

Maynooth Newsletter



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Maynooth Summer Festival 2017



Fun for all the Family

This year we had 2 days of fun, food, art, dance and music. The Square came alive with an artisan market on Saturday afternoon and we had entertainment from the Peelo School of Dance, Fierce Pole Fitness, Rita Doyle School of Dance and Fitsmile Zumba. All ages turned up to see the energetic performances and cheer on the local participants. All the performers taking part are local to Maynooth and gave a real flavour of the classes and fitness programmes available throughout the year.



Kila and Liam Ó Maonlaí bring Celtic song to the Castle

With a fantastic line up of music over the 2 days Kila and Liam O'Maonlaí headlined a concert of brilliantly balanced musical acts. With Hoodoo Realin providing some reggae and vintage sounds, Beatrix Nova and Tia Burke gave girl power a new name, Markas Carcas and the Trail Gang and Maynooth's own Witches Rave bringing eclectic guitar based original tunes, The Rockers and Heroes from Mars giving us some tribute sounds of Thin Lizzy and David Bowie and a good dose of the Blues from Colm Swirbat and Blind Wolf Club.



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Sunday Brunch in the Square

Sunday Afternoon in The Square saw a collaboration between the Festival and Events Team and Picaderos Restaurant to bring an Art exhibition and Brunch, with Paella made fresh on the Square by Picaderos and music and dance by Picaderos own flamenco band.

Our Festival and Events Team

Maynooth Festival and Events team have worked tirelessly this year to bring you the Summer festival and entertaining fundraisers such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Maynooth's Got Talent. Jacqueline Farrell, Heather Ferguson, Susan

Durack, Catherine O'Riordan, Elaine McDonald, Robert Hogan and Lee Riordan.

Volunteers Make the Festival Possible

A fantastic team of volunteers helped to make the 2 days of festival fun possible. Members of the local community came together and were led by volunteer supervisors Elaine Bean and Melanie Oliver.

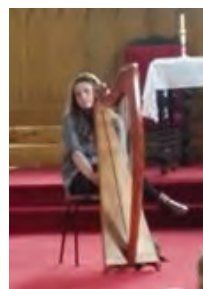


Sunday Miscellany – St. Mary's Church of Ireland

Sunday 2nd July saw a sizeable number of local writers and musicians assemble in the wonderful venue of St. Mary's Church of Ireland. The event began at 3pm with a view to finishing at 5pm. Members of the North Kildare Writers' Group that included a number of people from the Maynooth area, Members of Maynooth Local History Group and members of the Celbridge Writers' Group also came along to take part.



The readings from 18 speakers included a wide range of topics from childhood memories to contemporary comedy pieces and many other subjects. Musical interludes added to the interest and variety of the programme. Beautiful organ music was provided from Church of Ireland organist Gene Carr, there were beautiful renditions on the harp by Alana Thornburgh and music and song from Little Lighthouse musicians Pete McCluskey, Ania Stempel and Eithne Bean.



The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. It provided a quiet, reflective space where people could come and share their creativity. The response to the event and its success was evident in that it overran its time allowance.

We would like to thank Rev. Janice Aiton of St. Mary's Church of Ireland community for allowing the use of the church which is a wonderful venue for the miscellany. We extend our thanks to Cherry Prendergast who looked after use so well. We also thank Peter Nevin for his role as Master of Ceremonies and as one of the participants who spoke about historical aspects and connections with St. Mary's Church of Ireland.

A very special thank you has to go to Hilda Dunne who began organising this event a number of years ago and continues to do so for the Festival. Thanks to her organisational skills, Hilda pulled it all together effortlessly.

The event brought people together from the community which is an important aspect of the Festival and one that the Festival and Events Committee continue to support and encourage. A big thank you to all who gave of their time and talent to make this such a successful and enjoyable miscellany.



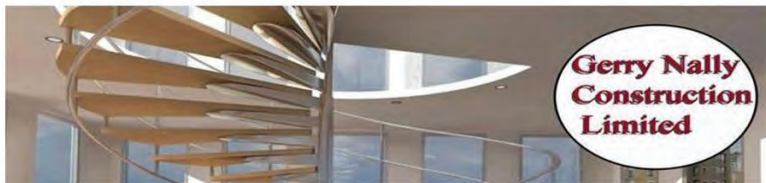
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A New Book on: Irish-Soviet Diplomatic and Friendship Relations 1917-1991 by Michael Quinn



Michael Quinn was a member of the Connolly Youth Movement in the 1970s, and Youth Officer of the County Kildare Constituency Council of the Labour Party in the 1980s. He was the founding Chair of the Maynooth Local History Group, and of the James Connolly Memorial Initiative. The Initiative commissioned the sculptor, the late Eamonn O'Doherty, to erect the memorial to James Connolly in Beresford Place, opposite Liberty Hall, Dublin, to coincide with the eightieth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. In 2014 Michael was awarded a PhD at the Department of History, Maynooth University for his thesis on the subject of Irish-Soviet diplomatic and friendship relations. This book is an adaption and expansion of that thesis. He works as a Finance Administrator in the community and voluntary sector, and is a member of SIPTU.

Available at the Maynooth Bookshop.

OCCASIONS HAIRDRESSERS REACHES FINALS OF PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARDS



Aisling Byrne of **Occasions Hairdressing** is celebrating after being named a finalist in the **Supreme Team** category of UK and Irish hairdressing competition – the **Most Wanted Awards**.

This is the second time Irish salons have been eligible to enter the Most Wanted Awards, already established as the most stylish and influential hair industry awards in the UK. And now, thanks to an impressive display of skill, dedication and talent, **Aisling Byrne** has secured a place at the Most Wanted Grand Final on Monday 4 September 2017, hosted by comedian Katherine Ryan at London's historic Guildhall.

Judged by influential names in hair, fashion, business and the media – including George Northwood, hairdresser to Alexa Chung and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Vogue beauty editor Lauren Murdoch-Smith, and the founders of BeautyMART, Millie Kendall MBE and Anna-Marie Solowij – the Most Wanted Awards celebrate the outstanding individuals, teams and salons that make UK and Irish hairdressing the best in the world.

Presented by leading industry magazines Creative HEAD and Creative HEAD Ireland, the Most Wanted Awards comprise 14 categories, each recognising excellence across a multitude of disciplines, from business acumen and customer service to creative skill and technical ability.

When the winners are announced on Monday 4 September, they will each be given the hairdressing industry's greatest seal of approval – a Most Wanted Trophy. They will also enjoy an exclusive prize courtesy of their category sponsor and receive editorial coverage in Creative HEAD Ireland and its associated titles and websites, resulting in global exposure.

"I've been so impressed with this year's entries," commented Catherine Handcock, Publisher of Creative HEAD. "We have an exceptionally strong line-up of finalists who, together, demonstrate a wealth of skills, innovation and forward-thinking that is very exciting to see. All our finalists are brilliant at what they do – now let's look forward to the Grand Final to discover the overall winners."

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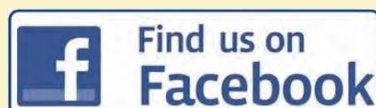
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Proceeds from The Taste of Maynooth Raffle assist in meeting the cost of this year's Maynooth Summer Festival. Our Thanks to All who supported the Festival.



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Taste of Maynooth Prize Winners:

Winners of 5 fabulous prize packages were:

Pat Watson, Tony Byrne, Michelle Farrell, Ger Durack & Tymon Malak

All Prizes have been claimed



Maynooth's Got Talent Winners Tia & Eanna

Thanks to the businesses who took part in the "Service Person Of The Year" in support of the Festival. Congratulations To Anthony Tyrell from Brady's Clock House who came out on top with the most votes.

Congratulations also to Tia and Eanna on winning the "Maynooth's Got Talent" competition and well done to all who took part in this event.

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 with school costs

Question

I am the parent of a four-year-old daughter who will start Primary School in September. My only income is from my One-Parent Family Payment and €90 I get each week from a part-time job. I don't get maintenance and I'm worried about the extra costs involved in sending my daughter to school. Is there State help available?

Answer

As you are getting a social welfare payment, you may be entitled to the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) to help meet the cost of your daughter's school uniform and footwear, as long as your weekly income is below a certain level.

You are currently receiving a One-Parent Family Payment of €222.80 (including a child payment) and earning €90, so your weekly income is €312.80, which is below the income limit of €418.10 for a lone parent with one child and will entitle you to BSCFA. The BSCFA payment this year is €125 for a qualified child aged 4–11 years.

The Department of Social Protection pays BSCFA automatically in many cases. If you haven't already received a letter from them, you will need to apply by 30 September 2017. Application forms are available on the Department's website, welfare.ie, or from your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. A form can also be requested by SMS (text message) by texting 'Form BTSCFA' followed by your name and address to 51909 or by emailing the Department at BSCFA@welfare.ie.

The Department of Education and Skills also runs a School Books Grant Scheme which is available to State-funded schools to help with the cost of school books. Some schools will help with the cost of buying textbooks or run a Textbook Rental Scheme. You should contact your daughter's school principal to find out if this option is available at her new school. You can get detailed information on the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance on citizensinformation.ie.

Help with paying the rent

Question

We are on the local authority's housing list, but for now we need to find private rented accommodation and get help with the rent. Should we apply for Rent Supplement or the new Housing Assistance Payment?

Answer

People on the local authority's housing list should no longer apply for Rent Supplement. You can apply for the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) instead.

HAP is a form of social housing support for people with a long-term housing need. Since 1 March 2017, it has been available nationwide.

The HAP scheme aims to allow all social housing supports to be accessed through one body – the local authority – and to enable people to take up full-time employment and keep their housing support.

Under HAP, you find your own private rented accommodation. The rental agreement will be between yourself and the landlord. This means that you will have certain rights and obligations, as will your landlord.

The rent must be within the HAP rent limits, which are based on your household size and the rental market in your area. Flexibility is provided for people who cannot find suitable accommodation within these rent limits. The Homeless HAP Pilot in Dublin offers further flexibility for homeless people.

You won't pay the rent to the landlord yourself. You will pay a rent contribution to the local authority through the HAP Shared Services Centre, which manages HAP payments on behalf of all local authorities and will pay the rent directly to your landlord. The rent contribution you pay will be based on your income and your ability to pay – like with a local authority differential rent.

If you are getting a social welfare payment at a post office, you must pay your rent contribution through the Household Budget Scheme.

If you take up a job or increase your working hours, you will still be eligible for HAP, provided that you meet the other conditions of the scheme.

Passport renewal

Question

I have booked a family holiday and checked my passport to make sure it's still valid. It is, but it's due to expire a couple of weeks before I travel. How can I make sure that I can get a new one in time?

Answer

You don't have to wait until the expiry of your passport to renew it. If you apply for a new passport before your current one has expired, the period that your new passport is valid for begins from when you apply, rather than from when your previous passport expires.

The website of the Passport Service, passport.ie, lists the current average processing times for different types of passport applications. The quickest way to renew your passport is by using the online application service, which was introduced earlier this year. You can use the online service if your passport expires any time in the next 12 months.

You must submit a digital photo with your application. You can get a friend to take your photo with a digital camera or smartphone or you can go to a photo provider, for example a pharmacy or a photographer, who will give you a copy of your digital photo to upload. Alternatively, you can go to one of the photo booth services listed on passport.ie, which will take your photo and provide you with a code. If you enter this code when you apply, you don't need to upload the photo yourself.

