pm and the last tour goes at 4.30pm. The Castle is opened until 28th September.

### Spot a deer at the Phoneix Park



The Park is home to a large amount of wildlife, including a large herd of deer. Pack your bikes and scooters and enjoy some of the many cycling trails around the park while you see if you can spot a deer. There are playgrounds and tearooms at the Visitors Centre. Admission to the Visitors Centre exhibition is free, and visitors can enjoy a historical

interpretation of the park from 3500BC, including the history of Áras an Uachtaráin. Free admission tickets are issued at the Visitors Centre to visit Áras an Uachtaráin on Saturdays only.

Every Sunday morning free children's workshop on nature awareness, history and heritage and arts take place, suitable for ages 6 - 12 years between 11am -12pm.

### Natural History Museum of Ireland

Merrion Street, Dublin 2.



Ireland's Natural History Museum sometimes called the Dead Zoo is a 'cabinet-style' museum designed to showcase a wide-ranging and comprehensive zoological collection. The Irish Room on the ground floor is dedicated to animals native to Ireland, featuring a variety

of mammals, birds, fish and insects. The Discovery Zone gives adults and children a unique chance to get to grips with a badger and a Pilot Whale skull. Other popular favourites include Spoticus the giraffe, and a 20 metre long whale skeleton suspended from the roof. Discover more about natural history by attending one of the many free drop-in family activity events during August and September, visit www.museum.ie/Natural-History or telephone 01 6777444.

### National Botonic Gardens of Ireland Glasnevin, Dublin 11.



National Botonic Gardens are an oasis of calm and beauty where their aim is to make it a place where leisure, recreation and education are all compatible for the enjoyment of their visitors. A premier scientific institution, the gardens also contain the National Herbarium and several historic wrought iron glasshouses.

Summer opening hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm. Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 10am to 6pm.

Upcoming free events for children but booking is essential.

Children's Workshop: Budding Botanists - Flower Pressing

Kids can join the experts on an expedition through the Gardens identifying and collecting suitable plants for pressing before constructing their very own flower press

Date: Saturday 6th August. Time: 11am. Meet at the Visitor Centre. Pond dipping

A fun event exploring the weird and wonderful diversity of insects and mini beasts living in and around the pond at the Botanic Gardens. The workshop is suitable for children aged 8 years and upwards. Date: Saturday 13th August. Time 11am.

### National Heritage Week

National Heritage Week 2016 will run from August 20th - 28th. Many of the events that take place are free. To find out more visit www.heritageweek.ie.

### **MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES Celbridge Road Cycling Facilities**

In the June issue of the Newsletter, there were details of a Maynooth Municipal District meeting at which Cllr. John McGinley raised the issue of lack of cycling facilities on the Celbridge Road. The issue had



been raised in the context of the National Transport Authority providing funding for the extension of a footpath between the Maynooth Educate Together School and Rockfield estate. The response of the Area Engineer was that "Unfortunately there is insufficient space for a cycle path".

Of course, it is incorrect to state that there is insufficient space. There are no people who have to be uprooted from their homes. There are no buildings that have to be demolished. There is, as far as we are aware, no rare plant or animal that will become extinct as a result. As can be seen from the photograph, there is ample space for a high quality facility except for a short section close to the Straffan Road. So why does the Council give this response?



Government policy has been to favour increased cycling for some twenty years. It originated in the early 1990s in the aftermath of the Taoiseach John Bruton being stuck in a traffic jam on Pearse Street and since then all political parties have supported increased cycling. This promotion was reinforced in 2009 when the government published the National Cycle Policy Framework and adopted a national target of 10% commuting by bicycle to school and work by 2020. In practice though, while cycling has increased in Dublin City, in Kildare it remains less than 2%.

In the early 2000s when Kildare County Council granted planning permission for Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich on the Celbridge Road, no cycle facilities were provided. Some ten years later, when permission was given for the second school, Maynooth Educate Together, no cycle facilities were provided either despite the objectives of the Kildare County Development Plan to promote cycling and Safer Routes to School. The latest version of the development plan, the Draft Kildare County Development Plan 2017-23 includes a list of proposed key cycle projects but there is no mention of the Celbridge Road. So nearly twenty five years after the first school opened, Kildare County Council still has no plans for cycle facilities on the Celbridge Road. Does this matter? Yes if you want to encourage young people to have a more active lifestyle. Yes if you are concerned about the loss of children's' independent mobility. Yes, if you want to decrease traffic congestion in Maynooth. Yes if you are concerned about child obesity. Yes if you want a high quality environment. Yes, if you want a more active and vibrant community.

One definition of 'unfortunate' is 'not favoured by fortune or luck'. One thing is quite certain - luck has nothing to do the lack of cycle facilities in Maynooth - it is due to decisions by officials who ignore political policies and targets and to a lesser extent elected politicians who do not hold officials to account. Kildare County Council bears most of the blame for the lack of proper planning of the Celbridge Road but the National Transport Authority is also to blame for ignoring the needs of cyclists.

### Road Safety Issues

Two other items of interest appeared in the Newsletter under the Community Council Notes. The first concerned children not using the footpath at Rail Park and walking on the road instead. It is human nature for pedestrians to take a direct path to their destination. If they have to divert from their direct path to access a footpath, then the footpath has been constructed in the wrong place and this should be corrected. As for the statement that someone is going to die because a vulnerable person chooses to use the road, if the road is so dangerous, where do you recommend that children ride their bikes to school? Where do you recommend that adults cycle? No pedestrian (normally) dies because of walking. They die because the driver of a motorised vehicle chooses to travel at an inappropriate speed and strikes a pedestrian with their vehicle. Rather than criticising children for walking, the Community Council should be singing their praises and calling on motorists to slow down and take more care around vulnerable road users.

The Notes also stated that the schools on the Celbridge Road have a 'good' delivery and pick up system. The schools have a system which is designed around and normalises travel by car, which discriminates against people walking and cycling and which accepts cars parking on the footpath in front of a school. Rather than a 'good' system, many people would consider such a system 'broken'.

In relation to the second item - bike parking at the crossing on the Straffan Road being an obstruction and a danger, while this could be construed as a nuisance, itt is hard to see what the danger is unless it falls over when a pedestrian is passing. Rather than a traffic warden, the simple solution is more cycle parking. It is hoped that similar concerns will be expressed at the much greater danger arising from vehicles parking on footpaths and cycle lanes - a custom which is endemic in Maynooth.

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



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Congratulations to all concerned with the running of the Maynooth Summer Festival which was a great success.

Maynooth Tidy Towns had volunteers out at various times helping to clean up. We also loaned some equipment to the Maynooth Summer Festival organisers.

Judging in the National Tidy Towns is ongoing until the end of August. We thank all who have made an effort to improve their premises and estates. Once again we appeal for volunteers to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

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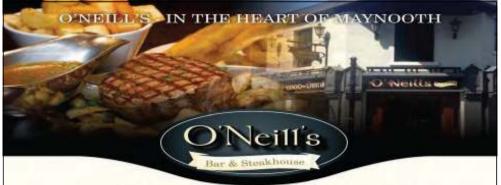
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**ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP (RCAG)** About 21 Members and Supporters from the Maynooth area travelled on the RCAG Annual Bus Trip from Dublin to Clondra, Longford on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. There were stops at Thomastown in Killucan where we were entertained on a Barge by the Local Royal Canal Communities Group, then onto Mullingar Harbour. Leaving Mullingar we stopped at Ballymahon where refreshments were provided by the Local RCAG Group. It is a revelation to see the restored 19<sup>th</sup> Century "Canal Ticket Office" in Ballymahon.

The Bus Trip concluded at Richmond Harbour, Clondra, Longford followed by an evening meal and live music in the "Richmond Inn". The music was provided by RCAG Members and Supporters including Gerry Fitzpatrick and Christy Dempsey. RCAG revived the Bus Trip Dublin to Longford after about 20 years and it proved an outstanding success this year.

During the Maynooth Festival RCAG Company Secretary, Niall Galway (who also drives the 66 Bus) demonstrated a steam-powered boat in the Canal Harbour in Maynooth.

### THE ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY

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#### **Organising a Conference**

Are you in the process of organising a conference? It is a lot of work but can be very rewarding when you see the end project come to life and the team at the Glenroyal are always on hand to help make your event one to remember!

Organising a conference involves a lot of planning and to achieve a successful event from start to finish requires a tremendous amount of forethought. To make the process simpler we have compiled a list of the most important elements you need to make your conference a success.

Putting together a great event doesn't have to be an uphill struggle. If you follow the tips we have set out below you can create a rewarding and memorable experience for all who attend.

#### Set Goals

Make sure you know what you want to get from the event. If you take the time at the beginning to think about the end goal for the day this will make the rest of the planning process much smoother and prevent last minute surprises. Get specific about how many people you would like to cater for, how long the conference will last and the kind of experience you want to offer your attendees. This will save you a lot of stress, remember 'Failing to plan is planning to fail!'

#### Strength in Numbers

Surround yourself with a good team who can help you carry out different tasks. Three is the ideal number when organising a conference but you must choose your team carefully. Look for people with specific skills who are enthusiastic and driven team players. Delegating assignments to your team members based on their strengths will allow you to cover a wider area of responsibilities and focus on the main goal of the day; great content by great speakers for an engaged audience.

#### **Date and Budget**

Give yourself plenty of time to put together everything that is required for a conference. Don't expect a spectacular event to come together in a number of days. Planning at least six months in advance will give you the best options possible. You also need to consider your costings, you need to have a detailed budget covering your venue, guest speakers, merchandise for delegate's gifts for volunteers and the smaller items such as pens and notebooks.

Another thought to consider is the cost for delegates to attend, a key component to a successful event is good attendance which will ultimately be influenced by a number of items including the cost to them for accommodation and transport, therefore keep it central and keep it good value.

#### Selecting a Venue

Venue selection is highly dependent on the scale of the event. When selecting your venue it is key to know the projected number of attendees, activities for the event, exhibition space or any other requirement you may need catered for. The location and reputation of the venue should be considered along with the services that will be included. You need to know whether you will have access to the internet, audio visual equipment, etc. When meeting with a conference centre don't be afraid to ask them for their assistance where required and ensure that all the necessary equipment will be supplied on the day.

#### The WOW factor

Every event should have a wow factor even beyond a great speaker and venue the small details of an event add profesionalism and memorability to the event, from small treats on the table to branded water and merchandised gifts – always do something that your delegates will not expect. If you have suppliers or exhibitors attending your conference then have them sponsor these small items containing their branding, individually they don't have significant costs but collectively they have maximum impact.

#### **Marketing and Publicity**

Once you have the who, when and where decided the most critical task of planning a conference is informing the target audience. The number of people who attend the event will ultimately depend on the strength of your marketing message. Whether you have a large or tight budget, an effective marketing strategy can be implemented. Internal events, utilise newsletters, social media, email campaigns, with external events you can utilise press releases, radio & TV advertisements, Social Media and printed advertisements, there are a number of ways you can get your message across. Keep your message updated and interesting to those looking to attend. From interviews to pictures and blog posts keeping your content on the upcoming conference fresh will keep it in the public eye and build some excitement. When planning your marketing strategy it is important to remember to keep your target audience in mind!

#### The Day Itself

All the planning and preparations make up 80% of the work involved in what may only last for a few hours or days. The remaining 20% of the work is completed the day before the event. This is the time where you should visit the venue to ensure everything is in order. Audio and visual systems and presentation equipment must all be checked and in working order. You must also ensure all the items which need to be transferred over to the venue is complete and begin the set-up for the next morning. Ensure table plans, decorative effects and merchandise are set up to your plan. On the morning of the conference arrive early to ensure everything is in hand before your attendees begin to arrive.

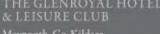
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# **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club			
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	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	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			
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland			
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	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	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Summer Break for August Group will re-commence on Monday 5th Sept			
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds			
Summer Break Group will re-commence on Friday 2nd Sept	Summer Holiday Break Group will re-commence in early September	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334			
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church			
Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189	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.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com	1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome			
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND			
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.	Classes resume on Wednesday 14th September from 7pm to 9.30pm in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. For details please contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.	Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie			

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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#### James Lawless T.D. Kildare North Phone: 01-6183587 - e-mail: james@jameslawless.ie Web: www.jameslawless.ie

#### Paid Parking

new paid parking which has been brought into the area. I have been on site with residents who are affected to examine the individual streets. At the moment I am working with the council on ironing out issues on behalf of residents. If you wish to contact me on the same please do as I will be raising this matter with Kildare County Council.

#### End of Mayoral Term

I want to wish former Mayor of the Maynooth District Cllr. Naoise O'Cearúil well on his successful year. It was great to attend this year's St Patricks Day parade which he is heavily involved in. Having worked closely with Cllr O'Cearúil before I look forward to continuing this relationship during his council term.

#### **Bus Services**

I have met with officials from Dublin Bus to discuss the service to Maynooth, the 66, 67, and Express services. Advocating for more Express services in the mornings and evenings while also looking to see an increase in the volume of bus routes on Sundays, Dublin Bus have taken these points on board. I have been informed an increase on the 67 services is to take place, particularly on Sundays, which I know is an issue brought to my Maynooth office often.

#### **Town Centre Rates**

In the Dail recently I raised the issue of town centres and rates paid by businesses in discussion with the Minister. Following this Minister Simon Coveney T.D. committed to a

comprehensive public consultation & review I am aware of the residents' concerns with the of the commercial rates system which will be instigated in the autumn

#### Traffic Management Plan

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

#### **Maynooth Universitv**

Big congrats to Maynooth University who have moved up 461 places in the world university rankings. I have the pleasure of meeting with Professor Phillip Nolan recently who detailed his exciting plans for the future of the university. I am looking forward to working with all involved to assist in bringing those plans to fruition.

#### Appointed Fianna Fáil spokesperson on Science, Technology, and Innovation

I am delighted to have been appointed as the party spokesperson on Science, Technology, Research & Development today. Ireland has pinned its economic strategy around the knowledge economy, attracting high end jobs and companies, with the Tech, Pharma, Food Science and research sectors critical to ongoing FDI along with supports for our universities and institutes to reach world class. As a Maths/Physics Grad myself and as probably the first Software Engineer ever elected to Dáil Eireann, it's a sector I am passionate about and look forward to getting stuck into.

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#### **Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North** Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - f /Frank O'Rourke

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#### **Home Care Packages**

I was delighted to be given the opportunity to speak in the Dáil chamber, under Topical Issue, on the issue of home care packages.

Health is a constant issue at my weekly clinics. Access to vital health services is a challenge, waiting lists are increasing and securing home care is a constant struggle for many older people. Most of us like to think that when the time comes, we will have the means to care for ill or aging family members who, given the choice, would rather be in their own homes than in a hospital or nursing home.

This is where the home care package comes in. The package consists of a range of services provided by the HSE to facilitate the care of older people in their own homes. Whether it is therapy, home help, respite, transport to and from medical appointments, or day-care services, the package aims to make it easier for people to remain independent for as long as possible.

The HSE has a core provision of €324 million for home supports in 2016 and its national service plan for the year provides for a target of 10.4 million home help hours, 15,450 home care packages, 130 intensive home care packages for clients with very complex needs and a further 80 packages for clients with dementia. While I welcome this provision, the unfortunate reality is that accessing these services on the ground can be a very frustrating and protracted process.

The suspension of home help hours and home care packages earlier this year has had a major impact and the effects are still being felt. On a system-wide basis, the cuts have ended up costing dearly, both financially and in terms of patient health. Increased pressure has been placed on an already creaking system through delayed discharges from hospitals and more people have being re -admitted to hospital due to inadequate supports in the community and home.

Respite care is another issue. Good home care provision ideally supports both a medical and social model of care whereby both the carer and the cared-for person are supported physically with therapy, respite and home help and psychologically. It should allow the carer time to get a much needed break.

I recently submitted a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Health asking why there were only 2 respite beds available at Maynooth Community Care Unit. The Minister replied that previously, a number of long stay beds that were vacant were used for respite, but that these beds have now been filled by long stay residents.

Speaking on theses matters in the Dáil chamber was an excellent forum to raise a number of concerns specific to health services in Kildare North and I was delighted to secure the Minister's assurance of the government's priority to continue increasing the finances for home help services, home care and intensive care packages, as committed to in the programme for Government.

#### Maynooth Traffic Management Plan.

I recently met with consultants from AECOM, on behalf of Kildare County Council, to discuss the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan.

The consultation, which was held at the Glenroyal Hotel, was with all stakeholders and its aim was to identity the current issues and difficulties while at the same time getting input for our future vision for Maynooth. I was pleased to be able to give feedback to the consultants on all the current traffic problems and potential solutions which I have been given by the residents and businesses from Maynooth and the surrounding area. It was a valuable and informative briefing and I will be attending further meetings on this matter and will keep you updated.

#### **Broadband Roll Out**

I very much welcome the recent progress on the roll out of quality high speed Broadband for Kildare, as 560 new premises have been added to the Broadband network during the month of June, as new Cabinets were installed.

In June, new cabinets were added to the exchanges which further extended fibre coverage to over 560 premises in these parts of Kildare. This was part of Eir's rollout of fibre broadband to over 22,000 additional homes and businesses nationally last month. Recently, I met with Eir to outline to them the importance of providing broadband connection to key areas such as Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip,Newtown, Timahoe, Eadestown and Kilteel. By the end of March next, over 2,500 additional rural Kildare premises will be connected to broadband by the Fibre to the Home Technology (FTHH). This is very positive indeed as 400 rural premises in the Maynooth area, 370 in Kilcock, 480 in Donadea, 520 in Straffan and 470 in Carbury are examples of the planned rollout for this year in rural Kildare ..

I will keep making representations and meeting with all the relevant authorities to ensure that we continue with the planned rollout of high-speed quality Broadband for Kildare, which will benefit businesses and homes in the future.

Great credit is due to the residents associations and businesses that keep the pressure on to secure adequate broadband coverage.

#### O'Rourke raises concerns of Local Businesses after Brexit and presses for Government Dedicated Unit to be set up

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Junior Spokesperson on Financial Services, e-Government and Procurement, Deputy Frank O Rourke, has supported calls for a dedicated unit within the Department of Jobs Enterprise and Innovation to be set up which would coordinate an approach to counteract the negative impact of the Brexit vote for businesses, including businesses in Kildare, that are exporting to the UK.

"A number of businesses, including food related companies, have been in touch with me recently to discuss the Brexit vote and the decision of the UK to leave the European Union (EU). The general consensus is that the overall economic fallout for Ireland will take time to become clear, but it will require careful management.'

"Much will now depend on the negotiations around the UK's exit from the EU. However, it has the potential to lead to a protracted period of uncertainty and instability in Europe and affect our relationship with the UK. Our Government will need to ensure that our strong economic relationship with the UK is recognised, and is to the fore in these negotiations at EU level. While we must remain positive, we have to be focussed on what is important for our own economy, and that Irish interests are safeguarded in British EU exit negotiations.' 'In the meantime, a dedicated unit within the Department of Jobs Enterprise and Innovation to coordinate a focused approach to counteract the negative impact of the Brexit vote should be put in place immediately. 'The immediate and short-term effect of a weaker sterling, and currency fluctuations, will have major implications for SME exporters and for the Tourism trade here, 41% of which are British holiday-makers.' 'The Irish food sector, much of which is based in Kildare, is highly dependent on the British market. The UK is our largest export market for food and drink and accounts for over 40 per cent of our total exports. Any

reduction in our relative competitiveness, vis-a-vis currency changes, is a huge concern.' 'However, we do need a dedicated unit to assist companies that are exporting to the UK. From a local perspective, there are many companies that are exporting to the UK, in particular the food sector, I want to ensure that we have all their concerns captured and dealt with by the Government.'



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#### **Clues Across**

- 3. Communicating corridors (8)
- 9. Harass (5)
- 10. Electrically charged atom (3)
- 11. Toward the stern (3)
- 12. Woman who herds sheep (11)
- 14. Resembling suds (5)
- 16. Club-like weapon (4)
- 17. Past tense of stand (5)
- 19. Gibberish (6)
- 20. Belonging to him (3)
- 22. Little job (6)
- 23. Planet (5)
- 25. Ruffian (4)
- 26. Wash (5)
- 28. Tenant under a lease (11)30. 21st letter of the Greek
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- 31. Period of human life (3)
- 32. Tugs (5)
- 33. Direct light of the sun (8)

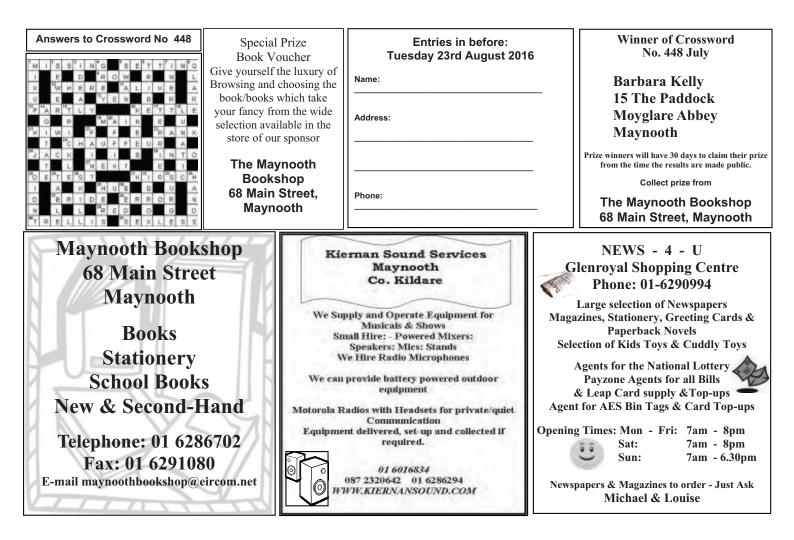


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- 6. Articles of glass (9)
- 7. Located (5)
- 8. Take pleasure in (5)
- 13. Emotional outburst (8)
- 15. Deficiency in quantity (8)
- 18. Weed plant (9)
- 21. Cooking pan (8)
- 24. Clap (7)
- 25. Roof covering (6)
- 26. Sheep cry (5)
- 27. Ribbons (5)
- 29. Coarse file (4)





# Our Thanks to the following businesses who generously donated prizes for the Taste of Maynooth Raffle.

Proceeds from The Taste of Maynooth Raffle assist in meeting the cost of this year's Maynooth Summer Festival. Our Thanks to All who supported the Raffle.

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#### Maynooth Toastmasters

Yes, the rumours are right, Maynooth Toastmasters are indeed restarting another year of the successful communication workshops in August. Why so early, some might ask. "The early bird catches the Worm" is my response. Let's be realistic there are so many reasons why you want to become an effective communicator, to progress in the office, to make that personal speech, to empower that special person.

Come September , Come the Autumn Classes, Come Decisions

#### Maynooth Toastmasters is coming of Age, it has reached its Tenth Anniversary as a Distinguished Club. Ten Years of helping people succeed in reaching their personal goals

Ten years of achieving success, but we are still hungry for more. We want you to come as a guest, and enjoy our friendly progressive club, even bring a friend.

So let's recap 29th August 8 pm Glenroyal Hotel. Ring me Felicity Cuthbert. 087 1337750 . See our Maynooth Toastmasters Facebook Page



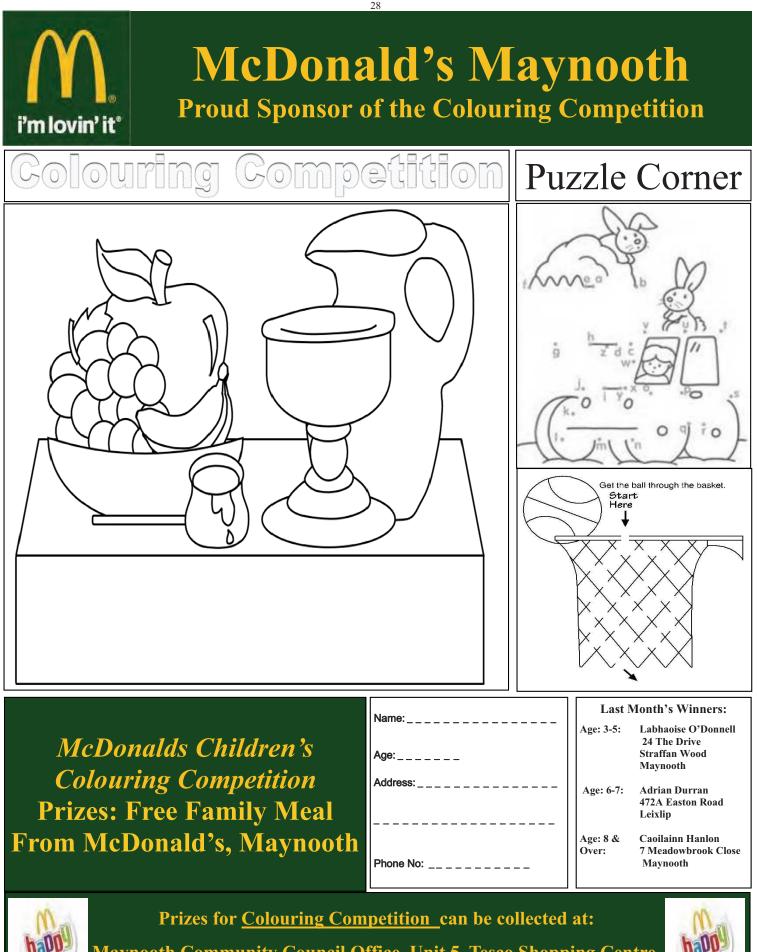
#### Free places on Springboard+ Courses at Maynooth University

Courses provide training in high value employment sectors of ICT and Data Analytics Maynooth University has this week announced the availability of 90 places on two Springboard+ courses at the University; the Higher Diploma in Software Development (1 year full time) and the Higher Diploma in Data Analytics (1 year full time). Both courses are designed to offer graduates the opportunity to develop careers in the software and data analytics job sectors, which are growing, and in need of skilled personnel.

Speaking about the Higher Diploma in Software Development, lecturer Joe Duffin from the Department of Computer Science at Maynooth University, explains: "This course is a one year programme for graduates who already have a level 8 degree qualification in any subject other than computer science or software development, and who want to up-skill for a career in ICT. The course modules have an industrial IT focus, including databases, web development and mobile applications, as well as a work placement module which provides CV writing and interview skills."

Describing the Higher Diploma in Data Analytics, Dr Caroline Brophy, lecturer in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Maynooth University explains: "Huge volumes of data are collected every day in sectors such as healthcare, finance, food science and travel, and graduates with the skills to analyse this data are in huge demand. The Higher Diploma in Data Analytics includes modules on programming, statistical methods and databases with a strong emphasis on real world data. Graduates interested in this course should have a primary degree with some mathematical content."

The Springboard+ initiative in Higher Education offers free courses at certificate, degree and masters level leading to qualifications in areas where there are employment opportunities in the economy. Closing date for application to both courses is 15 August, 2016, with the programme commencing on 29 August, 2016. Students can apply for Maynooth University's Springboard courses at www.springboardcourses.ie. Springboard+ is co-funded by the Irish Government and the European Social Fund as part of the ESF programme for employability, inclusion and learning 2014-2020.



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August is a time to relax and enjoy the garden, with all the cheerful colours and scents around, your garden or patio serves as a summer lounge where you can enjoy the long warm evenings to the full. There are still tasks to be completed but these are generally light and overcast days are perfect to get on top of little chores that will prolong the abundance of flowers.

#### **Flowers**



There are many plants that are attractive both in flower and in seedhead to bees, butterflies and birds and at this time of the year they are really coming into their own. One of my favourites is Buddleia commonly known as the butterfly bush. This plant



has softly scented flowers and is often covered in butterflies which feed on its honey scented nectar. Lavender is another fantastic plant for butterflies and no wonder with that incredible scent.



In flower beds and borders weeds should not be allowed to go to seed to avoid future trouble. Bedding plants in pots and baskets still need regular watering and feeding. Feeding every two weeks or so is essential to keep the plants going after the first flush. Because the roots have now filled the pots, watering

has become more critical than before. Sow seeds of perennial flowers and collect seeds of others to sow in autumn or in spring. Make sure to label them and store in a fridge. Spring bulbs are appearing in the shops and it is a good time to make an assessment of new locations for bulbs.

#### Trees, Shrubs and Roses

A late show of roses from strong new shoots can still be obtained by pruning the flowered stems back to a strong bud. New shoots are quickly produced and flower buds will form for late flowers. An application of rose fertilizer will speed this up. Early flowering shrub roses and ramblers that have now



finished could be pruned by removing some of the shoots that flowered. Check young trees and shrubs for water shortage. Clip deciduous and broad-leaved evergreen hedges during this time. Make sure that camellias and rhododendrons in pots do not dry out, especially in late summer, as they now set flower buds for next spring. The planting period for trees, shrubs, hedges and roses will soon be starting again and if you wish to plant any of these, the ground should be prepared now by digging or cultivation to bury grass and weeds.

#### Lawns



It is time to prepare for sowing new lawn areas, or resowing in September, by killing all vegetation, cultivating thoroughly and allowing the soil to settle. Pale-coloured lawns should be fed, but only when the soil is moist. If a lawn is tired looking, apply lawn fertilizer in broken weather so that it is well-washed in and there is no risk of scorching the grass, spread evenly and this will provide a boost to growth and encourage good growth for winter.

#### Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

Raspberry canes that have finished fruiting could be pruned out and the new canes tied into position. Vegetables can be sown, for instance, lettuce. chard and spring onions. Spring cabbage should be sown without delay. Harvest other fruits and vegetables as they become ready. Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners. Pinch off onion flower buds from the top of the plants to direct all of the plant's energy into the developing bulb instead of seed production. To reduce the number of pests on your fruit tree for the coming year, pick up and destroy all fallen fruit.



#### **Greenhouse and House Plants**



In a greenhouse or tunnel, shrub cuttings can be taken now. Many kinds are easy to raise. Take cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias and other tender plants for next year. Continue to train and side-shoot tomatoes and cucumbers, and pick the fruit as it ripens. Continue watering and feeding greenhouse plants. Be especially careful to water plants in

pots or grow-bags regularly. Tidy up all kinds of plant debris from the greenhouse now and be careful not to overwater or to splash water about. From now on, grey mould disease becomes a problem for many greenhouse plants and good hygiene is the best way to avoid it.

### You reap what you sow!

#### SUMMER SALADS

#### Strawberry and goat's cheese salad Ingredients:

#### 1 cucumber

- 2 punnets of strawberries,
- 2 tbsps olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Good squeeze of honey or maple syrup
- 100g soft goat's cheese
- 1 small red onion
- Bunch of basil

#### Black pepper

- For the balsamic syrup
- 200 mls balsamic vinegar Sprig rosemary
- Good squeeze of honey or maple syrup
- 2 tbsps olive oil
- Method:

Peel the cucumber and cut it in half lengthways. Then using a spoon scoop out the seeds. Slice the cucumber into thin slices so you get half moons. Once ready to serve cut the strawberries in half and gently toss them in the olive oil, lemon juice and honey/maple syrup. Do this in the bowl you will serve them in. Then scatter the cucumber around the dish. Add the goat's cheese, which you should crumble, and a sprinkling of onion and basil. Give a light mix and then drizzle with your balsamic syrup and serve.

To make the balsamic syrup, heat up the balsamic vinegar and sprig of rosemary, very gently until simmering. Reduce it down by a third and then remove from the heat, discard the rosemary and whisk in the honey /maple syrup and olive oil.

#### Smoked salmon salad with beetroot, red cabbage and horseradish Ingredients: Serves 4

- 1/2 pickled red cabbage, drained
- 200g crème frâiche
- 2 tbsps horseradish sauce
- Salt and pepper
- 3 cooked beetroots (about 350g), thickly sliced
- 95g Irish organic smoked salmon
- Extra virgin olive oil

#### Method:

This dish is so simple to prepare, you're really only bringing ingredients together. The combination of smoked salmon, beetroot and pickled red cabbage works really well together. Mix the cabbage with the crème frâiche and horseradish sauce and season with salt and pepper. Season the beetroot and divide evenly between four plates. Spoon some of the cabbage cream over and then drape the smoked salmon in the centre. Drizzle a little olive oil over the dish to serve.

#### Salad of exotic fruits with ginger and vanilla

- **Ingredients:** 
  - 1 small pink grapefruit
  - 1 small fresh mango
  - 1 banana
  - 1 pineapple
  - 1 small punnet of blueberries
  - 1 vanilla pod
  - 1 small piece of fresh ginger
  - 1 lime
  - 1 lemon

  - 100g of light demerara sugar Handful of fresh mint leaves: chop finely

#### Method:

Cut the vanilla pods in two lengthwise. Peel the ginger, then grate the whole piece finely. Grate the zest of both the lime and the lemon and then squeeze out the juice. Heat roughly 25cl of cold water with all of the sugar in a small saucepan; add the split vanilla plus the grated ginger, lime and lemon. Bring to the boil then add the juice from the citrus fruits and leave to cook until a syrup is formed. Peel the grapefruit, segment it, removing all membrane and cut the segments into small cubes. Peel the pineapple and cut it into rounds. Prepare the mango by peeling it and slice its flesh into large cubes. Heat a grill pan and lightly grill the pineapple on both sides. In a large salad bowl, mix the grilled pineapple with the diced grapefruit, mango and blueberries. Stir in the chopped mint. Douse liberally with the ginger syrup and remove the vanilla pod. Cover with cling-film and leave to marinate for at least 45 minutes until well-chilled. When ready to serve add the sliced banana and serve in individual bowls.





Serves 4 - 6



### FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON GHOSTBUSTERS (2016) Starring: MELISSA MCCARTHY & KRISTEN WIIG

Is there a film of the past thirty years whose magic has been trickier to reproduce than the iconic supernatural comedy *Ghostbusters*? In 1984 some of the most talented comedians of that era (Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis) got together to kick the Ass out of Spook Central. Under the direction of Ivan Reitman and with the assistance of Ray Parker's hugely popular theme song, *Ghostbusters* became an instant and enduring classic.



A third film was in the pipeline for years after *Ghostbusters 11* in 1989. Dan Aykroyd and others had even penned scripts but Bill Murray's lack of interest stalled the project and the franchise went into hibernation. When Harold Ramis died in 2014, it looked like a third *Ghostbusters* film was surely doomed.

This all changed when comedy-director Paul Feig took up the challenge. Feig has comedy pedigree and was the ideal choice to direct a new *Ghostbusters*. Although by his own admission he turned down this directing gig several times because of the 1984 film's status as a beloved classic. Who could possibly replace or equal the ghost-busting dynamism of Murray and Co?



Cleverly Feig doesn't seek to replace or outdo the *Ghostbusters* original. Rather he's given it a different spin by injecting a gender swap into the mix. His comedy regulars Melissa McCarthy and Kristen Wiig (*Bridesmaids, Spy*) are joined by newcomers Kate McKinnon (a *Saturday Night Live* regular) and Leslie Jones as the geeky paranormal investigators.

Paul Feig's finished product is somewhere between a reboot and a remake. The director and Katie Dippold's screenplay pays homage to the 80s blockbuster with a sprinkling of references, story cues and influences from the original. There is even a number of cameos from original cast members. However *Ghostbusters* 2016 has just enough freshness and inventiveness to make it stand apart from its illustrious predecessor.



The central relationship of this *Ghostbusters* is between Wiig's uptight physicist Erin Gilbert and McCarthy's unrepentant paranormal researcher, Abby Yates. Erin is desperate to hide her ghost-hunting past which could hamper her chances of promotion in her academic career. However, the reappearance of a book the estranged friends co-wrote results in Erin being fired from her University position. When bizarre things occur at a historical mansion, a reluctant Erin gets roped into helping Abby and her oddball nuclear engineer friend Jillian (Mckinnon) in their ghost-seeking enterprises. Just like the original film, the trio of scientists set up shop above a Chinese Restaurant as supernatural researchers/trappers for hire.



They are soon joined by Patty (Leslie Jones) a Transport employee, whose own subterranean encounter with a slimy spook has her running in the direction of the Ghostbusters. Add Chris Hemsworth's gorgeous but spectacularly useless receptionist (he has trouble just answering phones!) into the mix and the fun really begins!

The imminent threat of a ghost flood, unleashed by Neil Casey's nerdy, anti-social loner, sets the Ghostbusters at odds with Andy Garcia's New York Mayor. Soon the girls are wielding proton-blasting equipment and turning numerous creepy ghouls into ectoplasmic slime.

The original *Ghostbusters* had its own brand of quotable memorable humour based around the male cast's specific strengths. Bill Murray in particular stole the show with his cynical wise-cracking asides, poking fun at the film's attempt to inject ghostly scariness into proceedings. Director Paul Feig wisely avoids copying this formula in his latest film. There are scares and laughs aplenty but his cast are very much a team.



Feig's female cast do play to their own individual comic talents but the director also allows them to have more developed connections than was evident in the original film. McCarthy, Wiig, McKinnon and Jones are some of the best female comics working today. Their own brand of infectious humour, wackiness, gags, pratfalls and improvisation inject the first half of the film with manic energy.

McCarthy and Wiig subdue their usual brash personae in Feig's films to give likeable and quirky performances as the friends attempting to mend fences. The former exudes bumbling charm as the screwball scientist. Wiig is the reasonable, rational centre of the film. Hilariously, she only becomes unstuck in her awkward attraction to Hemsworth's dim-witted receptionist. Leslie Jones infuses her subway worker and Big Apple history buff character with endless energy and fun.

The real standout performance comes from Kate McKinnon who has some of the film's funniest lines. She's nerdy and forcefully weird with her oddball interjections during any social interaction. Mckinnon steals scenes from the rest of the cast just with her hilarious facial expressions and reactions. Even when she's in the background, she's interesting to watch!



Thor star Chris Hemsworth swaps his usual macho persona for something radically different. The actor has described his character, Kevin, as 'a big dumb puppy dog, full of enthusiasm, but completely naïve.' The actor has a lot of fun sending up his image in the role of an almost 'too dumb to function' hunk hired by the Ghostbusters. He has impeccable comic timing. Like McKinnon, Hemsworth is endlessly watchable.



This new adaptation of a supernatural classic is not without its controversy. The trailer was dubbed 'the most hated one of all time' and male critics have been vitriolic in their rants against the female-led project online. This very topic is even addressed in the film when Abby warns Erin to avoid reading the nasty online trolling.

So does the new *Ghostbusters* compare favourably to the old one? Was it worth redoing? The film certainly has its issues as well as its strengths. The neon-glowing ghosts have real presence and shock value. However the CGI special effects, although high-tech, big, colourful and noisy, threaten to smother the latter half of the film.

