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Maynooth Darkness into Light a Huge Success

Darkness Into Light is a movement against suicide. Money raised helps keep Pieta House's life-saving services free and helps us to broaden our services so that we reach those who need us." Our vision at Pieta House is to create a world where suicide, self-harm and stigma have been replaced by hope, self-care and acceptance.

Darkness into Light is vital for our fundraising, for raising awareness and for bringing people together as we do everything we can to bring about a suicide-free world. On 6th of May, our light was spread across the world, in over 150 venues on 4 continents. Maynooth was one of these venues and a massive €85,488.55 was raised.



- ◆ Darkness into Light keeps our doors open! Fundraising saves lives.
- ◆ Darkness into Light raised almost €3.5 million for Pieta House in 2016.
- ◆ €1,000 allows us to provide support for someone in distress.
- ◆ So far, Pieta House has helped over 29,000 people in distress.



Back Row: Left to Right John Ryan, John Mc Elliott, Brendan Ashe, & John Mc Carthy

Front Row: Left to Right Elaine Bean, Ashling Mc Neill, Ger Breslin, Melanie Oliver, Mary Mc Court, & Brian Mc Evoy (Pieta House)

To celebrate Maynooth Festival Manor Mills are hosting a free family fun day with lots of entertainment and fashion from 12pm to 3pm with music on the terrace with "Heroes from Mars" David Bowie Tribute Band, A meet and greet with Fireman Sam, Electric Zoo Animals, Selfie Mirror, Bouncy Castles, Face painting ,DJ, Gaming Zone run by AsOne Productions for family friendly game competitions or just for Fun Video gaming, In store fashion styling with Models from Assets who will showcase star buys and will have lots of style ideas for all your summer occasion and holiday needs with some stores having exclusive discounts ranging from 10 to 50% off on sale stock.



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Events List

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Fri 30th: Various Promotions

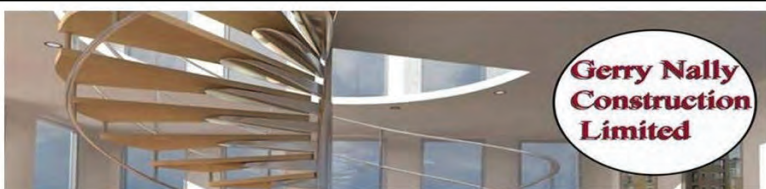
Sat 1st: Hendricks High Tea & Tonic Party
with Blind Gin Tastings. proceeds to NCBI

Sunday 2nd July. 12-3pm
Gin Brunch with DJ Jamie Byrne

Some Events are Ticketed.

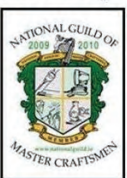
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James Lawless TD

Kildare North Representative

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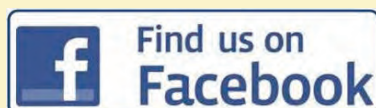
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**Open Mic every Tuesday night**  
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Patrick Kevany and the Role of Submarines in World War One

At the end of 1916, Fridolyn Mayer, a Catholic priest and German military chaplain serving in occupied northern France, wrote wearily in his field diary as he looked ahead to 1917: "What will the New Year bring? Everyone has the word 'Peace' on his tongue and wishes peace to himself and to others for the New Year. Will 1917 live on in world history as a year of peace? In 1914 I was an optimist for 1915, in 1915 I was an optimist for 1916 and now, on New Year's Eve, I am a pessimist for 1917." (P. J. Houlihan, *Catholicism and the Great War: religion and everyday life in Germany & Austria-Hungary, 1914-22.*) Fr Mayer had good reason for being pessimistic.

There were many events in 1917 that marked a turning point in World War One in favour of the Allied Armies. One such event, which did not directly lead the United States of America into war, was the sinking of the RMS Lusitania by a German U-boat on Friday 7 May 1915 off the Old Head of Kinsale. Of the 1,960 souls on board, 1,197 died, including 114 Americans. While it had been the practice to allow neutral ships free passage, latterly it was found that the Lusitania was carrying shell casings and rifle cartridges.

The sinking caused a diplomatic uproar and turned public opinion against Germany. In September 1915 Germany moderated its tactics. But by January 1917, in addition to other problems, the impact of Britain's blockade against Germany was having a major effect.

Germany responded by announcing that from then on its navy would conduct full unrestricted submarine warfare – the only solution to its problems. And what was America's response? In early February 1917 the US severed diplomatic ties with Germany – and from then onwards, the dominoes continued to fall. By April 1917 the US had declared war on Germany.

The first 14,000 infantry troops of the US Army landed at the port of Saint Nazaire in France on the 26 June 1917. By May 1918 over one million US troops were stationed in France. It was the entrance of America's well-supplied forces into the conflict that was a major turning point in the war which finally ended on November 11 1918.

Although British submarines formed a very small part of the Royal Navy overall, Britain possessed the world's largest submarine service and they were among the first vessels put to sea when initially war broke out in 1914.

Among those from Ireland who enlisted in the Royal Navy in June 1915 was a young man named Patrick Kevany, aged 19 years. According to his war record held at Kew in England, Patrick was born in Maynooth, County Kildare in October 1896. By 1901, Patrick, then aged 5 was living with his parents and family in Celbridge. His father was Michael Kevany, a national school teacher,

born in County Roscommon and his mother was Bridget, born in County Sligo. Patrick's record states that prior to enlistment he had worked as a barman. We also get a good description of his appearance at the time. He was 5 feet 4 inches in height, with a 36 inch chest. He had brown hair, grey/hazel eyes and a fresh complexion. He also had a tattoo on his right forearm.

When a young man joined the navy he was given a 'Base Port' and in this instance the port was the Royal Navy Dockyard located on the River Medway at Chatham in Kent. This was the base he would return to for training or if he were ill. It also administered his drafts (which ships he served on). During World War One, 12 submarines were built here and in order to operate effectively, submarines depended on Depot Ships.

From November 1915 until March 1918 Patrick served as a Stoker on the Depot Ship, HMS Titania. Titania has been described as a floating power station which provided power (recharging of batteries) to submarines that moored beside her for that purpose. Titania also operated a powerful wireless transmitter acting as a 24-hour navigational aid to submarines and other vessels off the coast of England and in the North Sea.

As a weapon of war, submarines were considered to be well suited to their task. They were inexpensive to build, manned by small crews, required minimum support and possessed excellent endurance. But there was always a price to be paid for challenging the sea and the enemy. When a submarine was destroyed, she almost always took her entire crew with her. Between 1914 and 1918 the Royal Navy lost c. 60 submarines.

Patrick Kevany served on a number of ships both during and after the war – 12 in all. His last posting was on the HMS Ceres. He was discharged from the Royal Navy in June 1927 having served for 12 years and disappeared into civilian life. His record shows that throughout his time in the navy, his character was consistently described as 'Very Good'. With regard to his ability to undertake his duties, initially it was described as 'Satisfactory', and by the time he was discharged it was considered to be 'Superlative'.

What happened to Fr Mayer? A quick search on the internet indicates that during the war years he served as a volunteer at several locations in France until 1918 when he served briefly as chaplain to prisoners of war in Switzerland. He died in 1956 at 79 years of age. Other diocesan records and diary entries are, unfortunately, available in German only.

If Fr Mayer was pessimistic about the future of humankind in 1917, I wonder how he felt when World War Two broke out in September 1939? To quote a sentence from Joyce's *Ulysses*, "History, Stephen said, is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake." Maybe Stephen was right, especially when those with power rarely seem to learn from it.

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St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

The Band are busy rehearsing for our annual trip to Clonakilty for the South of Ireland Band Championships on July 1st. Apart for the competitive aspect of the trip it offers an opportunity to meet with members of other bands from all over the country and there is a great social element to the event. Clonakilty is quite different from other competitions in that it is based on own choice pieces rather than specific test pieces which makes it more entertaining for the large local audiences that usually attend this event.

The Band has been prize winners in the past and hopefully we might bring back an award this year. We hope to be seen around Maynooth during the Summer months with the Maynooth Festival and other events happening so watch this space for further news. We are delighted to report that the Junior Band is progressing very well

and we are looking forward to welcoming them in to the Senior Band as soon as they feel comfortable with the move. The Band welcomes interest from anyone, young or old, who would like to play in the band, just contact the Secretary at sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie for all the information you need.

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



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Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

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Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

Apprenticeships Question

I'm leaving school soon but I don't want to go to college. What other options do I have?

Answer

You could consider looking for an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship involves on-the-job training with an employer. It will prepare you for work in a specific area or craft such as construction, engineering, motor or electrical. You can find information about different types of apprenticeships on the website apprenticeship.ie.

Apprentices get an allowance while training on the job. Their employer pays a recommended apprenticeship wage. The rates of pay can vary, depending on the apprenticeship and on your employer. Generally, rates will rise as you gain more skills.

During off-the-job training, a craft apprentice allowance is paid. The allowance is calculated in relation to the take-home wages paid in each trade sector. Sometimes, you will also get a contribution towards travel or accommodation costs.

It can take two to four years to complete an apprenticeship.

To be accepted, you must be at least 16 years of age and have a minimum of grade D in any five subjects in the Junior Certificate or equivalent. Some employers may require higher educational qualifications. If you don't have the required grades, you can still be registered by an employer as an apprentice if you satisfactorily complete an approved pre-apprenticeship course.

To secure an apprenticeship, the first step is to find an employer who employs apprentices in the specific craft or occupation that you are interested in. The website apprenticeship.ie lists websites that advertise apprenticeship vacancies.

If you are interested in taking up an apprenticeship, contact the Apprenticeship Section of your local Education and Training Board (ETB) for advice.

Force majeure leave Question

I left work early because my grandmother fell ill suddenly. Can I take a half-day as force majeure leave?

Answer

If you are absent for only part of a day on grounds of force majeure, it may still be counted as a full day of force majeure leave.