Online renewal isn't available for children's passports, so if you wanted to renew your family's passports together, you would have to use Passport Express, the postal application service. Alternatively, you could renew your own passport online and use

Passport Express for renewing any passports for children.

When you get your new passport you can set a renewal reminder. The passport.ie website offers a passport reminder service, which will send you an email three months before the passport expires.

Springboard

Question

I've been at home caring for my children for a number of years. I want to return to work. Can I get help to develop my skills so that I am more employable?

Answer

Springboard provides places on courses from certificate, to degree, to post-graduate level – Levels 6 to 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. There are many different courses available that lead to qualifications in areas where there are employment opportunities. Most of the courses last for one year or less.

If you are a homemaker with a previous history of employment you don't have to be getting a social welfare payment to qualify for Springboard. To qualify, you must have been a homemaker for a minimum of 12 months prior to your Springboard application and be ordinarily resident in the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland for at least three of the five years before your entry to Springboard.

You must also provide supporting documentation to show you meet these requirements. You can do this by signing a declaration before a Commissioner for Oaths, attesting to your status. Further information about this is available on springboardcourses.ie.

Most of the courses start in September. Details on available courses and eligibility are on springboardcourses.ie. You do not have to pay course fees or charges while you are unemployed. To apply for a Springboard course, you choose the course(s) you are interested in on springboardcourses.ie and apply online, following the instructions on the website. If Springboard doesn't meet your needs, you can find information about other ways to go back to education on citizensinformation.ie.

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Jacko

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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 no matter how impossible.

Jacko

Maynooth Labour News

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Cllr. McGinley Calls for Improvements in the Operation of the Children's Playground in Maynooth

"Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 12 July:

In relation to the safe operation of the Maynooth Playground:

- Can it be closed at night to prevent the anti-social element from entering it?
- Can CCTV be put there?
- Can someone clean it each morning?
- Can toilet facilities be put there? If not, can the council get the agreement of the scouts in the Geraldine Hall for the use of their toilets?"

John was given the following unsatisfactory reply by Council Officials:

"Maynooth playground is currently cleaned and inspected 3 times a week by a contractor. During the winter, it is cleaned and inspected once a week. We do not have the resources to extend the maintenance of the playground beyond this. If the current arrangements are to be extended we need greater cooperation from the community to do this as we have in other playgrounds in the county. In relation to CCTV we installed a trial system in Celbridge Playground a number of years ago but it was not successful as we were unable to monitor and maintain the system or identify individuals from footage. Additionally, the cameras became the target for antisocial behaviour. The best solution we have had to antisocial issues in playgrounds is more community involvement. Regarding toilet facilities, we will contact the scouts in relation to the use of their facilities"

Unfortunately, the Council's Parks Superintendent was on holidays so he could not answer Cllr. McGinley's further questions i.e.

- What is meant by more community involvement?
- CCTV is the best deterrent, even the sign itself acts as a deterrent
- Cllr. McGinley has asked the Gardai to make regular night patrols there. Can the Council also ask them to do so?

The Director of Services gave an undertaking to have a comprehensive response for the next MD meeting.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Laurence Avenue to be Resurfaced

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 12 July:

"That the road at Laurence Avenue, Maynooth be resurfaced as it is in very poor condition."

John was given the following highly unsatisfactory reply:

The Municipal District Engineer confirms that there are no works currently planned for this location.

Cllr. McGinley asks for the Plastic Bottles, Cans, Supermarket Trolleys and Other litter to be Removed from the Canal:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 12 July:

"Can the council ask Waterways Ireland to take the litter, cans and bottles out of the Royal Canal at Mullen Bridge, Maynooth Harbour and at Bond Bridge?"

John got the following response from the Council:

"The Environment Section will request that Waterways Ireland undertake a local clean up and to continue to monitor the area."

Unfortunately, Waterways Ireland removed the algae and litter at the same time and dumped all on the canal bank. The two supermarket trolleys were back in the canal within three days and all of the other cans and bottles will eventually end up in the canal. The Environmental Section of the Council have advised Cllr. McGinley that if Waterways Ireland liaises with them, they will remove the litter if it is left on the canal bank separate from the algae.

A Great Day for Maynooth as Sod Turned on Education Campus

Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley were delighted to attend the Official Sod Turning on Monday July 10th by the Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton T.D. for the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Mr. Stagg stated that it was a great day for the people of Maynooth and for education in the town. By May 2019 we will have 2 new State of the Art 1,000 Pupil Post Primary Schools and a shared Sports Facility at the Maynooth Education Campus. The Contractors for the project the Sammon Group are well established in the Education Sector both here and abroad and are based in Kilcock.

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg congratulated everybody involved in bringing the project to this stage including the Maynooth Education Campus Parent Teacher Association, the Principals of the Schools Johnny Nevin and Siobhan McCauley, the Boards of Management, KWETB, the Department of Education and most importantly the people of Maynooth.

Further Allocation of 10 Gardaí to Kildare Division

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has been advised By Human Resources at Garda Headquarters that an additional 10 Probationary Gardaí were assigned to the Kildare Division on Monday July 24th, 7 being assigned to Naas Garda Station and 3 to Newbridge Garda Station.

Whilst welcoming the additional gardai Mr. Stagg stated that the allocation of 10 probationers to the Kildare Division out of 198 probationers who graduated on July 6th will not improve the under-manning of Garda Resources in the Kildare Division. In effect it is maintaining the historical undermanning. Just 5% of probationers were allocated this time whilst Kildare has 4.7% of the State's Population. Kildare received 6.6% of probationer gardai who graduated last November, so the fall in the allocation to the Kildare Division is disappointing.

This will bring Garda Numbers to 339 in the Kildare Division or a ratio of 1 garda for every 655 people in Kildare. The total number of Garda Recruits allocated to the Kildare Division since April 2015 is 60.

Mr. Stagg stated that if we are to make serious inroads into the under-manning in Kildare we need to be getting a much higher number of probationary gardai and there needs to be a concerted effort to transfer gardai into the Kildare Division.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he would contact the Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner to re-stress the opportunity once and for all to give us the Garda numbers we deserve whilst the force is being expanded Nationally.

Discussions Ongoing over Accommodation Options for North Kildare Gaelcholaiste

Emmet Stagg has again raised with the Minister for Education the issue of the securing of accommodation for the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth, which is due to open in 2019.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that he understood that a range of issues relating to the opening of the Gaelcholaiste are being discussed by Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board and An Foras Patrúnachta, who are the joint patrons of the Gaelcholaiste. The Minister reiterated that his Department would continue to work closely with both bodies in relation to the provision of appropriate accommodation for the establishment of the school.

The Maynooth Education Campus stated Mr. Stagg is due for completion in May, 2019, so the old Maynooth Post Primary School is an obvious choice for the Gaelcholaiste.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to press the Minister on this issue to ensure that the Gaelcholaiste opens on time in 2019.

Streetscape in Maynooth Must Be Protected - Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has lodged a submission with Kildare Co. Council in relation to the planning application for a New Restaurant and Apartment to the Rear of Bistro 53 facing onto Pound Lane, with particular reference to the flat roof design proposed which would be out of character with development in the area.

Mr. Stagg in his submission stated whilst he welcomed the proposal to develop the area with the prospect of a further 20 jobs in the new restaurant, and the fact that the area is unsightly at present, he felt that the design of the front elevation facing onto Pound Lane should have a pitched roof in keeping with the streetscape. The proposed design would set an undesirable precedent and would not be in accordance with the many policies contained in the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 which seek to protect the physical environment and streetscape.

Mr. Stagg suggested that the applicants be asked to revisit the design of the proposed front elevation of the development with a view to protecting the streetscape with the provision of a pitched roof.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that it was important that the Council act in the interests on the Maynooth Community by protecting the streetscape from inappropriate development.

Stagg Lodges Observations in Support of Intel Planning

Emmet Stagg has lodged Observations with An Bord Pleanála in support of the original decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission to Intel for a Modified new chip Manufacturing Facility at its Leixlip Headquarters.

Two third Party appeals were lodged with An Bord Pleanála against the Council's decision to grant planning permission on May 2nd last.

In his Observations Mr. Stagg stated that the proposed development was smaller in scale from that already adjudicated upon by An Bord Pleanála in 2013; that the proposed development complied with the policies and objectives of the Kildare County Development Plan 2017-2023 and the current and proposed Leixlip Local Area Plans; that the proposal provides for the expansion

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of an established industrial activity on a site zoned Industrial and Warehousing; that the Environmental Impact Statement submitted with the application adequately deals with many of the issues raised in the appeals; that the design of the proposed development when taken in conjunction with specified mitigation measures will not impact on the integrity of the Rye River Valley/Carton SAC; and that the transportation department of the Council examined the proposal in detail and put down stringent conditions to mitigate the impacts on traffic movements on the surrounding road network, during the construction phase and post construction.

Mr. Stagg stated that the development comprises revised design of a previously permitted Manufacturing Facility and utility support buildings to ensure that the Intel Site has the capacity to manufacture the latest Semiconductor Technology in its bid to secure an estimated \$4 Billion new Chip Manufacturing facility at Leixlip. Intel's corporate parent has yet to decide to proceed with the proposed new plant and Intel in Leixlip are competing with other locations, most notably Israel to land the investment.

Mr. Stagg stated that the need for the revised planning permission stemmed from a change in the standard design of Intel's manufacturing plants, known as Fabs.

It is envisaged that 3,000 people would be employed in construction for 3 years and when operational the plant would have 850 permanent jobs on site. To date Intel have invested \$12.5 Billion at its Leixlip Plant between

Buildings and Process Equipment, which is a major investment not just in Leixlip and Co. Kildare but the State overall.

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that a decision is due on the appeal by September 27th and granting planning permission will reinforce Intel Leixlip as a Centre of World Excellence in the Knowledge Based Economy.

Stagg Calls for Additional Community Support Funding for Dementia Sufferer's in Budget 2018

Having attended the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland's Pre-Budget Submission launch on Thursday 29th June Labour Spokesperson for Older People Emmet Stagg has called for support for the Society's request for an increased allocation of €40 Million in the 2018 Budget to provide additional Intensive Home Care Packages for citizens suffering from Dementia, and for the appointment of back up advisers and co-ordinators to support individuals suffering from Dementia and their families.

There are now some 55,000 people with Dementia in Ireland and the choice of all are that they be given the resources to stay in their own homes, with their families and in their own Community. Over 34,000 Dementia Sufferers live at home. The emphasis on funding he said should be on Home Care and only on Long-Term Residential Care when that was the only option.

'I want to support the Alzheimer Society of Ireland in their demand that funding of €35 Million be provided for Home Care for people in the early to mid-stages of dementia and those with complex care needs. In addition

Dementia Advisers and Dementia Care Coordinators are required throughout the State to support families in their quest to keep loved ones in the Community. The cost of providing the advisers and care coordinators is estimated at €5 Million.

'I will be raising this matter with the Labour Party Spokesperson on Health Deputy Alan Kelly to have it pursued in the Dail ahead of the 2018 Budget'. Mr. Stagg concluded 'The right of people to stay in their own home where they desire to be should be resourced and will also prove to be more cost efficient in providing the necessary care'.

Stagg Commends SeniorLine

Attending the relaunch of the Senior Help Line as SeniorLine on June 27th in Buswells Hotel, Dublin, Labour Spokesperson on Older People Emmet Stagg commended the National Confidential LoCall Listening Service for Older People which received over 10,000 calls last year.