Up to this point, it is a hilarious, fun-filled ride. The gags are plentiful with genuine laugh-out-loud moments. The new group of female characters are appealing and endearing in their own right. When the new *Ghostbusters* breaks free from the urge to pay homage - and focuses on the charming interplay between these eccentric misfits - the film really shines. Paul Feig's reboot certainly captures the spirit of the original but also has enough new material and outstanding comical characters to keep it fresh and relevant. As the New York Times proclaimed ' Women are funny - get over it!'



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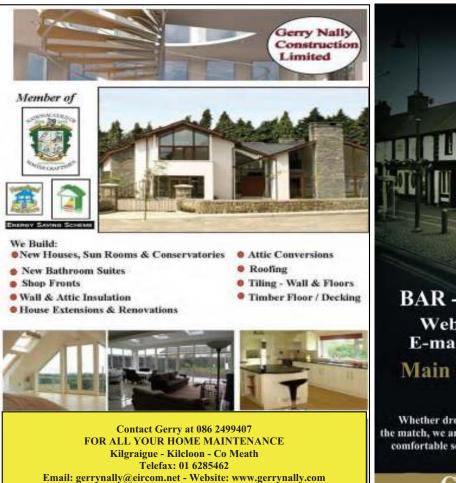


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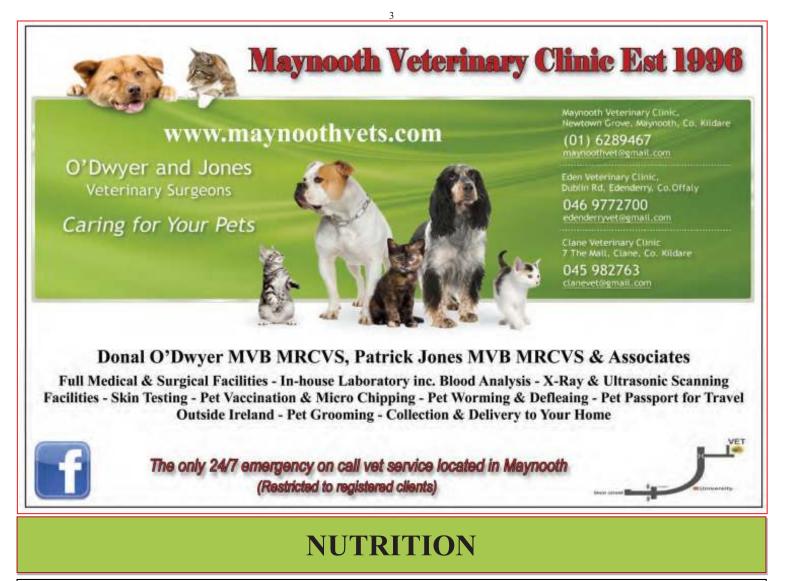
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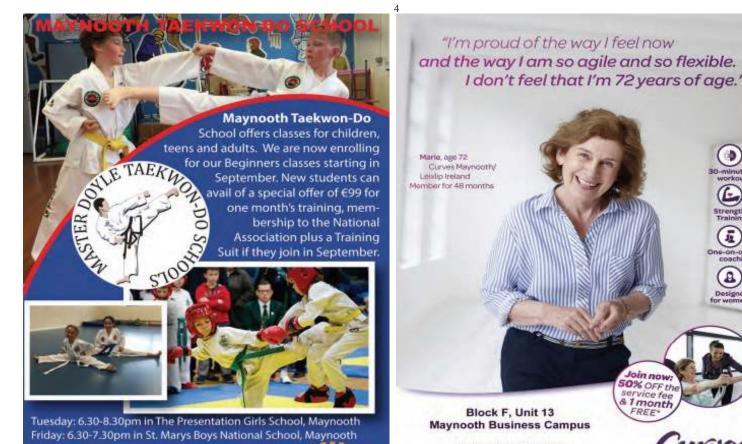
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### **COMHALTAS**

#### **Craobh Mhaigh Nuad**

August is the time of year, when we look forward to the coming terms in 2016 and into 2017. The Craobh is entering into its fifth year and is going from strength to strength. The playing of our members is developing at an incredible rate and from tentative beginnings a couple of short years ago, they're now delighted to strut their stuff at any opportunity.

Saturday 13th saw the Craobh perform at the sponsored cycle for Mark Nugent. We were privileged to contribute to this worthy cause, which was very successful from a fund-raising perspective, but was a manifestation of the esteem in which Mark is held by the community in Maynooth and also the wider cycling and GAA fraternity.

A fantastic 2 hours of music was served up by the Craobh in collaboration with many of the "veteran" players of the Newtown Inn session, held on Thursdays.

The annual Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann was held this year in Ennis from 14th to 21st Aug and many musicians from North Kildare headed for the competitions, the street music and the sessions held in every free, dry corner of the town. The Fleadh in Sligo in 2014 and 2015 saw 400,000 visitors over the course of a week, making it the largest music festival in the world and the centrepiece of the Comhaltas calendar.

Many consider Comhaltas to be one of Ireland's most successful cultural groups, having trained generations of Irish to study, perform, promote and preserve that central element of traditional Irish culture, namely its music. Tens of thousands of youngsters have learned to play music on traditional instruments, while over two million people attend the sessions, concerts, festivals and workshops sponsored by Comhaltas annually.

Looking at this autumn, we would love you to think about taking up an instrument yourself.

Our branch has beginners and improvers across backgrounds, so if you've always had an ambition to play music, but thought it might be too late...don't worry, it isn't; learning an instrument is a fantastic journey that it is never too late to embark upon.

Kids are in a great phase of life to learn about music and we're always pleased to add new junior members to add to the fantastic bunch 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. We are a totally inclusive organisation, and new members are always welcome – young and old.

Registration for the 2016/2017 Comhaltas year will take place on 7th September with classes running from 14th September. Classes are 40 minutes long, are graded according to ability, and take place from 7pm to 9.40pm in Maynooth Post Primary School. Bígí linn!!!

Sessions will continue all over the town, as before, in Brady's, McMahon's, the Newtown Inn and the Roost, so plenty of opportunities for enjoying our traditional music locally. More updates on Facebook, Twitter and our website

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#### A Tree-loving Family's Legacy

On a recent visit to the Botanic Gardens we saw a beautiful poster of trees and were informed that they were growing in Kilmacurragh. This was the first we had heard of this magnificent arboretum. Located in east Co. Wicklow, between Kilbride and Rathdrum, Kilmacurragh is now part of the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland. Without a car, the place is hard to reach but is well worth the effort.

Kilmacurragh has been inhabited since the seventh century when St. Mochorog established a hermitage there. An Abbey was then built on the site and was used as a resting place by pilgrims on their way to Glendalough. It survived until the dissolution of the monasteries in the sixteenth century and then, in the seventeenth century, Thomas Acton was reportedly given the land instead of wages for services to Oliver Cromwell. His son, also named Thomas, tore down the Abbey in 1697 and, using its materials, erected one of the first unfortified mansions of the time. Sir William Robinson, who designed the Royal Hospital in Kilmainham, was the architect. It was during this period that the house was enhanced by a formal Dutch-style landscape with canals, great avenues and a forty-acre Deer Park, which was popular in those days. A pond, originally used to provide the monks with carp, was also improved.

Trees continued to play an important part in the family's life when, in 1736, a two-mile long beech avenue was planted to celebrate the marriage of Thomas' son William to Jane Parsons of Birr Castle. William and Jane's eldest son, Thomas, who inherited the estate, purchased rare and exotic trees with money obtained by selling timber from his woodlands. In 1818, Thomas's son, William, married his cousin Caroline Walker, who had a passion for flowers and wildlife, which she passed on to her children.

The gardens were transformed when William and Caroline's son, yet another Thomas, and his sister,

Janet, took over the estate in 1854. Both were keen travellers and frequently went on plant hunting expeditions, even trekking by pony through California's Yosemite Valley. They also had connections with botanic gardens and nurseries around the world. Common yews were planted along what had been 'The Monks' Walk' but, unfortunately, many of these are now infected with a disease for which there is no suitable cure. A Boardwalk lined with crimson-flowered rhododendrons was created. This was wide enough for two women in crinolines accompanied by two men to stroll down. On our visit, the blooms had disappeared but we were told that as the colourful petals fall to the ground, they create what appears to be a floral carpet.

The Actons' friendship with Dr. David Moore, curator of what was then the Royal Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin, and, later, with the next curator, his son Frederick Moore, provided them with advice and a supply of wild-sourced material. David Moore had tried unsuccessfully to grow many of his southern hemisphere conifers in Glasnevin but found that they flourished in Kilmacurragh's mild, moist climate and acidic brown earth. It was thanks to David that Sir Joseph Hooker, the renowned British botanist and Charles Darwin's closest friend, gave his specimens from the Sikkim Himalayas to Kilmaccuragh, where they formed the most complete collection of rhododendrons in Europe.

Thomas kept detailed records of his plants' successes, many of these being cultivated outdoors for the first time in the British Isles. He died in 1908 without an heir. With the subsequent deaths of his two male successors, and many of Kilmacurragh's gardeners during World War1, as well as death duties imposed on the family, the financial pressures forced the Actons to leave. The land and house were then leased for use as a hotel. In 1933, on the death of Isabel, wife of the last Acton brother, Major Reginald, killed in Ypres in 1916, their son, Charles inherited the estate. Charles' passion was music and

he became The Irish Times' music critic in 1955. During this period the gardens became extremely neglected and, in 1974, the Land Commission acquired Kilmacurragh. In 1978 restoration work began on the house but, unfortunately, two accidental fires destroyed much of its roof and interior. From an original area of over five thousand acres, fifty-two acres of the old demesne officially became part of the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland in 1996.

Today the gardens, which have trees so rare that they may be some of the only examples growing in Europe, are divided into three areas: Chinese, where we saw a specimen like the original tea tree from China; Himalayan, which has many varieties of the wild-origin rhododendrons discovered by Victorian plant hunters, and a Chilean area. In the latter we saw the Chilean laurel, one of many Champion Trees that Kilmacurragh owns; 'Champion Trees' are the tallest, oldest or biggest in Ireland. Our guide told us, this laurel is 'a very handsome tree' and asked us to smell some fallen golden leaves, which had a lovely scent. We also saw a recently discovered conifer from Australia, which was thought to be extinct and was only identified from fossils of its leaves.

Other attractions include a wildflower meadow with over ninety different species and a forty-five metre double herbaceous border. Here we saw massive Himalayan lilies, which were raised from seeds and have enormous white trumpets that only last for eight days. There are also two metre high echium plants with cylindrical shaped blue flowers. The latter are now getting rare in their native Canary Islands.

It is hoped that, one day, Kilmacurragh's house will be re-roofed to give additional space for functions. In the meantime, President Higgins and his wife, Sabina, opened new tearooms last May. This building has been named the Acton Café in memory of the family who had such a great love for trees.

**By Cheryl Devaney** 

### **Editorial**

With the evenings closing in we are more aware that we are in the latter part of the year. Of course for many of us September is the start of the year, of course I mean the academic year. For some readers, those coming to start their university education in Maynooth it is a new chapter in your lives. You are welcome to Maynooth and I hope that you have many fruitful years here. For many of us our "college years" are the most memorable, but of course it is possible to have great fun as well as respecting your neighbours as well as the town generally. Maynooth will be your home from home for the coming years so be proud of it too.

Another school year begins for all the children and young adults attending local schools. For those making the jump from primary to post-primary, you also begin a new adventure. The plans to put ten new prefabricated classrooms on the Maynooth Education Campus site should be welcomed and criticised. The replacement two school campus further up the Moyglare Road should be well progressed by now but is still in the tender pricing stage. The provision of ten more classrooms on the existing site is raising some concerns about the timescale for the delivery of the two new schools. I know that a number of parents who need post-primary places in the next couple of years are thinking about post-primary options elsewhere because of the delay with these schools. Parents need to keep the pressure on to ensure that these new schools are delivered as soon as possible.

Aside from formal education there are a wealth of less formal lifelong learning courses and you should check out the Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board for courses in Maynooth and adjoining towns. There are a limited number of courses also available in Maynooth University covering a range of areas of education. If you want social activities you should check out the details of many such activities in the diary section of this newspaper. And of course my "hobby horse" you do worse than look into joining many of the local community groups in Maynooth.

Speaking of community groups, the recent fund raising cycle event for the Mark Nugent Fund was yet another example of many community groups coming together to support a good cause. I will not mention individual groups because I run the risk of leaving somebody out, but it was clear that there is massive goodwill in our community. Of course the Nugent and Nevin families are well known in Maynooth but I expect that even they were very surprised with the support.

The fundraising event in August for Mark Nugent was a cycling event and it consequently brought out almost every cyclist in Maynooth, it is a pity that Kildare County Council does not recognise the need to improve dedicated cycling infrastructure in Maynooth. One new example of this failure is the fact that the new footpath from the Rockfield Estate to the Maynooth Educate Together National School on the Celbridge Road does not cater for cyclists. Both Educate Together and the Gaelscoil schools are on their permanent sites and we should encourage cycling to school. The exclusion of full cycling facilities here is a missed opportunity.

Lastly September has always had a celebration in Irish history with the harvest being celebrated in ancient times. In recent years a number of events have taken place in September to celebrate different things. One of the best known was Arthur's Day by Guinness but this was owned by the marketing people so was a failure and was discontinued. Culture Night is on Friday night September 15<sup>th</sup> and is being celebrated throughout the country. Many events are planned for Maynooth including a number in Maynooth University. For events in Kildare that are advertised on the culture night website follow this link for Kildare and Maynooth based events. http://www.culturenight.ie/tax\_regional\_events/kildare/



#### North Kildare RFC 2016/17 Season



North Kildare Rugby is holding registration open day on the 17th September from 10:30 – 12:30 in the Club.

Anybody who Registers and Pays before the end of October will be entered into a draw for 2 x Ireland V New Zealand tickets for 19th November 2016.

We are always looking for new players from U7 to Senior. This season coming we are setting up an U20's team and are actively looking for those born after 01/07/1996. We are looking to establish a girls U15 & U18 & ladies teams. Interested in any of these?

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#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received. RD

#### Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

Cllr. McGinley Condemns the Governments Proposal on Sending Planning Applications for Housing Estates Directly to An Bord Pleanala Cllr. McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the July meeting of Kildare County Council:

"That this Council condemns the Governments proposal that planning applications for housing estates of more than 100 houses would go straight to An Bord Pleanala."

In proposing the Motion Cllr. McGinley made the following points: "All Planning Applications for housing estates in Kildare go to the Council for approval at present. The Governments proposal means that all Planning Applications for estates of more than 100 houses would go directly to An Bord Pleanala.

Planning Applications with Kildare County Council can be viewed on the Councils web site. This is not the case with An Bord Pleanala, which will make it very difficult for the public to view plans.

Planning is not to blame for the housing crisis. This proposed measure of the Government wrongly suggests that planning delays at local authority level were the reason for the housing crisis.

It is ridiculous to say that the 8-12 week period for council approval of planning permission is the cause of 100,000 shortfall in housing needs. The Government is seeking to fulfil the wishes of the mandarins in the Department of Housing and Local Government who are directly responsible for delays of years, not weeks, in delivering housing and who exercise more power in an incompetent and arrogant fashion.

It will further erode what little powers are left with local government as well as tightening the screw yet again on public participation in the planning process.

It will be very bad for proper planning as County Development Plans and Local Area Plans will be ignored. Land would not even need to be zoned for housing for such a proposal to be considered, and even approved, by An Bord Pleanala.

The Irish Planning Institute has opposed the proposal as has the Irish Times in an Editorial".

At the meeting the Council's Senior Planner said that he was against the Governments proposal as it would be very bad for proper planning.

The Council agreed to write to the Minister outlining our views on the governments proposal.

#### Planning Permission Sought for a 2 Storey, Pre-Fab, with 10 Classrooms at **Maynooth Post Primary School**

The Kildare and Wicklow Educational and Training Board (KWETB) has applied for Planning Permission for a 2 storey pre-fab of 10 classrooms at Maynooth Post Primary School on 4 August.

#### 13 Contractors Express Interest in Maynooth Education Campus Construction

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that 13 Contractors have expressed their interest in tendering for the construction of the Maynooth Education Campus by the closing date of July 19th.

Mr. Stagg said the Maynooth Education Campus Project involves the construction of two new Post Primary Schools and a Shared Sports Facility at an estimated value of €30 Million and the envisaged construction period is 24 months.



#### **Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee**

Well it's Autumn again and how quickly the Summer passes or should I say what passes as Summer! I hope everyone enjoyed their break and is ready to face the next 114 days, at least. Why that number I hear you ask, shopping days to Christmas of

course, and while I'm at it, there are 80 days to our Sale of Work. Now don't you feel better already?

Our morning club will reopen on Tuesday Sept. 6th and all Senior Citizens in Maynooth and Hinterland are welcome. Whether you live in Maynooth on a experience. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall (Scouts'Den) on Leinster Street, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30 – 12.30. Our committee meeting will also take place on Tuesday Sept. 6th at 8pm.

Our Halloween Tea-Dance is coming up on Oct. 16th at 3pm in the GAA club house, Moyglare Road. All our Tea-Dances take place on the third Sunday of each Month and as usual we welcome all Senior Citizens from the surrounding

Contractors who are deemed suitable for the Construction Project will be issued with invitations to tender for the contract on 9th September.

In more good news all of the technical issues arising from the previous tendering of the project have been resolved between the Design Team and Departmental Officials. Furthermore Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board have all but cleared all of the planning conditions with Kildare Co. Council with one matter outstanding which is expected to be finalised shortly.

Welcoming continuing progress on the re-tendering of the project Mr. Stagg concluded by stating that he was pleased that the project was now firmly back on track.

Cllr. John McGinley wants Kildare County Council to Seek Government Funding for the Completion of the ring road from Straffan Road to Blacklion: Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 14 September:

"That Kildare County 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).

#### 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)?'

#### 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 Kildare County Council and Waterways Ireland taking to prevent the parking of caravans at the entrance to the Harbour, Maynooth?"

#### Footpath from Rockfield to the Educate Together School Now in Place

Cllr. McGinley would like to thank Jonathan Deane, the Maynooth Municipal Engineer, for being true to his word and completing the footpath to the Educate Together School in August.

The provision of the new footpath is a result of prolonged representations by Cllr. McGinley and it greatly improves safety for the school children.

#### Dublin Bus to Re-erect the Bus Stop Outside McMahons on Main Street

The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that the replacement of the bus stop at McMahons, is on the works schedule for Dublin Bus.

#### Cllr. John McGinley's Call for the Demolition of the Roofless Hut in the field opposite Dunnes Stores Succeeds:

Cllr. McGinley would like to thank the owners of the property next to the Church for agreeing to his request to demolish the derelict hut in the field.

areas and beyond. The Tony Smith Memorial Walk which usually takes place at this time will not now be held until February.

Finally, this is the time of year when we look at safety and security for our older people, particularly those living alone, in preparation for the Winter months. Those who visit older people in their homes ie family, home help etc, might ensure that they use a spark guard on an open fire and that smoke alarms and door chains actually work. Chimneys and flues should be kept clean as otherwise they can present a real danger. Those who have a personal alarm have it for a reason and therefore it should be tested regularly to ensure that it temporary or permanent basis why not come along you might enjoy the is in good working order should an emergency arise. The pendant (panic button) should be worn at all times. Continuing on the safety theme we will be launching our Carbon Monoxide alarms project in the next few weeks to raise awareness of the danger of Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Of course our regular advice which applies all year around is, make sure you know the caller before you open your door. If in doubt, check them out.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

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### Part-time work and social welfare paymentsnecessary treatments that would normally be<br/>provided by a general practitioner (GP). GPs

I'm working part-time on a low wage. Do I qualify for any social welfare payments?

#### Answer

It depends on your personal circumstances. Many people work part time before taking up full-time employment. If you are working part time you can, in some cases, keep or apply for a partial social welfare payment, or you may qualify for additional supports.

If you work over 38 hours in a fortnight and you have children you may be able to claim Family Income Supplement (FIS). FIS is a weekly tax-free payment for people on low pay. You may be able to claim a jobseeker's payment for the days you are not working. You can work part-time for up to 3 days a week and claim a reduced Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance payment. You may qualify for the Part-time Job Incentive Scheme if you were getting Jobseeker's Allowance and find part-time work for less than 24 hours per week.

However, one of the main conditions for getting a jobseeker's payment is that you must be available for and actively seeking work. This means that you must continue to look for work on the days you are unemployed. You must also be unemployed for at least 4 days out of 7 consecutive days.

If you return to work after a period of unemployment, you may qualify for the Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD) which aims to help families move from social welfare into employment. The BTWFD and FIS can be paid together and the BTWFD is not taken into account in the means test for FIS. If you are parenting alone and getting a One-Parent Family Payment, you are allowed to earn a certain amount each week and keep your payment. In some cases, people getting disability payments can do some work and keep a social welfare payment.

### GP services with medical card Question

I have a medical card but my doctor has recently charged me for a medical certificate and for a blood test? Should I have to pay for these or should they be covered by the medical card?

#### Answer

Doctors provide services to medical card holders under the General Medical Scheme (GMS). This means that they have a contract for these services with the Health Service Executive (HSE). The services provided include consultations with patients and necessary treatments that would normally be provided by a general practitioner (GP). GPs also provide prescriptions for drugs, medicines and appliances as required.

Not all GP services are covered under the agreement. For example, if you need a medical report for a driving licence application you may be charged. You may also be charged for medical certificates for absence from work. If you need a medical report to apply for a social welfare payment, the Department of Social Protection may cover the fee.

If you have a medical card or a GP visit card and you need a blood test to diagnose or monitor a condition, this should be provided free of charge. If you have been charged for a blood test by your doctor, you can complain to the HSE. The HSE deals with these complaints on a case by case basis and will arrange for a refund, where appropriate. You make a complaint by contacting your Local Health Office.

### Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

#### Question

What is the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?`

#### nswer

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) helps you meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school. You must be getting a social welfare payment or taking part in a training, employment or adult education scheme. In general, you must be getting an Increase for a Qualified Child with your payment.

Your children must be aged between 4 and 22 on or before 30 September 2016. If they are aged between 18 and 22, they must be in fulltime second-level education in a recognised school or college. Also, your total family income must be below a certain level for your family size. The allowance is €100 for eligible children aged between 4 and 11 and €200 for those aged between 12 and 22.

The scheme is open from 1 June to 30 September 2016. The Department of Social Protection pays BSCFA automatically to many customers. This means that they do not have to apply for the payment. If you qualify automatically, you should receive a letter stating when and how your Allowance will be paid.

If you do not get an automatic payment you must apply for the Allowance. If any of your children are aged 18 or over, you must apply for the Allowance for them and supply evidence that they are in second-level education (even if automatic payments have issued for other children in the family).

You can get application forms in all local social welfare offices and Intreo centres, and on the Department's website, welfare.ie. When a decision has been made on your application, you will get a letter informing you of this and whether a payment has been awarded. If your application has been successful, you will also be told when and where you can collect the payment. If the Allowance is refused, you can ask for a review of the decision.

#### The National Flag

#### Question

What are the rules around using the national flag. Is it true that you can't write on it?

#### Answer

The National Flag of Ireland is often referred to as the tricolour and consists of three colours – green, white and orange. It was adopted as the flag of the Irish Free State in 1922. It was formally confirmed as the National Flag in the 1937 Constitution:

"The national flag is the tricolour of green, white and orange."

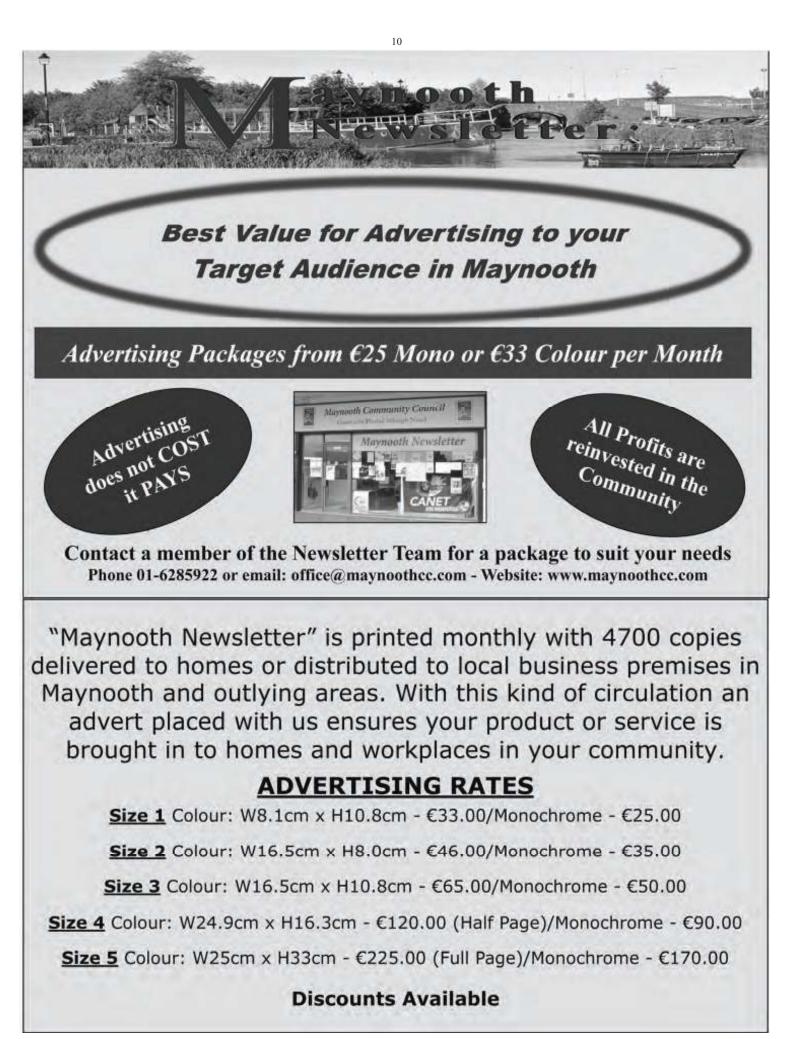
Article 7: Bunreacht na hÉireann.

As part of the 1916 commemorations, the national flag was presented to every primary and post-primary school in the State. Along with the flag, schools received a copy of the 1916 Proclamation as Gaeilge and in English, and a booklet detailing the guidelines for respecting the flag.

These guidelines are issued by the Department of the Taoiseach and give extensive information about when the flag can be flown and how it should be used. For example, no other flag or pennant should be flown above it when it is being flown in Ireland. Care must also be taken not to let the flag touch the ground or become entangled with trees.

The flag should never be defaced by placing slogans, logos, lettering or pictures of any kind on it, for example, at sporting events and it should not be draped on cars, trains, boats or other modes of transport. It should not be carried flat, except when used to drape a coffin. The rules also say the national flag should be replaced if it has become worn or frayed, as it is no longer fit for display in a respectful manner. The same principles apply if the flag is reproduced in printed or electronic format.

However, these guidelines are not statutory guidelines. In other words, there are no laws setting out the rules around use of the flag. This means that there are no penalties for anyone who does not follow the guidelines.





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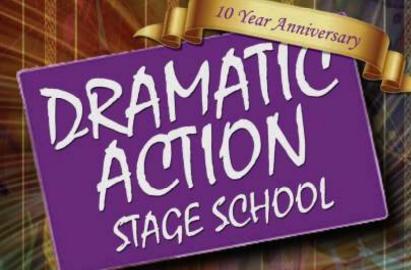
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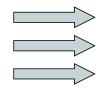
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**Maynooth Heritage Week 2016 Sunday 21st August** The Maynooth 15 "Walk in their Footsteps"

A Family Walk took place from Maynooth Town Square to Louisa Bridge, Leixlip, (approx.5k) on Sunday 21st August in memory of the Maynooth 15 who made this journey over 100 years ago. Irish Rail kindly gave free passage back to Maynooth from Louisa Bridge. On their return to the Scouts Den in Maynooth, certificates were presented to everyone who took part in the walk along with refreshments for the children, tea & coffee. A good day had by all.







At the time of writing we are anxiously awaiting the Supervalu National Tidy Towns results for 2016. The results are due to be announced at the end of September.

We thank all members of the Maynooth Tidy Towns team and all other members of the community who helped with our campaign to beautify and keep Maynooth tidy during 2016. Earlier in the year we had our very successful WEEE Ireland recycling day, people have enquired about hazardous products and how to dispose of same. Please check our Facebook page nearer 17th September for exact location in Intel.

In the absence of a Civic Amenity Centre (large recycling facility) in the north of the county, the Environmental Section of KCC are organising a one-day collection point for household hazardous waste on Saturday September 17th in Intel. This is only for householders and covers the usual household hazardous waste: out of date medicines, solvents, oil paint, pesticides etc. It will be advertised nearer the date. It should be noted that emulsion paint (ceiling and wall paint) is NOT hazardous and should be disposed of in your residual (refuse) bin. This is because the weight of this paint constitutes a huge part of the overall cost and reduces KCC ability to hold similar future events.

A number of people have commented favourably about the Sunflowers opposite the Glenroyal Hotel. These flowers are sponsored and planted by the Maynooth Flower and Garden Club. Despite the weather on Saturday 20th August Maynooth Tidy Towns held its annual Barbecue hosted by the Kavanagh family. All who attended enjoyed the food sponsored by Eddie Casey of Supervalu and a great time was had by all.

Once again we appeal for volunteers to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday. Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns - 087 3153189 Follow us on Facebook

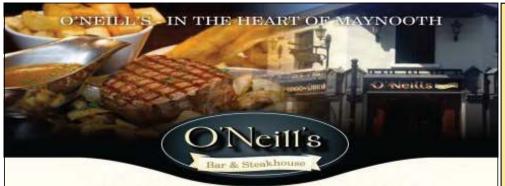
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P would like to Thank N.C.S. Auto Parts, Norman and Patricia Kavanagh for the use of the marquee, Fergal O' Keeffe, Manor Cabs, Maynooth Jewellers and Michael McCarthy. Same again in 2017. P. JAH Guide.

Wicked crowd, wicked tunes, wicked weather, wicked day all in all



Ice Cold Frosty, and Crazy Cormy

#### Freshly baked every day at Shoda Market Café

The recently opened café located at the Glenroyal Hotel is continuing to broaden its services and now offers freshly baked breads and pastries for you to purchase and enjoy at home.

We previously introduced the brand new lifestyle café in Maynooth Shoda Market Café to you and informed you of what the café was offering to the town that sets them apart from everywhere else. We want to keep you up to date with the growing plans for the café and what you can expect to see within their doors in the coming weeks.

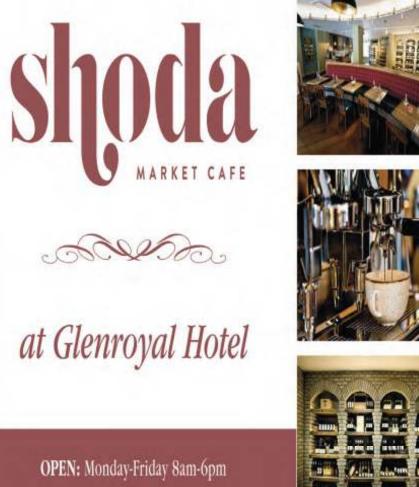
Shoda Market Café have welcomed Kastriot as their newest team member who is the hands behind all the bread and pastries baked in the Shoda kitchen on a daily basis. With over 15 years' experience as a baker he is passionate about producing naturally delicious and freshly baked goods for everyone who chooses to dine at Shoda to enjoy. Using all natural ingredients all the goods in Shoda Market Café are guaranteed to be free from preservatives and additives.

Unlike other cafés everything served at Shoda is made onsite from scratch every morning. The bread for your sandwiches, the complimentary biscuit with your coffee, the pastry encasing their gourmet sausage rolls and the scones and cakes. Everything is cooked from scratch on a daily basis to ensure you as a customer receive premium quality goods at a competitive price.

From the Shoda Bakery you can enjoy the staple fresh white bread, brown soda, a mixed seed loaf, baguettes, cheese and onion bread and much more to come. The pastry range is continuing to expand with their carrot cake, caramel slices, cheesecake, croissants and rocky road coming in as firm favourites already.

The ethos of Shoda Market Café is based around using fresh seasonal ingredients in all their food. Using local suppliers allows them to do this by getting the freshest of ingredients delivered daily which you can undoubtedly taste in every bite regardless of what you order.

Open daily from 8am to 6pm be sure to pop in and try out their changing menu and keep an eye on the soon to open retail space which will offer quality Irish craft items from suppliers including Brooke & Shoals and Kiltrea Pottery.



Saturday-Sunday 9am-6pm

#### Maynooth History Group Walk in Carton House Sunday 21st August 2016

The Maynooth History Group met on Sunday 21st August and had a very interesting walk around Carton House. Much to everyone's delight the Duke and Duchess of Leinster joined them on the walk and visited the memorial to Thomas their son (Earl of Offaly) who died so young in 1997. The Duke and Duchess thanked the Maynooth Community Council for the bouquet of flowers laid at the memorial.

Bottom Right picture: Des Galvin, Curator Carton House, with the Duke and Duchess of Leinster. (Photos & Photo Montage Courtesy of John Boyd)



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# **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

Irish Girl Guides	Community Library	Bridge Club
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	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	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
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland
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	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	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Group will re-commence on Monday 5th Sept 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome	Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189	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.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com	1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND
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.	Comhaltas Registration for 2016/2017 will be held on 7th September. Contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com. Classes resume on Wednesday 14th September from 7pm to 9.30pm in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road.	Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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: office@maynoothcc.com. 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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one. All welcome.

#### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

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morning for the hospice since 2000 and have raised, with the help of local residents and businesses, over

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#### Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - 🚹 /Frank O'Rourke Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

#### Public Transport a key to alleviate **Maynooth Student Accommodation** pressure - O'Rourke presses for Naas -**Maynooth Orbital Bus Route**

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O Rourke, has highlighted how public transport can alleviate the pressure of student accommodation in Maynooth by opening up adjoining towns, through public transport, to the rent a room scheme. This can be achieved by providing the Bus Service linking Naas to Maynooth via Rathcoffey and Clane, which I have campaigned for over the last number of months.

'In recent months, I have campaigned for the provision of Bus Service linking Naas to Maynooth via Clane and Rathcoffey, which would provide connectivity between these commuter towns and become part of the catchment area for students seeking accommodation, particularly under the rent a room scheme, which also brings benefits for home owners in these areas.'

'The National Transport Authority has confirmed to me that they are now considering providing an orbital bus route serving Naas, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Blanchardstown. Following meetings that I have had with constituents in Maynooth, Clane, Rathcoffey and Naas, I have submitted a large number of signatures supporting this proposed service.'

'This service would connect these commuter towns, provide access to NUI Maynooth, better access to Naas, Clane and Blanchardstown Hospitals and I believe increase the student accommodation capacity.'

'As I have highlighted before, linking Naas, Clane Rathcoffey Maynooth and Blanchardstown would address one of the missing public transport services. Naas, Clane, Maynooth and Blanchardstown are all key employment towns, four towns are key retail centres, Maynooth has a University and three of the towns have hospitals. Public Transport is not just about linking commuter towns to Dublin, although important, connecting these commuters towns, as we have now in place between Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, is also important.' stated Deputy O'Rourke. 'In recent months, following representations that I made earlier this year, new morning Kilcock Dublin Bus Eireann services have been introduced, at 6.30am and 8.00am, a location is now proposed for a park and ride facility for bus commuters in Kilcock, and improved Dublin Bus services for Celbridge commuters, on the

'Once we achieve a regular, reliable, cost effective and inclusive public transport service, we will attract more people to use it and thereby make it more efficient. I will continue to campaign for better public transport users." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Route 67 and 67x, have been put in place.'

#### Kildare set to receive €380k under Town and Renewal Scheme says O'Rourke

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD Frank O Rourke has said that Kildare should benefit to the tune of €380k from the recently announced Town and Village Renewal Scheme by the Rural Affairs Minister Heather Humphreys. 'The Town and Village Renewal Scheme which the Minister announced last week aims to revitalise up to 200 towns and villages across the country. It is part of a €10 million scheme nationally and Kildare should benefit to the tune of €380k.' stated Deputy O Rourke. 'In total €380,000 will be available to Kildare and I have been I touch with Kildare County Council to ensure that

we apply for the full allocation of funds that is available for Kildare.'

'Kildare County Council can apply for grants for up to 8 separate towns or village projects and submit outline plans to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in September for approval,' stated Deputy O Rourke who has been in touch with Kildare Co Co in relation to the scheme.

Funding will be released to Local Authorities once projects are approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. The maximum grant for any single project is €100,000.

designed to meet up to 85% of the total cost of each to consider this proposal.' concluded Deputy O'Rourke. project. The Council will then be required to partner with local businesses and local communities to execute the projects '

'From the Department's website, I understand that the type of projects to be funded under the scheme could include the following; increase the attractiveness of the town or village as a local commercial and social centre, and increase its sustainability as a place in which to live and work enhance its environment and amenity in the interests of residents, businesses and visitors; enhance the culture and local heritage assets of the town/village and promote tourism; tackle minor physical infrastructural deficits and land assembly issues.

'Many smaller towns in Kildare suffered significantly during the economic downturn and are still suffering from the aftermath. I know from discussing with Business and community groups in towns like Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane, Prosperous, Johnstownbridge, Straffan that this scheme has the potential to bring benefit to the towns.' Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

#### Fit for purpose Career Guidance essential for future economic growth says O Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to consider a proposal put forward by some interested parties that a specialist careers advisory service, to supplement the exiting school provision in the secondary school cycle, should be put in place.

'The Education Act (1998) states that career guidance is a universal entitlement in the secondary school cycle. I believe that there are a number of weaknesses in the current approach to career guidance which include; the almost sole focus on access to third level education with a lack of information on other options available for students, which may be more suitable for the students and necessary for our country."

'For those that do not want to go to Third Level Education, but are more interested, or have greater aptitude, for Apprenticeships, the State, together with other stakeholders, should be more proactive in providing guidance to students who wish to pursue these options.'