If you have a family crisis, the Parental Leave Acts 1998 and 2006 give an employee a limited right to leave from work. Force majeure leave is paid leave that is granted to an employee and it arises where, for urgent family reasons, the immediate presence of the employee is indispensable owing to the injury or illness of a close family member. In general it should not be leave that an employee could plan for. You can obtain force majeure leave in relation to the illness or injury of:

- Your natural or adopted child (or a child you are acting in loco parentis for)
- Your spouse or partner (provided you are living together)
- Your brother or sister
- Your parent or grandparent
- Another person who resides with you in a relationship of domestic dependency

You are entitled to up to three days of force majeure leave in any 12-month period or five days in any 36-month period.

If you are taking force majeure leave, you must notify your employer as soon as possible and make an

application in writing as soon as you return to work. This must include the date of the leave, the reasons it was necessary and your relationship to the injured or ill person. The notice must also be signed by you as the employee.

You are protected against unfair dismissal for taking force majeure leave or for proposing to take it. If you have a dispute regarding force majeure leave, you should make a complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission within six months of the dispute. The time limit may be extended for up to a further six months if there is a substantial cause that prevents the complaint being brought within the normal time limit.

Press Ombudsman Question

I want to complain about an article that was in a national newspaper recently. How can I do this?

Answer

The Office of the Press Ombudsman deals with complaints against publications that are members of the Press Council of Ireland. This is done free of charge without having to go to court. You can make a complaint about any article that personally affects you. You can also complain about the behaviour of a journalist. The article or the behaviour must be in breach of the professional standards and behaviours set out in the Code of Practice for Newspapers and Periodicals.

You must first make your complaint to the editor of the newspaper or magazine which published the article, explaining why you think the Code has been breached. If you don't get a response or you are not happy with the response, you can complain to the Office of the Press Ombudsman within three months of the publication of the article or the behaviour of the journalist. The complaint must be made in writing by email or post and must:

- Show how you are personally affected
- Indicate which parts of the code of practice have been breached and why
- Include a dated copy of the article
- Include copies of correspondence between you and the editor

The Office will first seek to have your complaint resolved through conciliation and/or mediation. This usually takes four to six weeks. If the matter is referred to the Press Ombudsman for a decision, it may take a further two weeks.

If the decision is in your favour, the newspaper or magazine must publish the decision unless it is appealed. If you are not happy with the decision, you can appeal to the Press Council of Ireland within two weeks.

You can get detailed information on how to make a complaint to the Press Ombudsman at citizensinformation.ie or from the Office of the Press Ombudsman.

Treatment Benefit Scheme and the self-employed

Question I run a small business and pay Class S PRSI. My wife works part-time. Are we both entitled to medical benefits under the Treatment Benefit Scheme?

Answer

Since 27 March 2017, the Treatment Benefit Scheme has been extended to cover self-employed people who have paid sufficient Class S PRSI contributions. The scheme is run by the Department of Social Protection (DSP) and provides dental, optical and aural services to qualified people. You should contact the DSP or your treatment provider to check your eligibility before proceeding with

any treatment. The number of PRSI contributions required depends on your age.

Your wife may qualify in her own right if she has enough contributions. If she doesn't have enough, she may still qualify for Treatment Benefit on your social insurance record.

To do this, you must qualify for Treatment Benefit and she must be dependent on you.

To be considered dependent she must:

- Have a gross income of €100 or less per week or
- Earn more than €100 per week and have been dependent on you before entering or resuming insurable employment (at Class A, E, H, P or S) or
- Not be getting a social welfare payment (except Disablement Pension, Supplementary Welfare Allowance, Carer's Benefit or Child Benefit) or
- Have a Carer's Allowance or State Pension (Non-Contributory) and have been dependent on you immediately before getting this payment

Benefits under the scheme include an annual oral examination by private dentists on a DSP panel. Most dentists are on the panel so you shouldn't have difficulty finding one. The scheme also provides for a free eyesight test but does not include sight tests for computer screens or driving licences.

Half the cost of medically required contact lenses and hearing aids, up to a maximum amount, may also be covered. Opticians, optometrists or hearing aid suppliers providing the treatment or hearing products must have a contract with the DSP.

You can get detailed information on the Treatment Benefit Scheme on welfare.ie.

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Maynooth Labour News

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Maynooth Traffic Management

The Maynooth Municipal District members gave approval at their meeting 10 May for the Draft Maynooth Traffic Management Plan to go on Public Display. It is scheduled to go on display for 6 weeks from the end of May.

A summary of the main proposals are as follows:

Road Infrastructure Timeframe:

- **2017** Upgrade the Meadowbrook Link Road/ Straffan Road Junction to include a new signal controlled junction
- Upgrade the Lidl/Straffan Road junction
- Recalibration of 5 town centre SCOOT/UTC junctions to upgrade timing parameters
- **2018** New link road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road with new roundabout junctions on both roads.
- Increase the capacity of the Kilcock Road/Moyglare Road/Mill Street Junction
- New Maynooth Outer Orbital Ring (MOOR) from Dunboyne Road to Moyglare Hall
- New ring road from Straffan Road to Celbridge Road with a new roundabout junction at the Celbridge Road.
- **2019** New ring road from Celbridge Road to Leixlip Road with a new roundabout junction at the Leixlip Road
- New ring road from Kilcock Road to Moyglare Road with a roundabout on the Kilcock Road and a signal junction on the Moyglare Road
- Upgrade the M4 Junction to Signal Control
- **2020+** New ring road from the Straffan Road to Kilcock Road with a new roundabout junction on the Rathcoffey Road.

Potential One-Way Systems in the Maynooth Town Centre

Option 1 The Preferred Option

- New road from the Glenroyal across the bottom of the Harbour Field to Leinster Street and new road from Leinster Street to Parson Street, with a signal controlled junction at Parson Street and free flow junction at Leinster Street. (As per the Maynooth Local Area Plan)
- Parson Street Closed for Vehicular Traffic at the Roost Junction with a new pedestrian and cycle plaza from the Roost Junction to the College Gates.
- One way traffic from the Roost Junction to the Square
- One way traffic from the Square to the Glenroyal
- One way traffic from the Glenroyal to Leinster Street.
- One way traffic on Leinster Street to the Roost Junction
- Two way traffic from Leinster Street to Parson Street
- Two way traffic from Parson Street to the College (For entry and exit from the College)
- The Roost and the Square Junctions would become free flow priority junctions

Option1A

- As Option 1 Plus alterations to the Glenroyal Access, with access closed to the Glenroyal for vehicular traffic and with a new junction on Doctors Lane.

Option 2

- As per Option 1 but with the Roost Junction open to Parson Street junction and the junction no longer being free flow.

Option 3

- It proposes a one way system using Pound Land as one way from Mill Street to Convent Lane.

The Conclusions of the Consultants, AECOM, are as follows:

From our analysis, the one-way system that incorporates a new link road between Straffan Road and Parson Street (Option 1) provides a greater opportunity to alleviate town center traffic congestion, compared to the other two options. The other two scenarios assessed will create congestion problems at various junctions on the road network.

Therefore, it is recommended that if a one-way option was considered for the town centre that it is only implemented if the following can be delivered:

- A new link road that connects Straffan Road to Parson Street
- Closing of the Parson Street access to/from Main Street
- Appropriately designed free flow priority junctions that will maximize capacity while maintaining a high level of service for pedestrians and cyclists and
- Appropriately designed signal controlled junction (or roundabout junction) at the Glenroyal Hotel that will maximize capacity while maintaining a high level of service for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Councils director of Services stated that the ring roads were the priority and that the Council will have to see how they work out before doing anything about the one-way system.

The Draft Traffic Management Plan also includes a significant Pedestrian and Cycle Schemes Timeframe.

Update on Traffic Lights at Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road Junction

The Council's Director of Services has advised Cllr. John McGinley that they are nearly there in their negotiations with the developer's engineers and that he expected agreement within weeks.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Repair of the Straffan Road Between the Traffic Lights at The Glenroyal.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 10 May:

"That repairs be carried out on the Straffan Road to the trench between the traffic lights at the Glenroyal Junction."

John got the follow reply on 10 May:

"Works are scheduled and will be completed within the next two weeks."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Repairs to the Straffan Road at Noones pull in, Before the M4 bridge

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 10 May:

"That the owner of the pull in section of the Straffan Road (at Noones) approaching the M4 from Maynooth (details provided) be asked to carry out repairs before a serious accident takes place."

John got the following reply on 10 May:

"Potholes and depression that are on the line of the main road will be repaired within the next two weeks."

Cllr. McGinley asked that discussions take place with the owner of the pull in bay so that repairs can be carried out on the private section as well.

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Litter bins to be Erected at the new Canal Walkway Between Maynooth and Kilcock.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 10

May:

"Will the council be putting litter bins on the new canal walk between Maynooth and Kilcock?"

John got the following reply on 10 May:

"The Environment section will consider this proposal. However, it must first be agreed by the municipal district office that they have the available capacity to empty the additional bins."

Update on Proposed Swimming Complex for Maynooth

Councillors were given the following update by the Council's Director of Services on 10 May

"Council Officials and K Leisure (a subsidiary of the Council) had a meeting on 9 May with NUIM Officials to discuss progressing the Joint Venture Swimming Pool Complex. A Business Case is being developed by K Leisure. The intention is that 70% of the funding will be provided by NUIM, Kildare County Council and the State, with borrowings making up the remaining 30%.

Further Allocation of 5 Gardaí - Trend not Enough to Bridge Under-manning - Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has been advised By Human Resources at Garda Headquarters that an additional 5 Probationary Gardaí were assigned to the Kildare Division at Leixlip Garda Station on Monday May 8th.

Whilst welcoming the additional gardai Mr. Stagg stated that the allocation of 5 probationers to the Kildare Division out of 142 probationers who graduated on April 24th will not improve the under-manning of Garda Resources in the Kildare Division. Just 3.5% 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 329 in the Kildare Division or a ratio of 1 garda for every 675 people in Kildare. The total number of Garda Recruits allocated to the Kildare Division since April 2015 is 40.

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.