Mr. Stagg stated that the new LoCall number is 1800 80 45 91 and the trained older volunteers who operate the service are there to give older people a point of contact, to simply have a chat, or to give advice if older people are worried about something. The Lines are open Every Day from 10 am to 10 pm. It's a confidential service and the volunteers are specially trained to deal with low key and more serious issues faced daily by older people.

Mr. Stagg continued that there are unfortunately older people who are lonely or worried and I would encourage them to ring 1800 80 45 91 where you will be treated with compassion and care by trained older volunteers.

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A Garden Party was held in An Grianán on the 7th July and several members of our guild went and had a most enjoyable day.

For the past six weeks members have been very busy making crafts for the Festival which sold well. This money will go towards new windows for our ICA Hall.

Crafts will continue on Monday nights and will finish at the end of July. They will recommence in September.

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Maynooth Office Now Open On Mondays & Fridays

Due to demand my Maynooth office, located just off the Main Street, will be open on Fridays by appointment. I was delighted to open the office following my election and have welcomed many residents through the doors to offer them advice and assistance. The office will be open Monday 10am to 4pm and Friday by appointment. Please don't hesitate to get in touch on 01 618 3587 to make an appointment.

Sod Turning on New Maynooth Education Campus

I was delighted to attend the official sod turning on the new Maynooth Education Campus. This €30 million project is the biggest school build in the history of the state and is very welcome for Maynooth.

It has taken many years to get it to this stage and credit to the two school principals, the board of management, the parents group, local Councillors, Sean Ashe and all at the KWETB. The Minister for Education, Richard Bruton TD was on hand to launch the project and it is ploughing ahead with Sammon Construction at the helm.

I am aware there are some concerns regarding traffic management on the Moyglare Road. I have spoken with Kildare County Council who have confirmed a new, wider road lay out is in design. When I have further details I will update on the design.

Rapid Broadband Bill Introduced into the Dáil

I was delighted to have the opportunity to introduce my first Bill in the Dáil aimed at improving the rollout of high speed broadband services across Ireland and our county.

The 'Planning and Development (Rapid Broadband) Bill 2017' aims to achieve a common planning framework for broadband services across all local authorities and contains measures which will improve co-operation between service providers when developing communications infrastructure.

This Bill seeks to address some of the planning anomalies that have hindered the rapid roll-out of broadband services across the country. To date local authorities have applied different approaches to planning which has hampered the development of broadband infrastructure. The measures in this Bill will ensure that there is a consistent framework for broadband planning right across Ireland.

The Bill also introduces a new requirement for public bodies to make their assets available to host broadband infrastructure, as is required under EU law. In effect this means that when a set of ducting is being laid by one agency, such as a local authority or the National Roads Authority, then this ducting should be capable of re-use for the purpose of rolling out broadband infrastructure. This will prevent the need to dig up a road each time new infrastructure needs to be put in place.

There is also a requirement in the Bill for all future planning permissions to include ducting or cable to the door of the home. This will make all future builds "broadband ready" and will enable fibre services to be delivered directly into the home. Fibre infrastructure is already being rolled out across the country, but the final 'last mile' of the telecommunications network continues to rely on old copper based wiring.

This is hampering broadband speeds. The only way to remove this problem in the long-term is by requiring developers to use fibre cabling during construction.

The Bill also mandates Comreg to establish a list of all existing broadband assets in the State. This register will facilitate broadband providers to share key services in order to prevent duplication of work. For example, providers would share the same mast in a particular area rather than constructing their own individual ones.

The overall goal of this Bill is to make it quicker and easier for providers to roll out broadband services. Ireland has a poor track record in this area in recent years, as is demonstrated by the ongoing problems with the National Broadband Plan.

Dáil Motion to support CE Scheme employees in Kildare

I have recently submitted a motion in the Dáil to strengthen Community Employment Schemes. The motion aims to ensure the social element of CE Schemes, review the impact Jobpath is having on CE Schemes, allow more employees to stay on their scheme, and to review the participation limits of older people on the scheme.

I have met with a number of constituents employed under the Community Employment Scheme. Many of those explained to me their difficulties while on the scheme. Despite these difficulties their participation in the scheme gave them an enormous source of pride and a tremendous benefit to their community. Employees from schemes in Maynooth, Leixlip, Broadford, Naas, Clane, and Kilcock all expressed similar difficulties with the Department of Social Protection, who fund these schemes.

Following this I went back to my party colleagues with this motion. Historically employment schemes have evolved as the economic climate changes. While we aim to see as many people in full time employment there is still a vital need for CE Schemes. This motion aims to solidify this ambition.

I have called on the Minister for Social Protection to immediately review the impact that JobPath is having on CE schemes in particular, with a view to ensuring that those who wish to continue to participate on CE schemes are able to do so, and to also ensure that JobPath is not draining CE schemes of participants.

I have also called on the Minister to ensure that the review of participation limits for older people on employment support schemes is cognisant of the complexities that older people face in trying to access or re-enter the labour market, and that employment support schemes can be the mechanism whereby older people can continue to make a contribution to society.

Often CE Schemes are run by volunteers who do an excellent job with very little resources. We are calling on the Minister to ensure employment support schemes are adequately resourced, including training and continuous professional development.

The motion stems from feedback I received from those involved with CE Schemes in Kildare North. I would urge the Minister to take on board the points set out as the benefits will be there for local communities for many more years to come.

Additional Park & Ride Facilities Needed in Maynooth

I have raised the need for funding to secure park and ride sites across Kildare North with the Minister for Transport, with a particular focus on Maynooth given the increase in commuters over the last 12 months.

I have spoken with the Minister to highlight the urgent need for additional car parking facilities to accommodate the growing use of public transport. From my representations with the Minister I understand there is little funding available but he has informed me that a midterm review is underway in his Department. I would urge the Department to find funding sources in this review for park and ride facilities in the county.

For Maynooth I have raised with Irish Rail the need for the car park to be extended. By 7am most mornings the car park is full. In some cases commuters have returned home to find their car blocked in by bad parking, such is the demand for spaces in the car park. Irish Rail is aware of the situation following my representations and I will continue to press for a solution.

Maynooth Band Telephone Explosions Premiere New Single

Telephone Explosions are experimental dream-pop duo Dolores Fogarty and Adrian Mee, who formed in Maynooth in 2016 and released their first single "Pocket" on 16/01/17.



Their follow-up is "Significant", a harmonic meditation on our place in the universe. Released on 07/07/17, it's available on all digital music distribution outlets. Inspired by number stations, hidden transmissions and unbroken codes, Telephone Explosions plan to release their debut album in early 2018, which is proudly supported by Kildare County Council.

Press for "Pocket!"

A serene slice of electronic dream-pop, 'Pocket' is an almost ambient track that introduces the music of Telephone Explosions as one of deep atmosphere and gentle far-reaching production."


- Stephen White, The Last Mixed Tape

Dreamy, ostensibly easy, minimal, harmony-laced pop with a foreboding undertone" Mike McGrath-Bryan, Broadsheet.ie

Telephone Explosions have set out their stall and this lone offering suggests a group who will create their own unique sound and subgenre" Marky Edison, Pure M Magazine

New Irish artist of the week - Nialler9, Irish Times Culture section 21/01/17

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EU-Japan Agreement is good news for Kildare Food exporting companies says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the announcement of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Japan. This provides for a very significant access to the Japanese market for Irish agri-food products. "I believe that this agreement is an important development for the EU agri-food sector, and will present very real opportunities for Irish agri-food exporters. As uncertainty grows over Brexit, Ireland must seek to diversify its markets away from the United Kingdom to reduce the risks to Irish business."

"As I have said in the Dail 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 called for Naas to be designated as a food hub, given the significant cluster of food companies in Kildare. Kildare Co Co have also called for the area to be designated as a hub." Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"This EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement will give Kildare Companies an opportunity to develop new markets, or extend existing markets, in Japan. The addition of Japan as a potentially important export outlet will assist companies that are exposed to the impact of Brexit, as many Food companies are."

"Having met with Food companies in Kildare, I fully appreciate the challenges that they face and I will continue to press for supports for our exporting companies." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Maynooth New Education Campus - Sod Turning

I was delighted to attend the official sod turning today with Minister for Education, Richard Bruton T.D., at the new Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road. This will be a brilliant facility once completed and is the largest educational Campus being developed currently. The Sammon Group are carrying out the development and have a long standing reputation of expertise in this area. They are a local company which is providing local employment on this project and at their head office in Kilcock.

Congratulations to all involved, the Principals of the Schools; the boards of management, KWETB and its CEO, the officials in the Department of Education, the parents who have campaigned so hard for this project and indeed all public representatives who have worked to bring this project to fruition.

Government needs to consider Free Travel Scheme for Students says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to consider the introduction of the free travel scheme for students from September next, as costs for students continue to rise.

"As I know from my clinics, the cost of sending students to third level education or further education continues to rise. The rising costs of accommodation, registration fees and transport are becoming unsustainable for many students and their parents."

"We must seek opportunities to alleviate these rising costs and one such way is provide free public transport for full time students, even if it has to be means tested. There are other fringe benefits to this initiative such as developing a public travel culture, remove cars from the road and free up car parking places in colleges."

"I do want to acknowledge the work of Independent Cllr Michael O'Brien from Westmeath who has been to the fore in campaigning for this proposal. I know many of my constituents also support this proposal as the struggle to deal with the rising costs of sending students to third level education."

"I have made contact with a number of relevant Government Ministers and the National Transport Authority and requested that this proposal be given serious consideration. Aside from reducing the cost of further education it will also encourage the use of public transport." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

FF Bill provides solutions to long-term mortgage arrears cases - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says his party is committed to assisting families who are struggling to cope with long-term mortgage arrears.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after Fianna Fáil Finance Spokesperson Michael McGrath TD introduced the Mortgage Arrears (Family Home) Bill 2017. The Bill aims to assist the 41,000 family mortgage holders who have been in arrears for a year or longer.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "This Bill is designed to help mortgage holders in arrears to secure sustainable solutions and to help them to stay in the family home. It will establish an independent mortgage resolution office which will act as a go between mortgage holders and the banks. This office will have the power to impose a resolution in a mortgage arrears cases and will require the banks to engage constructively with mortgage holders. It will also provide additional protections in cases where the family home is at risk.

"The Bill strengthens the rights of home owners who are in mortgage arrears and gives them the opportunity to avail of independent legal and financial advice as they engage with their mortgage provider. It also rebalances the relationship between those in mortgage arrears and the banks. Currently still penalties can be imposed, including the ultimate loss of the home, on those who do not engage with their lenders when they get into financial trouble. However there are no such issues when banks choose not to engage with the insolvency process. The Bill addresses this issue by removing the bank veto in order to rebalance the scales in favour of the home owner.

"The independent mortgage arrears office that we are seeking to put in place will have an entire suite of solutions available to it when making mortgage resolution orders. These include split mortgage options, interest-only payments and mortgage term extensions. Securing a viable agreement between those in mortgage arrears and the banks is far more desirable than forcing families out of their homes. It will also relieve the pressure that is currently on the courts system," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke Welcomes Continued Investigation into High Cost of Insurance

Local Fianna Fail TD Frank O'Rourke, welcomed reports that the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC), together with the European Competition Directorate, have raided the offices of insurance companies, brokers and representative bodies for the industry, as part of an ongoing investigation into alleged cartel activity in the motor insurance industry. Deputy O'Rourke first suggested a role for the CCPC at the Finance Oireachtas Committee which considered the high cost of motor insurance.