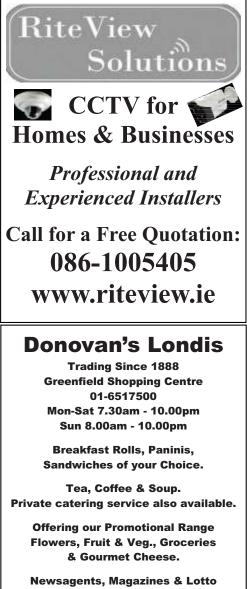
'The Department of Education and Science should work with businesses, community and voluntary organisations and other stakeholders, to develop a specialist careers advisory service to supplement the existing school provision approach. A short one-to-one coaching sessions for all second level students each year is one example of what could be provided, effectively providing a continuous and an holistic approach to career guidance.'

'It is critical to prepare young people for life beyond the classroom and ensure that young people, with their parents, are making informed education and career

decisions, with a variety of options being considered.' 'Having external input into career guidance at secondary schools, in my view, will provide better outcomes for all concerned, and have a skills match for the ever changing labour market. More importantly, it increases the options that are available for students and will assist young people in reflecting on their ambitions, interests and abilities

'It is important that apprenticeships are treated with the parity of esteem as compared with higher education options, so that we encourage people to pursue careers based on apprenticeships, skills that a growing economy will always need.'

'The funding available to Kildare County Council is 'I am calling on the Department of Education and Skills



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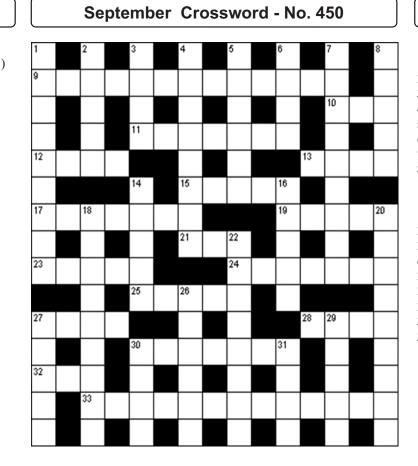
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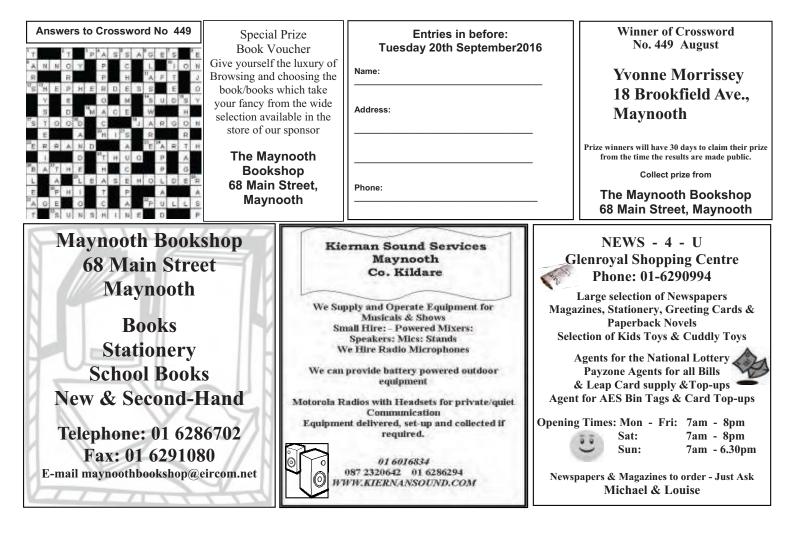




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# The Suzuki Approach

The Suzuki Method of Music education was founded by Shinichi Suzuki over half a century ago. Born in Japan in 1898, he studied violin in Berlin where he was befriended by Albert Einstein (who was a keen amateur violinist). However, it was on being asked to teach some very young children that Suzuki began to reformulate ideas on the best method of education.

The resulting approach, now called Suzuki Method, has many different facets behind one very simple and straightforward idea. It is based on the commonplace but quite remarkable feat all our children achieve within their first few years of life: the ability to speak their mother-tongue. Suzuki's belief is that if you apply the same principles of language development to musical education you will get the same happy result.

His method is therefore based on (1) Starting a child as young as is practicable, (2) Placing great emphasis on listening to music, (3) Daily practice and repetition and, perhaps most importantly, (4) Parents and children working together, guided by a trained teacher.

Suzuki places great importance on the education of the whole child.

"My aim in teaching the violin is to give children a sense of joy in experiencing one of the most beautiful and spiritually enriching things we have in the world, which is music. I do not wish to turn all my students into professional musicians - but to use music to develop their sensitivity as human beings. Music can open a child's heart, and give him a finer appreciation of life".

### **Maynooth Toastmasters**

It's like waiting at Heuston Station, trains coming and going, an air of expectation pervades the station as people check the information boards, on time, delayed, arrived, departed. So it is in Maynooth Toastmasters as members start their own individual journey, some choose to go on the fast track, if this is your choice those innovative people on the organising committee will fully support you. Alternatively you may choose a slower pace.

Frankly it does'nt matter, fast or slow we will be with you for the entire journey as you develop, reaching out to achieve your individual goal. Along the way, we will imbue the

competitive spirit, hoping that You may be the One to represent Maynooth at Club, Area and District Speech Competition and go all the way to the top.

Our time table starts on the 29th August in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8pm continuing on 12th and 26th September, better still have a look at our Facebook Page.

You choose the destination. We will plot the best route. Together we can make a difference for You. Maynooth Toastmasters is for everyone

Felicity Cuthbert Public Relations 087 1337750

### St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

September is normally a quiet month for the Band but we are still busy rehearsing for our Annual Mass for our deceased members and believe it or not, our Christmas Concert all of which takes time to have everything right on the day.



Our Annual Week-end collection will be held on Saturday and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September so please keep an eye out for band members in uniform and give whatever you can afford. The Band, although originally founded in 1796, has been in continuous existence since 1931, 85 years this year and two of the current members have been with the band since 1956, a really great record. The Band depends mainly on this collection and our Christmas Carol recitals for the income that is so necessary to keep the band alive and your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

We extend an invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas 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.



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### Maynooth Basketball Camp a Big Success

There was a capacity attendance at the Maynooth basketball summer camp from 8th to 11th August. Forty children aged 6 to 10 attended the academy camp where children were introduced to the main skills of basketball over a four day period. Many of the children were new to basketball and the improvement in their abilities and self-confidence was striking.

A further 37 older children, aged 11 to 16 years, had the opportunity to improve their existing skills in the development camp. Here they got expert tuition from some of Ireland's top underage coaches, including Nabil Murad, coach of the u16 boys national team, Erin Bracken, assistant coach of the u18 girls team, Jimmy Clarke, coach of Liffey Celtics, the All Ireland u14 Club Champions, and Eoghan Kiernan, current Irish u20 international.

Jim Walsh, Camp Director, said he was very impressed with the way the children picked up new skills. 'Each coach worked with a small group of 10 children. This allowed the coaches to tailor their skills teaching to the abilities of the children. It was a case of total immersion in basketball over the four days, which is a great way to learn the sport.'

The camp was organised by Maynooth Basketball Academy and Kilcock Basketball Club. Further initiatives to promote basketball are planned, including an academy for younger children commencing in September.



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### MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES SEPTEMBER 2016

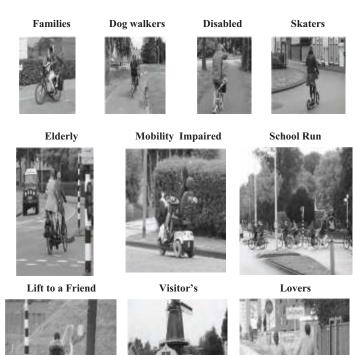
### Who Benefits from High Quality Cycle Facilities?

This is a simple question – cyclists obviously benefit from cyclist facilities but who is a cyclist? The common perception is a male of a certain age dressed in lycra and helmet and riding a bike with dropped handlebars but who really benefits from good quality cycling facilities?

Everyone benefits from high quality cycle facilities. These pictures from the Netherlands show high quality cycle facilities attracting a wide cross-section of the population. This same wide cross-section is starting to appear in London with the opening of the high quality superhighways. For the first time, parents feel subjectively safe in cycling with young children and mobility scooters and skaters have started to appear without causing conflict with pedestrians.

It must not be forgotten that pedestrians too gain from high quality cycle facilities. Cyclists have a safe place to cycle away from pedestrians. Shopkeepers benefit if people do not have the expense of a second car. Finally motorists benefit - if people have the option of short trips by bicycle, the roads would be freed up for those who have no choice but to travel by car. This is our vision for Maynooth.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.



### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask you for this special one, (mention here). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

Say this prayer for three days. Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail. Thanksgiving for favour received. S.S

### Family Events September

### **Culture Night**

Friday September 16th from 5pm until 11pm museums, galleries, historic buildings, artist's studios and other cultural venues

all over Ireland will remain open, offering free tours, exhibitions, readings, performances and films. In Dublin alone there will be over 150 venues or organisations taking part and more than 200 possible events to attend. Dublin Bus help by providing free transport between some of the main venues throughout the evening and the Culture Night website helpfully categorise events by area. This is very much a family event, with lots for children to enjoy.

Culture Night is free but some events may require advance booking. Visit *Maynooth Castle* by night from 6pm to 9.15pm, last admission 8.45pm.

*Maynooth Library* from 8pm for a night of miscellany poetry, song, traditional music and dance with a gathering of artists from the local community.

### Russell Library Tours of the Library's Collection Time: 3pm to 7pm (hourly tours, with the last tour starting at 6pm)

Tours are on a first-come, first-served basis (max 30 people). The Maynooth Gospel Choir

The Maynooth Gospel Choir promises an evening of fun, soulful and uplifting gospel music.

Time: 7.30pm to 11.00pm

Address: ACRE Centre, Celbridge. For more information on events telephone 01 4151207 or www.culturenight.ie

### Enchanted Fairy & Elf Festival 2016

Palmerstown House Estate, Johnstown, Naas Sunday 11th September 11am to 6pm

Bring your fairies and elves to Palmerstown House (home of Santas House Express) to experience a magical wonderland of fairies and elves - all in aid of a great cause Sensational Kids Charity, Kildare Town. For a great day out dress up as an elf/fairy or superhero and experience the magic, complete with fairy door trail, treasure hunt, story telling, dodie tree, worry tree, sensory chill out gardens, bouncy castles and slides, fairy crafting, lego play area, face painting and more. Children can meet fairies and elves and join in on a treasure hunt on the day.

To book your tickets: www.sensationalkids.ie. For more information telephone 045 906901

### The Doggie Do

Herbert Park Dublin 4, Sunday 11th September 1pm to 8pm. The Doggie Do is a family-friendly festival for and about dogs and their humans. After the resounding success of Ireland's first ever mutt mardi gras in 2015, attended by over a thousand people and their pooches, this year The Doggie Do promises to be bigger and better with Dogs Trust joining the pack. They will be hosting a very special guest; Mr John Grogan author of the wonderful Marley & Me. Dogs Trust, Irelands largest dog welfare charity, will be on hand to provide a fun filled afternoon to both humans and their four-legged friends alike. Activities in the Dog Trust arena will include "An Education Station", "Agility Advice" and a "K9 Shop". There will be a canine costume competition to crown "The Dog of Dublin 2016". For humans there will be a picnic "market garden" with some of Ireland's finest food traders and to cap it all off there will be an open-air movie screening.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.thedoggiedo.com Child €5/Adult €10/Family €30.



**On Tuesday, April 19th 2016 Mark Nugent** was out for a spin on his bike after work. Time was tight. The evenings only just beginning to stretch. So he was moving fast, as fast as he could. The crash, when it happened, could have stopped a clock. Mark's injuries were so horrific it was immediately clear he would never walk again. In that moment, life had changed forever.





Speaking to the Maynooth Newsletter the Chair of the Mark Nugent Fundraising Committee, Mr Colm Nelson, praised Mr Ken Murray and the Cycle Committee for their very successful Cycle for Mark to Tara. A large turnout enjoyed a rain free cycle in the well organised event. Colm also thanked them for setting up the GoFundMe page which is still open for donations.

He said the other fundraising events taking place during the month of September include, a Family Fun Day in Manor Mills Shopping Centre on the 17th September, a Golf Classic in Kilcock Golf Course on 29th & 30th Sept and a Gala Night in Maynooth GAA. The committee are also seeking sponsorship, for the event paper. For paper sponsorship details phone Gerry on 0857776668

During the Golf Classic there will be a hole-in-one competition for a car

sponsored by Ray Crofton Motors, Maynooth. Terms & Conditions apply.

There are a number of ways you can support these events:

- **Golf:** Enter a team of four @ €300
- **Tee-Boxes:** Sponsor a tee-box @ €250
- Boards: Take a place on our sponsor's board @ €100
- Buy a raffle ticket: €5 each or a book of 5 for €20
- Attend the Gala Night: Tickets €25 per person

The Gala Night will be held on Friday September 30th in Maynooth GAA. Tickets will be on sale on September 9th in Maynooth GAA @8.30 pm. The Gala Night will include: - Drinks Reception - BBQ Buffet - Music & Dancing - Raffle &

Auction, M.C. Eamon O'Flaherty, Music by Endeci.

1st Prize in the Raffle will be a Husqvarna TC342 Ride-on-lawnmower sponsored by Leixlip Hire.

A painting of Tony McCoy by John Fitzgerald will be auctioned by local auctioneer Eamon O'Flaherty at the Gala Night. John Fitzgerald is a renowned Equine, Portrait & Sporting Artist. He is also the Artist in Residence at the Curragh racecourse.

For further information on all events email info@marknugentfund.com or message us on facebook

In a message from Mark he expresses his sincere gratitude to all who are supporting him so generously at this time.

Ca	lendar of Eve	ents
Event	Location	Date
Gala Tickets on Sale	Maynooth GAA Club	Friday 9th September 8.30pm
Family Fun Day	Manor Mills Shopping Centre	Saturday 17th September 12pm - 3pm
Golf Classic	Kilcock Golf Club	Thursday 29th September
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Gala Night	Maynooth GAA Club	Friday 30th September
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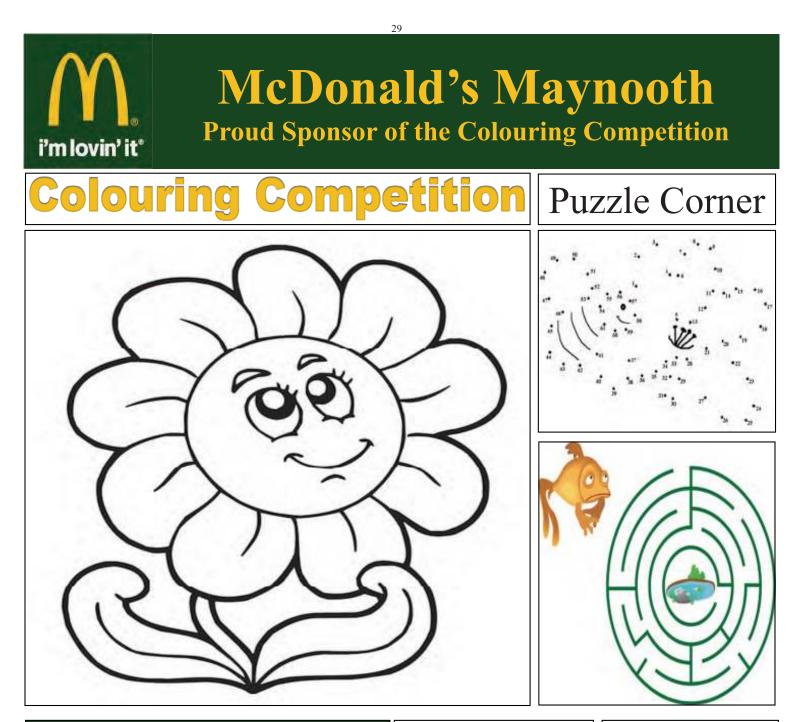




John Fitzgerald's painting of A.P. McCoy is on display in The Kildare Art Gallery at Carton House, Maynooth



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*McDonalds Children's Colouring Competition* Prizes: Free Family Meal From McDonald's, Maynooth

Name:	Last Month's Winners:
Name:Age:	Age: 3-5: Kate Whitty 38 The Green Moyglare Hall
Address:	Maynooth Age: 6-7: Eoin Hever 10 The Lawn Moyglare Abbey
Phone No:	Age: 8 & Georgia O'Neill Over: 27 Carton Court Maynooth



Prizes for <u>Colouring Competition</u> can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before Tuesday : 20th September 2016



### September Gardening

Autumn has started to creep in. It is now time to get ready for the start of the next season. Autumn is one of the best planting seasons as the roots of new plants will have time to establish before the onset of winter.

### **Flowers**

Buy spring bulbs and plant them as soon as possible, the fresher they are going into the ground, the better they will flower. Take cuttings of tender plants such as geraniums, marguerites, fuchsias and argyranthemums to carry over winter. Conditions are usually ideal with heat in the soil and adequate moisture to encourage rooting immediately. Continue feeding and watering baskets and other containers on a regular basis.



### **Shrubs & Roses**

Shrub roses and ramblers could now be pruned by removing some of the shoots that flowered. Roses that were pruned after flowering and were given some rose fertilizer will be showing a new crop of late buds and flowers - these can even flower into early winter if there is no frost. Evergreen shrubs could be moved now if they need to be given more space. Finish clipping hedges as soon as possible, all kinds of hedge can be clipped at this time and they will stay neat longer if clipped



now. Prepare ground for planting trees and shrubs, including hedging, if not already done. The planting itself can take place now for evergreens or in two months for bare-root deciduous trees, or planting can be delayed until spring if the weather is wet and the ground becomes sodden. Do not plant until spring in an exposed area as the young trees will be damaged by strong winds before they get a chance to get established. Check that trees recently planted are properly staked and stake any old shrubs that appear top-heavy. Check on wall trained climbers that their support is solid.

### Fruit & Vegetables

If you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you will be busy harvesting. It is time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs. Dig up remaining potatoes before the slugs damage them. Plant spring cabbage into ground vacated by early potatoes. No fertilizer is needed because the potatoes would have been adequately fed. This



ground is also usually nice and open after potatoes – just the conditions that spring cabbage needs to make some growth before winter. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so they are ready for use in the autumn. Cover leafy vegetable crops with netting.

### Making Potpourri from the Garden



Potpourri allows you to bring not only some of the flowers, leaves and pods inside with you, you can bring some of the scents of the season. It's not hard to make your own potpourri. Look for flowers that hold onto their colour and still look good when dry, like geraniums, lavender, peonies, and roses. Add in interesting seed pods, like sweetgum and rose hips. Pinecones make a nice chunky addition. For more colour, include berries like beautyberry and holly.

You can include leaves, but they tend to fall apart quickly when dried. Look for thicker leaves, like leather-leaf viburnum and the lacy leaves of scented geraniums. Dried citrus peel an dried apple slices add fragrance and nice texture. For extra scent add some essential oils. No matter how you make your potpourri, do not use metal bowls or utensils. These can react with your ingredients and alter the fragrance. Glass, ceramic and wood are the safest materials. Plastic is fine too, but the scent will linger in it for weeks. A quick and easy way to mix up a batch of potpourri is to add a few drops of essential oil to your fixative, cover and set it aside for 3 - 5 days, so that the scent is completely infused. Then add your dry ingredients and stir everything together. Cover again and allow to steep for about 1 month. Check it occasionally, to make sure the scent is strong enough for you. If not, add more oil.

### A garden always gives back more than it receives!

### **Healthy Recipes**

Healthy food need not be boring. A healthy diet low in fat and salt and high in fruit and vegetables is a significant factor in reducing the risk of heart disease.

### Watermelon and Feta Salad with Lime Ingredients: 1kg/2lbs 4oz watermel



1kg/2lbs 4oz watermelon, in medium sized chunks, peeled 2 tbsps pumpkin seeds 1 tbsp freeze-dried green or regular peppercorns

Serves 4

- $120g/4^{1/2}$  oz. feta cheese
- 2 limes, rind and juice 2 tbsps olive oil

### Method:

Toast the pumpkin seeds in an oven until lightly coloured. Crack the peppercorns gently between your fingers or with the flat of a knife. Chop the feta into small cubes and place in a bowl with the watermelon and the pumpkin seeds. Add lime rind and juice and olive oil to the bowl and toss gently. Pile a mound of the salad onto four plates. Scatter some peppercorns over each mound. Squeeze a little more lime juice over, if desired. Serve chilled or at room temperature

### Pan Seared Scallops with White Wine

### **Ingredients:**

16 large king scallops, trimmed 120ml dry white wine 120ml white fish stock 1 stem fresh lemongrass, chopped 20g/1oz chives, chopped 1 tsp olive oil

### Method

Sear the scallops on both sides in a little olive oil in a very hot pan. Remove from the pan and keep warm. Add the white wine and lemongrass to the pan and reduce by half. Add the fish stock and again reduce by half. Return the scallops to the pan for 2 - 3 minutes until cooked. Add in chopped chives and serve.

### One Crust Fruit Pie

### Ingredients:

### Shortcut pastry

175g/6oz. plain and wholemeal mixed flour 80g/3oz. polyunsaturated margarine, at room temperature Cold water

### Filling

 $675g/1/_{2}$  lb prepared fruit (rhubarb, gooseberries, raspberries) 50g/2oz. caster sugar **Glaze** 

1 small egg white

- 1 tbsp sugar
- Method:

Make up the pastry by sieving the flour into a large mixing bowl, then rubbing the fats into it lightly. When the mixture reaches the crumb stage, sprinkle in enough cold water to bring it together to a smooth dough that leaves the bowl clean. Give it a little light knead to bring it fully together, then place the pastry in a polythene bag in the fridge for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6. Roll the pastry out on a flat surface to a round of approximately 12 inches, as you roll, give it quarter-turns so that it ends up as round as you can make it. Now carefully roll the pastry round the rolling pin and transfer it to the centre of the lightly greased baking sheets. Pile the prepared fruit in the centre of the pastry, sprinkling it with sugar as you go. Then turn in the edges of the pastry; if any breaks, patch it back on again. Brush the surface with egg white and sprinkle sugar over pastry. Bake in oven for 35 minutes or until the crust is golden brown. Serve with a little Greek yogurt or light cream.

### **Guidelines for healthy cooking**

- \* Use herbs and spices rather than salt to flavour food. Many people watch their salt intake because of raised blood pressure.
- \* Use little or no oil when making a healthy low fat dish. All oils are 100% fat, even olive oil so use a maximum of 2 tablespoons of pure vegetable oil for 4 portions.
- Serve dressings and sauces on the side. Use low fat cooking methods steam, grill, poach, microwave, oven bake, stir fry or roast without fat or oil.



Serves 4

Serves 4-6



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### FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON JASON BOURNE Starring: Matt Damon, Alicia Vikander & Tommy Lee Jones

Jason Bourne is a wanted man. Its nine years since the rogue CIA assassin tore up the big screen in *The Bourne Ultimatum*. Paul Greengrass (director of *Supremacy (2004)* and *Ultimatum* (2007) is back to spearhead the fifth instalment in the spy-thriller franchise. *Jason Bourne brings* the title character into a post-Snowden era and one where social media has taken on a pervasive and disturbing influence.

After a spectacular ending to *The Bourne Ultimatum*, our favourite amnesiac anti-hero is back seeking answers. Albeit he's 'off the grid' and earning a dirty living (was it ever clean) as a bare-knuckle fighter for hire on the Albanian border.



An older, grizzled Bourne (Matt Damon) has most of his memory back but lacks the final piece in the jigsaw puzzle that saw his father implicated in murky CIA dealings. Bourne's former ally Nicky Parsons (Julia Stiles) turns up out of the blue with hacked information on CIA skulduggery and vital information about his past. The agent is reluctantly dragged back from his selfimposed obscurity.



This triggers a devious game of cat-and-mouse. Creepy CIA Director Robert Dewey (Tommy Lee Jones) and uber-cool cyber analyst Heather Lee (Alicia Vikander) are soon hot on their renegade operative's trail. They enlist sophisticated state of the art surveillance technology to track Bourne. Throw a ruthless nameless assassin (Vincent Cassel) into the mix and the viewer is guaranteed numerous action sequences

The *Bourne* films have always sold the idea that they are better and grittier than *Bond*. Greengrass's background as a documentary-maker (*World in A ction*) and his dramatization of the real events of *Bloody Sunday* have given him a reputation for gritty realism.



Jason Bourne is basically a two hour chase movie. In almost every scene Bourne is either pursuing or being pursued. Any rare moments of introspection in the film

involve Bourne's jarring flashback memories of what happened to his father. Bourne like the film itself is essentially monosyllabic. Damon utters a mere handful of lines throughout the course of the film. If you're interested in snappy dialogue and scenery-chewing villains, this is not the film for you.

Like the previous *Bourne* outings, the emphasis is firmly on spectacular gravity-defying, explosive set-pieces. Greengrass shows his command of deafening, frenetically edited action sequences. The director cowrote the film with his regular editor Christopher Rouse. As with *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*, Greengrass's film hops from one city to the next for its tale of violent intrigue and double-dealing.



The action is relentless from Bourne's signature rapidfire hand -to-hand combat, to high-speed car and motorcycle chases. The highlights include a chaotic chase through an anti-austerity march in the streets of Athens and a blistering showdown finale in Las Vegas. This being a Greengrass film, be prepared for lots of shaky, hand-held camerawork that shifts between sterile control rooms and crowded areas.

People of a nervous disposition may want to stay home. And make no mistake, with Greengrass's style of filmmaking – you come out of it literally gasping for breath! The problem with this whole approach is that while *Jason Bourne* replicates scenes, action and twists from previous films in the series, it doesn't essentially add anything new.



The plot is rather bland and threadbare. Greengrass's jittery, jolting camerawork and whiplash editing seems to be masking the fact that not very much is actually happening onscreen. When we are not being assaulted by Greengrass's camera, his characters spend a lot of time either frowning at computer screens or walking endlessly!



On the plus side Matt Damon is compelling as ever as the restless, conflicted ex-CIA killing machine. His boyish good looks have matured into something harder and grittier. His face looks weathered, lived in and haunted as befits his character's story through four films. He's still every inch the action hero, although showing signs of vulnerability in spots. There is a humanity to Bourne not evident in the other characters in the film. His speech may be sparse but his body language is expressive, displaying violence and sadness in equal measure.



The supporting cast go through their paces. Veteran actor Tommy-Lee Jones is predictably chilling as the calculating and devious CIA head, Dewey. The potential usurper to his crown comes in the form of Alicia Vikander's steely ambitious cyber analyst who believes the renegade Bourne can be brought back into the fold. However, the Swedish actress's obvious youth and beauty is a distraction to believability in this role.



Vincent Cassel's CIA 'asset' exudes the chill factor in his portrayal of Bourne's counterpart in the killing stakes. Aaron Kalloor (Riz Ahmed) is the Zuckerbergstyle guru running a social media organisation called 'Deep Dream' which may be in colluding with Tommy Lee Jones in sinsister data mining and breaches of privacy.

Greengrass's fifth entry in the Bourne franchise is a dour disappointment overall. What was once innovative has become pedestrian in this rendering. It's one-dimensional filmmaking. The near relentless actions sequences are expertly executed but at saturation point for most of *Jason Bourne*. The film itself is swamped in cyber pyrotechnics and the characters, apart from Damon's Bourne, do not engage the interest to any real degree. By contrast the *Bond* films succeed because they appeal to the human factor and, more importantly they entertain. **Rating: 3/5** 







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For further information and details on Registration, please contact Siobhan Keogh 0868962008.





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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 subcommittees 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 Caneten-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

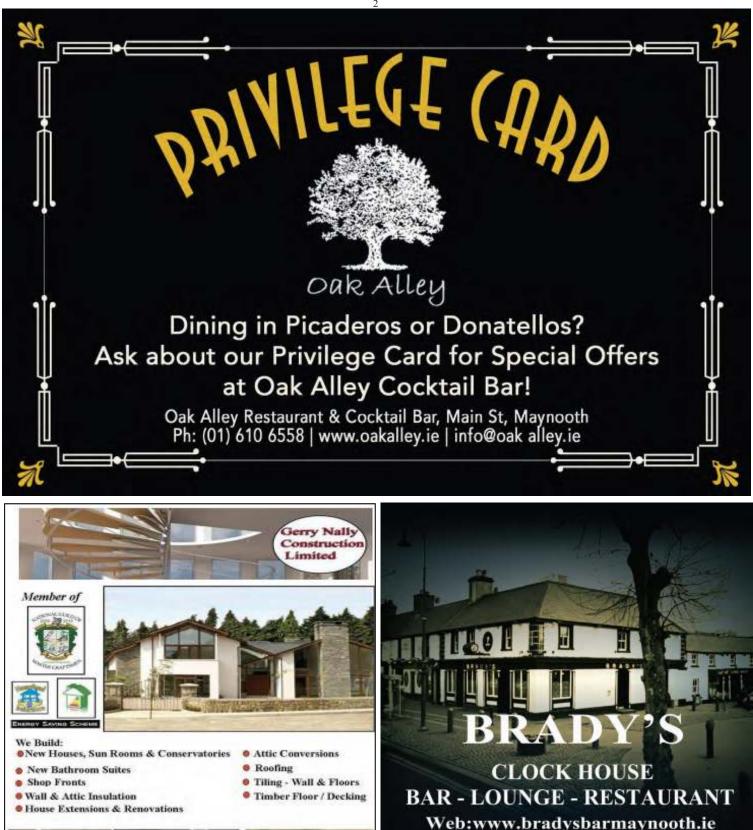


Left to right: John Kavanagh Chairman, Mary Jennings Treasurer, Catherine Mulready, Mary Molloy Secretary, and Vincent Mulready Assistant Chairman.



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

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### **Road Traffic Accident**

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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.

- a) Foods Alcohol, coffee, raisins, grapes, chocolate (especially dark chocolate).
- b) Medication Pain killers, anti depressants, vitamins. All these should be kept safely out of reach.
- c) Others Toilet cleaners, shoe polish, anti freeze, slug and snail bait.

d) Flowers and household plants, tulips, rhododendrons and Lilies which are highly toxic especially to cats causing severe kidney damage.

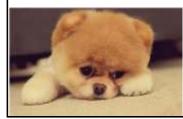
These poisons if ingested can cause serious side affects - vomiting, diarrhoea, incoordination and respiratory difficulties.

### **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**

Some dogs after been stung will show swelling of face and nose area as these are the usual sites of a sting. Find the sting, remove it and apply vinegar.



If you think your pet has been exposed to any poison you can contact us at Maynooth Veterinary Clinic 01 6289467 or Clane Veterinary Clinic 045 982763.







Tuesday: 6.30-8.30pm in The Presentation Girls School, Maynooth Friday: 6.30-7.30pm in St. Marys Boys National School, Maynooth

Contact Stephen on 0876986491 or email info@maynoothtaekwondo.com. Facebook: MaynoothTaekwonDo



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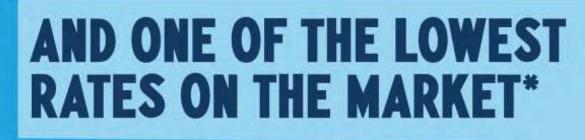
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# All Participants will be e-mailed such Wedrwsiday with a list of fixtures for that round. • All Participants will be e-mailed such Wedrwsiday with a list of fixtures for that round. • You must pick a different team each week (Premiership only) and you cannot pick the same team twice.

- You must register your team for thirt round by 8 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 price money and the ACRE Project.
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### C20 entry - You can make as many entries as you want!

Pay 620 to any ACRE Project organiser, PayPal at acre@infomarex.com or directly to our AIB Celbridge account (E24 AIRK 933 503 1186 0263 (no spaces in the account number).

The ACRE Project (A Community Rethinking its Environment) is a non-commercial oco-finently community based project which provides internal and external space for educational, youth, and integral community training programmers in which local communities in the north kildere and west Dublin catchment areas can gather and use.

The ACRE Project it focuses on the following core elements: > a creative space for the community to gather and engage:

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   a structured setting where young people can rivet and grow;
- an interactive setting where people can hearn about ecology and environmental living, and
- > non-formal education through the medium of borticalitore 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 (National Immunisation Office) For information on infectious diseases see: 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 Saults and seconded by Padraig 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. Máigh 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.

Cater for artistic, cultural and sporting needs.
 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 Mavnooth. 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 rebranding. In order to inform new residents of the Council it was suggested that local auctioneers be sent packs about MCC representation.



### **Maynooth Labour News**

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail jmcginley@eircom.net - Web: www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/

### Cllr. McGinley Asks the Council to Seek Government will last 10-12 weeks." 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

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

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.



### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

### Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

### Small Claims Court

Question I am not happy with work that I had done in my house by a builder and will have to pay for someone else to finish the job properly. What can I do to recoup the additional expense?

### Answer

If your original builder is unwilling to compensate you, you may be able to pursue a claim against the builder through the Small Claims procedure. The aim of this procedure is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers to resolve disputes without needing to employ a solicitor. The maximum amount you can claim is  $\notin$ 2,000. The Small Claims service is provided through local District Court offices.

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.

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, workplacerelations.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

Service at Lo-call 1890 80 80 90 or through the website, workplace relations.ie

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.

If you make a donation of at least €250 to an eligible charity, tax relief on your donation is allowed to the charity rather than to you (the donor). Cash donations made in instalments, such as by standing order, also qualify. The charity can claim a refund of tax on your donation at the end of the tax year. Relief is granted to the charity at a blended rate of 31% rather than the rate you actually pay. The donor is not entitled to a repayment of any part of the tax that has been repaid to the charity.

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  $\notin$ 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  $\notin$ 250 and the maximum qualifying donation is  $\notin$ 1 million. (Note that corporate donations are treated differently.)

If you are willing to allow the charity claim a refund on your donation, you need to fill out a form - either an "Annual Certificate" (CHY4) for a single tax year, or an "Enduring Certificate" (CHY3) which lasts for up to five years. You can find more information about tax refunds to charitable organisations in Revenue's booklet about the Charitable Donation Scheme (pdf).

### 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 (selfemployed).

Paternity Benefit is paid for two weeks (in one block) and is available for any child born or adopted on or after 1 September 2016. You can start paternity leave at any time within the first 6 months following the birth or adoption placement. If you are already getting certain social welfare payments, then you may get half-rate Paternity Benefit.

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 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.

You can also claim up to 18 weeks of unpaid parental leave from work (until your child's eighth birthday - or 16th if they have a disability). Both parents have a separate entitlement to 18 weeks' parental leave.

# Hearty Fools Team Cycle 2016 from Malin to Mizen

This September The Hearty Fools cycled from Malin Head to Mizen Head, the route took in the east coast which was 900 km over 6 days.

Maynooth was the halfway stage and they were greeted by Team Tesco with open air Barbeque and beverages. Robbie Kelly (Tesco Store Manager) was there to lend a helping hand.

The Hearty Fools Team Cycle raised funds for the Mater Foundation, Irish Cancer Fund and Temple Street Children's Hospital. A big Thanks for all monies raised goes to the Main Sponsors of the event - ABP, Kepak, Linden, Stryker, Dawn Meats, Lin Pac, Gem, Slaney Foods, Tesco, Foyle Food Group, Coveris, Sawyers, G Mondini and Maynooth Cycles.











Anne Gaffney (L) Kelly Pope (R) Organizers and Drivers for the event









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# DINE IN THE DARK

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# IS COMING TO **PICADEROS** Thursday 8th November

# Tickets €50pp

**Available at Picaderos Restaurant** 

# **Proceeds go to National Council for the Blind**

Main St. Maynooth | Ph: 01 6292806 | info@picaderos.ie

### Maynooth/ Naas Credit Union Merger

Naas Credit Union and Maynooth Credit Union is now open under the new merger. Members can now conduct their business at the Maynooth and Naas Credit Union branches, they are able to avail of online services with the Credit Union and through their smartphone. Members from the Maynooth branch can also apply for an ATM card which gives them full accessability in Naas.

This is a positive step forward for the members of Maynooth Credit Union and having the added benefit of being able to monitor all transactions online. The opening hours remain unchanged.

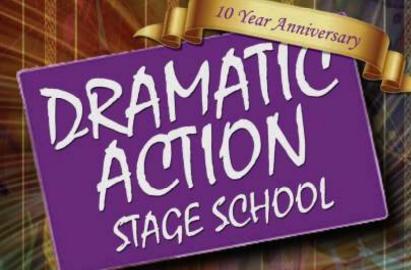


St Mary's Brass and Reed Band At the reopening of the Maynooth Credit Union.



# NOW ENROLLING NEW STUDENTS Weekly Classes in Dance, Drama & Singing from Tots to Teens

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**Maynooth** Venue: The Geraldine Hall, Leinster St, Maynooth Saturday Mornings

<u>10-11am</u> Tots (3-5yrs) Junior 1 (6-8yrs)

<u>11am-12.30pm</u> Junior Advanced (9-11yrs) Senior (12yrs+)

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# COMHALTAS

### **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 !!. Bígí 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, Kilteel 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 Uileann 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 recounts the story of fifteen Volunteers from Maynooth, who fought during Easter Week 1916. It includes accounts of the celebrations in the town in 1966 (50th Anniversary) and 2016 (Centenary), along with the obituaries and last resting places of each of the men.

All proceeds from the sale of this book will go to The Maynooth 1916 Centenary Committee €5.00



### Maynooth: 8th out of 40 Towns/Cities surveyed. Cleaner than European Norms.

Maynooth has been the most improved town this year, with eight out of the ten sites surveyed getting the top litter grade. There were significant improvements at a number of sites -Main Street was not just clear of litter but very attractively presented. Aldi (opposite University of Maynooth) was generally much cleaner than previous surveys and the Public Park opposite Dunnes Stores was looking very well.

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.

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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.

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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
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	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	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Group will re-commence on Monday 5th Sept 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome	Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334
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Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND
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.	Classes are held on Wednesday 7pm to 9.30pm in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. Our classes are very good value, great fun and we promise you plenty of craic also !!. Bígí linn!!! Contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.	Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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: office@maynoothcc.com. Phone: 01-6285922 (The content of the Monthly Planner Diary is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups)

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# Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

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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 Eireann, 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 Fail 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.

<sup>•</sup>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.<sup>•</sup> Stated Deputy O'Rourke who highlighted Kildare's success in attracting Foreign Direct Investment.

<sup>6</sup>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.<sup>9</sup>

'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  $\notin 1.5$  billion in 2011 to  $\notin 1.01$  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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- **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)



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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.

# Be Warned!!!!

Euro Car Parks have issued parking Permits to staff working in Carton Park (Tesco Shopping Centre) Maynooth. This might be a signal that they may be going to enforce the parking conditions as shown below.