Stagg To Press Canney on Phase 2 of Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg raised with Minister of State Sean Canney the need for Phase 2 Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle with a view to promoting Maynooth Castle as a tourist attraction in view of the Ancient East Campaign. Maynooth Castle was founded in the 13th Century and remodelled in the 17th Century. It was the home of the Kildare Branch of the Geraldines.

Just under €2 Million stated Mr. Stagg was spent in 2,000/2001 on the Phase 1 Restoration Works which involved the development of the ground vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2 of the Restoration works would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium.

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The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that there are no plans currently to do any works at Maynooth Castle. The building is in a good state of conservation and continues to be maintained in good order by the Office of Public Works, but no capital investment to create new visitor facilities is contemplated at this time. Maynooth currently operates as a seasonal site, open to visitors with a Guide Service from Mid May until the end of September. As a heritage asset therefore within the Ireland's Ancient East area, it will, in tandem with all the other Heritage sites managed by the OPW, continue to be available for visitors and for suitable special events and will remain a contributor to the local tourism economy. Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has described Minister Canney's response as disappointing in that the Government is not interested in developing the true potential of the Castle for the people of Maynooth and visitors to the area and he vowed to press the Minister on this issue.

Work Commences on Maynooth Education Campus

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the commencement of construction of the Maynooth Education Campus. Mr. Stagg stated that this was fantastic news for the Pupils, Teachers and Parents of the Pupils who will now have Two State of the Art Post Primary Schools and a shared Sports Facility at Mariaville, Maynooth. The construction period is 24 months and Sammon Building Contractors have been awarded the contract. Both of the schools will cater for 1,000 pupils each. In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley 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.

Stagg Seeks to Amend Fingal Plan to Protect St. Catherine's Park

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg is seeking to Vary the Fingal County Plan 2017-2023 to ensure that no link road goes through the wonderful recreational area that is St. Cathrine's Park in Leixlip. Describing the proposal as a pure act of state vandalism Mr. Stagg stated that he has been in contact with Labour Colleagues on Fingal Co. Council and has requested that they table the following motion for discussion at Council level:

"That this Council requests the Chief Executive to initiate a variation of the Fingal Development Plan 2017-2023 with the purpose of:

(a) removing the following road Schemes listed under Table 7.1 of Objective MT42, N3-N4 Link Ongar to Barnhill and N3-N4 Barnhill to Leixlip Interchange.

and

(b) to include an additional Objective under Green Infrastructure namely - *This Council recognises the significant importance of St. Catherine's Park as a recreational amenity for the Region, and mindful of this the integrity of the Park shall be preserved and it shall not be used in any way to provide a link from the N3 to the N4, within the functional area of Fingal or Kildare.*"

Mr. Stagg stated that he has received full support from the Labour Fingal Councillors who have agreed to put forward his motion at Area Committee Level and Full Council. Fingal Transport Planners he stated pulled a fast one by putting the route through the Kildare Side of St. Catherine's Park.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Em-

met Stagg stated that he was confident that the variation proposed was the way to ensure that the integrity of St. Catherine's Park was protected for future generations.

Funding To Be Sought for Electrification of Maynooth and Kildare Rail Lines - Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has again raised with the Minister for Transport the Electrification of the Maynooth and Kildare Rail Lines which form part of the DART Expansion Programme, in the context of the Review of the Capital Plan.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that he would be seeking to improve the funding available for public transport in the context of the mid-term review of the Capital Plan currently under way. This will include increased funding to accelerate implementation of the DART Expansion Programme.

Welcoming the commitment by the Minister to seek additional Capital Funding for the DART Expansion Programme Mr. Stagg stated that the project would involve the removal of level crossings and re-signalling and would provide fast high frequency electrified services to Maynooth and Hazelhatch in Celbridge.

Mr. Stagg further stated that both projects are recommended in the National Transport Authority's Transport Strategy for the Greater Dublin Area 2016-2035, and the Maynooth Rail Line Electrification is included in the National Transport Integrated Implementation Plan 2013-2018.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to press the Minister to include the projects in the new Capital Plan given the enhanced services which would be provided to commuters in North Kildare.

Donaghmore (Grange William) Cemetery

Annual Mass

Celebrant Fr. John Nevin M.H.M.

Saturday June 24th at 7 p.m.

Please note:

- All are invited to attend this year's celebration of Mass at Donaghmore (Grange William).
- Anyone willing to assist in the preparation of the cemetery for this event is welcome. Note cemetery will be open from 10 a.m. on June 24th.
- The Cemetery is accessible at any time, taking due care to surrounding farming property including closing gates.
- It is planned to have the road gates open on the day of the Mass.
- As the site is remote with rough terrain, care must be taken for personal safety.

Donaghmore Cemetery Maintenance Committee.

Maynooth Golf Society



John Tiernan Cup

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1st	John Carroll	34pts
2nd	Norman Kavanagh	33pts
3rd	Declan Byrne	32ptsB9
4th	Brendan Bean	32pts
5th	Barry Farrell	31pts
F9	Martin Shields	20pts
B9	Mick Fahy	18pts
Over 50	Sean Farrelly	30ptsNP
NP	Peter Finnan	
2s Club	Eamon Murphy	

Maynooth Golf Society's results from the last outing to Portarlington on the 6th May. We had a nice bright but cloudy day with a cool easterly wind blowing which dried out the course and had the greens very fast and very difficult. The scoring was low which shows how difficult it was. John Carroll played his first game in 6 months and came in with a great score of 34pts. Eamonn Murphy got the only 2 of the day and pocketed the money from the 2s club.

Maynooth Golf Society

Coollattin Golf Club

Bunclody Golf Club

19th/20th May 2017



Maynooth Golf Society were away in Bunclody Co. Wexford last weekend. 25 Golfers took part in playing Golf in Coollattin Golf in Wicklow on Friday and Bunclody Golf Club on Saturday. The results over the two days are as follows:

1st	John Byrne
2nd	William Farrelly
3rd	Dave Weafer
4th	Liam Farrelly
5th	Eamonn Murphy
F18	Sean Lennon
B18	Pat Connolly
NP	Gerry McTernan

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.

Never known to fail. MCC

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Construction to Begin on New Maynooth School

I am delighted to confirm following correspondence with the Minister for Education that construction will begin on the two new post primary schools in Maynooth. The two new schools once completed will hold 1000 students each.

From my correspondence with the Minister for Education I understand that the construction team behind the project will be Sammon Contracting Ireland Ltd. The progression of this project is very welcome news. I look forward to seeing the school build moving along swiftly to give students the state of the art facilities they deserve for their studies.

Maynooth 5K & 10K in aid of Maynooth Education Campus

There was a party atmosphere at the Maynooth Education Campus 10k & 5K following the news construction was to begin on site. It was a great day out and enjoyable to meet so many other runners and walkers on the track. A big credit must go to the organisers, volunteers, and competitors on the day.

Trade Visit to the European Space Agency and the Maynooth Connection

As part of my role as Fianna Fáil Science Spokesperson I was asked to lead a trade mission with Minister Halligan to the European Space Agency. We travelled with Enterprise Ireland and our group included over a dozen Irish companies who are heavily invested in space technology. Ireland was a founder member of ESA and has contributed engineering, scientific and technology projects to many space missions. Space is the ultimate test-bed and so many of these firms go onto “spin-out” success when commercial applications inevitably follow.

There are over 60 Irish companies involved in the space industry with 2,500 high skilled and high paid jobs in this sector within Ireland today. It is somewhat unusual for an opposition spokesperson to be included on a trade mission and I appreciated Minister Halligan’s invite on this trip. It demonstrates to our international partners cross-party support for the continued development of this industry.

It was a pleasure to return to Maynooth to meet with Susan McKenna Lawlor of Maynooth University who is working on the first Irish made space craft right here in Maynooth. We discussed funding streams, jobs, and the potential for Ireland to become a ‘launch country’ in the very near future. I was delighted to host Susan in my Maynooth office and will continue to work with her to promote space sector jobs in Kildare North.

Bigger Picture Plan Lacking for Maynooth Commuters

I contributed to a debate in the Dáil recently regarding transport and the problems this is causing for commuters. In particular I raised my concerns regarding the transport links from Kildare North into Dublin.

We are in pretty much the centre of the commuter belt with huge numbers from the county travelling to Dublin daily for work and most of the country passing through the N4 and N7 to get to Dublin so it is very much steeped in commuting and private and public transport. It is estimated that between 60,000 to 80,000 vehicles travel daily along with commuters coming in from Sallins, Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock train stations and those travelling on buses

from Prosperous, Clane and Naas along with private transport along the N4 and N7.

What is lacking is a big picture - a vision. We do not have a transport policy. A 30-year transport strategy was published as the Government took office. There was barely a hint in it of any kind of connectivity in respect of projects like the interconnector, metro north, metro west or the outer orbital route for the M50. There is no joining of the dots. We have multiple routes. If people want to get into the city centre and back out again, they can do it - albeit very tortuously and slowly - making their way through traffic jams. If they need to go from A to B and up to C, it is far more difficult.

We need to put in place a basic transport infrastructure of the kind that every other capital city of its type in the world has. We are lacking in it. The Fianna Fáil plan was mentioned in proceedings. This plan, which was called Transport 21, was actually a fine plan. If we could revisit it now, we would be well served.

People Realising Government Homelessness Problem due to lack of Government Action

People have woken up to the Government spin on housing and are showing their frustration by taking to the streets in protest. Hundreds of people have marched in Dublin recently to call for Government action to address the escalating housing crisis.

The Government keeps pushing the message that housing is its number one priority but unfortunately the results of a series of action plans to address the crisis to date have been extremely disappointing. Minister Coveney record in delivering social and affordable housing is poor, and attempts to overstate the number of housing completions have backfired in the wake of new census figures.

Fine Gael in Government has presided over the lowest number of social housing completions in more than 20 years – will just 4,000 homes constructed between 2011 and 2016. That is significantly less than the annual figures between 1994-2009. This fall off in social housing is one of the main contributors to the current crisis and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency because the private sector is simply unable to meet the current housing demand.