"Motor Insurance costs have risen by over 60% in the last three years, and I have seen examples of even greater increases. The Government has failed to deal with the motor insurance crisis. The Government has said that it is committed to implementing the action plan to deal with the high cost of car insurance, however, progress is too slow and it does not seem to be a priority for the Government."

"This lack of progress was captured when the Government recently published its report on the implementation of the action plan. This showed that very little progress has been made."

"As I have said in the Dail, there is little point in reducing or talking about reducing the Universal Social Charge, if a multiple of the reduction in USC, is being taken back by increased insurance costs."

"The continued investigation by the CCPC is welcome and consumers must be protected from any potential anti-competitive behaviour in the insurance industry. Motorists deserve to know whether coordination across the industry has been a factor in the unprecedented increases."

"However more Government action is needed, and I will continue, with my colleague Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to press the Government for more action to achieve more reasonable premiums," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Government guidelines on public procurement little comfort for Irish SME's - O'Rourke

- State spends €12 billion each year on goods, services and works -

- Fianna Fáil Bill could make major improvements to system and work for small businesses -

Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Procurement Frank O'Rourke TD says he is disappointed following the publication of the Government guidelines on public procurement. Deputy O'Rourke added that the guidelines contain nothing new and offer little comfort for Irish SME's who wish to compete for State contracts.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "These guidelines have already been in existence for quite some time and yet little has actually changed on the ground. Irish SME's continue to find it difficult to complete for State procurement contracts in the face of stiff opposition from large multinational companies. Of the 121 page publication on the new guidelines just 2 pages have been dedicated to the role of Irish SME's. Nothing new is actually contained in these two pages, it's just a rehash of previous guidelines.

"There is little sign that any attention will be paid to these guidelines as evidenced by previous experience. We have had situations where previous public contracts have made it impossible for Irish SME's to compete for State procurement contracts. In these cases we have seen potential jobs and resources going to other countries.

"Fianna Fáil has already brought forward comprehensive proposals to deal with this problem. The Public Services and Procurement (Social Value) Bill 2017 will increase competition in the tendering process by enhancing the ability for SME's to compete for State tenders.

"The Bill requires any State body, local authority or Department issuing a tender to take into account the impact of awarding a contract in the local and national economy. Other countries such as Denmark, France, Austria and Belgium have already introduced such social value clauses.

"This Bill goes beyond the current guidelines by compelling public bodies to try and level the playing field for Irish SME's when competing for public contracts. I'm hoping that the Bill will receive cross-party support when it goes before the Dáil for consideration," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Flexibility needed for Tús scheme - as O'Rourke presses Minister Doherty

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has again highlighted the need for flexibility to be shown in relation to the way Tús scheme is administered, following a meeting he had with the new Minister for Employment and Social Protection, Regina Doherty TD in relation to the scheme.

'Last year and earlier this year, I met with the former Minister for Social Protection, Leo Varadkar TD, and made representations to him to have the Tús scheme made more flexible and not be as time bound as it is, currently subject to the maximum time of 12 months. Those involved in Tús schemes in Clane, Donadea, Leixlip and Celbridge have met me to discuss the problems associated with the way the Tús scheme and the way the scheme is currently structured and administered.'

"The Tús initiative, which is a community work placement scheme, provides short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. The work is to benefit the community, and is provided by community and voluntary organisations in both urban and rural areas, and comes under the overall responsibility of the Department of Social Protection. Participants work for 19 ½ hours a week and the placement lasts 12 months." Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"When the placement finishes after 12 months, participants then sign on again and cannot participate in the Tús scheme again for 3 years. This is too restrictive and we need flexibility to, in certain case, allow the Tús scheme be extended for longer than 12 months, which would be mutually beneficial for both the participant and the community group."

"Indeed, the previous Minister did agree with me, at the time, that greater flexibility should be considered and I have now met with the new Minister to press again to ensure that the Tús scheme be administered with greater flexibility."

"Many of my parliamentary colleagues have also raised this issue and I believe that it is possible to get cross party support so that the Tús scheme be restructured and become more flexible. Community groups are losing skilled workers and there are situations where their services could be provided for a longer period than 12 months". concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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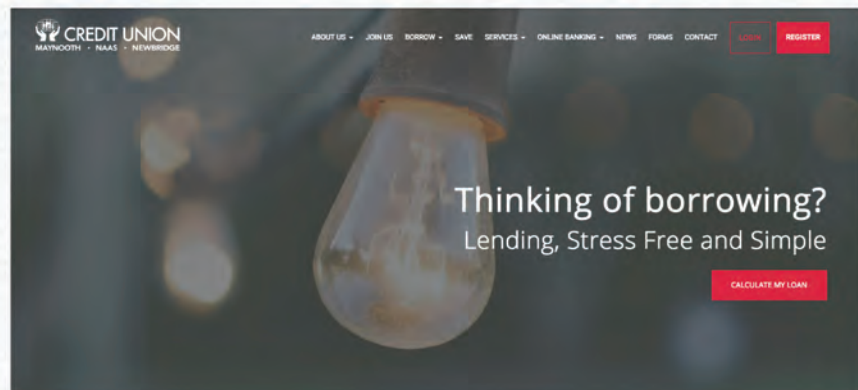


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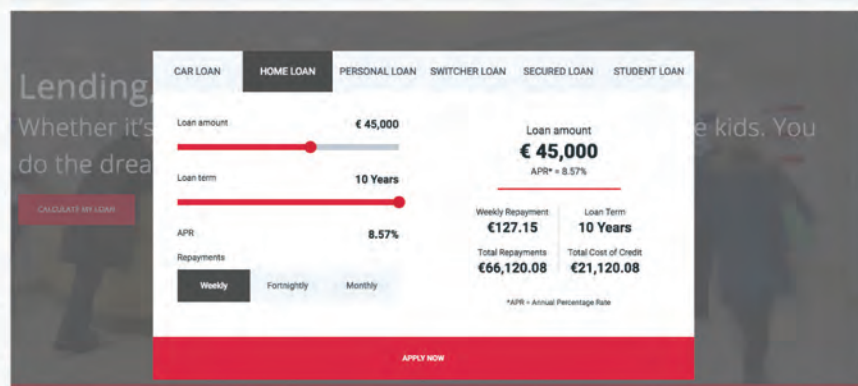
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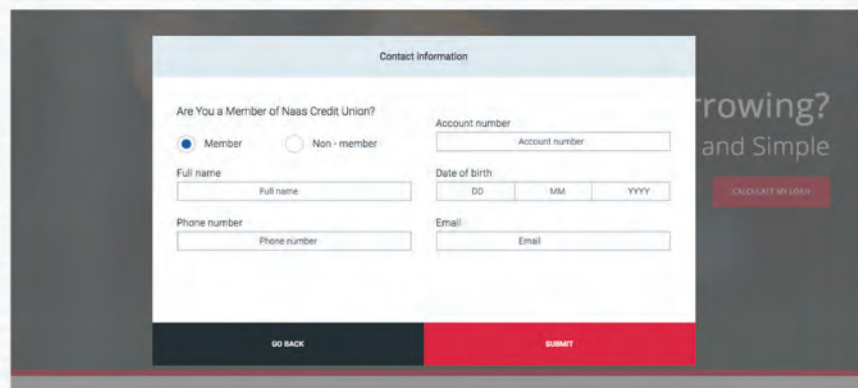
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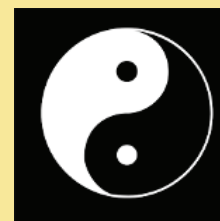
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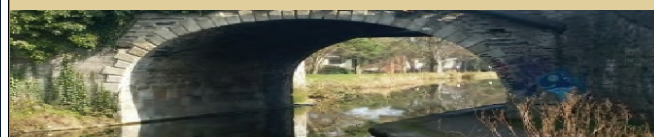
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Heritage Week 2018:
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Final Farewell to Fiddlers Green

After thirty years it's finally happening, when Fiddlers Green will once again thread the boards at O'Neill's Upstairs Lounge Maynooth on Friday 15th September @ 9.30pm for a final farewell concert in intimate surroundings and limited to 120 tickets @ €10 each.

Galway man Noel Brady and Donegal man Danny Carthy, now long term residents of Maynooth will be joined by two other Donegal men John McGarrigle and Jimmy Gallagher for a night of wonderful Irish folk music and song and certainly a night not to be missed.

Fiddlers Green having performed together from the late 1970s until about 1987 and also at a time when Irish music was at it's peak with superb venues nationwide and beyond (like the Hitching Post Leixlip and Dowling's Prosperous) Fiddlers Green were a highly respected band for their vocal and musical abilities, with many TV performances to their credit including with their very good friend Derek Davis on Live at Three. Many of the Garda fraternity will recollect the band's performance every Friday night at the Garda Boat Club, where they were resident for a number of years in the early 1980s.

With John and Danny both heading into the sunset of their 70th year this year, and Jimmy next year, and Noel being the baby of the band catching up, it was time to have one final farewell concert. As all of the band would agree there are incredible memories, great performances and long journeys both at home and abroad which will continue to be cherished, but it's time for the final curtain.

Don't forget the date Friday 15th September @ 9.30pm and tickets are now on sale at O'Neill's or phone 087/6750273.





Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



July is a quiet summer period for the branch, but lots of summer workshops were in place around the country, which see members pop up everywhere from Willie Week in Clare to Joe Mooney Summer School in Drumshambo.

The centrepiece of July's activities was of course Fleadh Laighean, held this year in Ballymahon, Co Longford. The week featured a wide selection of events including Workshops, Trad sessions in the pubs, Singing, Dancing, Aifreann Tradisiúnta, Tours, promotion of Irish Language events, Open air Gig – Rig and most importantly the Leinster Fleadh competitions where competitors from the 12 counties of Leinster competed for the All-Ireland Fleadh in Ennis 2017.

We had a strong representation from across North Kildare, and our own competitors also did us very proud, so well done folks!

We had a great lineup in Ballymahon for the Fleadh – the illustrious list is below.

Róisín Howley	Fidil 12-15
Josefine Grimm-Blenk	Fidil O18
James McEntire	Bosca Ceoil/ Button Accordion (12-15)
Shane McNerney	Bosca Ceoil / Button Accordion (12-15)
Olivia Cannon	Feadóg Mhór / Flute 12-15
Caoimhe Howley	Consairtín / Concertina (Faoi 12)
Aoife McNerney	Consairtín / Concertina (Faoi 12)
Conor McNerney	Pianó / Piano (Faoi 12)
Shane McNerney	Pianó / Piano (12-15)
Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin	Bodhrán (Faoi 12)
Matthew Meehan	Bodhrán (12-15)
Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl, Caoimhe Howley	Ceol Beirte / Duets (Faoi 12)
Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl, Caoimhe Howley, Sean Keane	Ceol Trítr/Trios (Faoi 12)
Tom Ó Catháin, Róisín Howley, Paddy Merrick	Ceol Trítr / Trios (12-15)
Róisín Howley	Amhránaíocht ar an Sean Nós (Mná) / Irish Singing (Ladies) (12-15)
Seán Ó Catháin	Comhrá Gaeilge (9-11)
Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin	Comhrá Gaeilge (11-13)
Emma Ní Chatháin	Comhrá Gaeilge (15-18)
Déaglán Ó Conchúbhair	Storytelling (O18)



Congratulations to Caoimhe Howley on a fabulous third place in Leinster!
Maith thú Emma for her Fleadh Laighean Win!