<u>Peuro car parks</u>

### **3** Hours

maximum stay This car park is patrolled. Failure to comply with the following may result in a €70 penalty ticket, & clamping subject to a €100 release fee. Telephone: 01 890 8320

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Park only within marked bays Blue Badge holders in

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All persons entering this car park do so at their risk. Neither E.C.P. nor the landlord accept any liability for injury or damage caused to persons or vehicles entering this car park howsoever caused

### **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 suggesions.



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 telphone 045 870238.

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

In collabration 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 natures 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 performaces 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** 

### **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 Childresn'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 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 infomation visit 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 Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear 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 touch the heating elements or fall into flames. fire deaths in Ireland.

### Be Careful Cooking.

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.

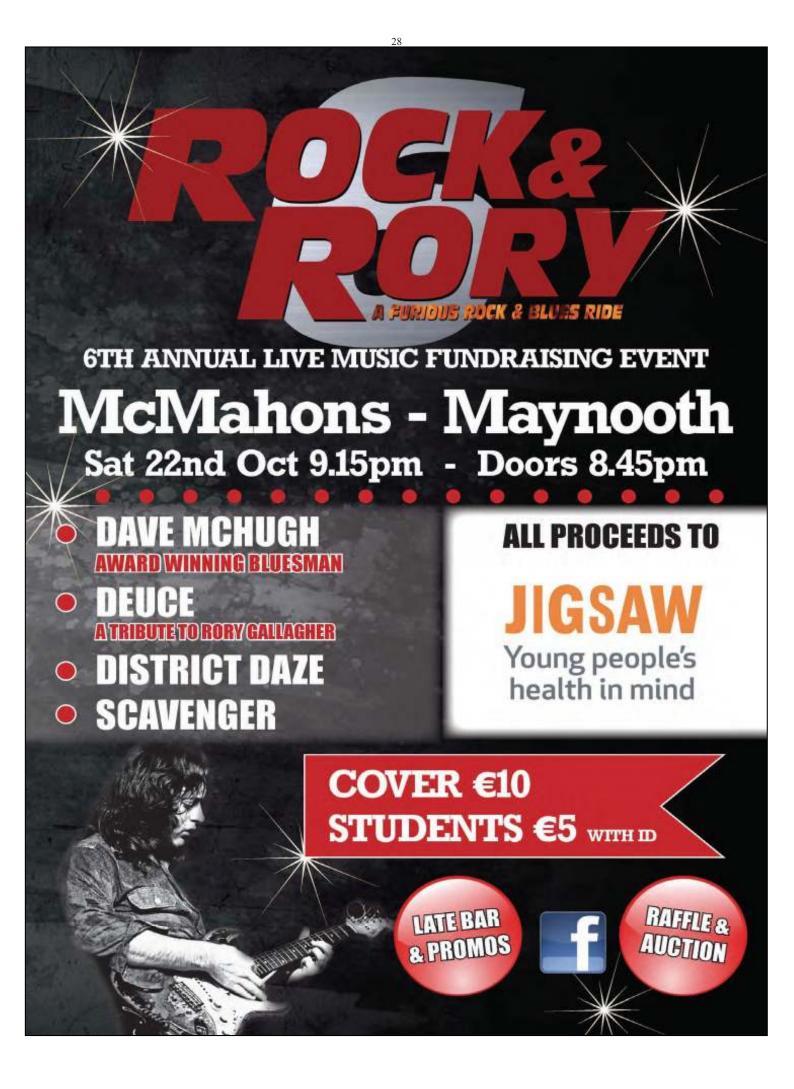
If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Replace frayed or cracked electrical cords and don't overload extension cords. They should not be run under rugs.

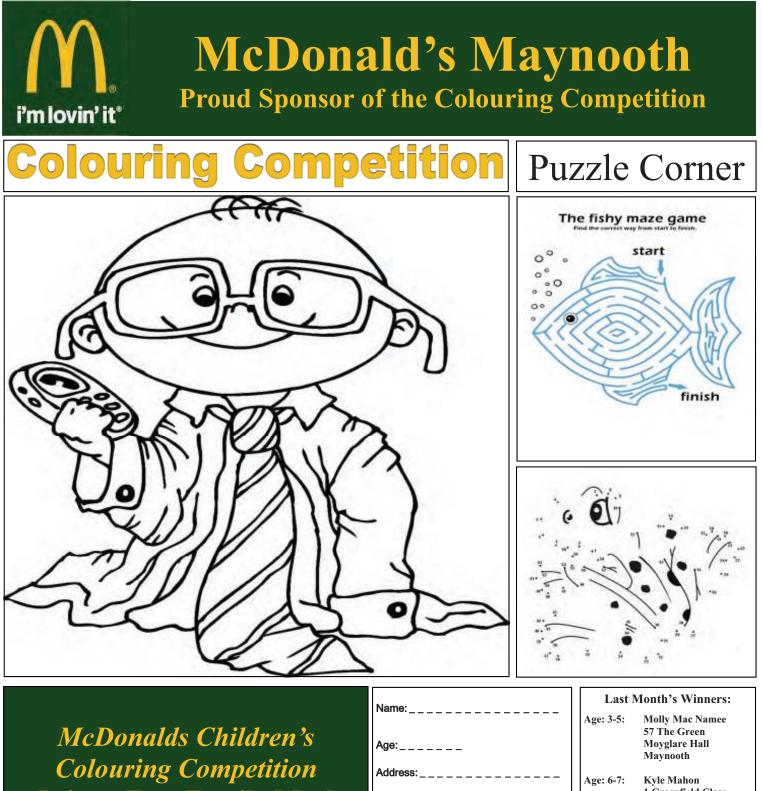
### Shock.

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.

Never dry or air clothes close to any fire. They could





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**Prizes: Free Family Meal** From McDonald's, Maynooth

Name:	Last	winners		
	Age: 3-5:	57 The Green		
Age:		Moyglare Hall Maynooth		
Address:	Age: 6-7:	Kyle Mahon 1 Greenfield Close Maynooth		
Phone No:	Age: 8 & Over:	Aoife Leonard 6 Castlepark Ave Maynooth		



Prizes for **Colouring Competition** can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before Tuesday : 18th October 2016





# October Gardening

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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!



## A Beautiful Garden is a work of Heart

## 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:

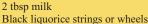
Place the fruit mix in a bowl and pour over the whiskey and cold tea. Allow to soak overnight. Preheat the oven to 170°C/Gas 3, grease and line a 900g loaf tin. Combine the flour, baking powder, sugar and mixed spice in a mixing bowl. Make a well and break in the egg. Using a wooden spoon, mix the egg 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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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 thsp milk



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".

## 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

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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 Gabcik (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' Hajsky (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 sideway 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-andmouse Nazi standoff finale will leave you breathless and looking for a way out. Director Sean Ellis certainly leaves the best till last.

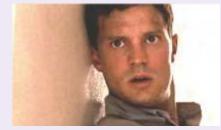


Anthropoid is amazing to look at – it uses sepia tones to resemble black and white newsreel footage of the war period. The film was shot in Prague and tries to be as faithful as possible to the actual locations where this heroic story took place. In fact, a torture scene is played out in the exact room 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 Gabcik. 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 Geislerova 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 feears, 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 3**½/5



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## 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 Caitriona 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 point excluded from both sets of data). Furthermore, the numbers of students who successfully took subjects at Higher Level in the Campus is above the

The educational success was continued with the publishing of the annual league tables in The

national average.



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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Advice Clinic held in Maynooth every Monday at 3pm, in Glenroyal Hotel

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# Mark Nugent Fundraising a Huge Success

The story of Mark Nugent who suffered life-changing injuries in a cycling accident earlier this year has provoked a remarkable community response throughout North Kildare and beyond. Mark (39) was himself an inveterate fundraiser and a stalwart of Maynooth

Students for Charity, which over the last 27 years has raised more than €1m for charities with its annual Maynooth to Galway sportif event. It meant that there was an immediate response when it emerged that urgent works were needed to his home as he faced the challenge ahead with his fiancée Jacqui, who he was due to marry just weeks

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Gough at the Kilcock Golf Classic

after the accident that left him fighting for his life.

North Kildare met that challenge with fantastic heart and commitment and it is time to say thanks to all those who played a role in a fantastic fund raising effort. A number of events were held and each was remarkably successful in its own right. It included two days of classic golf at Kilcock Golf Club which drew teams from far and wide. The Mark Nugent Fund Committee receiving great support from the club and its members who helped make the event such a success.

The other highlight was the Gala Night at Maynooth GAA club. Again the committee called on the help of the club who helped make the sell -out event of music and dancing the social highlight of the year in Maynooth. It was wonderful to see Mark, Jacqui and their families at the event where Mark gave an inspiring speech of thanks.

Other fundraising efforts included a hugely successful raffle for fantastic prizes which received huge support from the business

community, an auction of fine art, GAA memorabilia and All-Ireland final tickets attracted top bids and finally a free community newspaper "Inspiring Times" attracted massive support expressing good wishes to Mark and Jacqui from businesses in Maynooth, Kilcock, Celbridge, Leixlip and further afield. It means that at this stage this fundraising effort has raised in the region of €55,000.

Full accounts will be available on completion but at this early stage the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make these fundraising efforts so successful as well as the people who dug deep to help Mark by attending the golf, gala night, bought raffle tickets and who made donations directly to the Mark Nugent fund as well as members of the business community who were generous with their sponsorship in advertising.

## Gala Night Photos see page 14



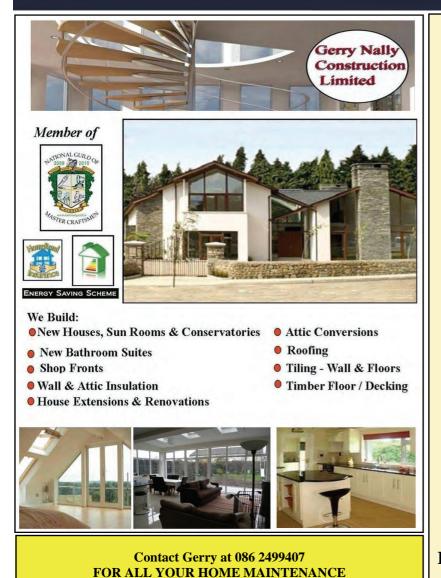
L to R Alex and Adrian Moldovan proprietors of Bistro 53 who were the successful bidders for Brian O'Loughlin's Bog Oak sculpture & John Fitzgerald painting of AP McCoy.



Painting by renowned local artist Emma Boyce bought at the auction by Louis Fitzgerald of the Roost, Maynooth.

Tidy Towns Competition 2016 Adjudication Report See Page 13





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# Maynooth Community Council Festival and Events



Aonach na Nollag/Christmas Fair 2016 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 12-5pm Maynooth Education Campus (Post Primary School) Moyglare Road Arts and crafts, cakes and bakes, music, song, dance and much more...



## **Bring your letters to Santa**

Raffle tickets for an array of prizes will be on sale from November Come along for a family fun festive day out! Enquiries to <u>Maynoothfest15@gmail.com</u>

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## Community Policing for North Kildare Action Group

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# WE NEED AND WE DEMAND

Community Gardaí in our towns
 Increased opening hours for our Garda Stations

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Community Policing for North KildareAction Group (CPNKAG) represents local community groups, from the North Kildare area. Our focus is public safety for our communities.

# e-mail: cpnkag@gmail.com

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# Mc Mahon's Main Street Maynooth



# Phone: 01-6291568 - e-mail: info@mcmahonsbar.com

**Light Entertainment Every Weekend** 

Congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns on achieving GOLD in the National Tidy Towns Awards Open Mic every Tuesday night Friday night Music in Bar 9pm Saturday night Music in Lounge 9pm



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Sunday Evening Session 6.00 - 8.30pm



## **Join Our Xmas Club Now**

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Stocking Maynooth **Farm Turkeys** (New York Dressed)

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## **Mulcahy Family Butchers Celebrating 32 years in Business**

Gerry Mulcahy is trading for 32 years in Greenfield Shopping Centre and has 40 years experience in the Meat trade. Mulcahys have excellent Beef, Lamb, Pork & Bacon. In 1984 Mulcahy Butchers began producing Home Made Pork Sausages. We now cure our own Bacon, Low Salt Back Rashers, Low Salt Fillet of Ham & Low Salt Collar of Bacon to the Highest Quality.

Mulcahys also produce the Highest Quality Home Baked Ham, Roast Turkey, Coleslaw & Potato Salad. We now stock Homemade Goujons 100% Real Chicken made on Premises.

## Gerry, Tom, David & Caroline

## Magically festive free things to do in the run up to Christmas Animals at Powercourt Stables



Visit the atmospheric Powerscourt Estate in County Wicklow with its tree-lined avenue, fir trees and majestic stately home! Dating back 800 years, Powerscourt is an enchanting and beautiful place to bring your children. Enjoy a crisp walk in Powerscourt Gardens, where 47 acres of discovery and intrigue await. Bring the children to see Santa's animals at Powerscourt Garden Pavilion. Kid's will love the chance to meet some farm animals up close including Santa's deer, pygmy

goats, minature donkeys, rabbits and guinea pigs. Children of all ages and adults alike will enjoy a visit to the stables which is free of charge. The powerscourt stables are located beside Powerscourt Garden Pavilion.

Date: Daily from November 26th - 23rd December. Time: 10am to 4pm

## **Farmleigh House and Estate**

At Christmas Farmleigh really comes into it's own and puts on a wonderful programme of seasonal events. The surroundings, the decoration, the music and the special events planned for the holiday season will get everyone into the Chrismas mood. For children there are Magic Shows and Puppet Shows as well as Christmas Tales from Storytellers from all over Ireland. Outside all the family can enjoy Horse and Carriage Rides and a



live crib. You can stock up with lots of tasty Christmas goodies at the weekend food market while listening to festive choirs singing carols. For more information please visit www.farmleigh.ie or contact 01 8155914

## Live Animal Crib Mansion House



The Mansion House on Dawson Street will host a traditional nativity scene set with live animals in a specially constructed life size stable. The Crib which is organised by the Irish Farmers Association (IFA) and Dublin City Council, has been a tradition in Dublin for 22 years. The animals are brought to the Crib every morning and are returned to a farm on the south of the city in the evening.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome and will go towards the Mansion House Fuel Fund. The Mansion House Fuel Fund is one of Dublins oldest charities and raises funds for a number of charities including St. Vincent de Paul and Dublin Simon Community.

## **ITIA Translation Competition** for Secondary Schools

Congratulations and well done to Elena Giardini and Alexander Harding, both students at Maynooth Post Primary School, who were the winners of the ITIA (Irish Translators' and Interpreters' Association) translation competition in Italian and Spanish.

The competition was held to mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of the association. Elena and Alexander received their awards at a Gala Dinner for delegates from the International Federation of Translators which took place recently at the Clarion Hotel, Liffey Valley, Dublin. The judges praised the exceptionally high quality of the translations of these two young linguists, who were both Third Year students at the time of submission of the translation texts in May, 2016. Elena and Alexander are pictured below receiving their prizes from the Chairperson of the ITIA, Mary Phelan.





# **Maynooth Community Council Notes**

## Maynooth Community Church Centre Presentation by Keith McCrory

Keith McCrory thanked the meeting for the opportunity to give the presentation which was an update on the proposed Maynooth Community Church Community Centre.

The Church hopes to present the idea to Kildare County Council in November as they are in a position to formally propose to purchase the site on the Dublin Road opposite Tesco. No architect has been appointed as yet and Keith welcomed thoughts and ideas from the meeting. The proposed auditorium in the building will seat 240.

He outlined four modules in the plan on screen. 1. Entrance, Kitchen, Toilet Access and Tea Room; 2. Café, Creche, play area; 3. Youth Room and 2x600sq ft. meeting rooms; 4. Boardroom, Counselling/meeting rooms (which can be rented out), administrative rooms. Any one section can be accessed and heated individually. If Kildare County Council give permission there will be proper consultation with groups. The Church hopes for example to have suitable flooring for Irish dancing and back stage access. Questioned about space as a place of worship and what it might look like Keith replied that the church does not have a concept of sanctified space. There would be imagery on screens that can easily be changed. The auditorium would be limited in its use on any long term basis for groups as it would be needed for funerals. The Creche at this point would be for use of the Church (non-commercial) which may possibly change in the future. Keith hoped that MCC would welcome their endeavours. Through the Chair there was a unanimous show of hands of approval welcoming the project.

#### Affiliates reporting at meetings – changes

The meeting agreed that from now on all affiliates would email their reports to the office at Office@maynoothcc.com. It was requested by the Chair that the reports include future activities.

#### **Planning and Development Group**

There was a proposal the last meeting asking that the Planning and Development Group be reinstated (it had been in place a number of years before), no decision had been taken. It was requested that the Council revisit this and make a decision.

It was agreed to reinstate the group. The Chair invited members of MCC to think about putting their names forward for inclusion on a Planning and Development Group. It is envisaged that four or five people would be required. Will be followed up at the next meeting.

## Local Matters and Affiliates

This is the last reporting in this form for Affiliates. Groups will send in their notes to the Maynooth Community Council Office for inclusion in the Newsletter.

## Senior Citizens

Josephine Moore expressed thanks to those who attended their Carbon Monoxide information event on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Seventy Carbon Monoxide alarms have been distributed and more people will be receiving them. She also thanked the Fire Service who talked in general about safety with lots of information given out for older people. Josephine applied to Bord Gais for information leaflets which they supplied. It is great also to have people like Johnny, Tom and Robert who have been a great help in putting up the alarms.

The next big news is the **Sale of Work which will take** place on the 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Post Primary School. A committee member and another adult will be collecting for the Sale. No children will be collecting. We are always conscious of people opening their doors. Josephine requested that we be aware of our elderly neighbours and to watch from afar as a good neighbour especially in the Winters months.

**Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Craobh Mhaigh Nuad** Angie Tracey reported that classes are progressing and they are delighted to see new members. Younger members played in the TLC nursing home on Saturday past and were joined by the Rita Doyle dancers. The AGM will be later this month. Next Saturday they will take part in the Sallins Irish Festival. There will be a concert and master classes. The award winning group Goiste will be there. CCE are delighted to announce a donation of O00 from KBC as part of their bright ideas programme towards the setting up of an instrument bank. The bank would give students a chance to try out musical instruments (which are expensive) before investing in the one.

## **Maynooth Scouts**

Johnny Dowling reported that fourteen groups will visit Larchill. There will be canoeing on the Canal on Saturday coming. The Christmas Fair will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> November. In the next few weeks will be organising the 12 Days of Christmas Raffle.

#### ICA

Mary Murphy reported that classes have resumed. Macramé classes and Christmas decorations classes will take place. Tin whistle classes will take place on Wednesdays. New members welcomed.

#### Maynooth Community Council Festival and Events -Aonach na Nollag

Anne Birchall reported that the first meeting went well and we hope to build on the success of last year. We are planning for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Post Primary School (The date & venue has been confirmed since the meeting)

#### Tidy Towns wins Gold Medal....Congratulations

Congratulations were expressed from the meeting to Maynooth Tidy Towns on winning Gold! Maynooth Tidy Towns were delighted to win the Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns which was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. in the Helix. They scored 314 points last year, we scored 305. Richard Farrell thanked everyone who helped us to achieve this Gold Medal. They also won an award in the National Pollinator Section. Maynooth Tidy Towns has taken a break from Litter picking for the month of October. Firstly their volunteers need a break, secondly this is to highlight the need for 7 day cleaning by Kildare County Council. Maynooth Community Council was asked to support MTTs in this request by writing to Kildare County Council. (See full report in Newsletter)

#### **Maynooth Community Centre Partnership**

Anne Birchall reported that the group is working very hard and they are getting lots of feedback from social media. At the moment they are in contact with David Flanagan of the Integrated Services Programme for Kildare with the aim of including Maynooth in this venture. They are also in contact with Peter Minnock (Kildare County Council, Director of Services, Planning Community and Culture). The Partnership will meet again on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## Street Begging

The issue of the increase of begging on the streets was raised. It is generally accepted that this is an organised operation. It is not illegal to beg unless there is aggressive behaviour. There is also an element of exploitation and abuse operating within the system. It was stated that it needs a multi-agency approach. This has worked in Dublin. It was suggested that reporting it to social welfare department was the best approach.

## Removal of disabled parking spaces outside Scouts Hall

The removal of the disabled parking spaces outside the Scouts Hall was queried. These were free car parking spaces but they were being taken over by caravans. It was deemed by all interested parties at the time that provision of double yellow lines was the best solution.

#### **Community Council**

There was a discussion regarding Maynooth Community Council composition, structure, charitable status, constitution, affiliates, CE scheme and proposed review.

## Community Policing for North Kildare Action Group (CPNKAG)

Maynooth Safety Group was established in 2007 by a group of Maynooth residents to highlight concerns about safety issues in our town.

It is clear from our ongoing meetings with our local Garda representatives that the lack of Garda resources is having a negative impact on the policing of our communities throughout North Kildare. Recent statistics show that on a per capita basis Kildare fares particularly badly in relation to deployment of Garda personnel.

Kildare County 661 persons per Garda (the highest in the country). (2011 figures) Kildare County is now 751 persons per Garda. (2016

figures)

Kildare is the only county without community Gardaí

Maynooth Safety Group has joined with residents from Kilcock, Leixlip, Celbridge to form the Community Policing for North Kildare Action Group On Tuesday 8th November CPNKAG are holding a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth at 8pm.

This meeting affords people the opportunity to highlight their concerns about the low number of Garda personnel stationed in North Kildare. cpnkag@gmail.com

Members of the CPNKAG Committee are: Teresa Murray, Fiona Maguire, Conor O'Dwyer, Mary Jennings, Mairead Murray, Lena Fitzpatrick (Maynooth). Anthony Larkin, Denis Mc Carthy, (Leixlip). Michael Mc Kenna, John Mc Loughlin, Vic Murphy (Celbridge). Thomas Ryan, James Cotter, (Kilcock).

## **Miracle Prayer**

Sacred Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for a very special one (mention it). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become your favour and mine. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favour will be granted. *Never known to fail* 

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# **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

## Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

## New Earned Income tax credit

## Question

I am self-employed and make a tax return each year. What is the new tax credit for self-employed people? How do I apply for it?

## Answer

From 1st January 2016, a new Earned Income tax credit of €550 is available for self-employed people (in addition to the normal personal tax credits and other reliefs). Proprietary directors who are not eligible for the PAYE employee tax credit can also claim this credit.

This Earned Income Tax Credit is calculated at 20% of your self-employed (or earned) income. It does not include any earned income that is taken into account for the PAYE employee tax credit. Note that if you also qualify for the PAYE tax credit, the combined value of both tax credits cannot exceed €1,650.

The maximum relief for 2016 is 550. However, if your earned income is below 2,750, the tax credit is restricted to 20% of the income. For example, if your total earned income is 2,000 your maximum tax credit is 20% of this or 400.

As a self-employed person you pay tax under the self-assessment system. Under this system (known as "Pay and File") you must file your return, complete a self-assessment, and you must pay the balance of tax outstanding for the previous year. At the same time, you must pay preliminary tax (an estimate of tax due for your current trading year) for the current year. When you pay preliminary tax for 2016 you can include the Earned Income tax credit in your calculations. However the new Earned Income tax credit is not available for the 2015 tax year.

The date for payment of tax and filing of returns is 31st October each year. For 2016, if you file your tax return online using the Revenue Online Service (ROS), the due date is extended to 10 November 2016.

## **Benefits for carers**

## Question

My mother is in hospital and I will need to provide full-time care for at least 6 months when she gets out. What is available for people in my situation?

## Answer

There are several entitlements available to you. In order for you to qualify, the person you are caring for (your mother) must be deemed to be in need of fulltime care and attention. This decision will be made by the Department of Social Protection, based on information provided by your mother's GP.

If you are working at present and will be taking time off to care, you may be eligible for carer's leave of up to 2 years. You must have worked for your employer for a continuous period of 12 months to qualify for this leave.

While you are on carer's leave, you are entitled to get credited social insurance contributions to maintain your PRSI record.

You are entitled to annual leave and public holidays in respect of the first 13 weeks of carer's leave. Your employer cannot dismiss you or victimise you for exercising your right to carer's leave.

You may also be entitled to Carer's Benefit from the Department of Social Protection, if you have enough PRSI contributions to qualify.

If you do not qualify for Carer's Benefit, you may qualify for a means-tested Carer's Allowance. If you get Carer's Allowance, you are entitled to a Free Travel Pass. You may also qualify for the Household Benefits Package if you live with the person you are caring for.

There is also an annual Carer's Support Grant of  $\bigcirc$  ,700, formerly known as the Respite Care Grant, which is paid to full-time carers in June each year. Even if you are not getting any other social welfare payment, you can qualify for this grant if you fulfill the conditions.

# Free cancer screening programmes Question

My friend has been invited to take part in free cancer screening. I haven't

received an invitation but she says it's a national free screening programme. How do I take part?

## Answer

There are free screening programmes to help detect or prevent a number of types of cancer.

**Bowel Screen,** The National Bowel Screening Programme, aims to find bowel cancer at an early stage in people who have no symptoms. It offers free screening every two years to men and women aged 60 to 69. If you are in this age group you can ring Bowel Screen on Freephone 1800 45 45 55 to check your details are on the register. If you are on the register you will receive an invitation to take part in the Bowel Screen programme.

**Cervical Check,** The National Cervical Screening Programme, tests women aged 25 to 60 for changes in the cells of cervix. Early detection and treatment can prevent cervical cancer. If you are aged between 25 and 60 and have never had a Cervical Check smear test you can simply make an appointment with a GP practice or clinic registered with Cervical Check. You can find one in your area by visiting cervicalcheck.ie or by calling Freephone 1800 45 45 55. A letter of invitation is not needed to make an appointment and attend for a first test.

**Breast Check,** The National Breast Screening Programme, invites women to a free mammogram (x-ray of the breast) every two years. The screening has been available to women aged 50 to 64 but is currently being extended to also include women aged 65 to 69. If you have not received an invitation you can check if you are registered by visiting breastcheck.ie or by calling freephone 1800 45 45 55.

Screening can help prevent or detect cancer at an early stage in people who have no symptoms. If you have any specific concerns or symptoms you should visit your GP (family doctor).

## Replacing lead pipes

## Question

We think that the water pipes in our house are made of lead and pose a risk to our health. We can't afford to spend a lot on replacing them. Can we get a grant?

## Answer

The local authorities administer a means-tested grant scheme to help lowincome households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings.

You will need to provide evidence of your household's income when applying to the local authority for the grant.

If your income is below  $\pounds$  0,000 a year, you may get a grant of up to 80% of the cost, up to a maximum of  $\pounds$ ,000

If your income is between €50,001 and €75,000, you may get up to 50%, up to a maximum of €2,500

You must own the dwelling and live in it as your principal private residence (your main home). You must get the remedial work done before applying for the grant.

The contractor who does the work must give you the following: a current tax clearance certificate; itemised receipts; written confirmation that materials used are of appropriate quality and written confirmation that a proper standard of workmanship has been applied.

You must also get evidence of a risk of lead contamination in your home. This can either be:

- A letter from your water supplier, advising that your water system is likely to contain lead pipes and fittings, or
- A certificate from an accredited laboratory, showing that the amount of lead in your water supply is over the statutory limit

You will need to enclose all these documents with your grant application.

Read more on www.housing.gov.ie.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

# **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 got the following update from the Council's Director of Services on his Motion Seeking Funding for the Maynooth ring road:

"Since your Notice of Motion in September the Department released the actual details and terms and conditions in regard to the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund, (LIHAF), which in essence was the formal launch of the €200M fund you refer to.

My Directorate is now preparing an application for funding in respect of Maynooth, Naas, Sallins, Kildare, Newbridge, Celbridge and Leixlip.

This process involves numerous discussions and interactions with as many of the developers/landowners as possible that would benefit if the various infrastructural, (predominantly roads), blockages that exist at present were funded and delivered.

In regard to Maynooth, the route you mention in your email is the focus of our application for funding. Closing date for applications is 14th October and announcements will be made in mid December. The LIHAF coincides with an application I have submitted to the Chief Executive to use Development Contributions to commence analysis and route selection for each of the towns previously listed. I had commenced my work prior to the announcement regarding LIHAF and assuming that not all applications will receive LIHAF funding, I need to progress my work in any event.

Ultimately, my objective is to demonstrate to the Department the number and scale of infrastructural challenges we have throughout the County, all holding up residential, commercial and industrial development opportunities. This piece of work will continue both separately and in tandem with the LIHAF. Please do not hesitate to call me to clarify any of this information."

#### **Cllr. McGinley Raises Anti-Social Behaviour of Students with Garda Superintendent Gerard Wall.** Cllr. McGinley got the following reply from Superintendent Wall on 23 September:

Dear Cllr McGinley,

The issue you have raised is a yearly one.

In the year 2015/2016 I worked closely with the University Security Personnel, I attended meetings between the University and residents. All incoming 1st years were given a presentation on the Maynooth environs the residents and businesses, the issues raised by residents was also discussed along with what was expected of them. The presentations were given by myself, Inspector Dolan and Sergeant Paul Kealy.

Throughout 2015/2016 a number of landlords were contacted and advised on what An Garda Síochána would do in the likelihood of unsociable behaviours. There were a number of successful interventions during the year and I am aware the College Staff did issue warnings. The Student Body engaged in a successful initiative with

local Gardaí in managing behaviours at Student events, celebrations during the year. I also know that the Body also engaged in clean up campaigns in the town following events.

In the last month (Sept 2016) I and Sergeants O'Donovan & Kealy have made presentations to the Students

(Fresher's) in conjunction with Security on campus. The first significant 'gig' on Tuesday last the 20th September was policed successfully by Sergeant Kealy and Gardaí throughout the night. The local licensed premises were co operative and there was minimum disruption to the town given the number of students celebrating.

An Garda Síochána and security at Maynooth University will continue to work closely to monitor Student behaviour throughout the year.

I would welcome any observations you may have. Gerard Wall, Superintendent Leixlip District"

## Update on Traffic Calming for Newtown Road (Rathcoffey Road)

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update on the traffic calming from the Maynooth Municipal District engineer: "Quick update on the Progress of the LPT project to carry out Traffic Calming on the Rathcoffey road.

1. During the summer, we contracted a specialist consultancy (OCSC) to undertake a preliminary design of a Roundabout with a minimum feasible diameter at the entrance to Castle Dawson. The principle behind this category of design roundabout is reduce/check all motorists entering the roundabout on the Rathcoffey road so as to reduce vehicular speed along the road.

The report was received recently and a schematic view of how this roundabout may be designed is attached below. (Note that publication of this document without their permission would infringe the OCSC copyright ).

The report concluded that a suitable roundabout was possible with this the available space and would be an effective speed deterrent. However, no decision has been made on whether we should proceed to detailed design as construction costs would be a critical factor. The proximity of the two entrances on the south side of the road to the roundabout is not ideal but still feasible.

No public consultation has been carried out on this concept to date.

2. In the interim , we have embarked on the design of a 'bus friendly' table top ramp to be built at the junction of Woodlands and the Rathcoffey road. The scheme also includes the widening of the path on the Beaufield side to improve the sightlines at the crossing point, and additional kerbs on the Woodlands side to narrow the road. We will also tighten the Beaufield junction to reduce speed and make it easier to cross. This scheme is currently out to tender and construction

should commence in early November."

## Update on Replacement of the Fence at Beaufield Green, Maynooth

A report was received from the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Section of the Council informing the members at the September MD meeting that 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 November.

Cllr. McGinley Gets a Change to Enforcement of Parking Regulations at the Bus Bay at the Girl's School In response to complaints from parents about the traffic warden standing in the bus bay at the Girl's School in the mornings, Cllr John McGinley raised the issue with the Council and he got the following positive response: "I have requested the contractor to allow vehicle drop off only in the bus bay at the school and this should only apply after the bus has departed the bus stop and no other busses are due. This is only until school time starts, after that, normal enforcement should commence. The bus should always be the priority."

#### Update on Replacement of Cast Iron and Lead Pipes in the Back Lanes, O'Neill Park and Old Greenfield:

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update by the Council on the replacement of these old water pipes: "Maynooth Watermains Rehabilitation – A Consultant has been appointed to progress this scheme. The tender process for Site Investigation and Construction has commenced and works are anticipated to take place in Q4-2016. This scheme is being carried out in conjunction with Kildare Town Backyard Services. The Maynooth scheme is being prioritised."

## Cllr. McGinley Looks for Safety Improvements at the Boys School, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 20 October: "That bollards be erected on the footpath, on the schools side of the road, from the Boys National School to the back entrance to the University, on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, in order to prevent motorists from parking on the footpath."

#### **Cllr. McGinley Looks for Proper Drainage and Surfacing of the Back Lane at Old Greenfield:** Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 20 October:

"When will proper drainage and surfacing be carried out on the road behind house numbers 826 to 837 Old Greenfield, Maynooth?" (This back lane is used by all of the residents for access to their houses)."

## Cllr. McGinley Asks for Seven Day Street Cleaning for Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 20 October

"That a seven-day street cleaning service be provided by the Council in Maynooth."

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for access to the new road for the rear Garden Houses in Old Greenfield.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 20 October:

"What steps are the Council taking to ensure that the developer, High Degree Developments Ltd, honours the Planning Application (13/144 see below) statement "To serve existing Rear Garden Houses" now that he has moved back on site."

(Planning Ref: 13/144 states: Extension of Duration of Planning Ref: 06/144 –Development will consist of new site access to cul-de-sac roadway, footpaths & grass verges 262 metres long from the Straffan Road. To serve existing Rear Garden Houses & proposed New Development, erection of 2 semi-detached, 3 bed-roomed houses etc., at Old Greenfield, Straffan Road, Maynooth.)

#### **Re: Tendering of Maynooth Education Campus Nearly** There

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has continued to monitor progress on the re-tendering for the construction of the Maynooth Education Campus. Mr. Stagg has been advised that the National Development Finance Agency has completed its due diligence on each of the contractors who expressed an interest in tendering for the project by July 19th last. The Project Design Team has also evaluated each of the contractor's applications to tender and has presented their report to both the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board and the Department of Education. Additional Information has been sought from the 10 ranked contractors for the project and when these submissions are received, the contractors will be requested to tender.

Mr. Stagg said the Maynooth Education Campus Project involves the construction of two new Post Primary Schools and a Shared Sports Facility at an estimated value of €30 Million and the envisaged construction period is 24 months.

Welcoming the continued progress on retendering Mr. Stagg stated that it was clear that we are nearly there in relation to getting this most important project back on track and he expected the invitation to tender to issue in the very near future.

#### Traffic Signals at the Meadowbrook Link Road/ Straffan Road Junction Given Approval by Kildare County Council

The Director of Services advised Councillors at the Maynooth MD meeting on 20 October that the Council has given the go ahead to the developer of Hayfield to install traffic lights at the junction as per the Planning Permission granted.

## **Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North** Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - f /Frank O'Rourke Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

**Special Fund needed for Food exports says O'Rourke** Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O Rourke, has called on the Minister for Enterprise Jobs and Innovation and Enterprise Ireland to allocate a special fund for marketing Irish Food products, given the challenge presented by the UK voting to exit the EU.

'We have seen in recent months that the devaluation of the sterling and the potential for a hard border between UK and Ireland has the potential to negatively affect Irish food exporting companies. These companies are now vulnerable given their heavy reliance on the UK market. Over 40% of the Irish Food exports are exported to the UK.'

'The Irish Food product is a quality brand that has potential in many markets outside of the UK. While the UK will remain an important market for us, we need to put in place a marketing strategy that promotes our food products more globally.'

'As I have mentioned in the Dáil on a number of occasions, Naas and the surrounding area is home to many Food related companies, which have strong brands. Examples include, Kerry Food, Dawn Farm Food, Queally Group, Tara Vale Foods, Green Isle, Brady Farm Food located in Timahoe, and Ballymooney Foods located in Clane.'

'I have seen at first hand the investment that these companies, have made, and continue to make, in terms of product development, technology, human resources and infrastructure. The agri-food sector is Ireland's largest indigenous industry which employs over 175,000 people with a turnover of €11bn last year. We must support this Industry given the challenges presented by Brexit.' concluded Deputy O'Rourke after raising the matter in the Dáil.

#### **Prescription Charges**

While welcoming the prescription charge reduction for the over 70's in Budget 2017, Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has expressed his disappointment that the reductions are not universal.

"I had called on the Government to cut prescription charges for all medical card holders in the upcoming budget and had pointed out that that the previous Fine Gael - Labour Government oversaw a five-fold increase in prescription charges, which has resulted in many people struggling to meet their medical costs.

"The previous Fine Gael Government promised to abolish prescription charges but this never happened. Instead they decided to hike the charge to €2.50 per item. This massive hike was particularly cruel on older people as they are more likely to have to rely on repeat medical prescriptions," said Deputy O'Rourke.

"I firmly believe that we need to move towards abolishing the prescription charge. We should be encouraging people to use the medication that they need to live active and fulfilling lives. However the prescription charge only serves to make it difficult for people to access the basic medications that they need."

"I recently met with Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Finance Michael McGrath and Public Expenditure Spokesperson Dara Calleary to discuss this. I highlighted the need to start the process of abolishing the prescription charges, and they took on board my concerns.

'I will continue to highlight this issue in the hope that further progress can be made. '

## O'Rourke presses for measures to increase Housing Supply

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke recently met with senior officials from the Housing Department to press for measures to enable more housing units to be built for the many that are now seeking homes.

'I met with senior officials from the Housing Department and pressed for some specific measures to be put in place to enable more housing units to be delivered.'

'The housing crisis is being exacerbated due to a lack of infrastructure to facilitate construction of new housing units. Towns such as Maynooth, Clane, Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock for example, all need additional infrastructure to enable housing units to be developed.'

'Ring road, waste water treatment plants, schools, public transport are examples of facilities that are required to enable further housing units to be constructed. A €200m fund is available for local authorities to assist with the provision of these services and I highlighted the importance of this fund for a county like Kildare.'

'This infrastructure such as waste water and roads etc could be provided in tandem with the construction of new houses. Given the low cost of borrowing, now is the time to provide this infrastructure.'

'I also requested the officials to consider easing the planning conditions, to enable contractors that have commenced the construction of housing units, and complying with the planning requirements, to complete the construction of these units without having to apply for full planning to get an extension to their permission. Seeking an extension in many cases add little or no value to the planning process, but will slow down the supply of housing units.'

'Following my meeting with the Department, I am confident that it sees the benefit of these two proposals. I believe that progress will be made on both of my proposal. Enabling the supply of housing units is a key challenge for this country. We must put in place the necessary policies so that the country has enough houses for its people.'