The Land Bank plan announced is the latest initiative to be unveiled by the Minister, and while it is a step in the right direction, the measure of its success will be judged on the number of homes it actually delivers. Despite a succession of grand plans, which Minister Coveney has been rolling out over the past 10 months, homelessness levels have risen month on month. This is proof that these initiatives are not tackling the problems at the heart of this crisis.

We need targeted plans which tackle homelessness, supply issues and which encourage construction. Instead of focusing on one area at a time we need to combine our efforts to ensure a more cohesive housing strategy that will effectively deal with the issues facing tens of thousands of families across the country.

Minister Misleading People over Junior Cert Reform

Minister Richard Bruton needs to be honest with parents and students regarding his proposals for Junior Certificate reform. Many schools are only now becoming aware that they will have to reduce the number of hours spent teaching other than English,

Maths and Irish to facilitate the introduction of a wellbeing class.

However the majority of wellbeing is essentially just a repackaging of the CSPE, PE and SPHE classes which are already thought in schools.

Earlier this year we heard through the media that Minister Bruton was seeking to implement a radical new wellbeing class to help students prepare for challenges outside of the classroom environment and to help facilitate discussions around issues such as mental health and physical wellbeing. I accept that this is badly needed; however the full details of its full implementation have been hidden until now.

Parents and students were genuinely excited by this news as they thought the Government was delivering a radical new class which would benefit them throughout their lives. However now we have learned the specific proposals for this new wellbeing class and they leave a lot to be desired. Essentially Minister Bruton has embarked on a mission to repackage the existing CSPE, PE and SPHE classes without actually introducing the radical new changes that were discussed earlier in the year. It’s deeply disappointing and parents and children feel genuinely let down by the Minister.

What’s even more alarming is the fact that other important classes are losing teaching time in order to facilitate the introduction of this repackaged class. There will be 3 fewer classes per week to facilitate the teaching of sciences and modern languages such as French and German. Schools will no longer be able to teach additional classes in these subjects under the new curriculum specification as they cannot teach more than 200 hours over 3 years.

Minister Bruton has misled people by not admitting that hours or time spent teaching academic subjects will be cut to facilitate the introduction of his repackaged wellbeing class.

It seems ridiculous that subjects such as German and French are set to lose classes at a time when research consistently shows that we need to be increasing the hours devoted to teaching modern languages.

It’s time for Minister Bruton to be honest with parents and students over his proposals for Junior Cert reform. Repackaging existing classes does not constitute radical reform.

NOVENA

Novena Prayer to the Virgin Mary (Never known to fail):

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity. O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my mother, O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity, there are none that can withstand your power, O show here you are my mother, O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3times), Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands, (3times), Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands, (3 times), O thank you for your mercy to me and mine, Amen.

This prayer must be said for 3 days, and after that the request will be granted. M

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Intel's planning grant a boost for Kildare

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the decision by Kildare County Council to grant planning permission for its expansion plans at its plant in Leixlip.

"It was confirmed that Intel's application for a two-storey development which will provide almost 90,000sq m of additional floor space to its existing campus in Leixlip has been granted planning permission by Kildare County Council. I understand that Intel plans also include proposals to widen the R148, which skirts the campus."

"I understand that Intel's Irish division is in competition with Israel to host a €4 billion euro chip-manufacturing plant, and securing planning permission will assist Intel Ireland in bidding for this investment."

"It is estimated that if Intel Ireland is successful in securing further investment, 3000 construction jobs and 850 additional full time employees will be provided."

"As a local TD and former councillor for the area, I continue to keep in touch with Intel. They are one of Ireland's best employers and have built firm roots in the county with nearly €12bn cumulative capital investment to-date, over the last 28 years."

"Last week, both myself and Fianna Fáil party Leader, Micheál Martin T.D. met with the General Manager of Intel Ireland for an overview of Intel's operations in Ireland."

"Intel's continued investment is a vote of confidence in the talent and the performance of the team in Kildare." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke urges Kildare firms to avail of BREXIT Grant

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has urged Kildare companies that are exporting to the UK, and are Enterprise Ireland clients, should avail of the 'Brexit grant' that the agency is offering to assist companies with their Brexit strategy.

"Enterprise Ireland is offering a grant to exporting companies of up to €5,000 to encourage them develop a Brexit strategy." "Irish companies exporting to the UK have been the early casualties of the UK vote to exit to the EU. Sterling immediately devalued and this led to our exports becoming less competitive. Since the vote, I have repeatedly called on the Government and the state's agencies to support companies that are exporting to the UK."

"I have focused on supporting the Food sector in particular. Over 40% of our food exports are exported to the UK. Kildare is home to many food companies that are exporting to the UK and we need to support these companies deal with this new challenge to their business model."

"The Grant Support is being made available by Enterprise Ireland (EI) to help companies prepare a strategy for dealing with Brexit. It is designed to help firms cover consultancy, travel and other out of pocket expenses associated with drawing up a Brexit strategy. EI will match 50% of the costs of incurred, up to a maximum of €5,000."

"Food companies, and indeed Construction and Manufacturing Firms, are regarded as having a high level of exposure to the UK, with currency fluctuation the number one short-term concern."

"I will continue to press for Naas and surrounding areas to be designated as a Food Hub. As I have mentioned in the Dail on a number of occasions, Naas and the surrounding area is home to many Food related companies and they would benefit from such a designation."

"The Irish Food product is a quality brand that has potential in many markets outside of the UK as well. Having Naas designated as a Food hub will assist in this strategy. In the meantime, I urge Kildare companies that are exporting to the UK, and are EI clients, to avail of the Brexit grant. Details of the grant can be obtained by phoning +353 (1) 727 2000 or email EI at client.service@enterprise-ireland.com". concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Legislative blunder by Coveney will see planning expire for major housing developments – Frank O'Rourke T.D. - Error in Planning Act will force developers to cease construction -

Local Fianna Fáil T.D., Frank O'Rourke, has warned that a

major blunder in legislation put forward by Minister Simon Coveney will force developers to cease construction on many large housing developments.

The major error is contained in the 'Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016' which was passed by the Oireachtas before Christmas. The error means that planning permission for large housing developments which are currently under construction cannot be extended as they cannot get an extension under Section 42.1 (A) as originally thought. This will force developers to cease construction as they will not have active planning permission. Deputy O'Rourke explained, "The legislation which Minister Coveney rammed through the Oireachtas just before Christmas allowed local authorities to extend planning permission for a second time for major housing developments, for up to five years. This provision was introduced to allow the construction of large housing or apartment developments of more than 20 units, most of which were granted planning permission prior to 2009.

Many of these developments stalled and were granted a five year planning extension. The new legislation introduced just before Christmas sought to grant a further 5 year extension of permission where construction was already underway to ensure that works could be completed. This extension is especially important for the large developments granted their initial planning permission in 2007 or 2008 as their five year extension is due to expire in 2017 or 2018.

However it now transpires that a major error was made in the legislation which means they will not be able to avail of another extension of their planning permission. This in turn means that planning permission extensions can only be granted to developments where construction had commenced prior to the expiration of their initial planning permission. This means that projects where construction commenced during their initial extension period will not be eligible for a planning extension as was generally thought.

For example, projects granted planning permission in 2007 had to have commenced construction before 2012 to be now eligible for an extension of their planning permission. If construction began during the extension period from 2012 to 2017, these projects will not be allowed a further planning extension and construction will have to cease.

This will affect hundreds of housing developments that have broken ground or even those close to completion and will lead to significant delays in bringing new housing stock onto the market. This is a disaster considering how the country is currently in the midst of a housing crisis. Minister Coveney must be held accountable for this major blunder which will greatly exacerbate the housing crisis. This is what happens when legislation is rammed through the Dáil without proper scrutiny and I, along with my Fianna Fáil colleagues will be insisting that the legislation is amended."

O'Rourke supports proposal for free parking at Naas Hospital

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says he supports the efforts underway to secure free car parking for cancer patients accessing services at Naas General Hospital.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after Kildare County Council passed a motion calling for parking facilities at the hospital to be made free for cancer patients. "Currently patients accessing cancer treatment services at Naas General Hospital have to pay extortionate parking fees on a regular basis. Many patients have to travel to the hospital on a daily basis for treatment and over the course of a few months they end up having to pay hundreds of euro in parking fees," explained Deputy O'Rourke.

"I think it's inherently unfair to place such a large financial burden on cancer patients at a time when they are trying to focus on their recovery. The last thing patients and their families need to be worried about is parking charges during such a challenging time in their lives. Accordingly I believe the HSE should do the decent thing and waive such fees. "People in large urban areas such as Dublin are able to rely on public transport to access hospital. They don't have to worry

about paying extortionate parking fees. However many cancer patients travelling to Naas General Hospital simply don't have an alternative form of transport to rely on. They have to rely on the car parking facilities at the hospital if they are to receive the treatment they need.

"I have raised this matter with Minister for Health Simon Harris and have pressed the need for free parking facilities to be provided for patients availing of cancer treatment services. I am awaiting a reply from the Minister but this is something which I will continue to follow-up on. I fully support the position taken by the Council," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke to meet with Garda management to discuss Kildare resources

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says he will meet with senior Garda management in the coming weeks to discuss policing issue in Kildare.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after securing a meeting with Assistant Commissioner Fintan Fanning and Garda Superintendent for the Kildare Division Gerard Roche.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "I've been in contact with Garda management to seek a meeting to discuss policing issues and to seek an update on the resources assigned to the Kildare Division. I previously met with Garda management in December 2016 and found the meeting to be informative and constructive. It was an opportunity to press the need for additional Garda patrols in areas which have been targeted by criminal gangs.

"In particular I will be seeking an update on the number of new Gardaí due to be assigned to the Kildare Division in the coming months. Three new classes will begin training in Templemore in May, August and November respectively. I'm hopeful that Kildare will get its fair share of new recruits once their training in Templemore is complete.

"The latest available figures demonstrate that there were 338 Gardaí assigned to Kildare in 2010, but this figure fell to 313 in 2015 and then to 307 in 2016. Fianna Fáil has been pushing hard for an increase in additional resources for An Garda Síochána. The Confidence and Supply Arrangement between Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael commits to increasing Garda recruitment to provide an additional 2,000 Gardaí across the country. We are already starting to see the impact of this demand on the ground as 10 additional Gardaí were assigned to Kildare in December 2016. I'm hopeful that this figure will be built upon in the coming months.