For our musician's corner this week, we're chatting with Josefine, who lives in Straffan, but is all the way from Germany – Find out the rest below!

Name: Josefine Grimm-Blenk **Age:** 26

Instruments & how long have you been playing?

Violin - 15 years
 Guitar - starting now

How did you get on in the Fleadh?

I was a nervous wreck, but enjoyed the experience in retrospect. I walked out with an 82% score and am grateful for the feedback from the judges. I'm looking forward to implementing the suggestions. I was very surprised to see that only three people were competing in the Fiddle O18 class, of which only two of us showed up to perform. A pity really.

Who is the biggest influence on your musical career?

Paganini, Fritz Kreisler impressed me early on. But really there were many, many people along the way who influenced me. They were always people who stood out

because they played differently. They would put their heart and soul into the music and played it the way they felt it, regardless of how it was written, "should be played", or what other people thought of their version.

When I moved to Ireland in January 2016, I went to Dublin and picked any random pub hoping someone would play the fiddle. Sure enough Pdraig O'Neil played a ridiculous set!

Ridiculously brilliant that is. I had always wanted to learn the fiddle. I bought a book a few years back only to realise that the music isn't played the way it's written - never really did much about it after that. After listening to that set, however, I had my mind set on finally going for it. So even though there is no single biggest influence, Pdraig O'Neil's set gave me the final push to put thought into action and start learning. How could I not, since I am already living here - it would be a wasted opportunity!

Who is the best musician you know?

There is no single best musician. We can all only try to become the best that we can be. Even when we reach full command of our instruments, we all play differently - even the same pieces - not better or worse than the other. Thankfully!

What do you like best about playing music?

Playing music allows me to express and feel things that words cannot. It's bigger than words. Often words just don't do life justice and that's when music comes into play for me. If I don't either listen to or play music daily, I'm just not happy. More than that I also like the bridge it forms between people. When you are playing music or listening, suddenly race, cultural norms, prejudices and all the other things that we allow to get between us, disappear. Simply because it's no longer about the people, it's about the music. You can have a whole conversation with someone through music, if you don't speak the same language as them. I remember one instance in particular. I had just moved to Germany and very early on I got to know a few people all from different countries. Those introductions ended up in us coming together to create an ensemble - I don't even know if that's the right word. We were always between 3-8 people when we played, from at least 5 different countries - often having to translate what one person was saying to another for someone - and at least half of us played more than one instrument. That made for very diverse music!

We played folk songs of all sorts of cultures and played them on the streets as well as in a concert. I remember we played some music on the street one day to practice for the concert and this group of at least 10 Turkish teenagers stopped and started dancing a traditional dance to our music. When we were done playing they couldn't thank us enough and said it was a celebration song from their home town. The other memorable situation was the incredibly diverse audience that showed up for the concert. After we were done playing, a great big session started all on its own and there was music being played that you couldn't understand the lyrics to, had never heard and didn't even know it existed! It was brilliant! I love how music instantly connects us.

Registration for the 2017/2018 Comhaltas year will take place in early September. So, whether you're lying on the beach in August, or saving the hay, or footing the turf, have a think whether you would like to join us on our journey through our fabulous traditional music. We'd love to welcome you to our gang. Keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances.

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Derek Carroll, PRO, Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE

Coding Workshops

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th August, 10:30am

Three day coding workshops for Children. Introduction to programming using Scratch. Learn how to create your own games, animations, stories and interactive art. Participants must be able to attend for the three days.

For ages: 9-13 years. Children must have their own laptop, fully powered. They must have a Scratch online account. They must be current library members with permission to use the internet signed and they must have their library card and pin number with them. Booking required.

All events at Maynooth Community Library are free of charge but booking may be required.



“IT’S A LONG, LONG WAY TO MAYNOOTH”



Recently, I was idling away a few moments ‘surfing the net’ and opened a link to Maynooth and was delighted to read the following: “The next time you think of swimming at a secluded beach, catching a pike, or enjoying a glass of wine as the sun sets over the lake, think of Maynooth.”

Where was this wonderful place? How come I had lived in Maynooth for so many years and had never had the

chance to indulge myself in these tempting activities? Yes, I know there is plenty of water around Maynooth – but suitable for swimming? Definitely not! Yes, although I have never seen one, perhaps there are pike in the canal or at the fishing facility within walking distance of the town! As for enjoying a glass of wine and watching the sun set – no problem there! But over the lake? Never! Over the bird bath in the back garden more likely!

I read on: “Located in Hastings Highlands just south-east of Algonquin Park, Maynooth brings together the best of eastern Ontario’s great outdoors from a readily accessible location.” Ah ha, I thought, but unfortunately – not accessible from Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland.

Nevertheless, I read on. “For the quiet type, [yes, that’s me] take a trip to nearby Fraser Lake where you can read a book at the water’s edge [and enjoy that glass of wine] and spot local bird species while enjoying the magnificent backdrops.”

“For the thrill seeker, [no, definitely not me] get ready for the time of your life on a white water raft or kayak, careening down the Madawaska River ... or galloping through the countryside on horseback...”

“Art lovers, [yes, that’s me] can take a tour of the many local galleries and artisans by travelling down Arts Route [a trail of discovery to painters, potters, jewellery makers,

photographers, performing arts and other creative people], a lovely scenic day trip by car”.

Furthermore, we are told that: “Winter is just as lovely in the Maynooth area, when you can grab a cup of hot chocolate [or a glass of wine] and gaze out into the wintry wonderland around you. Cross-country skiing, ice skating, and other winter activities abound. Or there’s always warm shops to peruse and baked goods to eat in the town.”

With regard to the name of this Canadian town, according to a blog written by Jody Didler in 2011: “Originally known as ‘Doyle’s Corner’ (after Michael Doyle the first store-keeper), the name was to be changed to Tara but was rejected. Oxenden was selected as the replacement name for the town, but this too was rejected. In the late 1860s-1870s the town officially became Maynooth, named after the village in County Kildare, Ireland.”

Jody also states that: “The Ontario village of Maynooth is home to descendants of the Fitzgeralds.” There are FitzGerald living in the area but without the research, it’s anybody’s guess who first suggested that the name Maynooth should replace the name Doyle’s Corner.

Incidentally, my mother’s side of the family are all named

Doyle, (her father was a Doyle who married a Doyle) so it’s also anybody’s guess where Michael Doyle came from. He could have been a Wexfordman!

If you feel inclined have a look at <https://maynooth.on.ca/> and Jody’s blog – I’m off to pack!



By Rita Edwards

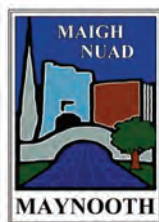
Congratulations to all concerned with the running of the Maynooth Summer Festival which was a great success.

Maynooth Tidy Towns had volunteers out at various times helping to clean up.

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.

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns



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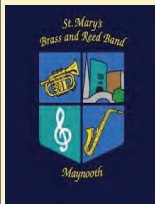
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St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band



The Band paid it's annual visit to the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty over the first weekend in July. Sixteen bands from all over Ireland competed in our Intermediate Section and while not in the prizes we gave a very creditable performance with a varied programme that was well received by the large audience in the Hall. We will be travelling again next year with hopes set high for a

top three placing. Apart from the competitive aspect of the trip it offered an opportunity to meet with members of other bands as there is a great social element to the event.

The highlight of the month and even the year was our visit to Áras an Uachtaráin to play at the final Garden Party (there are only seven) of the year. The Band played an hour long programme of well known pieces specially requested by the event organiser as the more than 450 invited guests left the Áras on their tour of the magnificent gardens before they enjoyed the meal prepared for them in a large marquee erected for the occasion. The Band were introduced to the President and his wife Sabina who were photographed with them before the recital. It was a memorable occasion for the 26 band members who participated in the event as it was the first Maynooth Band to play in the Aras.

The Band take their annual holidays from 31st July until rehearsals resume on 14th August when they begin preparations for the Annual Mass for Deceased Members at 1pm on Sunday 5th November and our Christmas Concert in December, the date and venue for which has yet to be arranged,

Our Annual Autumn Collection towards the upkeep of the Band takes place on Friday and Saturday 25th and 26th August so keep an eye out for Band members shaking a box in the three shopping centres and please give whatever you can afford.

We are also hoping to arrange a Recruitment Day in September for those wishing to join the band to learn an instrument. At present we have over 30 members in the Senior Band with another 15 in the Junior Band. We feel there are quite a number of Girls and Boys AND women and men (you are never too old to join) who would like to be part of this band which has great plans for 2018. So watch this space and our Facebook page for news of this event.

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 further afield and there is always room for more no matter where you live.

BirdWatch Ireland are looking for your help in recording riverbird species (Dipper, Sand Martin, Kingfisher and Grey Wagtail) nesting in built structures along our countries waterways.

With support from The Heritage Council we have set up a project to collect these observations.



This behaviour is commonly observed in Dippers, Grey Wagtails and Sand Martins but it is not beyond the realms of possibility that Kingfisher may on occasion do the same. Instances of Sand Martins in quay walls, Dippers under bridges and Grey Wagtails in lock gates etc are just a few examples of the types of records we are after.

If we have location data for these sites we can help protect them as they are vulnerable to disturbance and destruction due to their position in man-made places. Structures may undergo repair work even destruction and we cannot do anything to help mitigate against this without location records.

It is late in the breeding season of course but we will accept retrospective records from earlier in the season no problem.



Dipper



Sand Martin



Grey Wagtail



Kingfisher

To find out more about the survey see the project page here:
<http://www.birdwatchireland.ie/OurWork/ResearchSurveys/Waterwaysbirds/RiverBirdSurvey2017/tabid/1260/Default.aspx>

To enter any records you have directly to the online system try here:
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www.birdwatchkildare.com for up to date news and events.



Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

Community Library	Maynooth Multiple Births	Bridge Club
<p>Opening Times Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Sat 9.30am to 1pm</p>	<p>On Summer Holidays until the first week in September</p> <p>For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910</p>
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Council Office (Next to the Post Office) New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</p>
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
<p>On Summer holidays until First week in September Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome</p>	<p>Closed for Summer Holidays. Will resume in September Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am C/O Maynooth Lodge Fisheries Dunboyne Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square</p>	<p>Informal café atmosphere for people with Dementia & their partners family & friends. Free of charge. Venue Ryevale Nursing Home. Every second Wednesday of each month 7-9pm. Call 0894933533 Email: alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30 am www.maynoothcc.org Everyone most welcome</p>
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND
<p>Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St, or contact Josephine on 087 9002296.</p>	<p>Classes will resume in early September 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.</p>	<p>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</p>

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Summertime

It is summer. The schools and university are closed. The days are long and the weather is good (so far). We hope that people will have the opportunity to get out on bikes and enjoy the fresh air and the countryside.

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial

The editorial in last month's Newsletter contained a number of statements on cycling with which we take issue.