"There are a number of areas in Kildare where planning has been granted, but construction is delayed because the necessary infrastructure for waste water and ring-roads are not yet in place. In some cases the construction of housing has been delayed for in excess of three years." said Deputy O'Rourke.

"We need to tackle the slow pace in completing the construction of new housing estates. In the Dáil last week, I've asked Minister Coveney to examine irregularities in the planning code to ensure this problem is addressed and unnecessary planning delays are avoided. The current situation is not acceptable."

#### O Rourke presses for progress on reducing Motor Insurance costs

The continued high cost of motor insurance is unacceptable and requires urgent Government action according to local T.D, Frank O'Rourke

'The most recent figures on motor insurance, show premiums have raised by almost 40% in the last year. This is unacceptable and all efforts must be made by relevant state authorities, the Government and Dáil Éireann to reverse these trends.'

'In recent months, I have campaigned in Dáil Éireann to have the unacceptable high level of car insurance addressed. As I said in the Dáil, It is not unusual for young people in their early 20s to be asked to pay anything between €6,000 and €12,000 a year for their car insurance. Modest reduction in the USC charge, while welcome, is meaningless if the cost of motor insurance soars like it has in recent years.'

'I have suggested a range of measures, including opening

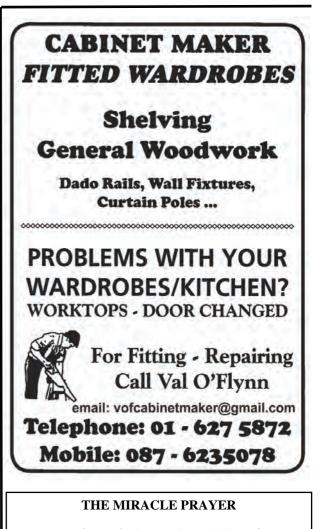
up the Car Insurance market to the EU, re-establishing the Motor Insurance Advisory Board (MIAB), which was successful in the past and requesting that all state agencies, including the CCPC, consider any actions available to them to reduce motor insurance.'

'The current level of premium is not an option for many young people, many of whom require cars for their educational, work or family purposes. The increases in motor insurance for some people is more that their annual Universal Social Charge (USC).

'I raised a Parliamentary Question, in which I asked the Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan T.D., what proposals he had for reducing the cost of motor insurance. The Minister replied that he has established a Cost of Insurance Working Group. This Working Group consists of a number of relevant Government Departments, the Central Bank of Ireland, the Personal Injuries Assessment Board and the State Claims Agency. The objective of the Review is to recommend measures to improve the functioning and regulation of the insurance sector. '

By the end of October, the Working Group will provide an update report which will set out the priority actions required. From November to December, the Working Group will then develop an action plan to enable the relevant Government Departments and Offices to commence the implementation of these priority actions.

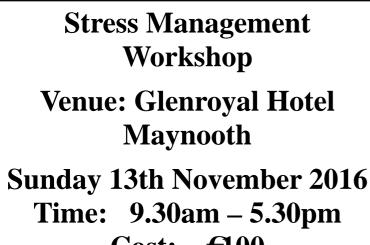
'I will continue to raise this matter until progress is made.' concluded Deputy O'Rourke



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The workshop focuses on teaching about Mindfulness/ Meditation, in a practical and down to earth manner. It is a combination of theory and practice, being informative yet also providing an opportunity to practice breathing techniques, various types of stress management tools and other relaxation exercises.

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Marianne lives in Maynooth and is a mother of four children. She worked as an Occupational Therapist for 16 years then began studying Complementary Therapies. Marianne is a Bio Energy Therapist, Mindfulness/Meditation/Yoga teacher, and has a Certificate in Indian Head Massage. She has completed Reiki Levels I & II (Practitioner) and is in the process of studying Reiki Level III (Teacher/Master).

A booklet of information summarising what is covered during the workshop will be provided.

Similar workshops will be held specifically for teenagers on a half day basis. There will also be future workshops for adults:-Contact Marianne For Further Details

## North Kildare Junior Arch Club

North Kildare Junior Arch Club is a friendship club for children and young people with special needs, along with their parents and siblings. We meet every Tuesday during term-time, from 7pm-8:30pm in Leixlip Youth and Community Centre. We aim to develop members social skills and self-esteem through a range of activities and games, and most importantly to provide a fun, secure social outlet for children and young people with special needs.



Most weeks we have music for dancing, arts and crafts, a sports activity, some imaginary play, fine-motor toys or puzzles, a snack and some group games. A few times each term we have activities such as cooking, talent shows (The Arch Factor!), sports days (Arch Olympics), nature walks in the park, and parties.

During school holidays we organise day trips, such as trips to Lullymore, Wallaby Woods, Jump-Zone, Viking Splash Tour, Sea Life and others.

The Club is for children and young people aged 5 to 15 years. The emphasis is on participating in and enjoying the activities.

As our members have a variety of abilities, activities are always offered at a variety of difficult levels to suit individual members.

For further details please contact: Una on 086 408 4857 or Carol on 087 325 2798

# TOASTMASTERS

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## **Maynooth Toastmasters**

The year 2016 will live in the memory of people for ever, celebrating the Easter Rising, it's amazing how fast time passes.

Maynooth Toastmasters is also celebrating in 2016, being its 10th Anniversary, since it started in 2006, since then it has grown to become a vibrant dynamic club contributing to members growth and development and reaching out to the greater community of Maynooth. While we are always looking at new and exciting ways of making our meetings interesting and instructive the core principle still remains to foster members Communication Skills and help develop the leaders which are within everyone but just need the positive environment to emerge.

A fun system of encouraging speaking is Table Topics, in effect getting a person to formulate thoughts quickly in a coherent manner, it's the ideal introduction for all to start their communication journey. Maynooth Toastmasters prides itself on interesting Table Topics Sessions, so come along to the Glenroyal Hotel on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month @ 7.45pm.

Check out Maynooth Toastmasters Facebook Page

# Editorial

Another month nearer the end of 2016 and with the clocks gone back there is a sense that it is time to prepare for winter whatever that will bring. While I am not an expert on William Shakespeare's Richard III, borrowing a thought from the opening line which became the title for the John Steinbeck novel "The Winter of Our Discontent" may surely be our fear for the coming months. There is no doubt that the majority of public servants made very significant sacrifices in loss of pay, promotions and pension value during the emergency cut backs over the past eight years and with the economy having improved are making the arguments for pay and conditions to be restored. Government cutbacks at that time also had impacts on the community and voluntary sector and I believe that it is now time funding to these organisations should be restored. Groups such as Maynooth Community Council had to suffer a fifty percent funding cut applied to operational grant aid while operating costs remained at the same level.

Many services which should be delivered by Government are outsourced to community based organisations which means that volunteers take on very significant employment and service delivery responsibilities usually without training or sufficient back up expertise. Not alone was funding cut but government departments made sure that these groups had to fund the services themselves. So what is the downside - well groups had to spend their rainy day funds just to keep going and I am aware of several groups who now need to re-invest in critical operational things such as upgrading IT but they do not have the funds.

There is no doubt that employment options in this economy have improved. Maynooth Community Council and similar community and voluntary organisations provide valuable training and work experience and support local people who need these opportunities. Money invested by Government in such groups is money very well spent as it supports employment and the wider community with local services. Returning to the level of grant aid before the emergency is critical to allow community groups to invest and therefore continue the good work. Surely it will not be necessary for community and voluntary groups like Maynooth Community Council to protest to get this funding restored?

One group who have continued to achieve great success in 2016 is Maynooth Tidy Towns. Winning Maynooth's first Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns Competition. This group is primarily funded by local voluntary fundraising. Their work has a much broader impact in giving the community a positive feeling about their environment. I have to pose a question – could you imagine how much a group like this could achieve if they were allocated only a small share of the parking meter charges or local property taxes?

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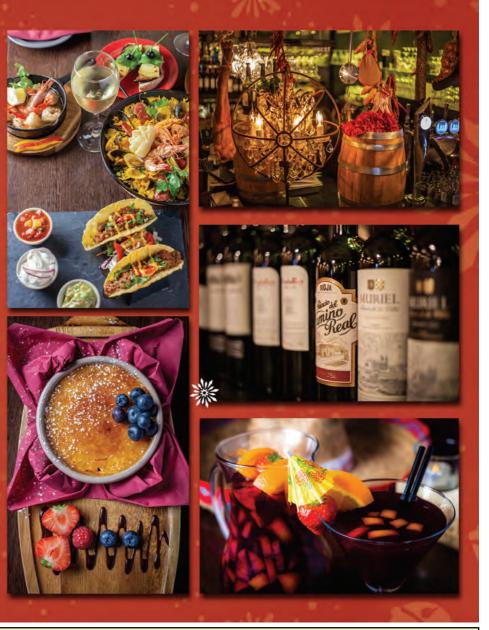
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# Maynooth Fire Station, Rise and Shine For Childline

This years Cheerios' Childline Breakfast took place from October 17th – 21st, when people around Ireland were encouraged to host or attend a breakfast in aid of Childline.

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Childline is the only 24-hour listening service which seeks to support and empower children and young people in Ireland. Last year, Childline had conversations with almost 400,000 children and young people who contacted the service for help and advice with wide-ranging serious issues, including abuse, violence, exploitation, addiction and suicide. That is an astounding 1,089 contacts by children a day, on issues that no child should encounter.

Maynooth Fire Station held their breakfast morning on Saturday the 15th October. It was very well attended and those who were in attendance on the day had the opportunity to get photos in the fire engines, explore the station and chat with the local Fire Fighters. (**Photos by John Boyd**)



# *Community pride and spirit is alive and well in Maynooth! Tidy Towns Competition 2016 Adjudication Report*

Centre: Maynooth - County: Kildare - Category: F - Ref: 377 - Mark: 31 - Date: 09/07/2016

## WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

**Community Involvement & Planning/Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanái** We extend a warm welcome to Maynooth Tidy Towns – you are a long-time participant in the

Tidy Towns competition. It was our first visit to Maynooth in many years – there was a vibrancy and buzz about the place. Your recent achievements such as winning your Silver Medal in 2015 further help you to gain momentum with your various activities. You have made great strides in the competition in recent years and we congratulate you on your achievements. We couldn't find a key to relate the yellow sticker to the project (nor any reference in the main entry form). Please include both next time. We feel a larger scale map of the town centre is required. Your interspersed photos give a good insight into your recent activities. Your categorised plan is enabling you to prioritise your tasks and monitor progress. We feel you should



also have plans under the "Community Involvement & Planning Category". Well done for clearly addressing previous adjudicator's recommendations.

Your effective communications campaign is keeping your message out there in the community. Your number of followers on Facebook has increased by 25%. Having a dedicated mobile phone number is a good idea. Your active committee of 14 members is greatly supported by the wider community including community groups and NUI Maynooth.

You have had very strong links with Kildare Co. Co. Several local businesses are in support of your efforts, some through sponsorship. You are very proactive in your engagement with your local schools, university and youth groups.

Built Environment and Streetscape/AnTimpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráiddreacha:



Maynooth has an attractive architectural character that defines the town centre - with the wonderful entrance to Carton House at one end of the Main St. and the historical university at the other. We are glad to hear that there has been a take up in occupied premises in the last year. You continue your work to ensure derelict and uninviting facades are maintained to a good standard. Business owners are playing their part also; you are keeping them abreast of initiatives such as the KCC Shop Front Improvement Grant. Based on your photos, your own MTT 'display' building looks a lot more inviting this year. The derelict Buckley's House is quite prominent so we look forward to hearing of developments here. Hopefully they will have a positive

impact on these areas. All was neatly presented at the riverside area in front of Manor Mills Shopping Centre. It is lovely to see the small cafes embracing their riverside location. The quality of the laminated signs at the entrance to Maynooth Castle jars a little with the elegant surrounds. NUI Maynooth is an impressive complex, beautifully landscaped and maintained. Signage is poor at the Health Centre – some general freshening up is required here. The fire station looks well as does the lovely scouts den in the former church. All was in good order in the busy playground area. Perhaps the nearby kissing gate could be painted soon? Some buildings that caught the eye included Ui Neil's pub (flowers displayed), Oak Alley Restaurant, McCormack's Pharmacy, Siopa Milsean, Jewellers/Antiques shop, Credit Union. All was in neat order at the Train Station and library. The presentation Girls School has impressive grounds.

#### Landscaping and Open Spaces/Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:

You have a strong sustainability ethos in terms of your overall landscaping approach. You are listening to 'best practice' guidelines in terms so environmental protection and trying to evolve your schemes bit by bit. Well done. We are glad to note that you have a 2/3 landscape Plan and this includes a slight change in approach towards the planting of more pollinator friendly herbaceous perennials. We like your catchy 'Don't Mow let it grow' slogan. We note from your WHNA submission that some estates are already trying this out. Your efforts to select plants that require less water are also



commended and gains you points under SWRM category. It is encouraging to hear that you have in your midst a retired horticulturalist with a strong interest in the care and maintenance of your wonderful trees. The copper beech trees at the entrance to MU were admired. These are complimented by flower planters (containers themselves require painting soon). The MU grounds themselves contains a lovely mix of shrubs, trees and roses. The roses tumbling over the wall across the way was a

pleasant sight. Attractive planting displays were observed outside the Carton Gates and at the traffic lights near the church. The new beds on the Straffan Rd are doing fine. You are remaining vigilant with regard to monitoring of the previously problematic Japanese Knotweed. We appreciate your time consuming efforts to manually remove weeds where possible and minimise the use of weed killer. Displays of pansies and begonias along the riverbank in front of Manor Mills Shopping Centre bring a splash of colour. The Pound is a lovely little green area – all well maintained. Supervalu is nicely landscaped. Trees enhance the Leinster St streetscape. Charter House (apt) has attractive landscaping. Floral displays provide excellent visual impact at the lovely Court House Square. Trees here were in good order.

#### Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities/Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Nádúrtha:

Your submission to this category is impressive. You are strongly aware of your local habitats and threats to same. You are using your

community 'voice 'to engage with relevant stakeholders and to do your best for the future protection of your natural environment. This is what community participation is all about. We hope you will shortly receive a positive response in relation to your wish to commission a new Biodiversity Plan – this will help frame decisions and actions. We are delighted to read that you are familiar with the National Pollinator Plan and are taking simple yet important steps to



encourage bees. These include the planting of pollinator-friendly perennials. You have available local expertise on bee welfare and are wisely availing of it. The Willow Planting project is one project you have undertaken, based on expert advice. Well done for registering this with the National Biodiversity Centre. Do keep us updated next time. We commend your plans to promote the Junior Pollinating Plan to schools and youth groups. Your participation in Kildare Biodiversity Week events is raising awareness among residents of your fantastic natural environment and the species that inhabit it. The skills of the Men's Shed are a great resource to help you progress, both in this category and SWRM (Reuse). You are also getting expert advice from Birdwatch Ireland and Bat Conservation Ireland. Your ongoing care of your canal and rivers is commended. Would the groups using these areas provide a few volunteers for these clean ups? (Royal Canal Amenity group and MU Canoeing Club.

## Sustainable Waste and Resource Management/Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:

Congratulations on your win in the Value Irish Water Award 2015! Your practical Food Waste event sounds informative and enjoyable. Well done for pulling it together, recruiting local experts and for passing on the presentations to the schools. We look forward to hearing of similar events in the future. Your charity shops enable residents to pass on/purchase items and give them 'another life'. We acknowledge the great work being carried out by Maynooth green schools to reduce waste, water energy and travel. It is wonderful to hear that they all have compost bins and use water butts to conserve water. Your Maynooth book shop is another good example of Reuse as is the shredding of woody green waste for use on your flower beds. The MU car sharing group is a good way to encourage car-pooling. We wish MU success with their Green Campus Flag application. We are glad to note that MTT practices what it preaches in term of reducing paper, water use etc. Your ongoing recycling initiatives are noted. Keep up the good work.

#### Tidiness and Litter Control/Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Litter control was very good in your busy town. We acknowledge that additional challenges that come from being a vibrant university town – you are taking these on and working with the various stakeholders in a positive manner to maintain a clean town. We are glad to hear the Green Campus/Students Union has a programme in place to clean up after student's events. The 'Mutt Mitt' dispensers are helping to alleviate hazardous problems. It is important to stay strong on messages with that issue. We positively note that Maynooth has a litter Management Plan and that you segregate your collected litter for recycling.



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# Mark Nugent Fundraising Gala Night Photo Gallery Photos by John Boyd



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Ladies & Gents

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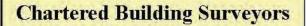
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October was a busy month for the branch as the term got into full swing. The branch continues to encourage the enjoyment of our traditional arts on Wednesday nights in Maynooth Post Primary School. We had our much-loved monthly class session on September 28th shown below. The names of the tunes played can all be searched on Twitter using the hashtag #craobhclasssession



This was followed up by the monthly junior session on  $2^{nd}$  October. The session has been moved to the upstairs bar in Brady's and takes place at the slightly later time of 6pm. This session always proves to be an enjoyable social event for our young members as well as enhancing their musical talents.

Sult na Sollán is a community group set-up in Sallins, North Co. Kildare to promote the Irish language and traditional Irish music and culture. They held their annual festival on October  $15^{\text{th}} / 16^{\text{th}}$  and invited the Comhaltas branches around Kildare to partake in the Sonas agus Spraoi. A session was held in the Railway Inn on Saturday afternoon which allowed our member to share tunes with the other branches around the county.



The KBC Bank Bright Ideas initiative awarded the branch with €900.00 towards the establishment of our "Instrument Bank". It is our objective to provide a range of instruments which will allow members to have a trial period before committing to purchase. We hope to have a concertina, a button accordion, a flute and perhaps a banjo available for next term. Maynooth G.A.A. will be participating in Scór later this month, with some junior members of the branch contributing to the event. We wish everyone involved the best of luck in Allenwood.

Keep an eye out on Social Media for news of branch events and sessions. Slán go foil

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21-Aug	3,4,18,20	€2,500	Damien Bracken - Alison O'Brien - John Gannon							
28-Aug	8-Aug 7,18,20,27 €2,550 Terry Hinds - Catherine Fay - Adrienne Ly									
04-Sep	3,9,16,17	€2,600	Jacqui Hobbs - Pat Pearse - Val Gallagher							
11-Sep	14,16,17,20	€2,650	Peter Egan - Les Kellett - Alisha Craig							
18-Sep	11,14,16,21	€2,700	Kevin Byrne - Johnny Thompson - Maeve Byrne							
25-Sep	1,8,17,23	€2,750	Luke Maher - Cam Dunne - Aaron Tobin							
02-Oct	15,16,27,28	€2,800	Declan Fitz - Mags O'Sullivan - Mary Murray							
09-Oct	2,6,10,16	€2,850	Patrick Gilligan - Louise Mac Nevin - TJ Byrne							
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Well Done to Maynooth Tidy Towns on achieving GOLD in the National Tidy Towns Awards Thank You to All Volunteers - a just reward for your fabulous efforts.



## **Our First Gold Medal!**

Thank you all who have congratulated us on winning our first gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition. Elsewhere you can read the judges report. This hard won medal which we have been striving for many years will be presented to us on Tuesday 25th October 2016 in Skerries, Co Dublin.

In the Helix on the 26th September we also won a Pollinator Award.

Skerries won the National overall Tidy Towns competition for 2016. A number of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteers visited Skerries on the 8th October. We had a very informative talk with Maeve McGann and Anne Doyle of Skerries Tidy Towns. We would like to thank Mark Nolan of Maynooth Cabs for sponsoring the bus and also Sean Cushen for driving us to Skerries and back.

On November 1st we are looking forward to the Kildare County

## The Irish Society for Autism (Rose Week)

During the week 8-14th October there were volunteers selling roses outside Shopping Centres, Supermarkets etc. all around the country. The Irish Society for Autism (ISAC) was founded in 1963. The campaign was set up to educate the awareness for the need of early diagnosis, intervention and most important proper education for children suffering from Autism



L-R Bernadette Boer, Eric Lenehan, Luke Keogh, Alexander Harding



L-R Margaux Hill, Martha Wilson, Aiobhín McGibbon

Above are some of our students (Maynooth Post Primary) who volunteered their time to support the (ISAC) and were out and about on the streets of Maynooth.

Council Awards which will be held in Maynooth University. You can contact us on 087 3153189 or look us up on Facebook. Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns.



Anne Doyle and Maeve McGann of Skerries Tidy Towns with Maynooth Tidy Town Volunteers on their visit to Skerries.

# Reuse Month 2016 - 39 Reuse Tips

For generations in Ireland and across Europe thrift was one of the main reasons for reuse. If you can reuse an item yourself, it can help save money, save time, and save the environment.

It can be simply a matter of thinking a little differently and figuring out how old milk cartons, cans, bags, bicycles, tyres, packing or wood maybe reused to match your needs. Reuse can truly find a new life for items around your home or workplace.

We have listed 39 reuse tips for reuse – Have a read and see what you can do to support reuse and maybe save some money! About Recycle IT

Recycle IT is a not for profit social enterprise providing drop off and collection services for waste electrical and electronic equipment to homes and organisations across Dublin and surrounding areas. Services are provided in partnership with WEEE Ireland, authorized by the National Waste Collection Permit Office and supported by South Dublin County Council.

- 1. Create reusable lunch boxes or storage containers from large plastic ice cream tubs.
- 2. After a picnic or BBQ, wash and save plastic knives, forks and spoons then store for your next outdoor event.
- 3. Reuse large plastic milk containers to water garden plants rather than a hose: pierce small holes in the top side of the container and fill with water for slow, steady and simple watering.
- 4. Harvest seeds from fruit and vegetables and try to grow them!
- 5. Use paper egg cartons or toilet paper tubes (both are biodegradable) to start growing seeds into plants. They can be dropped right into the soil once strong enough.
- 6. Turn toilet rolls or paper towel tubes into playthings for children or nesting materials for your small pets
- 7. Create egg carton crafts.
- 8. Store printed pictures and photos in poly pockets to reduce the aging effects from humidity, damp and light.
- 9. Use old wine corks to create a floating key ring; your keys won't sink while at the pool, beach or lake.
- 10. Use a 2-liter plastic bottle to create a bird feeder.
- 11. Used cold bacon fat in a tuna or cat food tin to feed you feathered friends, just hang from a tree or post in the garden.
- 12. Put old newspaper under a tablecloth to offer protection against spills.
- 13. Clean your windows on Monday with Sundays newspapers (instead of paper towel)
- 14. Place an open jar or bowl of dried, used coffee grounds in your refrigerator or freezer to neutralize odour's.
- 15. Keep a jar of dried, used coffee grounds to use with washing up liquid. It acts as a scouring agent for baked on food
- 16. Placed used coffee grounds in a ring around garden plants to keep bugs and slugs away.
- 17. Refresh your eyes fresh with chilled and dampened tea bags taken from the fridge.
- 18. Cut old bike tyre tubes tube into strips to make rubber bands in custom sizes.
- 19. Cut or shred paper or thin card into eco-friendly packing material for presents or parcels.
- 20. As kids out grow colouring pencils, pens and art supplies try donating them to your local school.
- 21. Empty bottles, sweet boxes and biscuit tins can be used as small screw holders, tool boxes, sewing kit or cake holders.
- 22. Collect old soap ends in a stocking leg and keep by an outdoor tap, ensuring you have hand wash for outside use.
- 23. Cut up old t-shirts and use them to clean up messy spills around the house and in the garage.
- 24. Use an old adult t-shirt as painting overalls for your kids saves washing clothes.
- 25. Old tights make great rags for cleaning, dusting and shining
- 26. Old tights can be reused as sleeves for storing posters, wallpaper rolls, wrapping paper or anything else that needs to stay rolled up.
- 27. Cut the legs of old jeans to make supper cool shorts for summer.
- 28. Use banana peels to shine your shoes. Rub the inside of the peel on shoes, then shine with a soft cloth.
- 29. Turn bread heals into breadcrumbs once dried out. Just blitzed.
- 30. Use the peels of juiced lemons and limes to make zest and twists, which can be dried or frozen for later use.
- 31. Use juiced citrus fruit halves sprinkled with salt to clean stainless steel and other metal fixtures.
- 32. Add a piece of orange peel to brown sugar to ensure it stays soft.
- 33. Don't throw away half used copy books, up-cycle into kid's drawing books.
- 34. Unravel woollen jumpers and knit something new for you!
- 35. Reused material from 3 or 4 broken umbrellas to assemble a retro style rain poncho.
- 36. Jars can be cleaned and used to store homemade jams, preserves or even as desk organizer for pens, paper clips or pencils.
- 37. Save old toothbrushes to scrub hard to reach places, like grout, sinks or behind water taps.
- 38. Collect broken china to re-tile outdoor tables, flower pots or paths.
- 39. Hang old clothes drawers or washing machine drums on the wall to create shelves or used them as storage boxes.

## Waste is Treasure!

We all know one person's waste is another person's treasure. Instead of discarding unwanted electrical appliances, tools or clothes, try selling or donating them, you will be reducing waste and helping others.

Local community groups, charity shops, schools and non-profit organisations may accept a variety of donated items, including used books, paint, working toys and unneeded furniture.

Minions - Reuse Toilet Roll Tubes



Egg Carton Alligator



Milk Carton - Water Carton



Washing Machine Drum Light

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# Brennan Performing Arts "Actors Lab" Local Success Stories

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In 2015 Brennan Performing Arts set up the very successful "Actors Lab" which was launched for Teenage Actors and it is growing from strength to strength. With classes completely full, all students are working with leading tutors, actors, directors and casting directors in the industry. "To have an outlet to create and grow as a young actor is something we are very proud to have in place for this age group". The following successes over the past couple of months.. So proud, Maynooth has plenty of Talent!!

Glen Nee, age 15, Brennan Academy - 'Actors Lab' student, has just wrapped in Belfast on Feature Film "Zoo" a very exciting project, based on a true story set in Belfast in 1941. At this time of terror, the ministry of Public Security shot dead 23 animals in Belfast Zoo. A woman working in The Zoo secretly walked a young elephant from the Zoo each evening, cared for and comforted this young elephant in the backyard of her terraced house as bombs rained down on the city. Seen through the eyes of young Tom (Art Parkinson, "Kubo and The Two Strings", "Game of Thrones"), Tom takes on the fight to save this elephant, he is aided by his misfit friends. Glen has spent the past five weeks filming in the role of 'Vernon', the villain! in various locations in Belfast and Causeway and is due to start filming next week in Canada. Glen is thrilled to be working alongside Art, Toby Jones ("Hunger Games", "Downtown Abbey"), Penelope Wilton ("Best Exotic Marigold Hotel", "Downtown Abbey", Steven Spielberg's blockbuster "BFG"). Prior to this, Glen had just wrapped on a short movie with Aoibhinn McGinnity entitled "Groundless" which won Best First Short Film at the Galway Film Festival and Glen received rave reviews for his performance. Glen resides in Dowdstown Maynooth. His mum Tina Barrett, father Dermot and sister Lara who are all very proud of him. Glen is also a student at Maynooth Post Primary.





Lucy Maher, age 16 who resides in Royal Meadows, Kilcock received the best news this week when she found out that she had been cast in a new television series "Drop Dead Weird" in the supporting leading role of 'Aisling'. Lucy a transition year student at Maynooth Post Primary and a student with Brennan Performing Arts 'Actors Lab' will be travelling to shoot this series in Sydney, Australia for 2 months commencing early November! "Drop Dead Weird" is a co-production by RTE and Channel 7(Australia) and will be aired worldwide. Lucy has her bags packed and is all set to go on this amazing adventure.

Actors Lab student Robyn Wright, age 15, who hails from Allenwood in Naas was recently cast in the supporting lead role of 'Carrie' in feature film "Inspector Jury". This is a fantastic role for a young actress and she had a very memorable summer on set. Inspector Jury will be broadcast in Germany so Robyn also had the task of learning her scenes in both English and German. Also cast and shared the screen with Robyn is fellow Actor's Lab student Sadhbh Jackman, age 17. Sadhbh who resides in Celbridge has also been making a name for herself amongst casting directors both here and further afield. Also cast in "Inspector Jury" young actor Alex Mooney who resides in Rockfield, Maynooth (Actor's Lab) and Dylan Hennessy (Enfield).



(L-R) Robyn Wright, Alex Mooney, Sadhba Jackman & Dylan Hennessy



In more exciting casting news – Rachel Lynch from Donadea (age 8)

and Ronan Millar (age 8) from Kilcock who both attend Brennan Performing Arts classes in Maynooth have just been cast in The Abbey Theatre's Winter production of "Anna Karenina". Both Rachel and Ronan are so thrilled to be sharing this experience and the stage with professional actors in what promises to be an amazing production. Rehearsals will start this month.



Aidan McCann, age 7, from Griffin Rath Hall, Maynooth has just wrapped on short film produced by Johnathon Farrelly and written by Dave Thorpe BCC entitled "Leap of Faith" which was shot in Kells. Leap of Faith will premier at the Galway Film Festival.



We have also been very busy with numerous groups / soloists taking part in the Community Games Talent Finals. Maynooth students came home with plenty of fond memories and plenty of medals! We had students from Maynooth in Group Singing, Drama & Dancing and for the 2nd year in a row Maynooth Girls (Lauren Condron, Tara Kavanagh, Rebecca Webb, CiaraThomas, Siobhan Dalayap & Sophia Knapp) who won gold at the Kildare Final represented their County in the All Ireland 'Under 16s Group Dance Section' in Athlone placing 2nd.

Numerous other Maynooth students have been cast in Commercials, Theatre Productions,

TV Dramas & Print Campaigns. We are so incredibly proud of them all!



(L-R) Lauren Condron, Tara Kavanagh, Rebecca Webb, Ciara Thomas, Siobhan Dalayap and Sophia Knapp

# **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

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Irish Girl Guides	Maynooth Multiple Births	Bridge Club			
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a Great opportunity to meet parents just like you. For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com	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			
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland			
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	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	Arthritis Ireland Walking Grou (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space			
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds			
Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome	Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth	Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334			
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church			
Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189	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.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com	1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am <u>www.maynoothcc.org</u> Everyone most welcome			
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND			
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.	Classes are held on Wednesday 7pm to 9.30pm in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. Our classes are very good value, great fun and we promise you plenty of craic also !!. Bígí linn!!! Contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.	Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie			

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# Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 16/9/16 to 21/10/16 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date	
161106	Kildare County Council	Padraig and Ger O'Leary	114 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	21/10/2016	
161082	Kildare County Council	Ciaran Foley	4 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	13/10/2016	
161065	Kildare County Council	Shaun & Orla Doherty	18 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	07/10/2016	
161033	Kildare County Council	Andrew Morgan	Laraghbryan West, Kilcock Road, Maynooth	30/09/2016	
161040	Kildare County Council	Thomas Hoare	1 Convent View, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	30/09/2016	
161041	Kildare County Council	Shireen Properties Limited	Leinster Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	30/09/2016	
161043	Kildare County Council	Laraville Properties Limited	The Roost Public House, Main Street / Leinster St, Maynooth	30/09/2016	
161034	Kildare County Council	Michael Geraghty, Junior	Barberstown Upper, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	29/09/2016	
161011	Kildare County Council	Laurel Supermarket Limited	The Glenroyal Shopping Centre, Straffan Road, Maynooth	23/09/2016	
161014	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Maynooth University, North Campus, Maynooth	23/09/2016	
16982	Kildare County Council	Pamela Halton	Rosetown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	16/09/2016	

## James Lawless T.D. Kildare North Phone: 01-6183587 - e-mail: james@jameslawless.ie - Web: www.jameslawless.ie

# Ross's failure to engage in Transport issues obvious in Budget

Kildare North TD James Lawless says he is disappointed with the low level of investment in transport in Budget 2017, claiming that it reflects Transport Minister Shane Ross's failure to properly engage with the issues facing the sector. Deputy Lawless also pointed out that Ross has failed to reflect the strategic importance of transport infrastructure in supporting communities and the economy.

Deputy Lawless said, "Minister Ross has left a lot to be desired with his measly transport allocation in Budget 2017. The low level of funding allocated to current expenditure and capital investment is disappointing. It reflects that developing our transport network is simply not a priority for the Government.

"Many urban areas are experiencing serious traffic congestion. This is particularly prevalent in Dublin. Unfortunately Budget 2017 does not provide any capital investment to advance key strategic public transport projects, including metro north and the DART expansion programme. It seems Minister Ross is satisfied to simply continue reviewing these projects for yet another year as gridlock takes hold in the capital.

"We must invest in our transport infrastructure if we want our cities to remain desirable locations to live and work in. It is also vital that we have an adequate transport network in place to continue attracting tourists to visit Ireland. Despite this Minister Ross has secured no additional funding to advance key public transport projects to design or planning stages. This is deeply disappointing but not surprising given his utter failure to engage with the issues facing the sector and his semidetached approach to being a Minister.

"The failure to secure more investment for the roads network is incredible, especially when you consider the state of disrepair that many routes are in right across the country. Under-investment in roads over the last four years has been extremely damaging, with maintenance spending on average 47% below that required to keep road surfaces in a steady state condition.

"This is something that must be looked at again as the failure to keep a minimum level of maintenance investment is merely placing large scale capital costs on the shoulders of future generations."

## Maynooth Park Tree Trimming

I had been contacted by a number of residents regarding tree pruning needed in Maynooth Park. Since then I have followed up with the council and can confirm a full assessment will be taking place in the coming months. Should you have any issues in your own estate please don't hesitate to contact me.

## **Twitter and Technology**

As Fianna Fáil spokesperson on Science, Technology & Research I am meeting with various firms in the sector to understand how we stack up in terms of job creation, fiscal strategy, graduate intake and how Ireland can position itself to continue as a world leader in the knowledge economy. It was a pleasure to visit Twitter HQ in D2 and InfoSys FinTech in City West as just two firms I spent time with recently.

If anyone who is involved in the sector would like to discuss the industry with me please do get in touch.

## James Lawless Book Launch!

I was delighted to launch a new book by local author James Lawless in the Maynooth Book Shop last week. Myself and my namesake have met on many occasions and I was delighted when he asked me to launch his new book. It was great to meet the staff of the Maynooth Book Shop too, who support local authors such as James. Based in Leixlip this will be the fifth book he has written and sold. I wish him and the Maynooth Book Shop team all the very best.

## **Future of Energy and Climate Change**

I spent some time recently at the EU conference on energy security and union in Copenhagen. As part of my role on the Oireachtas committee on energy and climate change, it is vital to understand what is being done elsewhere and how they have transitioned off fossil fuels and become more energy efficient. "The most efficient energy is the one we don't use" and reducing consumption is one step we can take.

Lots of progressive ideas from across Europe which highlighted how much we could do without even making wholesale changes. Just one example is the amount of heat lost from all our factories out into the ether, which could be easily captured and harnessed with no extra outputs. District heating, more renewables, insulation and smart buildings all work. Amazing how everyone was cycling over there as almost the default mode of transport.

Finally it was great to catch up with MPs and MEPs from all over Europe but especially with our celtic cousins from Plaid Cymru in Wales and the SNP in Scotland.

## **Maynooth Office**

As always my Maynooth Constituency Office is open every Monday from 9am to 4pm just off Doctors Lane. No need for an appointment, just drop by.



## MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

## CALL FOR KCC TO ALLOCATE €3M FOR CYCLING

In line with Cyclist.ie (the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network), Maynooth Cycling Campaign has called on Kildare County Council to allocate 10% or € million of its transport budget for cycling in the 2017 budget. This expenditure equates to €10 per person per year which is approximately half of what is spent in the Netherlands but which is broadly in agreement with the recommendations of two recent Westminster reports. The increased funding is required in order to progress towards achieving the government target of 10% commuting by bicycle by 2020.

The background to the call is that cycling continues to get the crumbs at the table when it comes to overall national transport spend. Of the OB (billion) allocated for transport investment in the

Capital Investment Plan for 2016-2021, active travel (encompassing walking, cycling and other such measures) is allocated just  $\pounds 100M$  (million) - i.e. approx  $\pounds 7M$  per annum for each of the six years. That means that cycling is to receive approx 0.5% (half of one percent!) of the transport pie at a time when nationally cyclist fatalities in Ireland have been increasing as well as levels of obesity, pollution and congestion.

## STRAFFAN ROAD

As everyone knows, contractors for Kildare County Council have been carrying out works on the Straffan Road and in order to provide space to operate, traffic has been temporarily restricted to two lanes in parts. Despite the works, residents in adjacent housing estates have been able to get in and out of their estates with relatively little trouble at peak time. This is in marked contrast to the forecasts of gridlock by politicians and residents in response to the proposal to permanently reallocate the turn right lanes for the benefit of pedestrians, cyclists and environmental improvements. In such controversial situations, international practice is often to trial new traffic management proposals before deciding in favour or against but at the time Kildare County Council rejected this option. Now we are having that trial and seeing that the reallocation of space was both realistic and feasible.

## MOYGADDY OUTER ORBITAL ROUTE

Meath County Council is still assessing the submissions for the Moygaddy Outer Orbital Route including one from Maynooth Cycling Campaign. The most important issue from our point of view was the proposed inadequate / substandard separation of the cycle track from the road.

We also sought a difference in height between the footpath and cycle track in line with best Irish and international practice and filtered permeability so that the existing road would not be used for rat running, in other words use of the existing road would be prioritised for pedestrians and cyclists.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Its aims are to promote cycling as a healthy leisure pursuit and as a safe, enjoyable and efficient mode of transport for everyone in the Maynooth area.

It is affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.