"We're all well aware of the difficulties that An Garda Síochána has experienced in recent months, but it's important to remember that a huge amount of good work is being done on the ground day in and day out. I believe the lack of resources assigned to the Gardaí in recent years has hampered their ability to carry out their job. It's important that Gardaí are given the necessary resources to allow them carry out their role effectively.

"I'll be asking for an honest assessment from Assistant Commissioner Fanning and Chief Superintended Roche to determine what level of further resources are needed for Kildare so that I can raise the issue with Minister for Justice Francis Fitzgerald."

O'Rourke - Construction of New Maynooth Community College to commence shortly

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke has been informed by the Minister for Education, Richard Bruton TD, that Construction is due to begin shortly on the new Maynooth Education Campus, following a Parliamentary Question tabled by Deputy O'Rourke in recent weeks.

"The Minister for Education has informed me that the tender process is complete and the contract has been awarded to Sammon Construction Group, who are locally based in Kilcock". It is envisaged that construction of the new school will commence on site shortly."

"This is the good news for pupils and staff and I want to compliment all those involved, from the Board of Management, Principal and parents who have fought hard to secure this project for Maynooth and surrounding areas." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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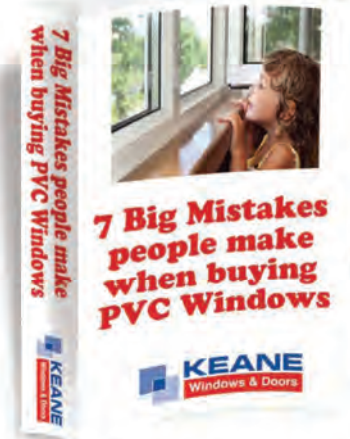
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Maynooth Newsletter

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Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



We have come to the end of our 2016/2017 term, during which time we've been kept very busy, engaging in many community events, together with our Wednesday night classes covering whistle, flute, banjo/mandolin, button accordion, fiddle, bodhrán, harp, guitar, concertina, Irish dance and Comhrá gaeilge. Combining a healthy balance of work and fun, we had a great year in Craobh Mhaigh Nuad.

The year was wrapped up in Maynooth GAA Club with an end of year session on Wed 10th May. We've been holding the junior sessions up in the GAA on the last Sunday of each month, at 6 o'clock, and it had been a fantastic venue for us, so we were delighted to spend the night up there on a beautiful sunny evening in May listening to tunes from both our students and a couple of rare treats from our teachers. Included in this was some great fiddling from the current Fiddler of Dooney, Jason McGuinness and world-champion bodhrán player Aimee Farrell Courtney.



What a bunch! The end of year session in Maynooth GAA was A great success.

To kick off the Branch's activities a table quiz was held in O'Neill's in Maynooth. The quiz was well attended by branch members and the wider community in Maynooth, and we're due a big thanks to Paul Daly as quizmaster! Thanks to all for their support. The centrepiece of May's activities was the Fleadh Chill Dara, which this year was held in Clane. 300 traditional musicians from all over the county came together to flaunt their talents for the panel of judges who travelled from all over the country to adjudicate on the musicians. The events kicked off with concerts, dancing, recitals and sessions from Thursday through Sunday, bringing branch members from Maynooth, Leixlip, Kiltel, Kilcock and the home branch of Clane



The teachers gave their students something to aspire to with some virtuoso playing. From left – Lauren Tracey, Seán Tracey, Jason McGuinness, Caoimhe Reynolds, Aimee Farrell Courtney and Jimmy Cahill.

The participants from Maynooth Branch is growing every year and is a tribute to the hard work put in by the Committee, the Teachers and the students themselves. Long hours of practice in bedrooms, or in the morning before school are put in, before the performance on the day itself. It is no mean feat to get up in front of a judge and 20 or 30 spectators, in absolute silence and put in a solid, error free performance. The standard of playing from competitors is astounding when you factor in this pressure cooker environment, so well done all!

The team that lined out for Maynooth this year was as follows:

Dara Ni Nhochartaigh-Madrigal - Fídl
Róisín Hawley - Fídl, duet and Singing
Josefine Grimm-Blenk - Fídl
Conor McNerney - Bosca Ceoil, Guitar, Whistle & Piano
Seán Ó Catháin - Bosca Ceoil, Whistle, Comhrá Gaeilge and trio
Roibard Ó Murchú
James McEntire - Bosca Ceoil & Singing
Tom Ó Catháin - Bosca Ceoil (and trio)
Shane McInerney - Bosca Ceoil & Piano

Olivia Cannon - Flute
Aoife McNerney - Whistle, Concertina & Piano
Aoife O'Rourke - Whistle
Katie Carroll - Whistle
Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin - Whistle, Comhrá Gaeilge & Bodhrán
Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl - Whistle & duet
Emma Bennet - Whistle & duet
Seán Carroll - Whistle
Caoimhe Walsh - Whistle, duet & Bodhrán
Caoimhe Howley - Concertina and trio
Cillian Ó Fhearaíl - Guitar
Oisín McEntire - Bodhrán
Matthew Meehan - Bodhrán
Niamh O'Farrell - Bodhrán
Emma Ó Catháin - Comhrá Gaeilge

There was a great show of dancers also stepping out from Maynooth. The line-up here was as follows:

Team No. 2 - Aoibhe Garvey, Aimee Halcoombe, Áine McGivern, Lucia Connaughton, Niamh Farrell, Ciara Ó'Regan, Dara Doherty, Maeve Flood

Team No. 1 - Kate O'Connor, Nicola Connolly, Emma Meaney, Emily O'Connor, Ruby O'Connor, Zoe Meaney, Leah Rafferty

>18 - Barbara Wright, Una Philips, Andrea O'Connell, Mary Windrum, Margaret Greene, Debbie Chamberlain, Margaret Chamberlain, Ger Cantrell

No1. Olivia Canton, Rachel Wright, Sinead Crowley, Sarah O'Connor



The tension was palpable as the Tin Whistle judging was announced, with Branch Secretary, Angie, diligently clerking.



Caoimhe Howley, Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin and Seán Ó Catháin excelled in the trio, winning their competition and qualifying for Leinster

All performed with distinction and did the branch proud. Success in the competition is not the be all and end all of the branch – but preparing for, and performing in the Fleadh, is something from which the students learn an enormous amount – and hopefully have a lot of fun along the way. We'll have the full roll of honours in next month's edition, but for now maith sibh ge leor! All participants in the Fleadh received a goody bag also, which was generously sponsored by Tiger Store in Manor Mills, so go raibh mile maith agaibh!

The winners and certain 2/3 placed competitors will go along to the Leinster Fleadh in July, which is being held in Ballymahon from 10th – 16th July for what promises to be a most memorable Fleadh Cheoil Laighean 2017.

While classes come to a close for the summer, there are lots of chances including the Fleadh Laighean in Longford and our many sessions running around the town and many workshops and summer-schools taking place across the country.

It being year end, we wanted to extend our thanks to all who have given us their support and assistance throughout the year. It is great to see the kids being brought to the classes each Wed and we're delighted to see both our junior and adult sessions growing in popularity and competence. Thanks to our hugely talented teachers, who are so generous with their time and talents – have a great summer & we look forward to meeting you all again in September. forward to working with you all next year again. Registration for the 2017/2018 Comhaltas year will take place in early September. We would love to see new members trying their hand at an instrument from Sept; you are never too old to start out on a musical journey, we can promise you and old lots of fulfilment along the way. Keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances. <http://www.facebook.com/ccemaighnuad> <http://twitter.com/CCEMAighNuad>
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Inaugural School Blitz Day in North Kildare!

North Kildare CC hosted their inaugural School Blitz Day on Tuesday the 9th May in the Maws, Kilcock. This is part of the reinvigorated youth section for the club, which also has two Women's teams in the Leinster league, four established Men's teams as well as the club entering a team in the Development League in the LCU.

Jennifer Lowry, Honorary Secretary of North Kildare CC said on the event: "The Blitz Day is a part of our plan to rejuvenate youth cricket in the area, as well as to grow links with our local schools. We have done cricket sessions in five schools in 2017, including Killashee Multi-Denominational NS and Esker ETNS."

The big day itself had over 140 students participating in the Blitz Day, with schools including Lucan East ETNS, St. Joseph's BNS Kilcock and Kilcloon NS playing on a sun drenched cricket ground at the Maws.

Bernard O'Mara, North Kildare CC's Director of Women's & Youth Cricket said: "We have had a really positive few weeks with our local schools and it has been fantastic to have them down to the club. I would like to thank anyone who has helped out with the school sessions or the Blitz Day itself. This is the start of developing this cricket club organically and the members are really excited for the future."

If anyone is interested in finding out more about school's and youth cricket at North Kildare CC, please contact Bernard on 087-1386009 or through his email benmara@gmail.com.



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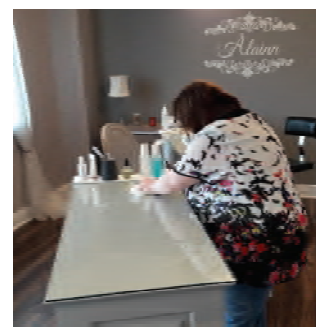
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12pm - 3pm
Courthouse Square
Art Brunch
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Live Music and Dance

1pm - 3pm
Church of Ireland
Sunday Miscellany
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2pm - 7pm
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Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group Wednesday Morning's



Wednesday Mornings are a huge success so far. Wendy has had a lot of interest for this class. It's still not too late to sign up.

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Thursday Morning's

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<https://www.facebook.com/Maynooth-Toddlers>

Currently Tesco have the Toddler Group as one of its blue token charity's. Can you please support us as this is the only fundraising we do. Our share of the money will go towards sensory toys for our members who have difficulties.

We are also looking for Volunteers to help us run this group on Thursday mornings. Many hands make light work from setting up to clearing away.