Firstly, an accident is an event that happens by chance or that is without apparent or deliberate cause. A driver turning into a side street and hitting a cyclist is not an accident. The event is not by chance and has a deliberate cause although not caused deliberately. It is a collision which results from not driving with due care and attention. The media often reports such events as accidents and even worse some journalists describe them as cyclists colliding with cars which suggests that the cyclist is at fault. Several reports in different countries confirm that in collisions between a vehicle and a cyclist, drivers are responsible for about 60% of collisions, cyclists for about 20% and in 20% of cases investigators are unable to decide which party is at fault.

In relation to pinch points, the editorial states that '...these points will be more dangerous for the cyclist'. It is not clear what 'more dangerous' refers to. There will always be pinch points in a network but good design should ensure that the vulnerable mode of travel i.e. pedestrians and cyclists are prioritised over car travel. This is in accordance with the Hierarchy of Road Users which most civilised countries follow. The problem in Ireland is that lip service is paid to the hierarchy and instead car travel is prioritised. It is hoped that the child in question will recover soon and will not be put off cycling. It was fortunate that he/she fell on the footpath side. If it had happened on the road side, the consequences could have been much more severe. Of course, Straffan Road could have had a verge or other separation on the road side to segregate cyclists from motorised vehicles as is best international practice but Kildare County Council officials and councillors instead chose to prioritise motorised vehicles and retain right turning lanes.

Based on the provision of cycle facilities in north Kildare, I fear that your trust that the North/South will be completed to a high standard is misplaced. None of the other proposals in North Kildare are to a high or even moderately high standard internationally and in fact several are substandard. There are good reasons why the European Cycling Federation ranks Ireland at 21st out of 28 in European countries in terms of being cycle friendly - just above Latvia, Greece, Malta, Cyprus, Portugal and Romania.

In relation to the desire for traffic controls on cycle routes i.e. traffic lights, I would point out that best international practice is to minimise delay for cyclists so good design provides for cyclists to bypass traffic lights, where feasible. Cyclists do not have to be reminded of safety. With eleven cyclists killed on Irish roads in 2017 to date including one young woman just a few kilometres outside Maynooth, we are acutely aware of safety every time we get on a bicycle. Rather than blaming the victim, I think your editorial should address drivers who after all are the ones who pose the threat.

Census 2016

The CSO recently published the initial transportation results from Census 2016. The spin put on the report was that there was a 42% increase in commuting to work by bicycle. The reality was rather more modest. Taking work and education trips together, the increase amounted 4.15% per annum which might appear reasonable but for a country like Ireland with an existing low level of cycling 4.15% is poor. The Census figures also indicated that the number of Irish children being driven to primary school continues to increase. The table below compares how Irish and Dutch children travel to primary school.

Country	Means of Travel		
	Foot	Bike	Car
Ireland (2016)	24.6%	1.4%	62.8%
Netherlands (2012)	30%	37%	30%

Although there are footpaths to virtually all Irish primary schools in urban areas, the percentage of children who walk to school is 25% higher in the Netherlands. Dutch politicians are concerned that 30% of their children are driven to primary school and address the concerns by high levels of investment in cycling and walking. In contrast, Irish government and local government allocates a pittance to cycling and political parties and individual politicians are paralysed with fear of antagonising the motor lobby. So despite policies and strategies on health, transport and climate change, car dependency continues to increase.

Countdown Clock

As we are fast approaching the government target date of 2020 for the achievement of 10% commuting trips and also 10% of total trips by bike, Maynooth Cycling Campaign decided to add a Countdown Clock to its website to mark the occasion. When we investigated how to do this, we found that there was a computer app (application) available. However, a problem arose, when we tried to set the countdown clock to the estimated date which was calculated on the basis of increase in cycling over the last five years. The programme would only allow a countdown date of up to twenty years i.e. 2037. It would not allow a date far enough in the future. We managed to get around this however and our Countdown Clock shows that the 2020 target will not be achieved for another 30 years so don't hold your breath!

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Membership is FREE. If you want to support our work, just email your contact details to maynoothcycling@gmail.com.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial

Justin Bieber visiting Maynooth in late June was well covered locally and on social media and the hype associated with his trips here during his tour reminded me that many other famous people visit our town, but we often never hear about their visit until they have left. I probably mentioned this before but I managed to get a tip-off in 1993 when Mother Teresa (now St. Teresa of Calcutta) was paying a short visit to St. Patrick's College, so I was one of less than ten people there to greet her on arrival. She stared all of us with her spectacular blue eyes, an image that will stay with me. Together with Pope John Paul II, means that I have been in the presence of two saints in my lifetime so hopefully they will come to my aid if needed.

Of course Maynooth has been an important place in Irish history for many centuries as the home of the Fitzgeralds. I recently paid another visit to Maynooth Castle and I was pleased to see the number of visitors from elsewhere who were taking an interest in the history of the castle. But for the pressure of a relatively small number of people in the 1980/1990s who campaigned for the castle to be made ready and open to the public, there is no doubt that the significance of Maynooth in Ireland's history might never be told. Of course the restoration work on the castle was only partially completed with the plans to replace an upper floor and include a roof deferred. I think that it is time that this project is revisited and a campaign to continue the restoration should begin. There is so much more potential to improve this significant heritage site in our town and to improve the facilities such as the introduction of audio-visual technology. The kind of exhibition that the people who are of an age to be a fan of Justin Bieber would expect. At the very least they should provide the comfort facilities

that are missing and be provided for the public and the staff working there.

The recent announcement of the sale of Carton House and Resort came somewhat as a surprise last month. In my early years in Maynooth, Carton Estate was a working farm closed to the public. Following development proposals back almost two decades now the estate has been greatly enhanced and is open to the community with some excellent facilities. It also attracts a large number of visitors to the area including many well-known international stars from many walks of life. I have been involved in several aspects of the transformation but I have always appreciated the commitment of the Mallaghan family to ensure that the historic house and seat of the Fitzgeralds would be maintained and open to future generations of people from the town.

The estate was always a major employer in the area as is the resort to-day. Some people may have a different opinion of the development but for me the enhancements completed so far have been for the best. I would have some concerns about what plans a new owner could have for the estate but for now I can only thank the Mallaghan family for their stewardship of Carton Estate. Rather than the description of Maynooth as a commuter town for Dublin, we should put more emphasis on our unique history including the centuries of religious outreach and education because of our two universities and seats of political power back to the 13th century in Maynooth Castle followed on by Carton Estate. So how would you describe Maynooth if you were asked by Justin Bieber the next time he visits?

Paul Croghan - Editor

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Hard-hitting PAC report pulls no punches

Catherine Murphy TD has welcomed the hard-hitting PAC report into financial practices at Templemore Garda training and said the report does “not pull any punches.”

Speaking at the launch of the report, Deputy Murphy said that when she had first raised the issue with the then Minister for Justice Frances Fitzgerald it had been dismissed as nothing to be concerned about. Catherine Murphy said the report today shows that the same dismissive attitude was true of both the Commissioner and the Minister and that there was an issue regarding the “wider circling of the wagons.” Catherine Murphy continued: “The report is also highly critical of the treatment of those within the ranks who sought to speak out and raise issues of concern with the status quo regarding internal practices. That treatment is indicative of a wider culture regarding the treatment, or indeed mistreatment, of whistle-blowers within An Garda Síochána. That must change and change urgently.

“From the outset of this investigation it was characterised by the Commissioner as an ‘interpersonal dispute’ between staff members when in fact the Committee found it was a ‘profound professional disagreement among senior management’. There is quite a significant difference in the two.

“I am also concerned regarding the record keeping in the Department of Justice and the fact that the Department has told the Committee it cannot locate any records to indicate when it first had knowledge of problems. Given that these are important State papers that should have been retained and archived appropriately, it is extremely problematic that they cannot be located.”

At the recent sitting of the Public Accounts Committee meeting on 13th July, Catherine Murphy TD asked the Garda Commissioner about deployment of garda resources and the pilot reopening scheme of certain garda stations. The table is below the transcript and shows that Kildare has been allocated just 50 attested Garda officers in the past 3 years.

Deputy Catherine Murphy: The witnesses spoke about Stepside Garda Station and the report. Deputy McDonald asked them to provide us with the interim report up to now. The witnesses spoke about the CSO and making a decision about where stations will be opened and deployment of staff. I looked at the census from 1996 to 2006 to see where the big changes occurred. Dublin city grew by 13%, Dún Laoghaire grew by 13%, south Dublin grew by 22%, Fingal by 43%, Meath by 44% and Kildare by 39%.

Kildare, Meath and Fingal make up the area that has seen huge growth.

There has not been a parallel increase. I know that is not the only measurement because An Garda Síochána looks at crime statistics and a range of other things. On a *per capita* basis, the lowest rate of gardaí to population is found in Kildare followed by Meath and places like Wexford. If there are to be deployment and transfers, will they be on the basis of matching the population growth and crime statistics? What metrics will An Garda Síochána use? It has never been the case that this has played a whole part in this up to now. For the past ten or 12 years, I have engaged with various assistant commissioners about the deployment of resources because they have never matched population growth. It is part of the reason Deputy Cassells is so frustrated because the same pattern occurs in areas with very high growth. I would have thought that the full opening of Celbridge Garda Station, which opens on a part-time basis, would have come in ahead of Stepside Garda Station given the population increase.

Mr. Joseph Nugent: We are more than happy to share information on the distribution of Garda trainees over the past three years with the committee. What the committee will see from that is that the largest deployment of trainees has been into the types of areas about which the Deputy spoke. Deputy Catherine Murphy: Mr. Joseph Nugent: I accept that. My point is that this is part of a process. We are not in a position to take in all 15,000 gardaí overnight so we are wrapping up but the figures will show that the largest distribution of new trainees has been in the sort of areas described by the Deputy, including Louth. I will happily share this information with the committee so members can see where people have been deployed. That only relates to new trainees.

QUESTION NO: 780

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Justice and Equality (Deputy Frances Fitzgerald) by Deputy Catherine Murphy for WRITTEN on Tuesday, 20th June, 2017.

* To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality the number of Garda graduates from Templemore college by station and division in each of the past five years and to date in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Catherine Murphy

REPLY.

As the Deputy will appreciate, the Garda Commissioner is responsible for the distribution of resources, and I as Minister, have no direct role in the matter. I am assured by the Commissioner that Garda personnel assigned throughout the country, together with the overall policing arrangements and operational strategies are continually monitored and reviewed. Such monitoring ensures that optimum use is made of resources and the best possible policing service is provided to the general

public.

This Government is committed to ensuring a strong and visible police presence throughout the country in order to maintain and strengthen community engagement, provide reassurance to citizens and deter crime. To make this a reality for all, the Government has in place a plan to achieve an overall Garda workforce of 21,000 personnel by 2021 comprising 15,000 Garda members, 2,000 Reserve members and 4,000 civilians. In 2017, funding has been provided for the recruitment of 800 Garda recruits and up to 500 civilians to support the wide ranging reform plan in training in An Garda Síochána. Funding has also been provided for the recruitment of 300 Garda Reserves.

This plan is progressing apace. I am informed by the Commissioner, since the reopening of the Garda College in September 2014, that just under 1,000 recruits have attested as members of An Garda Síochána and have been assigned to mainstream duties nationwide. I am also informed that another 600 trainee Garda are scheduled to attest this year which will see Garda numbers, taking account of projected retirements, increase to around the 13,500 mark by year end - an increase of 500 since the end of 2016.