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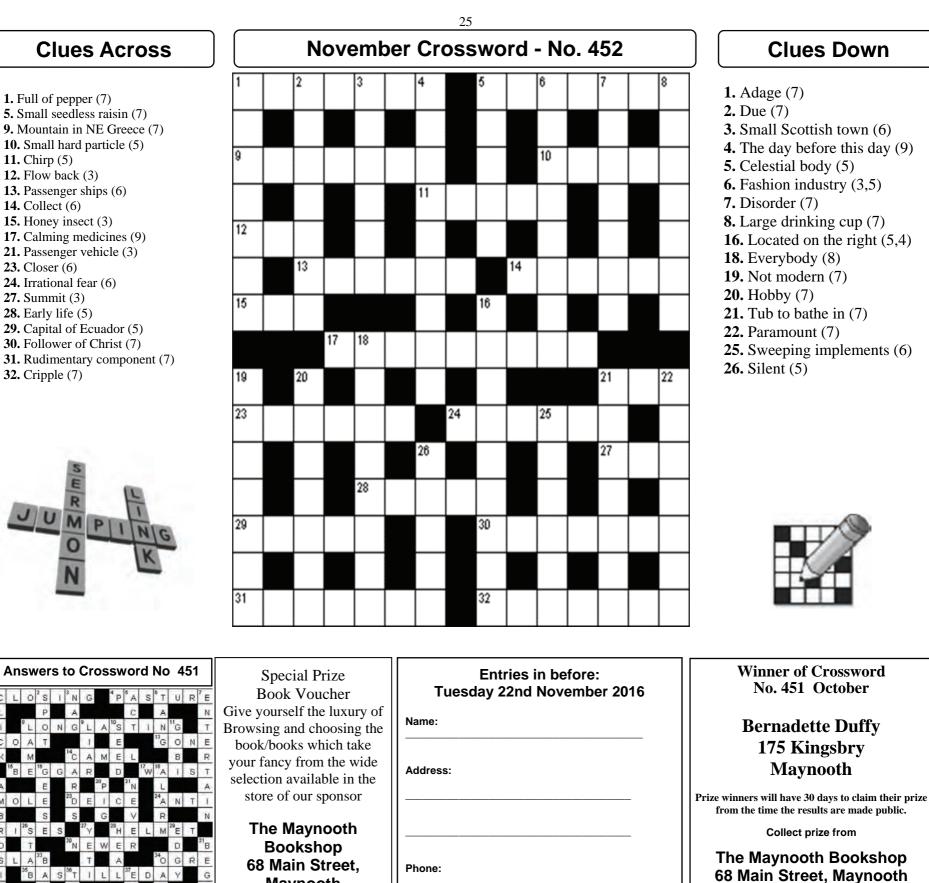
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## (Continued from page 13) Tidy Towns Competition 2016 Adjudication Report (Cont.)

It is encouraging that you are getting together with neighbouring Tidy Towns groups to tackle approach road litter – this is also a good opportunity to network and exchange ideas. Another testament to your achievements is the high turnout at this year's National Spring Clean. Well done for securing funding for your new Big Belly Solar Compactor bins. Credit to the Residents Groups who carry out clean ups in their estates. Cigarettes are an issue in parts of the town centre.

Generally Maynooth presents a tidy appearance with an air of pride about it. You are aware the things that add up to create an 'untidy' impression and have these top of your list of priorities. E.g. Signage clutter. We acknowledge that things happen slowly sometimes if they are beyond your control. The parking sign at the Manor Court is quite grubby. Some graffiti was observed on the pathway from here to the playground. The painted utility boxes bring cheer to the town and discourage graffiti. Well done to the students involved.

# Residential Streets & Housing Areas/Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

You have close links with your many residents associations and are encouraging them in various ways to maintain and enhance their own respective areas. Well done to those areas that managed to reactivate residents associations – it isn't easy when a large proportion of an estate is rented out as people are usually just there for the short haul. Providing advice on proper pruning is worthwhile as is your information evening for residents associations. We are particularly impressed that you are advising them on planting schemes compatible with the National Pollinator Plan. You have some good ideas with regard to a relaunch of your Tidy Estates competition. We look forward to hearing more in the future. Good work has been carried out at Old Greenfield Estate – hopefully this will increase the sense of pride here and lead to a high standard of maintenance. Moyglare Meadows looks well. We admired the neat row of cottages on School Lane and the cream coloured residence at Court House Square. The cream coloured residence opposite Court House Square also caught the eye. Well done to all residents for their efforts.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes/Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí: We welcome your efforts to try and have existing hedgerows retained in areas of new

# St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Two big events this month are our annual collection on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th November when we will be hoping for a successful outcome as the cost of running the Band seems to be increasing year by year.

The Band holds a special place in the hearts of the people of Maynooth who support the Band wholeheartedly and we are indeed grateful for your help. The Band has weathered many storms since it was reformed in 1931 and it makes a real difference to those stalwarts who work to keep the band going knowing that they have your support at times like this.

Our annual mass for deceased members is being celebrated at 1pm on Sunday 13th November and we extend an invitation to all relatives and friends of those band members who have passed on to join with us in remembering them through the music that we will be playing during the mass.

A reminder that our Christmas Concert is being held in the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College on Sunday 4th December at 7.30pm



and we will have more news on this in the December 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. development. We await a decision on the cycling lanes on Main St. The 'paid parking' appears to be easing the traffic congestion and discouraging abuse of car parking spaces. Hopefully residents are happy with it also. The new road/cycle path along the Straffan Rd is a great addition. There was good bicycle parking in the town centre. Historical/heritage information is in good order, such as that observed at the lovely Church of Ireland. We liked the bilingual blue/white street names. The harbour and pathways along the canal were well presented. Maynooth has some lovely lanes full of character, such with interesting names such as Doctor's Lane and Stable Lane. We are sorry we didn't have more time to explore wonderful Carton House amenity area. Court House Square is a wonderful focal point to the town – we personally agree with your decision on the maintenance of the cobblestones.

## **Concluding Remarks:**

We admire your positive and inclusive approach, organised structure and unrelenting enthusiasm to present at its best. Community pride and spirit is alive and well in Maynooth. Well done and keep up the good work.

Marks Awarded	Maximum	Awarded 2015	Awarded 2016		
Community Involvement & Planning	60	52	52		
Built Environment and Streetscape	50	40	41		
Landscaping and Open Spaces	50	45	46		
Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities	50	33	35		
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	50	17	19		
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	53	54		
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	30	31		
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	35	36		
Total Mark	450	305	314		



## Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

With Halloween out of the way we now look towards the busiest month in our calendar year. November means one thing it's "Sale of Work" time and this will happen on Sunday November 20th at 3pm in **MAYNOOTH** 

**POST PRIMARY SCHOOL, MOYGLARE ROAD**. Please note the change of venue. Over the next few weeks the posters will appear, the fliers

change of venue. Over the next few weeks the posters will appear, the fliers will arrive in your door and our people will call. So now is the time to clear out your attic or that spare room. You can also bring items to us at the school on Saturday 19th / Sunday morning 20th. By now you will know all our committee members and helpers who call on you year after year. If you are in any doubt, check them out. I can be contacted on 0879002296. There are always opportunists about, so please be careful. We will be selling tickets for our Monster Draw at Manor Mills on Friday Nov. 4th and at SuperValu on Nov. 10th, 11th and 12th and the draw will take place at the Sale of Work. We appreciate and need your support as this is our main fundraising event of the year. All services which we undertake for our older people depend on this event. So I thank you in anticipation.

The next date to remember is Sunday Dec. 4th when SuperValu will open their doors once again to our Senior Citizens at 3pm for a special afternoon of entertainment, dancing, singing and fine food and oh yes....shopping. Nice one Eddie.

Our morning club will close for Christmas on Dec. 8th and will reopen on Jan 3rd 2017.

Our final event for 2016 will be our Christmas Dinner which will take place on Sunday Dec. 18th at 4pm, in the Glenroyal Hotel. So make sure you have your name in by Dec. 6th.

In the meantime, see you all at the "Sale of Work" Le Cúnaimh De.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson



# Writers Corner

If you would like to see your story or poem published email us and share your talent on the Writers Corner

## Tríocha blian ag siúl!

Bhí an daichead agus sé bliana slánaithe agam. Bhí deireadh leis an bpeil le fada. Ní raibh mé inlúith go leor a thuilleadh chun sult a bhaint as an liathróid láimhe agus níor thaithnigh an rith liom riamh cé nach raibh mé ró mhall agus mé im' óige.

Cén aclaíocht a dhéanfainn chun mo shláinte a chothú mar ba chóir? Thabharfainn an leabhar i gcónaí go raibh an aclaíocht agus an sláinte an mhór le chéile. Siúl? Ní raibh mé ró tugtha don siúl riamh. Ach cad eile a bhí ann? Ní raibh morán suime sa leadóg agam na sa ghalf agus bhí an scí ró chostasach agus ró dhoshroichte agus ní raibh mé ar mo bhuaic san uisce. Ní raibh morán suime sa rothaíocht agam riamh ach oiread. Ní raibh an dara rogha agam. Thabharfainn faoin siúl.

Agus an sórt aclaíochta tofa agam bhí orm áit oiriúnach a roghnú. Chaithfeadh an chúrsa bheith in aice le mo dhoras féin - ní raibh sé ar intinn agam tomáint cúig, deich nó fiche míle roimh gach dreas siúlóide – agus fada go leor ionas go ndéanfadh sé maitheas do mo shláinte.

Bhí ascaill fada, álainn Chartúin i bhfoisceacht dhá chéad slat dom' theach agus cad chuige nach dtabharfainn faoi chun tús a chur le m'iarraccht. Thógfadh sé sin leath uair b'fhéidir idir imeacht agus teacht. D'fhéadfainn é sin a dhéanamh don chéad chúpla lá agus ina dhiaidh sin cá bhfios.

Mar sin ag a seacht a chlog ar maidin, an Luain, 5ú Bealtaine, 1986 amach liom ag siúl don chéad uair ar mo thionscnamh nua. Bhain mé an taitneamh as ach láithreach chonacthas nach raibh am go leor agam tar éis teacht abhaile le haghaidh pé obair a bhí le déanamh agam, agus bheith in am sa Roinn ina raibh mé ag obair na laethanta sin. Thosaíos ag éirí ag a sé, díreach mar a rinneas an mhaidin seo 30 bliain níos déanaí.

Tar éis seachtain nó dhó tháinig misneach orm agus ag deiradh ascaill Chartúin d'iompaíos ar chlé agus amach liom ar bhóthar Black Lion. Ag an gcúinne leanas díreach ar aghaidh go dtí gur shroicheas bóthar Moygaddy. Anall liom thar Ghraí Moygaddy nó gur bhuail mé le crosbhóthar Moyglare, mar a thóg mé Bóthar Moyglare síos go dtí an baile. Bhí mo bhealach agam agus bhain sé thart ar uair agus cúig nóiméad déag díom. An fhaid? Timpeall ceithre mhíle go leith agus as sin amach go dtí cúig bliana ó shin, ó Luain go hAoine gach seachtain do shiúil mé an bhealach sin ó timpeall deich nóiméad tar éis a sé go dtí timpeall is fiche nóiméad tar éis a seacht. (Nuair bhí an bóthar ó Black Lion go bóthar Moygaddy á dheisiú bhí an trácht ró dháinséarach agus bhí orm bealach eile a thoghadh agus leanas leis ó shin: cuairt iomlán an choláiste, - ó theas agus ó thuaidh - agus Ascaill Chartúin.) Laoch nuaaimseartha! Ní dóigh liom! Ba ghearr nó go rabh mé lán tugtha don siúl, don solas, don aer, d'áilleacht na maidine, mar a dhéarfadh Wordsworth, ina theanga féin, ar ndóigh. Agus is mar sin a d'fhan an scéal go dtí and lá atá inniu ann

Go han luath bhí sé soiléir dom go raibh áilleacht speisialta ag baint le bheith amuigh faoin aer ag an am sin den mhaidin. Bhí an lá geal ann ag a sé a chlog i mí Bealtaine, ar ndóigh, agus an ghrian ina suí pas maith thuas sa spéir. Bhí roinnt mhaith éanlaithe le feiceáil agus fuadar faoi chuid acu, go háirithe an lon dubh, ag réabadh an talaimh go fuinniúil ar thóir péisteannaa maithe don bhricfeasta. Cé go raibh an smólach ann ní raibh a cheol le cloisteáil. Bhí sé sin déanta aige i bhfad níos luaithe, agus maraon leis an lon dubh bhí bia ag

teastáil, Bhí an spideog ann go fíor mhinic agus corr píosa cheoil faoi réim aice. Ó thaobh cheoil de ní raibh morán le rá go ginearálta ag na héin ag an am sin. Bhí gnó eile idir láimhe acu. Éan amháin a chuireas aithne air don chéad uair agus mé ag siúl n an gabha dubh agus é ina sheasamh ar charraig i lár an Lyreen ag croitheadh a eireabaill suas síos gan stad. Da bharr sin tugtar "dipper" air i mBéarla. Ainm eile atá aige ná "water ousel".

Agus na hainmhithe? Bhí siadsan ann freisin. Corr sionnach, óg is aosta, ar an mbóthar agus ins na páirceanna. Coinníní, iora glas, ar ndóigh. Ni fhacha mé iora rua riamh. Chonnaic mé broc amháin ach, mo léan, bhí sè marbh. D'adhlaic mé féin, Anna agus Aengus é ar thaobh an bhóthair gar do Moy Gaddy.

Tháinig an geimhreadh ar ndóigh lena chuid dorchadais, fuachta, báistigh, seaca agus anois is arís beagáinín sneachta. Ach bhí a ndraíocht féin acu siúd go léir agus ní raibh iontu ach comhábhair bhunúsacha d'ár aimsir ilghnéiteach. Bhí an ghaoth ann freisin! Le linn tríocha bliain ag siúl níor chaill mé ach aon lá amháin de bharr na haimsire agus b'é an ghaoth a chuir stop orm an lá sin. Bhí sé stoirmiúil gan dabht ach chuaigh mé sa seans. Bhíos leath shlí síos ascaill Chartúin agus The Wild West Wind le Keats im' aigne agam nuair a thit craobh mór in Mar fhocal scoir! An raibh mé im' aonar i rith an ama sin aice liom. Baineadh geit asam, cinnte, agus ní raibh le déanamh agam ach iompú thart agus siúl siar faoi na crainnte a bhí scrúdaithe ag an ngaoth cheanna féin. Rogha an dá dhíogha!

Mar sin bhí an aimsir ann, bhí na héin ann agus bhí an taonarachas ann mar bhí an maidin dom féin agam go mórmhór. Bhí na tiománaithe gluaisteán ar ghach bóthar agus deifir do-chreidte orthu de ghnáth. Is minic go leor a tháinig mé ar ghluaisteán fágtha tar éis dó dreas iomrascála a dhéanamh le crann nó claí éigin. Maidin dorcha amháin tháinig mé ar ghluaisteán agus é sáite go hiomlán sa chlaí, lán chomhthreormhar leis an mbóthar. ar nós sean charr a bhainfeadh feirmeoir usáid as chun bearna i gclaí a líonadh. Bhí tóirse agam agus chonaic mé go raibh beirt san ghluaisteán, ógánach agus girseach, agus iad ina gcodhladh go sámh. Cheap mé go raibh siad marbh agus bhuail mé cnag ar an bhfuinneog chun bheith cinnte. Dhúisigh siad agus dúradar liom go raibh siad ceart go leor agus go raibh duine éigin chun an gluaisteán a tharraingt amach le tarracóir ar maidin!

Agus na daoine eile a chas mé orthu go rialta? Ní raibh éinne a shiúil mo bhealachsa ach bhí daoine ó na heastáit nua ar Bhóthar Moyglare a bhíodh ag siúl síos go dtí an bhus nó an traein. Bhíodh corr dhuine anaithnid, coisí nó rothaí, cuid acu le madraí, ag teacht nó ag imeacht ar Ascaill Chartúin. Seachas sin ní raibh ann ach na háititheoirí ar Phríomh Sráid Mhaigh Nuad féin. Do gheobhainn an nuachtán gach maidin, ar dtús i siopa Barry's. Ansin ó Frank agus Valerie Boylan; ina dhiaidh sin í siopa beag ar Bhóthar Moyglare; ina dhiaidh sin agus go nuige ó Gerry Scally i Centra. Bhíodh daoine ar an sráid freisin a raibh aithne agam orthu agus acusan ormsa. Seán, mar shampla, Seán Scanlon agus mála aráin aige le haghaidh na n-éan. Marbh? Bhíodh Uinseann Ó Dhubhghaill, ann freisin, ealaíontóir as Loch Garman, sílim. Ansin bhíodh Mick Byrne ann. Bhí sé ag obair ar feadh tamaill ar aon nós in Eastáit Lyons. Ghlaodh sé "Mr Byrne" ormsa i gcónaí! Fear amháin eile nach bhfuil ann a thuilleadh, ná Seán Ó Nualláin. Bhíodh mioneolas i gcónaí aige dom faoi chúrsaí ghnó agus airgid anseo i Maigh Nuad agus sa tír i gcoitinne. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha uilig.

Mar a dúirt mé thuas, bhínn ag siúl ag an am céanna gach maidin agus bhí aithne súl agam ar roinnt daoine ach í ngan fhios dom bhíodh daoine eile ann, nár thug mé

faoi deara iad, a raibh aithne súl acu ormsa freisin. Uair amháin ar feadh mí nó dhó bhí orm tús a chur le mo chuid oibre go han luath ar maidin agus da bhrí sin bhí mo sceideal curtha as riocht. Bhí gnó éigean agam i scoil sa chathair agus nuair a chuaigh mé isteach ann chas mé ar an mbean seo a dúirt liom ar an toirt, "is as Maigh Nuad duitse!" "Fíor dhuit!', arsa mise. "Bíonn tusa ag siúl go moch gach maidin!" "Fíor dhuit arís!" " Cén fáth gur athraigh tú do bhealach? Níl fhios againne a thuilleadh an bhfuilimid luath nó mall agus muid ag fágáil ár dtí!" Is ait mar a éiríonn muid freagrach as nithe i saol daoine eile! Ach, mar a deir an seanfhocal, ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine.

Cad a bhíos ag smaoineamh air agus mé ag siúl? Is iomaí uair a chuir mé amú, gan tairbhe dá laghad, báite í gcúlghleo na síor gruaime, mar adeir Ekhart Tolle. Ach tháinig Ekhart féin i gcabhair orm agus b'eisean a thaispeáin dom conas tabhairt faoi fhoghlaim an rud a bhí ar eolas agam cheana, maireachtáil anois. Gach coiscéim, gach amharc, gach mothúchán. Bí leo agus bí san áit ina bhfuil tú. Mar adúirt Hopkins, tá and domhain ag cur thar maoil le breáthacht Dé, agus dár liom is é an siúl an slí is áille chun é a aireachtáil.

ar fad? Cinnte ní raibh. Mar ní bhfuair mé ach tacaíocht agus spreagadh riamh ó mo chéile, fiú amháin nuair a bhí naoínán sa teach againn! Go raibh maith agat! Agus ar aon nós, cé nach raibh a fhios sin agam i gcónaí, bhí an cruthaitheoir féin an ghar dom. Mar atá scríofa, "is ann a mhairimid agus a ghluaisimid agus atáimid".

## **Gabriel Martin**





To whom it may concern,

The annual coffee morning for the Hospice Foundation which was held on Sept 15th was, as always, a great success. This is due to a lot of hard graft by my mother, and the generosity of local residents and businesses.

We, and indeed our local Hospice are ever grateful for the support. In light of recent misappropriation of funds by certain charities and their directors, I'd like to assure everyone that any money raised by us over the years has been directly deposited into the account of St Brigid's Hospice in The Curragh. To date there has been no indication of ANY wrongdoing on their behalf. It's unfortunate that after 17 years of fundraising by us that we need to make that clarification.

This year we have lodged €2873, for which the Hospice are most appreciative. Sincere thanks to all that attended and to those that donated either money, raffle prizes or their time.

The work done by Hospice staff and particularly the Home Care Team is exceptional, and is not always recognised by people until their services are required.

Never forget, to die with dignity is a right, not a privilege.

Sincerely, Paul Daly Moyglare Road Maynooth



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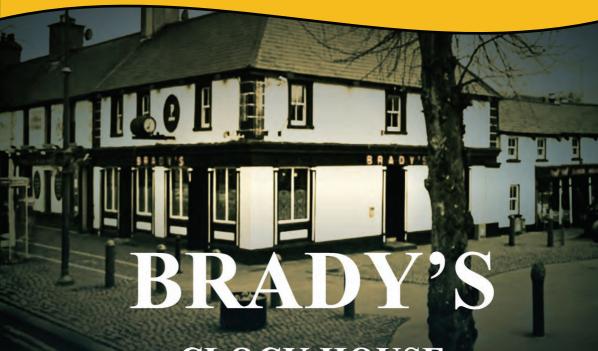
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# November Gardening

It's cold, it's wet and the last thing on your mind is the garden. It's really hard to get motivated to do much of anything outdoors, but there are a few tasks which you should do when the weather is favourable.

## **Trees, Shrubs and Roses**

Planting of bare-root deciduous trees, hedging and shrubs can continue during dry weather. Evergreens can still be planted but on an exposed site where severe winter winds might dry out the foliage, it would be best to wait until spring for planting.

Rose bushes can be planted now, but not in wet soil. It is a perfect time to plant roses, both bush roses and climbers of all kinds. All types of pot grown trees and shrubs can also be planted. Check that all climbers or wall shrubs are properly tied in. It is also a good time to move deciduous trees or shrubs that need more room, or are simply in the wrong place, rather than having to cut them back.



## Flowers

Before really hard frost arrives, dahlias, begonias and gladiolus growing in frosty



localities should be lifted to prevent damage, or covered with soil in milder areas.

Spring bulbs should be in the ground by now but should be planted if not, tulips react less badly to later planting. Bedding plants for spring colour should be put in now, if not already done. Perennial flowers can be planted now, unless the ground is sodden, and division of existing plants can also be carried out.

## Fruit, Vegetables and Herbs

This is the ideal time for planting new fruit trees and bushes as the soil is usually in ideal condition. Dig over vegetable ground, removing old crops, or chopping them up and burying them as you dig. Store vegetables that can be over-wintered in a pit or cool shed. Control weeds over areas of ground that will be dug over later in winter. Spread compost before digging in. Herbs such as mint, tarragon and horse radish can be lifted and divided at this time, using the most vigorous bits for re-planting.



Continue to tidy the vegetable garden and make sure to knock back weeds, not letting them grow on over winter.

## Lawns

If moss is obvious, lawn mosskiller can still be used. Otherwise, the moss will grow



strongly until summer and will build up in thickness. Trim edges of a lawn, even if it not mowed to leave it looking neat over winter. Occasional mowing in winter 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. The last of the fallen leaves should be removed if not already done by running the lawn mower over the grass. If the ground is soggy, it would be best to just rake off the leaves.

## **Greenhouse and House Plants**

Remove all debris and dead plants and ventilate occasionally. Water very little to reduce the risk of grey mould disease. Set up a greenhouse frost protection heater to protect tender plants, such as geraniums or fuchsias. Tidy the greenhouse and check that snails have not settled in for the winter as they can do severe damage in the warmth of a greenhouse. House plants should be given good light and kept away from sources of heat that scorch the leaves.



## **Odds & Ends**

Please feed the birds as they may not be able to find food due to bad weather. Continue to watch for snail, slug or disease damage throughout the garden and take the necessary steps to control the problem. Clean your garden tools for winter storage



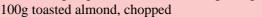
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## Christmas Baking

Ice Cream Pudding

A delicious alternative to Christmas plum pudding

Ingredients: 100g granulated sugar 125ml water 4 egg yolks 500ml cream 1tsp vanilla essence 500g dried mixed fruit eg. raisins, currants, sultanas, figs, apricots, (soaked overnight in port)



Method:

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Put sugar and water into a pan. Dissolve the sugar over a gentle heat. Then boil steadily until it forms a syrup. Beat the egg yolks well, then carefully pour the syrup on to them. Continue to whisk to a thick, mouse-like mixture. Whip the cream. Fold the cream and vanilla essence into the mousse with the fruit and nuts. Pour into a pudding bowl and freeze.

## Mince Pies Baked Alaska Topping

**Ingredients:** For Sweet Shortcut Pastry 9oz cream plain flour 2oz icing sugar 5oz butter 2 egg yolks (keep whites for merringue) Cold water (4 tbsp approx) For Baked Alaska Mince Pies **Ingredients:** Sweet Shortcut Pastry (as above) 1 jar mincemeat 2 egg whites Pinch of salt 4oz caster sugar Vanilla or homemade ice cream Method:

For Sweet Shortcut Pastry:

Sieve the flour and icing sugar into a bowl. Rub in the butter. Add the egg yolks and sufficient water to mix to a soft dough. Turn onto floured board and lightly knead. Cover and store in fridge until ready to use.

For Baked Alaska Mice Pies:

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Roll out pastry to about 4mm thick. Cut out rounds to line a 12 hole deep bun tray. Put spoonfulls of mincemeat into the pastry and bake for 20 minutes until cooked through and golden. Allow to cool. Increase oven temperature to 200°C /400°F/Gas 6.

For meringue: Put egg whites and a pinch of salt into a bowl and beat until stiff. Gradually beat in the sugar until thick and shiny. Cover each mince pie with a scoop of ice cream and top with a dollop of merringue. Return to top oven until lightly brown. Serve immediately.

Christmas Cake

8oz cream plain flour 6oz margarine 8oz dark brown sugar 375g sultanas 375g fruit mix 100g cherries 100g chopped mixed nuts 100g ground almonds 3 large eggs Rind and juice of one orange 1 tsp mixed spice 2 baby bottles of brandy **Method:** 

**Ingredients:** 



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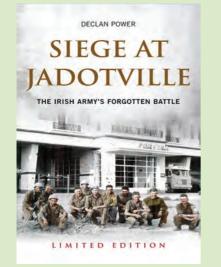
Put margarine, sugar, fruit, rind, juice and one baby bottle of brandy into a large saucepan. Slowly bring to the boil, stirring occassionaly, until the margarine has melted. Turn off heat and leave to cool for approx. 30 minutes. Meanwhile preheat oven to 140°C/275°F/Gas 1 and line an 8"/20cm round deep cake tin with greaseproof paper. Stir the eggs, nuts and ground almonds into the fruit mixture and mix well. Finally, stir in the sieved flour and mixed spice. Spoon the mixture into the tin and smooth it out evenly. Bake for 2½ - 3 hours approx. After 2 hours, cover with paper if cake is browning too quickly. To check the cake is done, insert a skewer into the centre - if it comes out clean the cake is cooked. Make holes in top of warm cake and pour over remaining brandy. Leave cake in tin to cool completely.

# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON THE SIEGE OF JADOTVILLE



**Starring Jamie Dornan, Guillaume Canet & Mark Strong** 

At the Galway Film Fleadh, last July, director Richie Smyth presented a slice of hidden Irish history to the assembled audience. His film, The Siege of Jadotville depicts the thrilling, true-life story of a battle between an Irish UN peacekeeping force and Katangese rebels during the Congo Crisis of 1961. Surviving Irish veterans attended the Galway premiere in the Town Hall. Before the screening, Smyth delivered the good news that these men would finally be honoured with Military Citations from the President. Why did it take so long though?



The Siege of Jadotville was made for Netflix but given a limited release in Irish cinemas recently. It's based on former solider Declan Power's 2005 book Siege at Jadotville: The Irish Army's Forgotten Battle. Richie Smyth's gripping debut feature tells the remarkable story of 150 inexperienced, greenhorn Irish soldiers, holding their own against battlehardened mercenaries in the Congo of the 1960s



The focal point of this clash was the small mining town of Jadotville. Situated in the mineral-rich Katanga province of the Congo Republic it was of strategic importance to the super powers in the early years of the Cold War. It is in this context that the Irish soldiers of 'A' Company - under the charge of Commandant Pat Quinlan (the ubiquitous Jamie Dornan) are sent to Jadotville to protect Belgian settlers and locals in an unsteady political climate.



The plot for The Siege of Jadotville at face-value is rather unbelievable and one could be forgiven for thinking it came straight from the Hollywood dream factory. The details of the Jadotville story are quite extraordinary. All the more remarkable that it is based on fact.

Young Irish men who had never left Ireland before were suddenly thrust into a terrifying battle with some 3000 Belgian manoeuvring behind the scenes. The actor's questionable mercenaries and local tribesmen. Their adversaries had might, numbers and sophisticated weaponry on their side. While the Irish soldiers had to contend with antiquated WW2 equipment and unsuitable clothing for the extreme heat of the Congo. But the Irish soldiers did have one trump card up their sleeve.



Fifty Shades of Grey star, Jamie Dornan's role as Commandant Pat Quinlan could be not more different in this military drama. He's portraying a real-life hero of some magnitude. Big boots to fill. The Northern Irish actor went through weeks of rigorous preparation at a boot camp in South Africa, undergoing the same kind of military training that his character would have gone through over fifty years ago.

The director's aim was to be as authentic as possible in the portrayal of the soldiers. He insisted on all his actors receiving proper military training. This strategy pays off real dividends in all the spectacular action scenes of the film.



Dornan holds his own in the fighting sequences bringing a cool-headed calmness to proceedings as the brilliant tactician who uses WW1 methods to take on the enemy. Whether locking horns with a French mercenary in a local pub, directing his troops to dig trenches or screaming down a phone line, he cuts quite a commanding figure. As evidenced from The Fall, Dornan can deliver the goods when given the right Kevin Brodbin's screenplay conveys the sheer chaos and fear script.

However, his delivery of dialogue isn't always successful. Maybe having to act with a Kerry accent constrains his performance. He is most effective though when the camera lands on him in reflective or action mode. Dornan has a rougher, grittier edge to him here than in previous films

Director Richie Smyth's achievement is remarkable in that his previous directorial experience has been music videos for the likes of U2 and Bon Jovi. He demonstrates a real flair for the martial genre in The Siege of Jadotville. Smyth provides his audience with an intense experience investing the numerous battle scenes with fierceness and passion.



Dornan's Quinlan is left out to dry by his seniors and UN Representative, Conor Cruise O'Brien. In unusual casting, the English actor, Mark Strong plays the Irish diplomat who is out of his depth managing the Katanga secession crisis. He comes

across as not particularly sympathetic in his political Irish accent and unsuitable wig is rather distracting as well!

Apart from Dornan, the standout performance in The Siege of Jadotville is given by Jason O'Mara. The Irish actor gives a forceful turn here as Quinlan's second-in-command, Sergeant Prendergast. O'Mara has great presence in all his scenes. Guillaume Canet's soldier of fortune and Quinlan's foe is rather hit-and-miss in his role. Disappointingly, the secondary characters are rather superficially drawn and have little depth



The film is also not particularly successful in explaining the global politics of the era. It's not really clear to the viewer what's actually going on in the Congo or the rest of the world. We share in Quinlan's and his men's confusion and frustration at times!

But what *The Siege of Jadotville* lacks in clarity it more than makes up for in emotional engagement and passion. The battle sequences have a raw urgency to them. When the focus is firmly on Quinlan, his troops and the Siege, that is when the film comes into its own. The shifting of focus to the political skulduggery only serves to pull away from the intimate and truly exciting nature of the Siege. Consequently the viewer is always itching to get back to the main action.



of the Siege. The tension builds up bit by bit until it becomes relentless in the latter stages of the film. The viewer is just as shocked at the incredible turn of events as the soldiers are. The sustained blitz of the Irish men with mortar, machine-gun fire and air power is truly nerve-wracking. There is little let-up in the explosive action. Quinlan's astute tactics and steadying presence is the one constant in all the chaos.

Richie Smyth has fashioned a craftsman-like and thrilling film out of the source material. The Jadotville story is a fascinating one and the treatment of the 'Jadotville Jacks' after their return home is a shameful blot on our history. Declan Power's book and this Netflix film have gone some way towards balancing the scales. Although it is unfortunately too late for Pat Quinlan and others.

If nothing else, *The Siege of Jadotville* is a fitting tribute to the courage, bravery and heroism of one exceptional man and his 35th Battalion 'A' Company. For this reason, it deserves to have as wide an audience as possible



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#### Shop Till You Drop In Maynooth This Christmas and Keep Our Town Working

Shorter days, frosty mornings, Christmas preparations are once again well under way. The annual season of giving and receiving is upon us. This is the perfect opportunity to support our local shops in Maynooth. By doing so, people will be helping the local economy, ensuring the safety of local jobs and generating a "feel good" factor especially in the retail and hospitality sectors.

Shop 'til you drop' in Maynooth! There are plenty of boutiques, coffee shops, and gift shops to explore alongside the larger department stores. We are truly spoilt for choice and variety. Maynooth offers everything you need for the complete Christmas shopping experience on your own doorstep. You will be sure to find everything you are looking for here in Maynooth. So take the stress out of shopping and stay local this year, avoiding the cost of travel, expensive parking, overcrowded shopping centres and lengthy queues.

When your shopping is complete in Maynooth, please feel free to visit a wide selection of pubs and restaurants for a bite to eat or a beverage. With Maynooth night life thriving be sure to check out one of our many lively venues over the Christmas. In Maynooth we also have an excellent train, bus and taxi service to take you to your destination, be safe leave the car and use the services provided. The Christmas period is particularly vital, so I would urge everyone to eat, drink and shop locally this festive season to support local businesses.



## New Year's Eve 1916 Flag Ceremony



The 1916 centenary commemorations will come to a close in Maynooth on New Year's Eve with a flag ceremony in the town square at 3pm. The ceremony will include the lowering of the 'Maynooth 15' flag which has been flying in Maynooth every day for the centenary year. A guard of honour will render honours and a bugler from Maynooth band will sound the last post. Fr Liam Rigney PP who blessed the flag on its commissioning, will say prayers in memory of the Maynooth 15.

Following the ceremony Maynooth scouts will have an alter fire in the square and, on behalf of the Maynooth 1916 centenary committee, mulled wine and hot chocolate will be served free as a 'thank you' to the people of Maynooth for their support throughout the year.

All are welcome.

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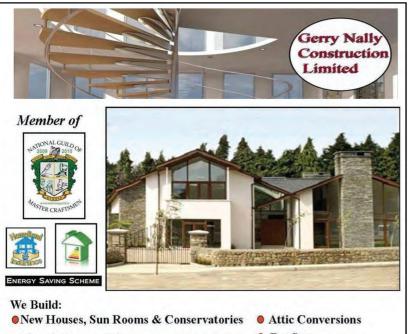
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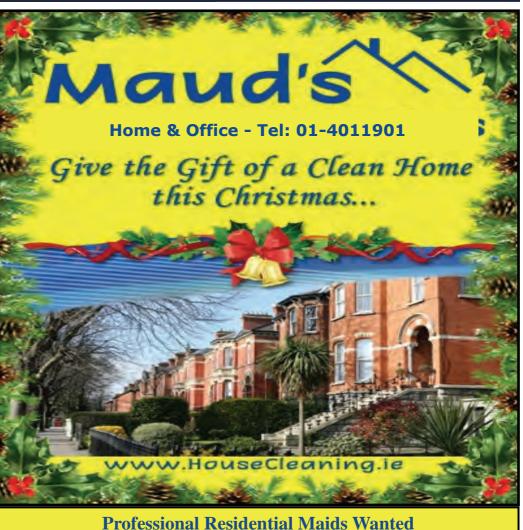
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Our Sale of Work was a huge success again this year. We made a clear profit of €10,359.95. Many thanks to all who supported us on the run up to the big day and all who came to help on the day of the sale. We are indebted to Johnny Nevin for the use of their hall this year at Maynooth Post Primary School. A big thank you to Caroline, Mark, Paul, Sean and Gerry for their tremendous work on our behalf.

Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day. Our Monster Hamper was won by John Kavanagh, Des Tierney won €200 and €100 was won by P. Clarke. In other draws Sheila Downey won the 32" TV and Margaret Loane won the Portable DVD player. Among other winners were Cliodhna Buckley, Margaret Nolan, Shelley O'Riordan, Patrick Behan, Jean Sweeney, John Flynn, Ita Sing, Paul Byrne and Philomena Clinton. Ticket sales for our Monster Draw were bigger than ever this year and I thank Supervalu and Manor Mills for making this happen. Thank you also to our sponsors, Frank Walsh, Gerard & Siobhan Mc Myler, Willie Kiernan, Thornton's recycling and Sean Donovan. A special word of thanks has to go to our young scouts who helped to prepare the hall, sold tickets on the day and then put the school back together again when it was all over. These are a group of wonderful young people who give of their time in the interest of our Senior Citizens. In a climate where our youth get such bad press their parents and scout leaders have reason to be proud. When you put it all together it is community spirit at its best.

Our next event is on Dec. 4th at 3pm when Casey's Supervalu Maynooth will once again host an afternoon of entertainment fine food and shopping for our Senior Citizens.

Our final event will be our Annual Dinner which will take place on Dec. 18th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. So Make sure you have your name in by Dec. 6th.

Finally may I express our deepest sympathy to the families of all our Senior Citizens who passed away this year, not least our oldest citizen Mary Holmes. Ar Deis De go raibh a Anam

Josephine Moore - Chairperson.



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#### St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Our annual mass for deceased members on  $13^{th}$ November was a lovely occasion and there was an extended round of applause from the congregation at the end of the mass which was



congregation at the end of the mass which was greatly appreciated. Two other events in November at which we played were Tesco's Customer Evening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Santa's arrival to Manor Mills on 26<sup>th</sup>.

December is shaping up to be a really busy month with our Annual Concert in the Aula Maxima in Maynooth College on Sunday  $4^{th}$  at 7.30pm with a nominal admission fee of  $\in$ 5 for Adults with free admission for children and Senior Citizens.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> we play at the opening of Aonach Na Nollag in the Post Primary School and we expect to be once again playing a part in the Church of Ireland Carol Service in the lead up to Christmas.

As had been the tradition for many, many years the Band will be playing Christmas music in various locations in the town on  $22^{nd}$ ,  $23^{rd}$  and  $24^{th}$  so please watch out for us and if you have anything left after your Christmas shopping it couldn't go towards a better cause than Maynooth Band.

On Christmas morning the Band will be continuing a tradition that has survived for decades when they play some Christmas music outside the Church after 11.30 Mass. Hopefully the weather will be kinder than it was a few years ago when it was so cold that our instruments froze up.

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.

Finally we would like to extend a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year to all our friends and supporters in Maynooth.

### Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 20/10/16 to 25/11/16 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
161223	Kildare County Council	Laura Grashorn	32 Castlepark Avenue, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth	24/11/2016
161219	Kildare County Council	Andrew Morgan	Laraghbryan West, Kilcock Road, Maynooth	23/11/2016
161162	Kildare County Council	Laura Grashorn	23 Castlepark Avenue, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth	09/11/2016
161157	Kildare County Council	Kilcawley Building and Civil Engineering (Sligo) Ltd.	Block J, Maynooth Business Camp, Maynooth	08/11/2016
161153	Kildare County Council	Kelston Properties Ltd	Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	07/11/2016
161144	Kildare County Council	Mycete Homes Ltd	Moyglare Hall, Mariavilla, Maynooth	04/11/2016
161126	Kildare County Council	Brid-Ann & Ciaran Reilly	Smithstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	28/10/2016
161106	Kildare County Council	Padraig and Ger O'Leary,	114 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	21/10/2016

## Editorial

As the Italian poet, Cesare Pavese wrote, "We do not remember days we remember moments"; we will all have moments that will frame our memories of 2016. For me, one of the most concerning moments was when I attended the meeting about the campaign for more community policing in the town.