*****Toddler Group will finish up on Thursday the 15th of June for the summer*****

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

What a wonderful Festival we had on May 21st when we celebrated "Bealtaine" in the company of the "Castle Keep Art Group". Susan and Brenda put on a magnificent display of paintings and our Senior Citizens displayed their best work yet. Susan in her talk complimented all their work with a special mention for Dympna Clifton. Everyone received a prize for their work and Susan presented Dympna with one of her own paintings. Many thanks to Susan and Brenda for a marvellous evening of culture. We danced the rest of the evening away to the music of Philip English who proved very popular with our dancers. The only down side to our evening was the absence of PJ and Chris Daly. PJ isn't very well at the moment and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Our next Tea-Dance will take place on Sunday June 18th and all seniors are welcome wherever you live. Our morning club continues every Tuesday and Thursday in the Geraldine Hall and don't forget we intend to rekindle our arts and crafts, so if you are interested, do come along you will be most welcome. Congratulations to all our Seniors who have just completed their Digital Skills Programme, proving once again, that age is just a number.

Finally may I express our sincere sympathy to the family of Rose Comerford who left us far too soon on May 8th. Rose was involved with our club for many years and enjoyed all aspects of it. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

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Thanks to all who contributed to our annual collection in May. We very much appreciate the work that was put in by our collectors. Our very comprehensive National Tidy Towns entry has been submitted. Thanks to Mary Jennings for completing the National Tidy Towns application for 2017. Vinny Mulready and Ray Murphy have installed a new sun dial near the flower bed at Presentation Girls School which was supplied by Paul Dowling in the Eve Larine.

Congratulations to the Presentation Girls School on receiving their 5th Green Flag for Biodiversity projects at which Mary Jennings and Mary Molloy represented Maynooth Tidy Towns on 5th May.



Maynooth Community Church held a breakfast as a thank you to Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteers on Saturday 20th May and a hot breakfast was supplied and sponsored by Denis Johnson of the Coffee Mill. Members of Maynooth Community Church assisted MTT in cleaning up and removing weeds, plants and bushes in the Pound. Well done to all.

Maynooth Tidy Towns have installed new stones on the Rathcoffey Road and Moyglare Road.

Gold Sign moved into a new position at the Meadowbrook Junction. 2 planters have been positioned outside Manor Mills on Kilcock Road at the traffic island.

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The teams have representatives from all the schools in Maynooth, Gael Scoil, Girls School, Educate Together and the older girls from Maynooth Post Primary. But would welcome players from outlying schools as well. The girls train normally on a Wednesday evening with matches been played on a Sunday morning. We hope to field teams in u10, u11, u12, u13 and u14 next season 2017-18 and are always looking for new girls, you don't have to be a Stephanie Roche just as long as you can kick a ball. If you would like to give it a go then why not contact Club Secretary; Miriam (086) 1060654



Maynooth Town U11 girls wearing their new training Zippees sponsored by Jungheinrich Maynooth. (back row left to right, Aoife Richardson, Alannah Ford, Meabh Caffrey, Meabh McDonagh, front row, 1 to r, Carrie Colgan, Sorcha Whelan, Aoife Murnane, Ciara Regan, Amy Webb and Niamh Richardson.

MAYNOOTH OSKARS



Maynooth GAA hosted the “Maynooth Oskars” on Sunday 30th April at Carton House Hotel. On the night seven professionally produced films starring over 50 local members of the local community and local businesses, plus many, many more extras were shown. The “Maynooth Oskars” was watched by over 400 people on the night, and the event was run in the same format as the Oscars. A red carpet dress up event with awards for best actor, actress etc... was hosted on the night with the assistance of Kevin Rowe events. A great night was had by all who attended. Congratulations to all the winners on the night.



Best Film - The Field

Best Actress - Imelda Conheady
(Mrs Doyle - Fr Ted)

Best Actor - John Jordan
(Colonel Nathan Jessup - A Few Good Men)

Best Supporting Actress - Natasia Hayes
(Jackie - The Snapper)

Best Supporting Actor - Paul Kinirons
(Juror #3 - 12 Angry Men)

Highest Performing Actor - Micky Noone
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Highest Performing Film - The Snapper



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Maynooth Education Campus PTA 10k and 5k Race A Great Success

The Maynooth 10k Committee would like to extend our thanks to all who participated in this year's Maynooth 10k and 5k. We had a wonderful morning with over 600 participants and a great atmosphere. The event would not be possible without the support of a large number of sponsors. In particular we would like to thank St Patrick's College and Carton House Hotel for allowing the race to go through their grounds and the Presentation Girls School for hosting the 5k start. This year's very generous prizes were sponsored by Carton House Hotel, Oak Alley Restaurant, Pearls Dental, Supervalu Lucan, Shoda Market Cafe, Salmon Leap Inn, Murty's Bar and Restaurant, O'Neill's Sportswear, Furey's Bar and The Coffee Lounge. Water for the race was sponsored by McDonalds and Supevalu Maynooth. Over eighty local businesses contributed by taking an ad in the 10k Times. We would also like to thank Maynooth GAA and Maynooth Scouts who helped with stewarding and the ICA for helping with post-race refreshments.



MEC Race Photo Gallery (Photos by John Boyd)



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>Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you. For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com</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>Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11.am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 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 are held on Wednesday 7pm to 9.30pm in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. Our classes are very good value, great fun and we promise you plenty of craic also !! Bígi 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>

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



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Bikeweek 2017

Sunday 11th June **Leixlip Heritage Trail**
Saturday 17th June **Family Bio Cycle along the Royal Canal**

Both events will start at 2:30pm from Courthouse Square Maynooth

This year the two key events are the Heritage Cycle on Sunday 11th June which leaves from Courthouse Square at 2:30pm for the Leixlip Heritage Trail. This is a different trail from Arthur's Way and after cycling to Leixlip, will consist of a walk around Leixlip town centre and the Rye Valley. The second key event is a Family BioCycle along the Royal Canal on Saturday 17th June with local ecologist Karen Moore. Karen will be identifying points of interest along the canal east of Maynooth so come along and will find out what it is about canals that makes them so important to our natural landscape.

Straffan Road Cycle Tracks

On Friday 5th May, a group of some 12-15 boys and girls was observed cycling on the Straffan Road. They were of primary school age and were accompanied by what appeared to be a member of the Garda Siochana and some other adults who were probably parents or teachers. They obviously share the concerns of Maynooth Cycling Campaign about the quality of cycle facilities as none of them were using the new cycle tracks.

Kildare Cycle Forum

There has been much comment in the media about the election of a Saudi Arabian representative on a UN committee for women's rights and whether or not a Saudi representative would really be in favour of progressing women's rights. It seems that we have our own version in Kildare. After three years of this county council, it is understood that a meeting of the Kildare Cycling Forum has finally taken place. However, no cycling representatives have been asked to take part and the word on the street is that the chair, Cllr. Darren Scully, does not want any. Could he be related to the Saudi representative?

Dealing with Chasing Dogs

A look back at the past can throw up some amusing opinions. This is even true of the Maynooth Newsletter and it need not be the distant past. In the May 2005 edition under the title of Useful Tips, there was advice on how cyclists and joggers should deal with chasing dogs. The advice ranged from

- Carry a folded umbrella to open in the animal's face.
- Try squirting the dog in its eyes with your water bottle.
- Keep dog treats such as dog biscuits in your pocket.
- Speak to the dog in a commanding but calm tone.
- Draw the owner's attention to the fact that his /her dog is a nuisance.

So all those people who took part in the recent Maynooth 5K/10K, we hope that you didn't forget to bring your umbrella and to the Maynooth cycling community, you have been advised!

Threats to Cyclists

Recent remarks by the journalist Paul Williams on Newstalk radio where he threatened any cyclist touching his car while he was driving have been condemned by cyclist representatives. Maynooth Cycling Campaign considers the remarks reprehensible in the light of increasing cyclist fatalities. While (the vast majority of) motorists do not go out to intentionally kill or harm cyclists, the remarks give support to a growing intolerance by a minority of drivers to cyclists on the road. Maynooth Cycling Campaign also condemns the failure of the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and Shane Ross, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to take any effective action to counteract the increasing fatalities.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

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

Editorial

I always know the best-selling books from observing the reading materials that my fellow daily train travellers are reading even though the results exclude the people who are reading their e-books for obvious reasons. Research among students and younger book readers show that the paper versions are still a favourite over the electronic option. This is obviously good news for those who create and sell the paper option. Much information is shared on social media sites but it is likely that once the piece goes over a few hundred words people move onto the next piece. This is the case regardless of the item being a breaking news story or a social commentary piece.

The "Maynooth Newsletter" is not a newspaper in the sense that you would pick it up to get your latest news. It has a niche in recording the social and economic history of Maynooth as told through the events that happen in the town and of course through the notes and articles that are submitted. It also serves as a role in supporting local businesses through the adverts that appear and without this support there would not be a monthly newsletter. Also critical is the support provided by the Department for Social Protection. Of course there have been many others who by volunteering their time have contributed to support the publication.

The first "Maynooth Newsletter" that can be found dates back to November 1969 so give or take a few years it has been published for fifty years. When you read back through them you see that things change, but also stay the same. I read an edition from 17th May 1970 which includes the following; *the tidy towns drive is now commencing for this year and here everyone from the youngest to the*

oldest can show involvement. Active workers are badly needed and those willing to help should contact the tidy towns committee. (Maynooth Newsletter 17 May 1970). I am sure that a similar request from Maynooth Tidy Towns featured in the May 2017 edition.

The "Maynooth Newsletter" has grown in size over the years somewhat akin to the growth in the town. The normal thirty two page edition that is published monthly, with eleven editions a year is produced by the staff of Maynooth Community Council Ltd, based in the Tesco shopping complex next to the Maynooth Post Office.

The publication is the means by which people debated the issues in the town and as an open access newspaper opinions were published once the person took responsibility for their views, but it always kept away from publishing anything that could have legal implications.