In so far as the allocation of newly attested Gardaí is concerned, this is a matter for the Garda Commissioner. I am assured by the Commissioner that the needs of all Garda Divisions are fully considered when determining the allocation of resources. However, it is important to keep in mind that newly attested Gardaí have a further 16 months of practical and class-room based training to complete in order to receive their BA in Applied Policing. To ensure that they are properly supported and supervised and have opportunities to gain the breadth of policing experience required, the Commissioner's policy is to allocate them to specially designated training stations which have the required training and development structures and resources in place, including trained Garda tutors and access to a permanently appointed supervisory Sergeant who is thoroughly familiar with their responsibilities under the training programme.

This focus on investment in personnel is critical. The moratorium on recruitment introduced in 2010 resulted in a significant reduction in the strength of An Garda Síochána. We are now rebuilding the organisation and providing the Commissioner with the resources she needs to allow her to deploy increasing numbers of Gardaí across every Garda Division.

I have requested the information sought by the Deputy from the Commissioner in relation to the number of Garda graduates from Templemore College by station and I will write to her on receipt of same.

For the Deputy's information I have set out below, as provided by the Commissioner, the number of new Garda recruits assigned to each Garda Division from 2015 to date in 2017.

Due to the moratorium on recruitment there were no attestations in the period 2012 to 2014.

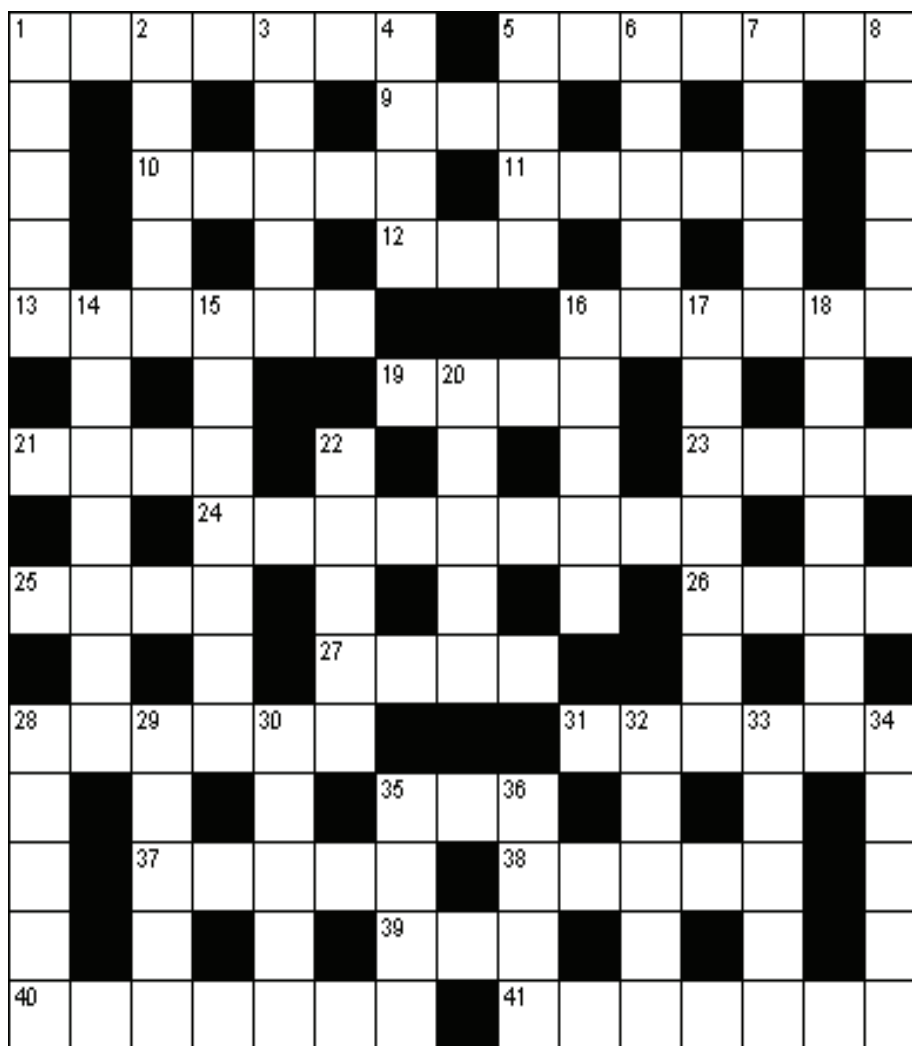
Number of newly attested Garda allocated				
DIVISION	DIVISIONAL HQ	2015	2016	2017
D.M.R. EAST	DUN LAOGHAIRE	9	19	14
D.M.R. NORTH	BALLYMUN	19	33	23
D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	STORE STREET	22	43	28
D.M.R. SOUTH	CRUMLIN	18	35	28
D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	PEARSE STREET	19	44	29
D.M.R. WEST	BLANCHARDSTOWN	30	35	23
KILDARE	HAAS	15	20	15
LAOIS / OFFALY	PORTLAOISE	9	20	17
MEATH	NAVAN	5	19	7
WESTMEATH	MULLINGAR	5	5	12
WICKLOW	BRAY	9	0	4
CAVAN / MONAGHAN	MONAGHAN	10	7	4
DONEGAL	LETTERKENNY	8	5	4
LOUTH	DROGHEDA	25	17	7
SLIGO / LEITRIM	SLIGO	5	5	3
KILKENNY/CARLOW	KILKENNY	10	10	10
TIPPERARY	THURLES	5	15	11
WATERFORD	WATERFORD	14	10	6
WEXFORD	WEXFORD	15	10	7
CORK CITY	ANGLESEA STREET	5	5	10
CORK NORTH	FERMOY	0	5	5
CORKWEST	BANDON	5	0	5
KERRY	TRALEE	9	0	6
LIMERICK	HENRY STREET	8	16	9
CLARE	ENNIS	10	5	0
GALWAY	GALWAY	4	5	0
MAYO	CASTLEBAR	3	0	5
ROSCOMMON/LONGFORD	ROSCOMMON	0	5	0
TOTAL		296	393	292

Clues Across

1. Comes back (7)
5. Person who takes care of horses (7)
9. Bashful (3)
10. Cowboy display (5)
11. Damp (5)
12. Large cask (3)
13. Showy and cheap (6)
16. Round body (6)
19. Atop (2,2)
21. Chief god of ancient Greece (4)
23. Deep affection (4)
24. Roll forward end over end (9)
25. Money paid for work (4)
26. Roofing item (4)
27. Vehicles (4)
28. Hawk (6)
31. Metallic element (6)
35. Having a high temperature (3)
37. Form of oxygen (5)
38. Mountain range (5)
39. Long-sleeved linen vestment (3)
40. Place in a bank account (7)
41. Place of study (7)



August Crossword - No. 460



Clues Down

1. Automaton (5)
2. Hurl (5)
3. Person who rides (5)
4. Native of Scotland (4)
5. Song in praise of God (4)
6. Scrimp (5)
7. Supple (5)
8. Scoundrel (5)
14. Typical (7)
15. Move down (7)
16. Scoff (5)
17. Summit of a hill (7)
18. Rotate (7)
20. Strength (5)
22. Elegance (5)
28. Beg (5)
29. Sag (5)
30. Weaving machines (5)
32. City in Nebraska (5)
33. Dough (5)
34. Rough and disorderly (5)
35. Warmth (4)
36. Brass wind instrument (4)



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17837	Kildare County Council	GL Ireland ICAV,	Unit 4 Manor Mills Shopping Centre, Mill Street, Maynooth	20/07/2017
17797	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University,	Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/07/2017
17759	Kildare County Council	Stephen O'Reilly	5 The Green, Newtown Hall, Maynooth	30/06/2017
17728	Kildare County Council	Geraldine Dunne,	357 Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/06/2017
17716	Kildare County Council	Kieran Kelly	5 Rockfield Rise, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/06/2017
17693	Kildare County Council	Adam Lyons	Greenfield Shopping Centre, Straffan Road, Maynooth	14/06/2017
17696	Kildare County Council	Eamon O' Flaherty	Unit 4 Maynooth Mall, Main Street, Maynooth	14/06/2017
17680	Kildare County Council	Rodisca Turcanu	House between 345-346a, Old Greenfield, Maynooth	12/06/2017
17677	Kildare County Council	Shaun & Orla Doherty	18 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	09/06/2017
17673	Kildare County Council	Michael & Olivia Duggan	"Jaro", Maynooth Road, Celbridge	08/06/2017
17671	Kildare County Council	Moldovan Estates	Bistor 53 Restaurant, Main Street & Pound La, Maynooth	08/06/2017
17662	Kildare County Council	Sean & Mary Tuohy	No. 38 Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	07/06/2017
17656	Kildare County Council	Deirdre Ward & Feargal Ward	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/06/2017
17649	Kildare County Council	Eamon O'Flaherty	Unit 4, Maynooth Mall, Main Street	02/06/2017

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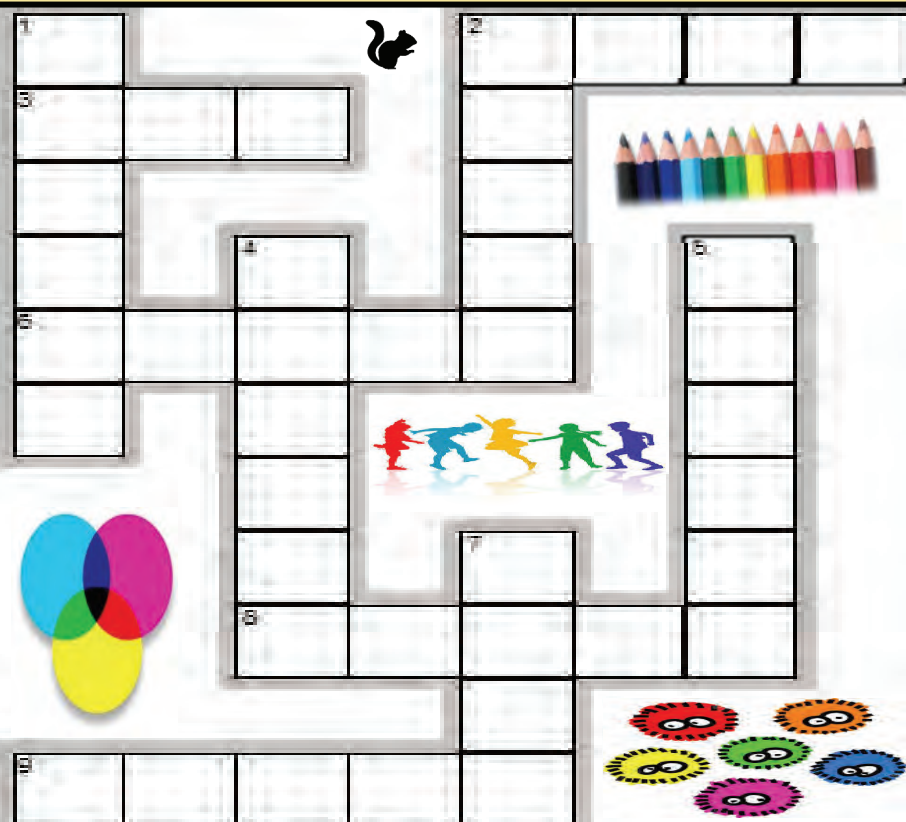
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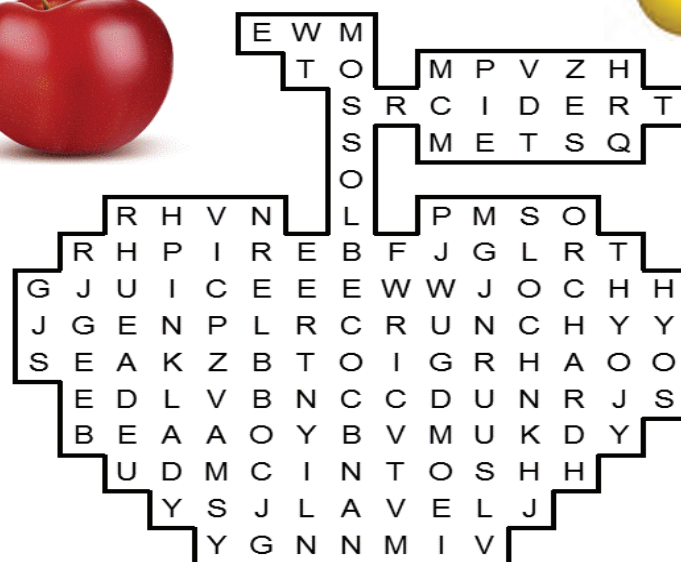
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This one pan wonder sees both pasta and sauce all cooked in the one pan resulting in perfectly al dente spaghetti wrapped in a silky spinach and tomato sauce.