I was surprised to hear our very experienced public representatives tell the meeting that the decision on the allocation of Gardai is made by the Garda Commissioner, Ms. Noreen O'Sullivan and that she did not have the control over where Gardai were allocated because the policing policy is that local Garda management would not suffer reduced numbers in their divisions so that the clear under provision of Gardai in Kildare could be addressed.

I was always of the impression that the boss made the decisions but clearly not in An Garda Siochana. The only positive thing that I heard at that meeting was that the new Policing Authority might be able to force the Garda Commissioner to provide more Gardai in Kildare. Kildare has the lowest ratio of Gardai per population numbers so well done to the group who are keeping a focus on this issue. It looks as if this one has more time to run.

Meanwhile, there are other factors that should be considered when we are thinking about public safety. For me, I have a concern about the poor quality of public lighting in Maynooth, most especially in the residential estates. There are far too few public lights in many estates and in many cases their value is diminished by the proximity of large trees blocking the lighting.

My own opinion on this is that there is a need for a comprehensive review of public lighting in estates and an urgent need to supplement it where necessary. Again we are now paying large Property Tax bills and it is time that this money was spent on something that is badly needed. Good lighting deters crime and anti-social behaviour. Maynooth is a unique town where a high proportion of the population are transient so it is not easy to know the majority of people that you come into contact with. As Michael Conrad the American character actor who appeared frequently on television and was best known for his recurring role as the desk sergeant Phil Esterhaus on "Hill Street Blues" would say – Let's be careful out there.

While those of us able to celebrate the festive season are entitled to a time of year that is special for most of us, it is appropriate to think of those around us and elsewhere for which 2016 is a year that they would prefer to forget. I am thinking in particular for people who suffered tragedies especially when they arrive unexpectedly, as well as those who have lost a family member or are living with concerns for their own health or that of another member of their family. Also this is a time of the year to reach out to others such as your neighbours especially if they have lived close to you and you have not yet had any contact. Best Wishes to you all for the festive season and the year ahead.

Paul Croghan - Editor

#### MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER INTERVIEW WITH JOHN KAVANAGH CHAIRMAN OF MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

What Tidy Towns Volunteers do? They generally do tidy ups- flower and bulb planting – litter picks, painting of bollards-fences-derelict buildings etc. Graffiti removal- grass cuttinganything that improves the look of our town – river cleans ups. Bird and Bat boxes etc.

#### When do they meet?

This is all done on a voluntary basis Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays meeting in the Courthouse Square, you will be notified by text or just turn up, you can come whenever suits- no roll call, some more younger Volunteers needed- grey hair not a necessity – but sense of humour is needed. Fully insured whilst on duty. For further information ring...087 3153189.

How do you raise your funding? Our annual collection takes place each May at Supermarkets and Church gates Proceeds go to pay for hanging baskets, flower beds, insurance, equipment, petrol/machinery. Also we receive donations from various businesses which are used to purchase tools, gloves, Mutt Mitts (Dog bags), black bags, paint and timber and pay for the recycling of Green waste. Kildare County Council over the years have given us Grants towards projects e.g. Japanese Knotweed, Name stones, and Biodiversity. We have entered a number of competitions and won prize money which was spent on Big Belly Compactors and planters. As you walk around Maynooth you can see a number of flower beds that have been sponsored by various businesses and organisations are planted with Bee and Butterfly friendly plants. This project we hope will be taken up and extended in residential areas.

New category for 2017 National Tidy Towns Competition? National Tidy Towns Competition 2017. We are in a new category this is because of increased population as per latest census (over 15,000).

It is our target to try and maintain our Gold Medal and this will need a concerted effort by Local Businesses, Kildare County Council, Litter wardens and of course the general public.

#### Is there much damage done?

It is soul destroying for our volunteers to see damage to our projects e.g. 3 barrel planters were stolen during the month of November. On occasions plants have been removed from planters or flower beds. Other damage done e.g. Graffiti around the town and wheelie bins and also flower planters, removed and thrown into the river. Signage taken from a number of our projects. We thank all from Maynooth University who help to clean up after their Colleagues social events (Christmas day party etc.), and hope more will follow their example.

#### Campaign for 7 day clean ups?

Thanks to all who contacted Kildare County Council or their Local Councillor in our campaign to get 7 day cleaning for Maynooth. We plan to meet with the some members of Maynooth Business Association, Local Councillors and other interested parties in December and to develop a Litter and environment strategy for Maynooth.

#### Projects for 2017?

We are always open to ideas/ suggestions for projects from the public. ....Ring us on 087 3153189. You can find us on Facebook or write to us care of Maynooth Community Council.

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#### **Christmas Bonus**

#### Question

## I'm getting a social welfare payment. Will I get a Christmas Bonus?

#### Answer

The Christmas Bonus is paid to people getting a long-term social welfare payment. Long-term social welfare payments include the following:

- State Pensions and Widow's/Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's Pensions
- Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance and guardian's payments
- Jobseeker's Transitional payment, One Parent Family Payment, Farm Assist, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Allowance
- Community Employment, Rural Social Scheme, Tús, Gateway, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance and Job Initiative
- Back to Education Allowance (BTEA), VTOS and Further Education and Training (FET) training allowance (people coming from jobseeker's payments must have been on their payment and/or BTEA or VTOS or FET training allowance for 15 months)

For Jobseeker's Allowance or Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance, you must be getting the payment for 15 months to get a Christmas Bonus.

In 2016 the Christmas Bonus will be 85% of your normal weekly payment (including the Living Alone Increase, the Island Allowance and the Over-80 Increase). Fuel Allowance is not included when calculating the Christmas Bonus. The minimum Christmas Bonus payment is €20.

For Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA), which is paid monthly, the bonus is 85% of the **weekly** payment. The DCA portion of the bonus is calculated independently of other payments. So, for example, if you are getting DCA for one child, 85% of the weekly payment is 60.70.

#### Holidays at Christmas Question

#### I work full-time, Monday to Friday. What days off will I get at Christmas? Answer

Christmas Day (25 December), St Stephen's Day (26 December) and New Year's Day (1 January) are public holidays every year.

In 2016 Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and St Stephen's Day falls on a Monday. New Year's Day 2017 falls on a Sunday.

Where a public holiday falls on a weekend, you do not have any automatic legal entitlement to have the **next** working day off work. This means that, for example, Tuesday 27 December 2016 is not a public holiday. Your employer can require you to attend work on that day. Your public holiday entitlement for Christmas Day will be one of the following:

- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay

Under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997, you may ask your employer, at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply to you. Your employer should respond to you at least 14 days before the public holiday. In practice, many employers will give employees Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January off in lieu of Christmas Day and New Year's Day – but it is important to remember that this is not an automatic entitlement.

You can find out more about public holidays in the **Explanatory Booklet on Holidays and Public Holidays** (**pdf**) which is available from the Workplace Relations Commission website, workplacerelations.ie.

If you do not get your public holiday entitlement, you may make a complaint under the Organisation of Working Time Act within 6 months of the dispute or complaint occurring. You must use the online complaint form available on **workplacerelations.ie.** 

## Tenants with landlords living abroad Question

Our landlady lives in Spain and we pay rent into her bank account. Is it true that we need to collect the tax she is liable for? Answer

Yes, if you pay rent directly to a landlord (or landlady) who lives abroad, you must deduct tax from the rent and account for it to Revenue, whether by paying it to Revenue or by reducing your tax credits. You deduct the tax at the standard

reducing your tax credits. You deduct the tax at the standard rate (20% at present) from the gross amount of rent that you pay. This deduction is not your tax relief – it is tax payable to Revenue from your landlady's income.

Say, for example, you pay gross monthly rent of 1,500 directly to your landlady. The amount of tax to deduct is 20% of 1,500, which is 300. Subtract this from the gross rent to get net monthly rent of 1,200. You pay this to your landlady. The amount due to Revenue is the 300 per month that you deducted.

(The situation is different for a tenant who pays rent through an agent to a landlord living abroad. In this situation, you do not deduct tax from the rent. The landlord's collection agent must account for it in an annual tax return.)

You must account to Revenue for the tax that you deduct from the gross rent. If you fail to deduct the tax and account for it, this will mean that you (not your landlady) will be liable for any tax that should have been deducted.

If you pay tax under PAYE, you can account for it by reducing your tax credits and Standard Rate Cut-Off Point. You can notify your local Revenue Office and ask them to arrange this. Alternatively, you can make a tax return on **Form 12 (pdf)** and pay the retained amount to Revenue.

If you pay tax under self-assessment, you should include the details of your rent with your annual return on <u>Form 11</u> (<u>pdf).</u> A notice of assessment will then issue to you, showing your reduced tax credits. At the end of the year you must give your landlady a completed <u>Certificate of Income Tax Deducted - Form</u> <u>R185 (pdf).</u>

#### Buying goods online Question

#### I have ordered a few presents from a Belgian website. Can I return them if I'm not happy with them when they arrive? Answer

Online purchases within the EU are covered by the EU Directive on Consumer Rights. Under this Directive you are entitled to a cooling-off period of 14 days. During the cooling-off period, you can cancel distance contracts such as online purchases without giving a reason and without incurring charges or penalties, other than possible charges incurred in returning the goods. The 14-day cooling-off period begins on the day that you receive the goods.

Upon cancellation, the distance seller is obliged to repay you within 14 days, including delivery costs. If you chose a more expensive type of delivery than the seller's cheapest standard delivery, you are only entitled to be refunded the cost of the cheaper delivery type. The seller can withhold the repayment until the goods are returned or until you supply evidence that you have sent the goods back.

You must send the goods back within 14 days of informing the seller of the cancellation. You have to pay for the cost of returning them, unless the seller did not inform you before you ordered the goods that you would have to bear the cost.

The seller should have provided you with confirmation of the contract, as well as information on aftersales and guarantees, how to cancel the contract and a postal address for complaints. If the seller did not provide you with information on your right to cancel, the cooling-off period can be extended by 12 months.

Cancellation may not be accepted in certain cases, for example, if the goods were made especially for you.

#### Flu vaccination Question I have been told I need to get a flu vaccine. Can I get it for free?

#### Answer

Influenza, usually known as the flu, is highly infectious and anyone can get it. However some groups are at greater risk of complications if they get the flu. This includes people over the age of 65, pregnant women and people who have a chronic medical condition.

The flu vaccine can help protect you from getting the flu. The flu virus changes every year and this is why there is a new vaccine each year. Vaccination is strongly recommended if you:

- Are aged 65 and over
- Have a long-term medical condition such as diabetes, heart, kidney, liver, lung or neurological disease
- Have an impaired immune system due to disease or treatment
- Have a body mass index (BMI) over 40
- Are pregnant
- Live in a nursing home or other long-stay institution
- Are a carer or a healthcare worker
- Have regular contact with poultry, water fowl or pigs

You can get the vaccine from your GP (family doctor) or pharmacist. Children can get the vaccine from a GP. The vaccine itself is free of charge if you are in one of the recommended groups. However, doctors and pharmacists may charge a consultation fee when they give you the vaccine.

If you have a medical card or GP visit card you can get the vaccine without being charged a consultation fee.

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## **Maynooth Labour News**

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#### Local Property Tax (LPT) Discretionary €645,389 Allocation to be Agreed for Maynooth Municipal District (MD)

Cllr. John McGinley has proposed that the following works be funded from the LPT Discretionary Fund of €645,389:

- Proper drainage and surfacing of the road behind house numbers 826 to 837 Old Greenfield, Maynooth. As I pointed out in my Motion to the MD meeting on 20 October this Back Lane is used by all of the residents for access to their houses. Most of these residents are Senior Citizens and the Back Lane is hazardous for them in its present state.
- Resurface the footpath from house 351 to 342 (down as far as the bollards), Old Greenfield, as it is in a very poor condition.
- The footpaths in other areas of Old Greenfield need re-surfacing
- Resurface the footpath from Beaufield to the Health Board houses on Newtown Road as it is a very poor condition. As you know this footpath is highly pedestrianised.
- Put double yellow lines in Silken Vale as per the email from the Residents' Association dated 8 November. Also, a single white line down the middle of the road to the blind corner on the way into the estate.
- Move the pedestrian lights from the existing position in Straffan Village to the Straffan Inn location as per my motion to the MD meeting on 9 November.
- Provide a bus shelter on the New Road (School Road), Straffan
- Include Maynooth as one of the two towns in MD for the Health Check Initiative/Public Realm Plan.
- Extension of the wall at the right hand side entrance to Greenfield Estate (Greenfield Shopping Centre) in order to help prevent anti-social behaviour at this location.

#### Update on Cllr. John McGinley's Motion Seeking Funding for Maynooth Ring Road

The Chief Executive of Kildare County Council, Peter Carey, has applied to the Government for €67m from the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund. This includes €20m for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road from Dublin Road to the Straffan Road.

### Cllr. McGinley Gets Safety Improvements at the Boys School, Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion to the Maynooth MD bollards have been erected on the footpath from the Boys School to the entrance to the Post Primary School. This will prevent motorists from parking on the footpath and improve safety for pedestrians.

#### Cllr. McGinley Seeks Access to the New Road for the Existing Houses Rear Garden Houses in Old Greenfield

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

The Planning permission is a live permission relating to a housing development at Old Greenfield, Maynooth, and is essentially an extension of duration to a previous permission, extending the planning period to 29 October 2018.

The applicant / developer has until this time to take up his permission. The development is to be carried out and completed in accordance with the terms of the öriginal'permission. Compliance with the terms of the planning permission will be monitored and any noncompliance may result in enforcement proceedings as and when appropriate.

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Director of Planning to take an active interest to ensure that the houses have

access to the new road as Planners gave permission for the road and the houses. It is therefore Kildare County Council Planners responsibility to overcome this serious problem.

### Cllr. McGinley Calls for Seven Day Street Cleaning for Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 20 October:

"That a seven day street cleaning service be provided by the council in Maynooth."

#### John got the following reply:

"A submission has forwarded to Finance Section to include an increase in funding to provide for an extra street sweeping services in Maynooth. This can be considered in the context of Budget 2017."

John made the point that Maynooth is unique being the only University town in Ireland and when students are included Maynooth has a population of 24,000. So, a five day street cleaning is not good enough for such a population. John also pointed out that Maynooth had a six day cleaning service up to 2012.

The Director of Services has advised Cllr. McGinley that there is an additional €54,000 allocated countywide in the Budget for street sweeping and that there are ongoing discussions between the Roads Section and the Environment Section on how much of this will be allocated for Maynooth.

#### Cllr McGinley Seeks Directional Signage for Public Car Park in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has made the following submission to the Council:

"Directional signage is badly needed for the public car park in Maynooth. It is especially needed for strangers to the town as they don't know that it exists and that is half empty most of the time.

This issue was discussed by the Director of Services in relation to Naas at the SPC meeting on 3 November."

### Stagg Welcomes Re-Invitation of Tenders for Maynooth Education Campus

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed confirmation from the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board that Tenders were invited from pre-qualified contractors for the Maynooth Education Campus Project on Friday October 28th. Mr. Stagg said the Maynooth Education Campus Project involves the construction of two new Post Primary Schools and a Shared Sports Facility at an estimated value of €30 Million and the envisaged construction period is 24 months.

10 contractors who came through the pre-qualification process for contractors have been requested to submit tenders for the project.

In conclusion Mr. Stagg stated that we are nearly at the conclusion of the re-tendering process for the Maynooth Education Campus and expressed confidence that Construction would begin on site in the first quarter of 2017.

#### Hands Off Free Travel - Stagg

Reacting to the Review complied by the National Transport Authority and Iarnrod Eireann to examine possible solutions for the Financial Stability of Iarnrod Eireann, Labour Spokesperson on Older People Emmet Stagg has condemned the suggestion in the Review that the Free Travel Scheme should be reformed to save money.

Mr. Stagg stated that there is no doubt there is a serious funding crisis within Iarnrod Eireann, but Government Ministers Leo Vardakar T.D. and Shane Ross T.D.

should immediately move to dismiss any suggestion that the Free Travel Scheme will be reformed. They need to be clear that there will be no changes to the existing scheme and if that means stumping up an additional €6 Million per year to cover the actual cost of the scheme to Iarnrod Eireann, then so be it.

It is estimated that 4.6 Million passenger journeys in 2016 will avail of Free Travel on Rail Services and this in itself shows how popular the scheme is with Older People. It gives them the opportunity to see parts of the Country that they may not have seen before and gives them an opportunity to travel with friends for outings, an important social service in preventing isolation. Using commuter services also allows older people to get on with their daily routine. We want to encourage the use of Public Transport not put obstacles in the way of Older People stated Mr. Stagg.

In conclusion Emmet Stagg again called on Ministers Varadkar and Ross to explicitly state that there will be no changes to the Free Travel Scheme to remove the fears of Older People.

## Stagg Calls on McEntee to Publish Proposals on National Positive Ageing Strategy.

Labour Spokesperson on Older People Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister of State at the Department of Health, Helen McEntee T.D., to publish their new implementation proposal for the National Positive Ageing Strategy.

Mr. Stagg stated 'We have a Blueprint for age related policy and service delivery in Ireland, the National Positive Ageing Strategy which was published in 2013. The Strategy offers a positive view of ageing and does not limit its remit to health issues, but rather looks at how to improve quality of life, promote independent living and deliver greater opportunities for older people. Disappointingly the specific Implementation of the National Positive Ageing Strategy was not included in the 'Programme for Partnership Government', stated Mr. Stagg.

'My colleague Joan Burton T.D., at my request, questioned Minister McEntee on the Strategy recently in the Dail and Minister McEntee responded as follows: *As the Deputy may be aware my Department is developing a new implementation proposal for the National Positive Ageing Strategy. This plan proposes mechanisms to facilitate the identification by NGO stakeholders of their policy priorities, along with regular on-going structured engagement between relevant State Agencies and stakeholders on the key issues so identified. The details of the above will be finalised shortly.*'

Concluding Labour Spokesperson on Older People Emmet Stagg stated that Groups advocating on behalf of Older people want to see how this implementation process will work and it was important that the proposals were published as soon as possible.

## Cllr. McGinley Asks for The Square, Maynooth to be Repaired

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

"When will the council replace the tarmacadam and the broken flags on the Square in Maynooth with proper flagstones?"

John was given the following reply:

"The municipal district office is in discussions with Gas Networks Ireland about the restoration of this section of the Square."

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#### (Continued from page 8) Allocation of New Gardaí perpetuates Garda Manning Shortfall in Kildare - Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has condemned the number of newly attested Gardaí assigned to the Kildare Division since the re-opening of the Garda Training College in Templemore in September 2014.

Mr. Stagg stated that since the re-opening of the College 534 recruits have been assigned to various Garda Divisions throughout the State. Of these 25 recruits, or 4.7% have been assigned to the Kildare Division. The population of Kildare makes up 4.7% of the State's population. So allocations to date of new recruits are having no impact on the fact that we have the worst ratio of Gardaí to population in the State, of 1:751.

If we are to reduce this unacceptable under manning of Garda Manpower in the Kildare Division, we have to be assigned greater numbers over and above our current percentage of the State's population. What we have here is an effective standstill situation. We may be getting a correct percentage of allocations by population now, but this ignores the historical position of under manning.

The Commissioner accepted that there was an imbalance of Garda to population when I raised this issue with her in April 2015. The Commissioner pointed out that the moratorium on recruitment was a major obstacle to deploying additional resources to the Kildare Division. We now have recruitment, yet the imbalance is not been redressed.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he will raise this serious issue again with the Garda Commissioner as we now have the opportunity to correct this wrong as the Garda Force is expected to grow to 15,000 members. If the correction is not implemented now it never will be.

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Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E. are delighted to have been invited to participate in many community events leading up to the festive season. By the time this issue goes to print we will have participated in Scór, the Scouts Christmas Fair and the Enable Ireland Fundraiser.

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We will also be involved in Aonach na Nollag, Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Christmas Fair, a visit to the TLC Nursing home to entertain the residents, and the Tidy Towns gold medal celebration night.

Add to this a branch outing to see Robin Hood presented by An Nuada Players in the Aula Maxima, and our branch Christmas Party and session in O'Neills on 14<sup>th</sup> December and you get a picture of the diverse range of activities in which our members involve themselves.

The committee wish to take this opportunity to thank our members who support the branch and help to promote our traditional music song and dance by voluntarily attending these events, and the parents of junior members who encourage their practice, attendance at classes and of course accompany them on these occasions. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

We acknowledge the assistance of our friends from the Rita Doyle School of dance and members of Push for Porter who regularly support us in our endeavours. We look forward to continued cooperation and friendship and the growth of Craobh Mhaigh Nuad and it's community involvement.

The final class for the term will be on 7<sup>th</sup> December, and classes resume on Wednesday 11th January 2017. Nollag shona daoibh go léir.

## Maynooth Town FC Lotto Results 2016

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W/End	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners			
02-Oct-16	15,16,27,28	€2,800	Declan Fitz - Mags O'Sullivan - Mary Murray			
09-Oct-16	2,6,10,16	€2,850 Patrick Gilligan - Louise Mac Nevin - TJ Byrne				
16-Oct-16	4,15,20,28	€2,900	Leisa Garvey - Mark Nolan - Dani/Dara/Amy			
23-Oct-16	1,11,16,25	€2,950 Ellis Duffy - David Earls - Patrick Dunne				
30-Oct-16	13,21,26,27	€3,000	00 Tina Gannon - Declan Fitzgerald - Bronagh Donovar			
06-Nov-16	3,5,9,10	€3,050	Jenifer Sutton - Siobhan & Les Kellett - James Keegan			
13-Nov-16	4,5,14,17	€3,100	Bernie Mooney - David Leavey - David Wright			
20-Nov-16	3,18,22,27	€3,150	CHA' - Sean Mc Gowan - Joe Walsh			

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#### **Christmas Family Event in** Maynooth Community Library

Mr. Podzo Christmas Event

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm

Boys & Girls, this Christmas climb aboard The Polar Express and join in a Frozen sleigh ride of fun with entertainer Mr Podzo, as he makes one final stop before heading off to help in the North Pole!

Join Mr Podzo as he brings his Winter Wonderland Family Show to Maynooth with some cracking Christmas Surprises, Magical Activities, Sing-Along Stories and as rumour has it, to welcome a very special visit from the man himself... (but Mum's the word!)

Christmas jumpers optional but early booking is essential, as places for this event, I'm told, will go like, The Polar Express, FAST TRACK!

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## Extra Bus Service for Maynooth and Celbridge says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O Rourke, has been informed by Dublin Bus that it will now operate a new Sunday service on their Route 67 commencing on Sunday 27th of November.

'Dublin Bus have informed me that it will now operate a new Sunday service on Route 67 commencing on Sunday 27th of November next. The new service commences at 8.15am and operates every 30 mins until 20.50 and then reverts back to an hourly service.' 'As a councillor and now as a TD, I have regular interactions with Dublin Bus, Bus Eireann, National Transport Authority and Irish Rail. I continue to raise the importance of a regular and reliable public transport service for commuters in North Kildare.' Stated Deputy O Rourke.

'We are making progress, improved bus service for Kilcock is now in place, we have a Park and Ride for Bus commuters planned for Kilcock, improved rail services for those using the Kildare line with the opening of Phoenix Park tunnel and the Kilcock and Naas rail commuters now have a fairer fare structure, and I have received assurances from the NTA that it will seek tenders for the Naas to Blanchardstown service, serving Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth, in the first quarter of 2017.'

'I will continue to make further representations of behalf of our public transport users and I welcome this new service for Maynooth and Celbridge on Route 67.' Concluded Deputy O'Rourke

### Increased investment for mental health services needed says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O Rourke, says his party is pushing hard for a significant increase in funding for mental health services. Deputy O'Rourke made his comments after contributing in the Dáil debate on the future of mental health services, based on a private members motion submitted by his party.

"Our arrangement with Fine Gael commits to the full implementation of the 'A Vision for Change' policy. This is regarded as a best practice approach in mental health policy terms. It remains a key priority for us to have the vision for change policies adopted. There has been significant under investment in mental health services in recent years and this practice must change." said Deputy O'Rourke.

"The July 2016 estimate from the Department of Health outlines that the required resources to fully implement 'A Vision for Change' is €177.3m, or €35.4m over five years. The funding committed by the Government for 2017 is just €15m, so a significant increase in mental health spending is needed."

"Fianna Fáil has made clear that mental health spending can't be put on the backburner, so it's time for the Government to outline their plan for mental health services.

"Apart from improving the person, improving the mental health of the population of Ireland is an essential foundation for economic and social recovery. As I said in the Dail earlier this year, over 450,000 people in Ireland experience depression at any one time and people with a mental health disability are 9 times more likely to be outside the labour force. 1 in 7 adults in Ireland will have experienced a mental health difficulty in the last year and 9% of the population aged 15 or over has a mental health problem according to the Healthy Ireland survey."

"Currently the Government allocates funding to mental health on a year to year basis, we need to see a multi annual budget for mental health. Such a funding model would assist in putting mental health on a more solid funding foundation. Not having such a plan is preventing long term planning and development from taking place. Having a multi-annual budget and plan so that our mental health services can be developed with certainty must be a priority for Government." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

## Making progress on Broadband Coverage – further progress needed says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O Rourke, has said today that he is continuing to keep the pressure on Eir in connection with the timelines for the rollout of their fibre broadband technology, in particular the fibre to the home (FTTH) technology, to many parts of North Kildare. He was speaking following a meeting with Eir's senior executives in Leinster House recently.

'Eir's relatively new FTTH (Fibre To the Home) technology is designed for rural areas where bringing copper wires from cabinets proves more difficult." Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"I continue to make representations to Eir in relation to securing adequate Broadband coverage for areas such as; Newtown, Broadford, Timahoe, Eadestown and Kilteel. By the end of March next, over 2,500 additional rural Kildare premises will be connected to broadband by the Fibre to the home technology (FTHH). 400 rural premises in the Maynooth area, 370 in Kilcock, 480 in Donadea, 520 in Straffan and 470 in Carbury are examples of the planned rollout for this year in rural Kildare."

"Kilcock for example currently has 2,400 homes and businesses that have access to broadband speeds of up to 100Mb/s, with further connections planned. In Maynooth, 4,500 homes and businesses have access to speeds of up to 100Mb/s and a further 400 homes and businesses have been earmarked for fibre to the home by June 2017. Today in Celbridge, over 7,400 homes and businesses have access to speeds of up to 100Mb/s. An additional 150 premises are due to be covered by Eir's fibre to the home rollout by June 2017.' Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

Details of Eir's fibre broadband rollout plans for individual areas can be seen in more detail at www.fibrerollout.ie.

#### Tenders to be sought for New Bus Route linking Naas, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Blanchardstown says Deputy O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O Rourke, has been informed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) that it is hoped to seek tenders for the proposed new Bus Service linking Naas, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth, Blancharstown and Blancharstown Hospital.

'In April of this year, the NTA confirmed to me, following my presentations, that they would consider this bus service. I am delighted now, following further representations, that the NTA will seek tenders for this new service early in 2017.'

'Linking Naas, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Blancharstown has been one of the missing public transport services. Naas, Maynooth and Blancharstown are all key employment towns, all three towns are key retail centres, Maynooth has a University and all three towns have hospitals. It will also open up these towns for the rent to room schemes for students studying in NUI Maynooth. '

'Linking these towns, and their services, will provide an important service for the people in the North Kildare area, improve the commercial activity in the towns and ensure that more services and educational opportunities are available for all.'

'Since getting elected, I have being campaigning for improved public transport services for commuters in North Kildare. We have made progress on the Bus Service for Kilcock commuters, plans are in place for a Park and Ride at Kilcock and additional services planned for Leixlip bus commuters, address the fare structure anomaly for Kilcock rail commuters and provide better public transport services for Clane and Prosperous commuters, in particular linking these towns to St Stephens Green and UCD.'

'As I outlined to the NTA, once we achieve a regular, reliable and inclusive public transport service, we will attract more people to use it and thereby make it more efficient. I intend to keep making representations until we make further progress on public transport services.' concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

## O Rourke presses for Additional Park and Ride places for Maynooth

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O Rourke, has called on the Government to increase the resources to Irish Rail to provide additional park and ride places for Maynooth Bus and Rail commuters.

'One of my first meetings when I got elected in February was in relation to public transport services. I was delighted that in April, the NTA put the provision of a bus service from Naas to Blanchardstown via Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth on its agenda which following my representations.'

'Progress has also been made in improving the Bus Service for Kilcock commuters and now we have made significant progress on providing a Park and Ride at Kilcock on the Old Galway Road. However, Maynooth needs more park and ride places and I believe that resources should be provided to increase the number of car parking places in Maynooth for public transport users.' Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

'Maynooth is served well by both Rail and Bus from a timetable perspective, but given the low cost of money, the Government should provide capital for extra park and ride places. I will be raising this matter in the Dáil.'

#### Street Sweeping For Towns In North Kildare

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by Kildare Co. Co. that street sweeping for towns in North Kildare is to be extended into weekends and will include Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas.

'In recent months, weekend street sweeping has been requested by tidy town committees, local businesses and community groups for towns of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas.'

'Together with these groups, I made representations to Kildare Co. Co. and asked them to consider extending the street sweeping into the weekends.'

'Groups like the tidy towns and local businesses put in considerable efforts into keeping these towns clean and deserve great credit for their work. Putting in place a weekend street sweeping programme for these towns will provide assistance to these groups and give recognition to the valuable contribution they make to our community.'

'As I understand it, the environment and transport departments of Kildare Co Co are working together to agree how this programme can be best implemented, which I hope will commence in early 2017.' Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



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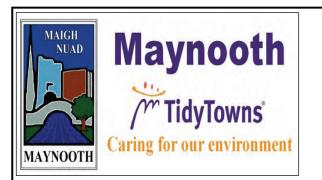




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We were presented with our National Tidy Towns Gold Medal and certificate by Michael Ring T.D. Minister of State for Regional Economic Development in Skerries at the Regional Awards Ceremony on 25th October, 2016. We were also presented with a National Pollinator Award at the same ceremony.

Maynooth Tidy Towns received an invitation from Kildare County Council to the County Awards in the IONTAS Building in Maynooth University on Tuesday 1st November 2016. A wonderful evening took place culminating with a certificate which was presented by the Mayor of Kildare Ivan Keatley to Tina Drury as our Local Hero. Well done Tina.

As in previous years Jim Doyle will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at Buckley's House adjacent to the Garda Station. After Christmas please recycle your tree in Kildare County Council depot yard beside the Fire Station in Leinster St. Maynooth. Also remember to recycle your bottles and cans in Glenroyal shopping centre, Tesco and Aldi after Christmas.

The WEEE Ireland Collection of electrical goods and batteries will take place on 25th March 2017 in the Tesco Shopping Car Park.



On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns we wish Staff and readers of Maynooth Newsletter and all who supported us a very Happy Christmas and litter free New Year.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns Mobile no.0873153189... Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter Interview with John Kavanagh (Chairman) on page 6



Hi, to all our friends in Maynooth, by the time you read this you will be preparing for the Big Day. It is hard to believe that Jesus will be celebrating his 2016th Birthday. If he lived in Ireland, he would be eligible for the medical card, free travel and more than likely have a seat in Seanad Eireann. He would probably be homeless but for a chap who was born in a stable, I am sure he could handle the situation. He might be eligible to apply for one of the new homes being built by Lego. They're very versatile, you can turn them from a home into a soup kitchen or a hostel or a eurobuster at the drop of a hat. Smyth's Toys will supply the material / plans and every house built will get a free game of Monopoly to show where you could have lived, if you had saved up the 30 grand deposit instead of blowing it on food and clothes for your kids.



Martina Reilly Best Play, Script and best Director

2016 has proven to be a great year for An Nuadha Players. Starting with Martina Reilly's "Conquered Not We Were" following the life of Oliver Ryan and his Sister

library for all to see.



Francis from workhouse to working in Dunboyne House in Maynooth College. He and 14 men from Maynooth walked into history to the GPO Easter 1916. A great success and after a lot of hard work from Martina a plaque to Oliver was erected in his old workplace in Dunboyne House. A video, music and script of the play are now in the college

Another original play from Rory Griffin called Blue Water was performed in the Castle and was picked up for the Galway Fringe Festival. My own play "Echoes from a Room" was presented to a full houses in May.

Meadbh Fitzgibbon Moore Best Actress

The All Ireland One Act Festival beckoned and Martina hit

the ground running with her play "Breading Lessons". Directed by Martina and starring (and I mean starring) Meadbh Fitzgibbon Moore and Tina O'Connor. A play that covers the stress of everyday life which at times can get out of control. It is also extremely funny. A play not to be missed when it comes round again.

So far, Martina's play has picked an Adjudicators Award – Best Script. Best Actress - Meadbh Fitzgibbon Moore . Best Director and Best Play Martina Reilly - Adjudicators Award – Design Team.

 $1^{st}$  place – Ballina. 2nd – Manorhamilton 3rd - Goredbridge  $3^{rd}$  - Moate  $3^{rd}$  - Skerries.

Will not know until December how it all pans out.

Insight Theatre Group are also on the circuit with "Love in a Glass Jar" Directed by Bill Elliffe. They so far came second in two festivals. Best Actress for Valerie Kennelly and best set design for Gayle Thompson.

This will be followed in December 8th/9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of our original Pantomime written for us by Martin Higgins "Robin Hood and his Occasionally Merry Man "Tickets Maynooth Book Shop or contact 086-8068068.

With all this activity, I think its safe say that Maynooth needs an Arts Centre/Theatre.

If you would like to submit a play to the group for possible production <u>annuadhaplayers@gmail.com</u> <u>www.facebook.com/annuadha</u>

Happy Christmas from all at An Nuadha Players Terry Nealon



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## **Oliver Reilly**

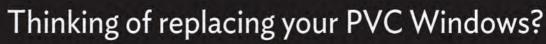
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Copy date for the February edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 24th January 2017

International bestselling author Lorna Byrne to host Christmas fundraiser in Maynooth for children in desperate need.



Lorna Byrne, the international bestselling author who has written extensively about raising her family in Maynooth will host a special Christmas fundraiser at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Sunday 18th December 2016 from 2-5pm to raise funds for children in Ireland, Africa and Syria through the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation.

Photo by Elen Kremer

Limited tickets are available from www.lornabyrne.com priced €10 - €25.

Christmas with Lorna will include a mulled wine reception followed by light lunch, live music including Tony Savino

(a.k.a Barry Smith), Christmas demonstrations, a Grand Raffle and for children a visit from Santa with goodie bags, face painting & art corner.

All of the proceeds from Christmas with Lorna will go to the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation chosen charities for 2016. The Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation supports a diverse range of organisations who are changing the lives of vulnerable children around the world for the better. Children who are suffering due to war, devastation, poverty or illness.

Speaking about helping children Lorna said "You only have to turn on the news to see how much children, both here in Ireland and right across the world, are suffering. The time for us to reach out and help children is now and I am hoping that as many people as possible can join me for what will be a gorgeous festive afternoon out for everyone, young and old".

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#### About the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation

In Ireland and abroad there are millions of children who, due to war, devastation, poverty, or illness are in desperate need. The foundation's aim is to give a helping hand to a number of charities who are already working tirelessly to change the lives of these children for the better.

In 2016, the Lorna Byrne Children's Foundation will support:

1. APA (A Partnership with Africa) www.apa.ie

2. Blue Box - www.bluebox.ie

3. Unicef Ireland's Syria Appeal -www.unicef.ie All proceeds will be split equally between the three charities.

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.lornabyrne.com





## GLENROYAL HOTEL CHRISTMAS **CRAFT FAIR**

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#### **ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP** CHRISTMAS RECOVERY WALK

The Royal Canal Amenity Group (RCAG) is holding a Christmas "Recovery Walk".

Assemble at Maynooth Harbour at 11.30 am on Tuesday 27th December. We will proceed via the Main Street to Carton Avenue, into Carton Estate and over to Pike Bridge for some "R & *R*"(*Rest and Recreation*) *and then* proceeding along the Canal to Maynooth Harbour.

#### 🗼 IRISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS 🙀

Ireland, like most countries, has a number of Christmas traditions that are all of its own. Many of these customs have their root in the time when the Gaelic culture and religion of the country were being supressed and it is perhaps because of that they have survived into modern times.

#### THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW



The placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house on Christmas eve is still practised today. It has a number of purposes but primarily it was a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph as they travelled looking for shelter.

The candle also indicated a safe place for priests to perform mass as, during Penal Times this was not allowed.

A further element of the tradition is that the candle should be lit by the youngest member of the household and only be extinguished by a girl bearing the name 'Mary'.

#### THE LADEN TABLE



After evening meal on Christmas eve the kitchen table was again set and on it was placed a loaf of bread filled with caraway seeds and raisins, a pitcher of milk and a large lit candle. The door to the house was left unlatched so that

Mary and Joseph, or any wandering traveller, could avail of the welcome.

#### THE WREN BOY PROCESSION



During Penal Times there was once a plot in a village against the local soldiers. They were surrounded and were about to be ambushed when a group of wrens pecked on their drums and awakened the soldiers. The plot failed and the wren became known as 'The Devil's bird'. On St. Stephens

day a procession takes place where a pole with a holly bush is carried from house to house and families dress up in old clothes and with blackened faces. In olden times an actual wren would be killed and placed on top of the pole.

This custom has to a large degree disappeared but the tradition of visiting from house to house on St. Stephens Day has survived and is very much part of Christmas.

#### DECORATIONS



The placing of a ring of Holly on doors originated in Ireland as Holly was one of the main plants that flourished at Christmas time and which gave the poor ample means with which to decorate their dwellings.

All decorations are traditionally taken down on Little Christmas (January 6th.) and it is considered to be bad luck to take them down beforehand.

TRADITIONAL GAELIC SALUTATION The Gaelic greeting for 'Merry Christmas' is: 'Nollaig Shona Duit' HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



Irish Christmas Traditions - An article provided by The Information about Ireland Site.

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15 tractors, all over 50 years old, made the journey around Ireland . The drivers have put in a serious amount of work getting their tractors ready and deserve huge credit as this is a task never been undertaken before. They are driving 15 vintage tractors ranging from 1961 - 1964, 1,200 kms around the island of Ireland.