From the gathering of the material to the design and layout, the notes and adverts grow into the final printed publication. There is an acute awareness by the staff that they are the guardians following in the footsteps of the hundreds of people who have played their part in recording the development of Maynooth and charted the social and economic history of our town. Now what part does the development of the web play in our history? Well the entire archive is available on the web. You can find it at www.maynoothcc.com/archives. Let us hope that there will be many more editions for years to come.

Paul Croghan
Editor

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**The Copy Date for the July Edition of the
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Catherine Murphy T.D. Social Democrats, Kildare North.

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Maynooth Designated Large Growth Town (11)

The Regional Planning Guidelines for Dublin and the Mid East (Kildare/Meath/Wicklow) categorise each town. Maynooth was designated a Large Growth Town. Through these guidelines Kildare is set to accommodate 32,000 new residential units between 2017-2023.

35% of Kildare's housing growth has been distributed between Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock. Both Leixlip and Celbridge Local Area Plans (LAP) are currently being updated, it is proposed to rezone sufficient lands in each town to accommodate in excess of 3000 additional houses.

The Maynooth LAP is not due to be reviewed until 2019, however, if funding is provided for any part of the proposed ring road, it is likely to require the opening up of lands for additional large scale new housing. The mechanism that would be used is a variation to the Maynooth Plan.

There were a significant number of submissions made by members of the public in the context of the review of the Leixlip and Celbridge LAP's, many complain about the large scale of development proposed and the absence of accompanying services.

New "Planning" Law removes power from local decision making.

In December a new piece of legislation was passed by the Dail. The Planning and Development (Housing) Residential Tenancies Act 2016. Most media attention surrounded the rent pressure zones, Maynooth was originally excluded but has since been included in such a zone.

The Act also effectively provides for the bypassing of County Council's as decision makers for housing developments in excess of 100 houses. Such decisions will all shortly be made by An Bord Pleanála, this will occur in cases where land is zoned for housing.

The legislation centralises major planning decisions, disgracefully bypasses Kildare and other County Councils and significantly reduces submissions or objections from members of the public, who must instead rely on appealing to the High Court for a Judicial Review, this can also only occur in very limited circumstances.

3,000 Social Housing Applicants Have been given only 7 Days To Complete and return urgent Housing re-assessment form .

Catherine Murphy TD advises that all families who have applied for Social Housing to Kildare County Council since 2013 only have 7 days to update their assessment of social housing need with Kildare County Council's Housing Department.

All applicants who applied for a social housing assessment since 1st January 2013 to date, also those who did not respond to the request for updated information last year, have until the 29th May to return the completed update form to the council. Any family unit in a RAS (residential accommodation scheme) or HAP (Housing Assistance Payment) tenancy is not required to participate in the assessment and should not have received an update request.

The local authority have advised that they are directed by the Dept. of

Housing to carry out an update of householders needs for social housing by June 28th 2017.

Kildare County Council have posted out a form to each registered family unit on the social housing register. They had included a postage paid envelope in which to return the update form.

The form is a one page document that seeks to update the register and if any information has changed or, if any additional family members are to be included in the housing assessment.

Not returning the fully completed assessment form by 29th May 2017 will result in householders being removed from Kildare County Council's Social Housing List. Anybody who has not updated their file and seeks to apply to the local authority following this deadline will have to commence their application again.

Catherine Murphy has requested the minister explain how he means to deal with applicants who are in emergency accommodation or do not have a permanent address at the moment and are concerned about their housing application. Catherine has also said that those are among the most vulnerable in society.

There are also many single people and families who have lost their rented properties in the North Kildare area due to sharp increases in rent. This took place over the last two years specifically and was immediately prior to the 4% annual rent cap, which was only recently implemented for the Maynooth area, after much pressure from the Deputy.

She has asked that those displaced families be given some leeway when trying to establish their records on the social housing register.

A recent press release from Kildare County Council states:

"The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, under Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, has directed that each housing authority is required to prepare a summary of housing needs of the social housing assessments carried out in its administrative area. The Minister has directed that the summary be prepared on 28 June 2017. The 2017 summary is the continuation of the process of annual assessments of national housing need, commenced with the 2016 Summary.

The key output of the summary remains the net need figure i.e. the number of qualified households on our housing list whose housing need has not been met.

This is a targeted housing needs assessment within specific criteria pre-defined by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. Only social housing applicants who have received a letter from the Housing Department need to reply and are asked to confirm that they remain in need of social housing support.

Housing applicants are asked to return the form to the housing department by Monday, 29th May and a freepost envelope has been provided to assist in this."



Maynooth I.C.A Guild

We have had a very busy couple of months raising money for different charities. Some members made a Wall Hanging with the theme Hope for the Pieta House Charity. Some of our members went to An Grianán for the Kildare weekend doing Art which they found well worth it. Nine members went to Hand craft week covering many different crafts and everyone was so thrilled with the tuition they hurried to book for

2018 Hand craft week.

In July, we have An Grianán Garden Party which is being held on the 7th of July. We are selling raffle tickets and there are fantastic prizes to be had. Ladies are going through their wardrobes to find the ensemble for the garden party hoping they may be judged the winner.

We have also welcomed more new members to our Guild, which is always very welcome, as these new members usually bring new ideas in crafts.

Monday night classes continue and we have learned a lot of new things, to sew, knit and make handmade jewellery. We meet every Monday evening at 8pm in our I.C.A building and on the first Thursday we have a Guild meeting where we plan for the future. We set out what new crafts are going to be taught for the next month so feel free to come along as you can come for three nights before you need to join. If you need a small hall to hold a meeting or any other programmes, we are willing to let it out for hire, not Mondays and Thursdays though.

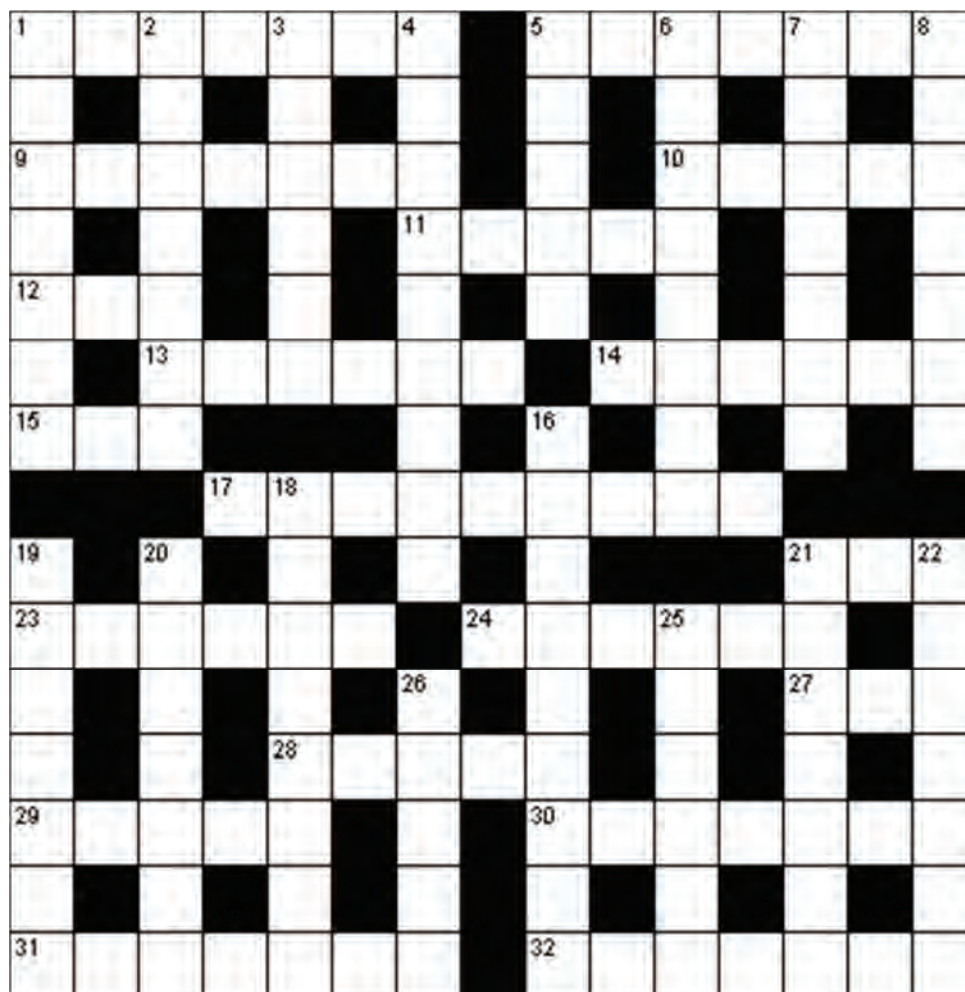
Our Guild has started going to Base on Tuesday mornings doing tenpin bowling and a lot of fun is had by all. We meet at 11am and bowl until 1pm. If you need a fun morning please feel free to join in. Other Guilds in the area are doing it as well. We even manage a few strikes, but everyone leaves feeling a renewed energy to do things at home after it.