Ingredients:

200g spaghetti
200g cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
100g baby spinach leaves
1 small onion, finely sliced
3 cloves garlic, finely sliced
1 red chilli, finely chopped
A small handful of basil leaves, roughly chopped
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
50g pecorino cheese, grated
Sea salt and ground black pepper



Method:

Arrange the tomatoes, spinach, onion, garlic and chilli across the base of a large frying pan. Nestle the spaghetti in the centre of the pan and pour over the olive oil and 600ml of water or chicken stock.

Place the pan over a medium heat and bring the contents of the pan to the boil. Using a tongs, stir the pasta regularly and cook for about 9 minutes until it's cooked and the liquid has nearly evaporated creating a sauce.

Remove the pan from heat and stir through the pecorino cheese and basil. Season with sea salt and ground black pepper to serve.

Creamy Chicken and Spinach Pasta

Ingredients:

300g tagliatelle
A knob of butter
400g skinless chicken breasts, sliced into thick strips
3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
50g ready-to-use sun-dried tomatoes
150g baby spinach leaves
250ml single cream
A pinch of sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method:

Cook the pasta according to the instructions on the packet. Heat the butter in a large frying pan and when foaming, fry the chicken for about 4-6 minutes or until cooked through. Add the garlic, sun-dried tomatoes, spinach and fry until the spinach has wilted. Add the cream and bring to steady simmer for 3-4 minutes. Once the pasta is cooked drain and add to the sauce. Toss well and serve straight away.

Chicken and Vegetable Noodle Stir Fry

Ingredients:

7oz/200g medium whole-wheat egg noodles
1 red chilli, chopped very finely
2 cloves of garlic, chopped
1½lb/700g chicken, cut into very thin strips
1½ mixed peppers, sliced thinly
1 medium onion, red or white sliced thinly
3oz/75g mangetout
5-6 mushrooms, sliced
4 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
4 tbsp soy sauce



Method:

Blanch and refresh the noodles by cooking them according to the packet instructions and then strain them into a sieve and leave them under cold running water until they have completely cooled down. Store in the fridge until required.

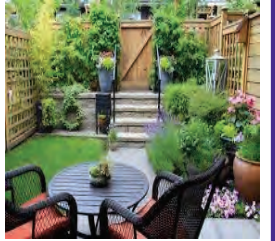
Heat a large saucepan or wok. Have all of the ingredients prepared in advance because you do need to stand over this dish. Add a little oil to the wok together with the chilli, garlic and sliced chicken. Allow the chicken to seal off quite quickly. Next add in all of the sliced vegetables, allow these to cook for approximately 2-3 minutes on a high heat. Mix together the sweet chilli sauce and the soy sauce.

When the chicken and vegetables are almost fully cooked, add in the blanched and refreshed noodles and the sweet chilli sauce and soy mixture and allow to cook for a further 2-3 minutes. Garnish with crushed cashew nuts and torn coriander.

August Gardening



August is the last month of summer in Ireland and should be an opportunity for gardeners to enjoy the fruits of their spring labour. Hopefully this month will bring us endless sunny days to sit out and enjoy the flower filled gardens and harvests from the vegetable beds. But as always, there are a few things that require attention.



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.



Deadheading is not limited to your pots and containers; Dahlias, Roses, Calendula, Osteospermum, Penstemon, Geranium and Pelargonium are the types of plants that benefit from regular deadheading to encourage more flowers and prolong the flowering period. Liquid feed or granular

feed can also be applied to keep your beds and border plants in good condition on into the autumn.

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. Take cuttings of tender plants such as marguerites, geraniums, fuchsias and argyranthemums to carry over winter before the end of the month.



It is time to prepare for sowing new lawn areas, or re-sowing in September, by killing existing vegetation with glyphosate-based spray, cultivating thoroughly and allowing the soil to settle. It is also possible to re-sow by simply killing the existing grass with glyphosate-based product and then sowing onto the dying or dead sod, as little as a

week later, without digging or even raking over. Lawn edges should be trimmed neat around beds and borders. Pale-coloured lawns should be fed, but only when the soil is moist.

Swiss chard, Oriental vegetables and lettuce can be sown still. Spring cabbage should be sown now. Do not let weeds go to seed to avoid building up trouble for the years to come. Spray apple and pear trees in damper localities or if wet weather persists. Use vegetables before they go over ... freezing them is a possibility and most garden vegetables freeze very well. Or give surplus vegetables away before they become over-mature.



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Greatest Movies Of All Time



Compiling greatest films lists is always fluid in nature and subject to changing tastes. No doubt these lists also provoke heated debate and discussion as fans' personal favourites are inevitably left out. You can't please everybody. However, some acknowledged classics consistently make the cut in best film compilations. All choices are subjective but a good yardstick for a classic film is if you can watch it over and over again. Here is a selection, then, in no particular order of importance, of some of the greatest movies ever made.

THE GODFATHER (1972)



Stanley Kubrick described it as 'possibly the greatest movie ever made'. Kubrick was no slouch at making films himself. Francis Ford Coppola's gangster movie adaptation of Mario Puzo's Mafia novel has never been out of the top ten list of greatest movies ever made. The second **Godfather** is an even better film but dealt more with the corruption of power than acquiring of it. Coppola and his cinematographer Gordon Willis shot *The Godfather* with a minimum of modern film-making effects. In keeping with its underworld setting, it's moodily, dimly lit throughout. Nina Rota's score is especially memorable. The characters unlike the Hollywood gangster prototypes of the 30s and 40s, are shown in a more human, complex light. This was Brando's last hurrah as the bloated, wheezing Don. And possibly his most famous film. His mumbling turn as the **Godfather** has been parodied in countless adverts and sketches ever since. Al Pacino's performance as Michael Corleone, reluctantly caught up in his father's mafiosa empire, is the standout one though.

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION (1994)



Based on a novella by Stephen King (**Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption**) this film depicts how two lifers bond and survive, finding solace and eventual atonement in the Shawshank State Prison. **The Shawshank Redemption** often tops the list of people's favourite films even though it was a box-office flop on its initial release. The film has an old-fashioned feel to it.

Reminiscent of the classic films of the 40s but is modern in its use of profane language. That jars somewhat with the style of the film.

It's cleverly written and directed by Frank Darabont. Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman give outstanding performances. A most striking sequence happens mid-point in the film when Robbins plays classical music over the intercom to the prisoners. One moment of hope and beauty to the desolate surroundings and prisoners' lives. It's very reminiscent of the Concentration camp scene in the classic Oscar - winner **Life is Beautiful**. Despite dark, bleak elements, the triumph of the human spirit in the face of adversity is the overriding theme of this splendid and life-affirming film.

JAWS (1975)



'We're gonna need a bigger boat! cries the perennially terrified Roy Scheider in Stephen Spielberg's famous shark opera, **Jaws**. A great white shark terrorises a coastal Florida resort at the height of the tourist season and Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw step in to save the day. Spielberg single-handedly invented the idea of the Summer Blockbuster with this film. He also delivered the most thrilling movie in cinema history.

The opening sequence is surely one of the most chilling ever as a lone female swimmer meets a grisly end. The mounting tension and fear never really lets up after that as Spielberg's camera zooms and whoops at an alarming pace. Scheider, Dreyfuss and Shaw are simply tremendous as characters we genuinely care about. With a classic spine-tingling score by John Williams, this is surely one of Spielberg's greatest successes as a filmmaker.

GLADIATOR (2000)



In the tradition of **Ben Hur**, **Spartacus**, and **Quo Vadis**, Ridley Scott revived the Roman Epic film in spectacular fashion with **Gladiator**. With his trademark visual stamp, he makes everything on screen seem utterly glorious no matter how brutal or gritty. This is cinema on a truly epic canvass of filtered light and ancient landscapes. The massive Roman colosseum is recreated by CGI and the

combat sequences are visceral, bloody and exciting. This was Russell Crowe's big Hollywood break-through.

He plays Maximus the general who becomes a gladiator after being betrayed by his emperor (a cunning Joaquin Phoenix) and losing his wife and child. Crowe is a power-house of brute force and brawn as he seeks vengeance for wrongs done. It deservedly earned him an Oscar for his powerful performance. The supporting cast including Phoenix, Derek Jacobi and Oliver Reed (in his last film) are uniformly excellent. It is truly a beautiful film to look at and Han Zimmer's gorgeous score adds haunting resonance to proceedings.

CASABLANCA (1942)



Play it again Sam. The immortal line that Bogie never actually said in this timeless romantic war-time film from 1942. Humphrey Bogart was not known for his romantic roles. He was more comfortable pulling out a gun in the bullet-strewn gangster flicks of the 30s. However, he's surprisingly effective here as romantic anti-hero Rick Blaine in love with Swedish beauty Ingrid Bergman. Both Bogart and Bergman were reluctant to do this film because they thought it ridiculous and nobody knew how it would end right up the closing shot.

However, **Casablanca** turned out to be a masterpiece of timeless romance, thrills, villains, Nazis and wise-cracking humour. The script is razor-sharp with several memorable lines. Paul Henried is great as the patriotic husband of Bergman while Claude Rains steals the show as the amoral French policeman. The latter has some of the best and wittiest lines in the film. Above all. This is Bogart and Bergman's film. Rather like Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire, Ingrid gave Bogart sex appeal. The chemistry between the two stars sizzles. Dooley Wilson's rendition of **As Time Goes By** is the perfect icing on the cake.

SINGIN IN THE RAIN (1952)



One of the greatest musicals ever made about a couple of silent movie stars attempting to make the switch to the 'talkies'. Dance veterans Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor star while a very young Debbie Reynolds makes her exuberant debut. Kelly also directs. Seemingly the American actor was a hard taskmaster behind the scenes but his perfectionism pays dividends on screen. The songs are memorable with the immortal **Singin' in the Rain** number stealing the show. Donald O'Connor's **Make 'Em Laugh** is also a glorious standout. The dance numbers literally bursting onto the screen are expertly and stunningly staged. Betty Condon and Adolph Green's screenplay is sharply funny. This timeless classic probably contains some of the most joyous, energetic performances ever committed to celluloid. A pure delight.



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