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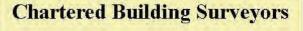
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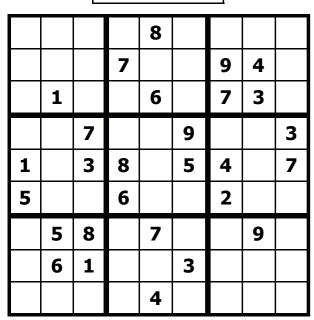




## **Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner**

Irish Girl Guides	Maynooth Multiple Births	Bridge Club		
Meetings Tuesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 0894298061 or visit the Irish Girl Guides website www.irishgirlguides.ie	Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a Great opportunity to meet parents just like you. For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com	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		
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland		
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	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	Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space		
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Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church		
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Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND		
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### Notes of MCC meeting held on Monday Nov 14th at Maynooth Community Space.

Chairman Tom McMullon expressed the sympathies of those present to council member Paddy Holmes and the Holmes family on the death of their mother Mary. At the time of her passing, Mrs Holmes was Maynooth's oldest citizen.

TIDY TOWNS ADDRESS ON THE GOLD MEDAL Richard Farrell and Mattie Callaghan addressed the meeting on the recent Tidy Towns Gold Medal win. They also won a Pollinator award this year and Tina Drury won a Local Hero award. The medal will be brought to schools and any other organisation that wishes to have the Tidy Towns speak to their group on the win and current works being carried out. Richard noted the work carried out over the past 30 years and mentioned that Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee grew out of MCC. He mentioned some people that were pivotal in the inception of the group and thanked Bob Reilly, Sean Lyons, Mattie Callaghan and Fionan Hardiman among others. Tom McMullon praised the work of MTT and noted that they are now entering a new level of competition. He said that although the group is strong, extra help is always needed and welcomed. He expressed a wish to see a Kildare National winner in the near future. Mattie thanked all the volunteers and is looking forward to future work as there is still lots to be done. He informed the meeting that litter picking had ceased for the months of Oct and Nov to highlight to KCC that the town needs a 7-day cleaning service. Planters and flower beds have benefited since the litter picking stopped as litter was usually prioritised.

Conor Dempsey requested more community involvement in order for the group to further thrive and suggested that this should begin with our young people. He suggested bringing children out on MTT mornings and showing them how to plant bulbs and tend to flower beds and encouraging children against littering. They are after all the future of the town. The Chairman also noted that the schools have green flags but the ideals don't seem to extend from the school into the community. The address was ended with a round of applause for the Tidy Towns achievement.

#### STREET BEGGING

The subject of begging was raised again and questions were asked about what could be done. Is there a case for involving Social Welfare? Can KCC investigate? The Chairman suggested that it might be worthwhile to contact

#### <sup>23</sup> Sudoku Challenge DEC/JAN 2017

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### **Congratulations to November Winner:**

### Breda Boylan Parklands Square Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown County Council as to how they alleviated the problem in their area.

MCC – WELCOME PACK AND BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE WORKINGS OF MCC

Paul Croghan noted that there is a failure to inform new members of the Council about the workings and the mandate of the Council. A welcome pack needs to be compiled and distributed among members. This will be part of the upcoming review and facilitation. Paul gave a brief outline of the function of the Council. It is a Community Development organisation which has been in operation for almost 40 years. It has delivered initiatives such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, the summer festival, expanded the St Patrick's Day Parade, Twinning, Tidy Towns, and the provision of the Community Space which is used by many diverse groups and organisations. There was also the Canal Scheme which has since successfully amalgamated with the Community Employment scheme. The Council is there to recognise things missing in our town and to hopefully fill the gaps.

SEVEN-DAY STREET CLEANING SERVICE Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil informed the group that both he and John McGinley had submitted motions that a provision be made in budgetary planning for a 7-day service. The previous street cleaner had been reassigned and his replacement had resigned his post within 3 weeks which was adding to the delay in providing the service. Paul Croghan said that a town which has activities 7 days a week needs a 7-day a week cleaning service. KCC raises a lot of money through rates and suggested that a sizable portion of rates and Local Property Tax should be put back into the community. He also suggested that the outlying areas be considered as well as the town centre. Cllr Teresa Murray agreed with the 7-day cleaning proposal but also noted that businesses must shoulder some responsibility and keep the area around their own premises clean. Miriam O'Keeffe Ahern asked if any exit interviews were held to gain knowledge as to the high turnover of staff. Naoise Ó Cearúil clarified that there is not a high turnover of staff, and that the previous street cleaner had been in place for many years but his replacement had found the job tough on a personal level.

Anne Birchall asked if there was any financial input from Maynooth University towards the work of Tidy Towns and street cleaning in general. Richard Farrell said the Students Union had sponsored many different programmes including the flowers on the roundabout on the

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Kilcock Road and the Mutt Mitts which are bag dispensers to aid dog owners to clean up after their pets. Niamh Halpenny (MSU rep) added that the SU sends out clean up teams after big student nights and that the University itself needs to have a greater input into the needs of the town. Richard agreed and added that the numbers of volunteers are not adequate for the population of the area. Padraig Ó Murchú said that a clean town should be a matter of civic pride for all residents and asked if a Litter Warden could be put in place with the power to fine offenders on the spot. It was agreed that a letter be sent to KCC Director of Services Joe Boland outlining concerns and requesting a solution. The attendees agreed.

#### QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE MEETING

Questions were raised and concerns expressed about the identity of MCC and MCC Ltd, about the accounting structure within MCC Ltd, its relationship with the Department of Social Protection and implications for fundraising. Anne Birchall expressed her support of the scheme but strongly felt these issues need to be addressed.

Apparent changes in recent weeks to the constitution was brought to the attention of the meeting. A sub-committee was established to investigate how this had come about.

Peter Garrad of Maynooth Scouts thanked Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil for organising the tarmac for the Scout Den.

Cllr Teresa Murray was thanked for organising the public meeting with reference to policing in our town. Cllr Murray added that there would be a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee on December 5th at 7pm with registration from 6.30. The public can have their say at this meeting. Residents that cannot attend can make representation by email to cpnkag@gmail.com or fill out the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7D7CD28. There are also petitions in local shops.

The Senior Citizens Sale of Work will take place in Maynooth Post Primary School on Nov 20th.

Aonach na Nollag (MCC's Christmas Fair) will take place in the Post Primary School from 12-5 on Dec 10th.

At the next meeting of MCC there will be a presentation by Dillon Grace, President of the Students Union and Michael Rafter, Director of Campus and Commercial Services with specific reference to the University Christmas Day event.

### James Lawless T.D. Kildare North Phone: 01-6183587 - e-mail: james@jameslawless.ie - Web: www.jameslawless.ie

#### **Ring Road for Maynooth**

I am in ongoing discussion with the Kildare and Meath County Councils, National University of Ireland Maynooth and the National Transport Authority with regard to the Maynooth ring road. All of these organisations have been made aware just how important this is to the town. Residents and business have regularly raised this matter with me. I will continue to work with all stakeholders to progress this project.

#### **Street Cleaning in Maynooth**

I have again raised the issue of additional street cleaning for Maynooth town following meetings with Kildare County Council County Manager Peter Carey and Director of Services Niall Morrissey on the matter. The issue of litter in the streets, particularly over the weekends in Maynooth has become topical recently. With the college at full capacity street cleaning services needed to be increased. I have had many locals come into my Maynooth office off the Main Street raising this very valid concern.

At my meeting with senior council officials I explained the urgent need for this service to be provided. Following this the Director of Services confirmed to me that it was being seriously considered for 2017 subject to budget approval.

We have seen Maynooth have continued success in the Tidy Towns Competition and this cleaning service will only aid and compliment the excellent work they carry out. I am delighted there is an agreement and understanding from the council and that in January the service should commence subject to budget approval by the Maynooth Municipal District meeting.

#### **Government Must Act on Lowering Car Insurance** Costs

Kildare North TD James Lawless has condemned the Government's lack of action on tackling the anomaly whereby returning Irish emigrants are being forced out of the car insurance market due to extremely high quotations. In many cases they cannot find a company or broker who will insure them and often the figure can run into tens of thousands when they do find someone willing to take them on.

This is not the first time I have assisted a resident who has returned to Kildare, eager to start working at home again, only to be set back by soaring motor insurance

cost, all because he or she had been living out of the country and driving experience and no claims bonuses were not recognised during their time away. It is imperative that the actions set out in a recently agreed Dáil motion on motor insurance, initiated by Fianna Fáil, are implemented without further delay. The passing of our motion recently was the first step in a process, which will hopefully clamp down on soaring motor insurance premiums. The motion called for the introduction of practical measures such as; the reestablishment of the Motor Insurance Advisory Board on a time limited basis; greater disclosure around policy renewal notifications; action on the settlement of cases and dealing with false and exaggerated claims. We are determined to ensure that consumers get a fair deal and the series of measures my party colleagues and I have proposed, would reduce these inflated premiums for hard working residents.

#### Additional Sunday Service for 67 Route

I am delighted to say Dublin Bus have confirmed additional Sunday services to me following meetings I had held with them during the Summer on 67 route. The new timetable will mean a 67 will arrive into Celbridge & Maynooth every 30 minutes on Sunday from the 27th of this month. I am looking forward to continue working with Dublin Bus and the NTA to improve services for the commuters in Celbridge and Maynooth.

#### NUIM

As part of my role as Fianna Fáil Science, Technology, and Innovation spokesperson I was delighted to pay a visit to NUIM to give a guest lector on STEM subjects and tour the site. I was very interested in seeing the MaynoothWorks incubator hub which is a testament to advanced technological work being carried out in Maynooth on a daily basis. I want to thank everyone involved for a warm welcome and fascinating insight into the workings of the college science department.

#### **Maynooth Purple Flag Application**

Was happy to lend my support to the Maynooth Purple Flag bid launch recently. As judging gets underway there are great efforts from North Kildare Chamber, Kildare County Council, Maynooth Tidy Towns, An Gardaí and all the businesses gone into this and best of luck to them. Kildare County Council has also confirmed that street cleaning should be extended on a

weekend basis from 2017 on. This is something I raised in a meeting with senior KCC management recently and it will be another plus for the town's appearance. The purple flag is awarded based on a town's nightlife in terms of eateries, entertainment, cleanliness, security and overall ambience.

#### Minister to Review Tús and Community **Employment Schemes**

The Minister for Social Protection Leo Varadkar TD has agreed to review the operation of the Tús and Community Employment schemes following issues raised around the schemes I brought up in the Dáil. Speaking on the Order of Business I explained to the Minister that I wish to raise an issue relating to community employment placements. Traditionally, employees would have gone onto a Tús scheme. From there they would have gone on to work with a local organisation, often a community or charitable organisation, and then they would have moved onto a community employment (CE) scheme at the same location.

This worked well for the individual and the organisations. It appears that since the advent of JobPath, operated by Turas Nua and Seetec, this path is blocked and individuals coming off the Tús scheme are placed in limbo for 12 months and are unable to return to a CE scheme.

We are losing willing and able workers, most of who would be contributing to Tidy Towns groups or local charities but are now left in uncertainty. This all stems from changes made to the scheme last August when it was outsourced to private providers

Following this the Minister has agreed to review the workings of both schemes.

### **Community Library**

**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

#### Maynooth Golf Society TOASTMASTER Sponsored By Brady's **Trim Results** Maynooth Tidy Towns for reaching the Gold Level Standard in the Tidy 1st **Joey Edwards** 40pts Mick Flynn 2nd 39pts Gerry Mc Ternan 35pts 3rd John Saults 4th 34ptsB9 William Farrelly 5th 34pts 6th Eamon Murphy 33ptsB9 **Martin Shields** 7th 33pts Visitors Prize Alan Clarke 32pts F9 **Sean Farrelly** 19pts **B9 Brendan Bean** 19pts **Nearest Pin** Alan Clarke Over 50's **Tom Coffey** 32pts f Find us on Facebook 2's Club **Anthony Tyrell**

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#### **Maynooth Toastmasters**

Congratulations are the order of the day for two very vibrant and progressive voluntary organisations in Maynooth.

Towns Competition. Maynooth Toastmasters for completing 10 years of being a distinguished Toastmasters Club.

Both organisations while different in some respects, share core values of working for the greater good of the community, both started small and developed year by year. Possibly the most important common thread was having a vision, knowing that they were going to win. Being in the winning enclosure is a great feeling especially when you know that your efforts have contributed to making the difference for your committee members and the public.

Donal Bolger, President of Maynooth Toastmasters stated: "John Kavanagh, Chairman of Maynooth Tidy Towns we salute you and look forward to the future, it can't be far off till Maynooth wins the National Tidy Town Award and hopefully Maynooth Toastmasters can help you to win the New Pollinator Award in 2017. Both organisations are always looking for new members, it's fun, so come along and experience something different for 2017.

Check out Maynooth Toastmasters Facebook Page

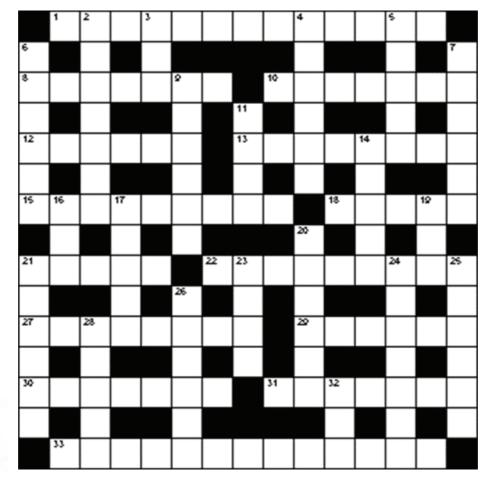


#### <sup>25</sup> Dec/Jan Crossword - No. 453

#### **Clues Across**

- 1. Style of painting (13)
- 8. Member of a senate (7)
- 10. Medley (7)
- 12. Continent (6)
- 13. In good spirits (8)
- 15. Something that pollutes (9)
- 18. Bring about (5)
- 21. Refined iron (5)
- 22. Luxurious car (9)
- 27. Away from the shore (8)
- 29. Cosmetics (4-2)
- 30. Drape (7)
- 31. Companion of Aeneas (7)
- 33. Inhabitant of Pennsylvania(13)

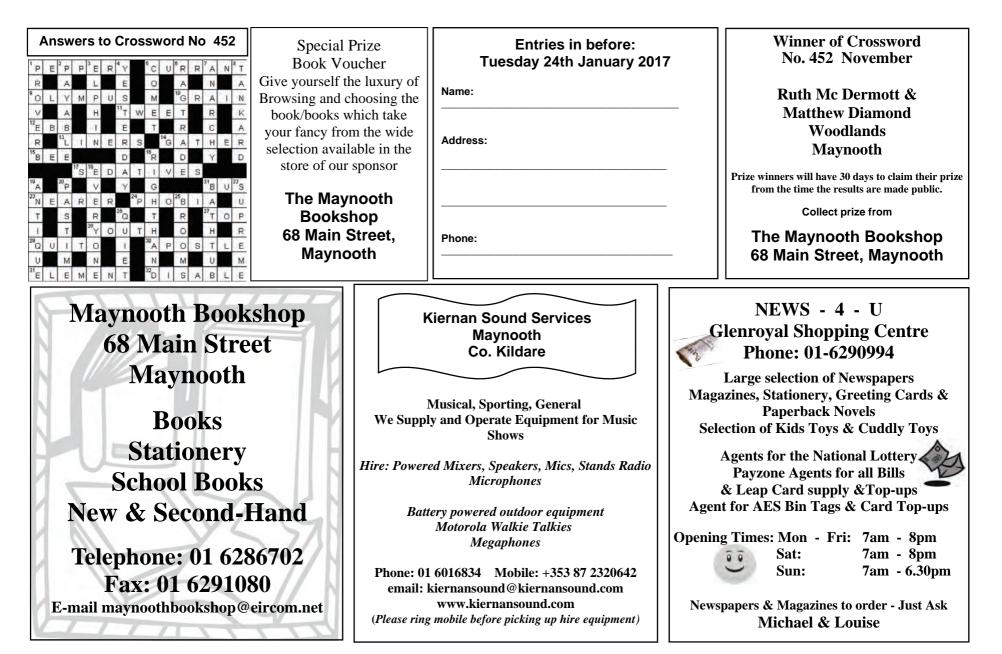




#### **Clues Down**







## Writers Corner

If you would like to see your story or poem published email us and share your talent on the Writers Corner



### Cuimhní na Nollag

Tháinig an Nollaig go luath sa bhaile. Bhíodh boladh choimhthíochach comhábhar mearóg na Nollag sa chistin san fhómhair. Bheadh flosc ar mo mháthair ag coiméad súil ghéar ar na potaí ar bheireadh le na mearóg is an chistin lán le ghall. Bheadh na mearóg sin le dul ar fud na tíre chuig gaolta is chairde. Corr uair d'fhág cuairteoir a bhí ag freastal ar an ospidéal le mearóg toisc go rabhamar lonnaithe díreach treasna ón oispidéal is go raibh cairde ag

glaoch isteach chugainn go rialta.

Bheadh uirthi bronntanais nollag na bpáistí a fhagáil le chairde sa bhaile mar le naonúr sa líon tí ní raibh áit ar bith ann chun iad a chur i bhfolach. Baileodh sí na bronntanais oíche nollag gan tuairim da laghad againn cén sochrú a bhí déanta aici le Daidí na Nollag.

Sula roghnaigh muid chrann na Nollag bheadh orainn an teach a mhaisiú. Amach linn go choill Daire Cholmchille trí mhíle ó thuaidh den Tulach Mhóir. Is ansin a bhailigh muid cuileann is eidhneán. Deirim leat go raibh an halla ar nós tír dhraíochtiúil is an réalt timpeall an solas mar buach phóinte den iontas. Is sa seomra suite a rachach an chrann nollag is an mainséar. Nuair a raibh an tine lasta le meascán de mhóin, gual is adhmaid ba deas teolaí is sona an té a raibh sa seomra suite is ní riabh áit níos deise ar domhain.

Ábhar leitheoireacht is mó a chruinneoidh m'athair don Nollaig. Leabhair an Club Leabhair, Feasta, The Cork Hollybough agus An Timire. Bhí chuireadh faighte againn chuig chóisir na Nollag sa Ghairm Scoil gach bhliain. Feidhmeoidh m'athair mar fear an tí don cheilí ach is ag súil le teacht daidí na nollag is na bronntanais a

### Community Policing for North Kildare Action Group Public Meeting 8th November Glenroyal Hotel

At their public meeting on November 8th the committee's chairperson Teresa Murray outlined the function of the Action Group, their liaison with An Garda Siochana and the group's objectives:

(1) The reinstatement of Community policing.

(2) Designated opening times for local Garda stations.

Presentations were made by Josie Moore - **Elderly and Security.** Dillon Grace President of MSU - **Students and Gardaí** Patsai ui Chatain – **Text Alert** Kevin Larkin – **Business and Gardaí** Denis McCarthy – **Joint policing committee** 

Speaking from the floor, Catherine Murphy TD, Frank O'Rourke TD, Bernard Durkan TD, Cllr Joe Neville, Cllr Reada Cronion and Emmett Stagg agreed that more Gardaí are needed and that public engagement with the Garda Authorities and the JPC is the way forward.

Issues raised by the general public included; more Garda presence, anti social behaviour, speeding, careless parking and Garda station opening hours.

Concluding the meeting Teresa Murray thanked people for their presentations and comments and said that the action group will be meeting with the Assistant Commissioner (Eastern Region) to discuss Garda presence in north Kildare. She also encouraged the public to attend the JPC meeting on Dec 5th in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Once a year the public is invited to a Joint Policing Committee meeting. This years meeting will be held on December 5th in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. bhí ár n-aire dhírithe.

Seachtain na nollag chuig mo rang timpeall an baile ag canadh cearúl na nollag ar son Cumann Naomh Uinseann de Phóil. Is muid a chan na cearúl ag aifreann na nollag sa seipéal,feasta. Sula d' fhág éinne an teach Oíche Nollag, bhailigh an chlann le haghaidh an Choróin Mhuire. Las an té is óige sa chlann trí choinnle na Nollag, ceann amháin i ngach fuinneog a bhí dhírithe ar an mbóthar.

Lá Nollag bhí orainn buachaillí an luachair a bhailigh is na tinte a lasadh don lae. Tar éis an Aifreann bhí spórt is spraoi againn ag dul timpeall an ospidéal leis an fear mhór arís. Is i gcapaill is chairt a thainig sé ar an ocáid seo. Is iad ritheadóirí na Tullaí Mhóra a d'eagraigh a chuairt don county home is an oispidéal. Bhain gach éinne taitneamh as an chuairt agus ar ndóigh bhí orainn na cearúil a chanadh do na seanóirí is na n-othair.

Bhí féasta ullmhaithe ag Mham nuair a shroicheamar an bhaile. Bhí a ghóthan de turcaí, bagún, prátaí is trataí le nithe ag gach éinne. Ansin, le searmanas, roinn sí an mhearóg is deise a rinne sí an bhliain sin, lena chlann féin.

Ba shaol difriúil é ag fás aníos in Éirinn sna seascaidí. Thar na blianta, rinneamar ár ndícheall nósanna is oidhreacht na nollag a choiméad beo lenár gclann féin. Líonann mo chroí le háthas nuair a chuimním ar aimsear na nollag sna laethanta a bhí san am atá thart. Is é breithe ár t-Slánaitheora sa stábla i mBeithil príomh chúis leis an bhféile is an ghrá a thóg sé leis dúinn. Níl orainn afách ach an ghrá is an meas sinn a chothú ionainn féin is é a roinnt lenár chomh dhuine. Chuige sin, tá draíocht faoi leith ag baint leis an Nollaig.

Nollaig shona is gach rath don ath bhliain. Colm Ó Cearúil.



## Tríocha bliain ag siúl

Agus mé ag cur síos ar mo shaol mar shiúlaí (Samhain 2016) theip orm trácht ar na séasúir féin, an sioc is an sneachta, an ghile is an dorchadas, na duilleoga ag fás agus ag titim, a gcuid oibre déanta. Agus cé go bhfuil a dhraíocht féin ag an dorchadas bhíodh gliondar ar leith im' chroí gach céad lá Feabhra nuair a d'fhógraíodh Naomh Bríd tús an earraigh.

Theip orm freisin tagairt a dhéanamh don spéir agus don réaltra seo againne, Bealach na Bó Finne, a bhíodh go mórthaibhseach fiú i mbreacdhorchadas Maigh Nuad, lena réaltbhuíonta Óiríon, An Camchéachta, Cassiopeia, srl. Agus na plainéid! Cairde liom ar fad agus iad ag leanúint a gcúrsaí éagsúla ar a rogha luas. Fiú amháin Mearcair! Agus chonaic mé go minic é. Dúradh fadó nach bhfaca Galileo Mearcair riamh ach is cosúil nach raibh ansin ach clúmhilleadh, de bhrí nár éirigh sé go ró mhoch ar maidin. Chun seans a bheith agat Mearcair a fheiceáil ó Mhaigh Nuad ní foláir duit bheith i do shuí timpeall leath uair roimh éirí na gréine lá éicint i rith tréimhse gearr, cúpla seachtain, uair nó dhó sa bhliain. Is féidir é a fheiceáil sa tráthnóna freisin ach dár

liomsa is é an mhaidin an t-am is fearr. Go n-éirí leat! Gabriel Martin



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**Oren** Arnold

## MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

#### **Royal Canal Greenway**

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is disappointed at the lack of conditions attached to the approval of the Part 8 Report for Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Dublin. This was a lost opportunity of providing a good quality greenway as opposed to a mediocre one – one which will compare unfavourably with the Waterford Greenway now under construction. The area engineer reportedly gave an undertaking to councillors that he would fully address the concerns of Maynooth Cycling Campaign. He hasn't.



There were five pro-cycling submissions – one was an internal submission, one was from a prescribed body and three were from the general public. A number of secondary issues were raised but there were two primary issues which were common to all five submissions – surfacing and width.

In response to surfacing, the Kildare County Council's consultant is alleged to have come out against the use of a bituminous surface. It is noted that the Consultant is employed by the officials and future work is dependent on his relationship with the same officials but in an earlier report on surfacing options, the same consultant concluded:

It is recommended to provide a bituminous surface on the full length of the Galway to Dublin Greenway for reasons of quality, comfort, safety, reduced maintenance and better whole life costs.

The consultant also pointed out that a dust surface would not attract foreign visitors. Waterways Ireland claims to require a dust surface in rural areas for environmental and ecological reasons. However Waterways Ireland is happy to provide a bituminous surface for motorised traffic on some rural parts of the canal – it only develops environmental and ecological concerns where cyclists are involved.

The reasons for rejecting widening of the path are equally disingenuous. Maynooth Cycling Campaign accepts that it is not feasible to widen the greenway everywhere but it does not accept the starting point of Kildare County Council which is that it cannot be widened anywhere. Kildare County Council proposes a greenway 2.5m wide in parts - one to be shared with pedestrians. Conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians are common on such towpaths across the UK. The way to eliminate such conflicts is to follow international best practice (in so far as is feasible) such as from Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark where inter urban routes for cyclists are 4m wide.

We had also raised the following issues with councillors which we considered pertinent to any decision on the project

- Why a (50%) more expensive dust surface should be preferred rather than a cheaper and maintenance-free blacktopped surface?
- Who pays for the additional maintenance?
- Why was there no cost benefit analysis of the scheme on the Royal Canal?

None of these points were addressed in the Part 8 report.

Kildare County Council has been 'promoting' cycling for nearly twenty years and over most of that time the level of cycling has declined. A recent report into the outcome for cycling of the Smarter Travel Towns by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport found that the level of cycling increased by 0.2% per year. With the proposed low quality greenway, the level of cycling in Kildare is unlikely to increase.

A more comprehensive report on the proposals for Royal Canal is available on our website.

#### **EPA** Consultation on Air Pollution Monitoring

The EPA recently released a report on the Ireland's Environment: An Assessment 2016 which estimates that there are 1200 premature deaths annually resulting from air pollution and follows the UK government losing a case in the courts over its failure to tackle air pollution. While the concern is mainly in relation to Irish cities, the EPA proposes to introduce a national air pollution monitoring programme which includes Celbridge, Leixlip, Naas and Newbridge. Maynooth Cycling Campaign has proposed that monitoring should also include Maynooth because of the high levels of traffic congestion here.

#### Netflix - Bikes vs Cars

One of the films currently on offer to Netflix subscribers is Bikes vs Cars. This is a documentary film about the struggle to provide cycle facilities in the Americas and while the situation in North and South America is different from that in Europe, there are many similarities. Well worth a watch! Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.

## Life Coaching One to One

#### If you answer yes to any of the following questions Coaching can really help you

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Christmas Jokes

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

Claustrophobia!



Because he had a low ëlf'esteem!

Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? Holly Davidson

What do you call a cat in the desert? *Sandy Claws!* 

Who delivers presents to cats? Santa Paws!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? *A Christmas Quacker!* 

Why does Santa go down the chimney on Christmas Eve? Because it 'soots' him!

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Address:	Age: 6-7:	Laura Killian Ballygoran Maynooth		
Phone No:	Age: 8 & Over:	Bláthnaid Brennan Loughnamona Crescent Leixlip		



**Prizes for <u>Colouring Competition</u>** can be collected at:

Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre. Entries must arrive before Tuesday : 24 January 2017

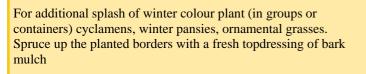


# A Winter Garden

With the arrival of December, colder winter weather becomes the new norm, marking the start of a prolonged period of calm and quiet in the garden. Often ground conditions limit the opportunities to do any gardening but the occasional clear bright dry day offers some chance to doing some important garden chores where necessary.

Clear lawn areas of any fallen leaves before they block out light and moisture to the grass and use to spread around the base of trees or shrubs. Lawns can look a little off, a light clip on top and along edges will make a big difference. Now is an ideal time to plant new bare root hedging and trees (but avoid any planting when the ground is very wet). Protect the newly planted trees, hedges and shrubs from cold winds and frosts. Thick dry mulches will protect the roots from cold and branches can be covered with fleece but for older plants wait until the ground freezes before adding the mulch as this will prevent rodents from nesting in the soil. Winter storms and winds are very strong and can easily damage young trees, so check all tree ties and stakes to ensure trees are firmly secured in the ground. Prune any overhanging branches from trees or shrubs.

While bedding plants for spring colour should have been planted by now, wallflowers and pansies can still be planted, especially if they are available in pots. Perennial flowers can be divided in the ground. It is not too late to lift dahlias, begonias and gladiolus in cold localities to prevent damage, or cover them with soil in milder areas. Tulip bulbs, can be planted right up to Christmas and will flower well in the following spring. Add some fertiliser to encourage bulb root development. Watch out for pale blotches and fuzzy grey mould on leaves of winter flowering pansies, this is called downy mildew. Remove infected leaves as soon as possible and dispose of them. Give your roses a final check for mildew and if infected, spray them immediately. Tuck 1 - 2 slug pellets around your more precious plants, as slugs and snails are busy for most of the winter.







#### **Tips on the Care of The Poinsetta Plant**

Place it near a sunny window. South, east or west facing windows are preferable to a north facing window. Poinsettias are tropicals and will appreciate as much direct sunlight as you can provide. **Heat** - To keep the poinsettia in bloom as long as possible, maintain a temperature of 65 - 75 degrees F. during the day.

Dropping the temperature to about 60 degrees F. at night will not hurt the plant. However, cold drafts or allowing the leaves to touch a cold window can injure the leaves and cause premature leaf drop. If you've ever seen a gangly poinsettia in bloom, with only a couple of sad looking leaves hanging on, it was probably exposed to temperatures that were too cool or extreme shifts in temperature. **Water** - Water the plant whenever the surface feels dry to the touch. Water until it drains out the bottom, but don't let the plant sit in water.

#### **Christmas Ideas from the Garden**

Decorative Candle Display: Collect pine cones and add a couple of drops of essential oils onto them, hang them from the Christmas tree using ribbon or simply lay then around a candle.



Christmas Pot Pourri: Use dried garden herbs and cupboard ingredients. Mix juniper sprigs, dried rosebuds, bay leaves,

rosemary sprigs, cinnamon chips, cloves, and assorted pine cones together until it smells great and looks interesting. You can also add essential oils for extra scent to help retain the aroma.







### Turkey Satay Vegetables Noodles

Ingredients:

275g/10oz of fine egg noodles

- 1 tblsp of sunflower oil
- 1 large red pepper, halved, seeded and thinly sliced
- 225g/8oz of fine green beans, trimmed and halved

175g/6oz of baby corn, halved lenghtways

2 garlic cloves, crushed

400g/14oz can of coconut milk

350g/12oz leftover turkey meat, cut into bite-sized pieces

100g/4oz of crunchy peanut butter

2 tblsp of dark soy sauce

2 tblsp of sweet chilli sauce

1 tsp of muscovado sugar

Juice of ½ lime

 $50 g/2 oz \ of \ cashew \ nuts, \ to asted \ and \ finely \ chopped$ 

Handful of fresh coriander to garnish

#### Method:

Place the fine egg noodles in a pan of boiling water and cook for 3 to 4 minutes, until tender or according to the packet instructions.

Heat a wok until very hot. Add the oil and swirl it around the edges, then tip in the red pepper, green beans, baby corn and garlic and stir-fry for 3 to 4 minutes, until the vegetables are tender, sprinkling over one tablespoon of water if the mixture is getting too dry.

Drain the noodles and add to the wok with the coconut milk, turkey, peanut butter, soy sauce, chilli sauce, sugar and lime juice. Stir-fry for another 2 to 3 minutes, until all the ingredients are piping hot.

To serve, divide among warm serving bowls and scatter over the cahew nuts and coriander.

Christmas Cake Trifle

#### Ingredients:

1 small mango 1 small pineapple 1/2 pomegranate 100ml dark rum 4 tblsp flaked almonds 1/2 tblsp granulated sugar 1 splash of golden rum 250g Chrismas cake or pudding 250ml thick custard 120g cherry jam 2 clementines 230ml double cream 15g dark chocolate (70%) *Method:* 



Prepare the mango and pineapple, roughly chopping all the flesh. Place in a bowl along with the pomegranate seeds. Mix in 20ml of the dark rum and set aside.

Heat a pan over a medium heat, add the almonds and sugar and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown. Add the golden rum and cook for a few minutes. Transfer to a bowl and leave to cool.

Roughly chop the Christmas cake or pudding, then place in a 1.5-litre glass bowl and press firmly into the base. Drizzle over the remaining 80ml dark rum then pour over the custard. Cover the bowl with cling film and refrigerate for at least 3 hours so the custard can set a little.

Remove the trifle from the fridge and spoon the cherry jam over the custard. Finely grate the elementine zest and put aside, then break up into segments. Add the chopped fruit to the trifle, then layer over the elementine segments. Whip the cream to soft peaks, then use it to top the trifle. Decorate with the toasted almonds, scatter over the reserved elementine zest, then shave over the chocolate and serve.

This is a great way to use leftover cake or pudding. The amounts here are just a guide - adjust it according to how much leftover cake you have and whatever fruits you have to hand.





### **FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON DVD CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS**

It's that time of year when the lights are twinkling in shop windows and decorations are being pulled down from the attic. Freezing temperatures, Mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas markets and carol singing is the order of the day. The countdown to Christmas 2016 is well and truly underway!

As Christmas draws ever nearer, there's the small matter of some shopping to attend to. Festive shopping is the most important part of our pre-Christmas experience. However, battling fellow shoppers to stock up on presents, food and decorations can cause undue stress during this Shirley Temple Collection busy period. Wading through crowded city centre streets and shops with presents bought in a panic is never a pleasant experience.

DVDs are always an excellent choice on the gift front. With this in mind, I have compiled a list of the best DVDs and pricing on offer this festive season. Hopefully, this will take some of the stress factor out of your festive spending!

#### **Blockbuster Film DVD/ Collections**

For the Blockbuster fans in your life, there is no shortage of action Game of Thrones (Complete and fun in these spectacular movie highlights of 2016: **Independence Day:Resurgence** (dir. Roland Emmerich) Golden Discs: (€15) Star Trek Beyond (dir. Justin

Linn) Golden Discs: (€13) Ghostbusters 2016 (dir. Paul Feig) Golden Discs: (€16) X-Men Apocalypse (dir. Bryan Singer) Golden Discs: (€15) Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (dir. Zach Synder) Golden Discs: (€10)

The following Boxsets are also worth checking out: Batman Anthology 1989-1997 Golden Discs (€18) Heatons: (€10)

The Bourne Collection Golden Discs: (€16) Heatons: (€10) **Mission Impossible (5 movie** collection) Golden Discs: (€25) Tom Hanks Collection Golden Discs: (€14) **Cohen Brothers Collection** Golden Discs: (€16)

#### **Golden Oldies**

For fans of the golden age of Hollywood there is plenty of variety and great value on offer. You can purchase Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart, Tracy & Hepburn, Elizabeth Taylor and Fred Astaire film Collections in Boxsets format for as little as €13 each. Other options available include: **The Chaplin Collection** Golden Discs: (€60) **Hitchcock Collection** Golden Discs: (€14) **Billy Wilder Collection** Golden Discs:(€13) **Audrey Hepburn Collection** Golden Discs (€22)

Golden Discs: (€8)

#### **TV Boxsets**

Boxsets of series made for TV are Golden Discs: €13 always a great gift idea and stocking-filler at Christmas. There have been some exceptional and very successful TV series produced in recent years. The following Boxsets are certainly worth investing in:

The Rebellion (Mini Series) Golden Discs: (€16) The Fall (Series 1,2,3) Golden Discs: €30 **Love Hate** (Collector's edition) Golden Discs: (€25) Series) Golden Discs: (€100) Game of Thrones (Season 6) Golden Discs: (€40) Game of Thrones (Season 5) Golden Discs: (€35) **Peaky Blinders** (Series 1,2,3) Golden Discs: (€40) **Peaky Blinders** (Series 3) Golden Discs: (€16) **Sherlock** (Series 1,2,3) Golden Discs: €30 Poldark (Season 1 & 2) Golden Discs: (€40) **Poldark** (Series 2) Golden Discs (€25) Poldark (1975 TV Series) Golden Discs: (€22) The Night Manager (Mini-Series) Golden Discs: (€20) Downton Abbey (Limited Deluxe Collection edit.) Golden Discs: (€100) **Outlander** (Series 1) Golden Discs (€20) **Outlander** (Series 2) Golden Discs (€26) **Outlander** (Series 1,2) Golden Discs (€55)



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The Sopranos

Golden Discs: €65

Gotham (Series 1,2)

Golden Discs (€35)

**Children's DVDs** 

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Golden Discs: (3 for €25)

**BFG** Golden Discs: (€15)

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**Muppets Christmas : Letter to** 

**Muppets Christmas Carol/ Elf** 

- Golden Discs: (2 for €12)

Annie & Oliver Boxset

Annie/Oliver/Mathilda/

**Comedy DVDs/Boxsets** 

Comedy boxsets are always

specifically targeted for the Christmas market. They make the

plentiful at this time of year and

ideal Christmas present for a fun-

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Mrs Brown's Boys: Christmas

Cracker'd Golden Discs (€20)

(Collector's Edit.) Golden Discs

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Merry Christmas &

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Series) Golden Discs (€30)

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(€60)

Secret Life of Pets

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Wizard of Oz

Golden Discs: (€7)

Golden Discs: (€8)

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Golden Discs: (€12)

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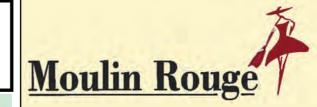
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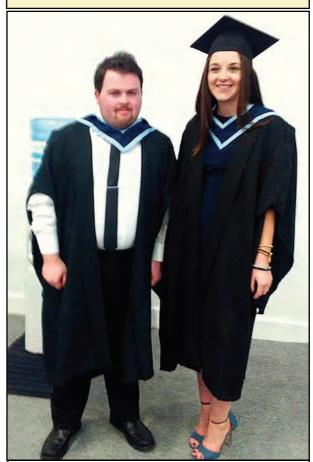
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Following Jesus, Enjoying God's Presence Together, Sharing His Love with Others

## **Advent & Christmas Services**

Sunday Services @ 10.30am Everyone Welcome! Advent Service of Longing Sun 27th November at 7.00pm

**Ecumenical Carol Service** Sun 11th Dec at 8.00pm in Manor Mills

**Christmas Concert in aid of Syrian Refugees** Sun 18th Dec at 7.00pm in Manor Mills

**Christmas Morning Celebration** Sun 25th Dec at 10.30pm in Manor Mills (begins with breakfast at 10.00am.)

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.' Isa 9:6





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