Clues Across

1. Official sitting (7)
5. Saloon (3,4)
9. Tool for chipping ice (7)
10. Many times (5)
11. Living in a city (5)
12. Russian secret police (3)
13. With ease (6)
14. Complete (6)
15. Strike lightly (3)
17. Six (4-5)
21. Used for resting (3)
23. Make possible (6)
24. Russian sleigh (6)
27. Extinct flightless bird (3)
28. Son of Abraham (5)
29. Inanimate object (5)
30. Exterior (7)
31. Knitted jacket (7)
32. Burst violently (7)



June Crossword - No. 458



Clues Down

1. Holdup (5-2)
2. Fruit-flavoured sweet powder (7)
3. Foolish persons (6)
4. Capital of Tonga (9)
5. Sphere (5)
6. Midday (8)
7. Meantime (7)
8. Very long (7)
16. Eighty (9)
18. Yes (3,5)
19. Governing bodies (7)
20. Prisoner (7)
21. Baby (7)
22. Expert marksman (4-3)
25. Part of the foot (6)
26. Coming after (5)



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17569	Kildare County Council	Blathnaid Ward	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/05/2017
17566	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Maynooth University North, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	18/05/2017
17561	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Maynooth University North, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	17/05/2017
17547	Kildare County Council	Blathnaid Ward,	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/05/2017
17526	Kildare County Council	Shane & Emer O'Connell	52 Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	10/05/2017
17519	Kildare County Council	Damian Travers	Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co Kildare	09/05/2017
17510	Kildare County Council	Adam Lyons	Greenfield Shopping Centr, Straffan Road, Maynooth	05/05/2017
17489	Kildare County Council	Bridgedale Homes Limited,	Unit H7 Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	28/04/2017
17481	Kildare County Council	Eamon O'Flaherty,	16 Parklands Way, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	27/04/2017
17470	Kildare County Council	Adam Lyons	Greenfield Shopping Centr, Straffan Road, Maynooth	26/04/2017
17457	Kildare County Council	Mary & Patrick Mooney	Toolestown, Straffan Road, Maynooth	24/04/2017
17453	Kildare County Council	Ian Barrett	Toolestown House, Straffan Road (R406), Maynooth	21/04/2017

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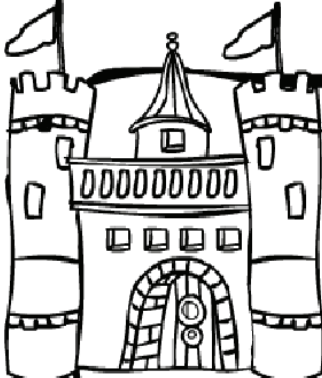
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- The ____ and the Pea.
- The Goose Who Laid the ____ Eggs
- The ____ Man (cookie)
- ____ and Gretel.
- The Elves and the ____
- Creatures led away by the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Down

- Little Red ____ Hood.
- The girl who lost her glass slipper.
- Cinderella's Fairy.
- What was baked by the Little Red Hen?
- The Ugly Duckling was really a ____.



people names word search

Search the puzzle for the names shown in the word list. Circle each name that you find until you find all of the names in the whole puzzle!

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June Gardening

Summer is here!

Here are a few June gardening tasks and projects that you can do to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season.

Continue to spray roses against blackspot disease, especially in the damper parts of the country, and after wet weather. Continue to tie in the new shoots of climbing roses so that they will be in the correct position for training later and are safely out of the way.



Even if it rains, young trees and shrubs planted in the last twelve months can be suffering from moisture shortage due to inability of the roots to take water. Water if the leaves are small and sparse. Begin to take cuttings of soft wood of current season's growth of fuchsia, clematis and other shrubs.

Bedding plants can be planted out in flower beds and containers and baskets planted up. There is still plenty of time for them to flower well, especially if large plants in individual pots or cell trays are used. Make certain to control the first flush of weeds among bedding plants. If there is wet weather, a flush of seedlings will appear and these will give a lot of trouble if they are allowed to make growth. If bedding plants are a little set back by cold weather, just after planting out as sometimes happens, a liquid feed will bring them on. Continue to watch for slugs and snails in the first few weeks after planting and on perennial flowers. Stake perennial flowers that need it, especially in an exposed garden, such as alstroemeria and delphiniums.



Grass really responds to rain showers and if there is some lightning as well it helps to green up the grass by 'knocking' nitrogen out of the air. If the grass is not growing well despite rain, apply some fertilizer to improve growth. The ideal weather for applying lawn weedkiller is fine and settled, warm but with some moisture in the soil. Lawn weedkillers are very effective in the right conditions. Do not apply weedkiller if you want to grow a wildflower lawn.



Pinch out any side shoots from your tomato plants and feed once the first truss is setting fruit. You can pot up the side-shoots to create new tomato plants. Continue to earth up potato plants as they grow. If you're growing potatoes in bags simply add more compost to half way up the plant stem. Harvest salad crops and resow every 2 weeks for a constant supply of tasty leaves. Harvest early potatoes - these are normally ready from 10 weeks after planting.

Look out for onion and garlic leaves yellowing and dying back - this means they are ready to harvest! Plant out tender vegetables such as courgettes, squash, tomatoes and sweet corn now the risk of frost has passed. When planting out cabbages, use cabbage collars to prevent cabbage root fly attack. There is still time to plant runner beans - sow them directly in the ground now.

By all means, take some time to simply enjoy your garden and all the hard work you've put into it. You have earned it.

*Fertilizer does no good in a heap,
but a little spread around, works miracles all over.*



Barbecue Recipes



Chicken tandoor-style kebabs

Serves 4 - 6

Ingredients:

3cm pieces of ginger
2 cloves of garlic
140g natural yoghurt
2 tblsp olive oil
60ml tomato passata
½ tsp garam masala
½ tsp chilli powder
½ tsp smoked paprika
½ tsp turmeric
10-12 skinless, boneless free-range chicken thighs

Method:

Peel and finely grate the ginger, peel and finely chop the garlic, then place in a large bowl with the yoghurt, oil, passata and spices. Stir well. Cut the chicken into 2cm cubes, coat well in the marinade, then season with sea salt and black pepper. Cover with clingfilm and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours. Thread the chicken onto 12 skewers, then barbecue or grill for 15 minutes, or until golden and evenly cooked, turning occasionally.



Pepper Poppers

Ingredients:

8 oz cream cheese, softened
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 jar (4oz) pimentos or a tsp of crushed chilli pepper
1 tblsp chopped fresh basil
Salt and pepper to taste
6 peppers, de-seeded and quartered

Method:

Place cheeses, garlic, pimentos and basil in a large bowl. Whizz up with a handheld mixer until smooth and creamy. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Fill peppers up and grill over medium-high heat on tin foil until peppers start to char and soften, and the filling is warm and melted, about 5 minutes. Enjoy while they're hot.



Crunchy mackerel wraps

Serves 4

Ingredients:

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 mackerel fillets (all bones removed)
Freshly cracked salt and pepper
4 coriander tortilla wraps
4 tbsp cream cheese spread
2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
2 large tomatoes, sliced
1 cucumber, peeled and sliced
1 Little Gem lettuce, washed and shredded
1 foil tray

Method:

Drizzle half the olive oil over the foil tray. The first thing you need to do is remove the mackerel bones and the best way to do this is cut a 'V' shape incision from tail to head and then remove them in one section. Season the fish and place skin-side down, then drizzle over the remaining olive oil and place the foil tray on a hot barbecue. Turn the mackerel after 2 minutes and cook for a further 2-3 minutes on the other side. Keep warm. Heat the wraps by placing each one on the barbecue grill for 30 seconds or so. Smear the cream cheese over the wraps and drizzle the chilli sauce over them. Remove the mackerel from the tray and divide between the wraps, then dress with the tomato, cucumber and lettuce. Wrap as snugly as you can and eat warm. Delicious.



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Spotlight On A Classic: *Breakfast at Tiffany's*



For the month of June, **The Lighthouse Cinema** in Smithfield, Dublin will be showing a joint season of Audrey Hepburn and Katherine Hepburn films. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience some classic films up on the big screen. Both Hepburn's were glamorous stars of 40s, 50s, 60s films and they are rightly celebrated today as icons of their eras. This is a timely opportunity to revisit a golden classic of the 1960's – **Breakfast at Tiffany's**

There was hardly a more elegant or graceful star than Audrey Hepburn. She epitomised 60s elfin chic and sophisticated glamour. **Breakfast at Tiffany's** is probably Hepburn's most famous film and certainly contains her most iconic performance. Blake Edwards (in his pre-**Pink Panther** days) directs a stylish and charming, if slightly sentimental and sanitised version of Truman Capote's bitter-sweet novella about a good-time girl.



Blake Edwards's gorgeous love-letter to New York high style and high living with an eccentric heroine at its core remains undiminished after nearly six decades.

Breakfast at Tiffany's boasts excellent production values. Edwards and his cinematographer, Franz Planer create striking visuals for the places his central character inhabits — New York's Greenwich Village and Fifth Avenue. They become characters in their own right.

Blake Edwards, as befitting his comedy background, ensures plenty of light moments in **Breakfast at Tiffany's**. He injects a playful vibe into proceedings. A shopping expedition to Tiffany's by Hepburn and Peppard is a joyous highlight. In a cameo role, John McGiver is a droll delight as the store assistant who helps them with their purchases.



Breakfast at Tiffany's has an impressive supporting cast: Patricia Neal is very good as Peppard's older, wealthy lover who places obstacles in the way of Paul and Holly's tentative romance. As Holly's agent, Martin Balsam delivers the best line in the film when he sums her up as 'as a phony alright, but a real phony!' Buddy Epsom gives a moving performance as a mysterious stranger from Holly's past. The only false note comes from, surprisingly, Mickey Rooney's turn as Holly's abrasive Japanese neighbour. His performance is jarring and ill-judged by modern standards, with racist overtones.



Interestingly, Truman Capote had not wanted Audrey Hepburn to play his amoral social-climbing heroine. His first preference was for Marilyn Monroe.

It is hard in the modern era to envisage anyone other than Hepburn playing the iconic role she so lovingly made her own. Screenwriter George Axelrod had worked with Monroe on **The Seven Year Itch**, so the possibility was there. It is probably safe to assume that **Breakfast at Tiffany's** would have been a radically different film if Monroe had secured the role of Holly Golightly. Thankfully, Capote didn't get his way.

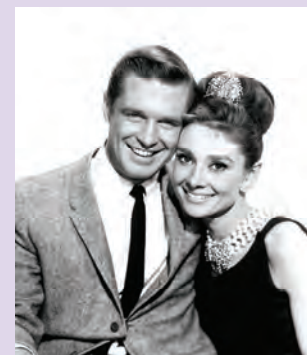


Unlike her role as Eliza Doolittle in **My Fair Lady**, (where she was dubbed by Marni Nixon) Hepburn got the chance to use her own singing voice in **Breakfast at Tiffany's**. This adds to the unique charm of the overall film. Hepburn's wonderful, and melancholic rendition of Mancini's elegiac **Moon River** on the windowsill is one of the most iconic scenes in cinema history. Mancini's song provides the emotional punch or counterpoint to director's Edward's visual gloss.

The producers had not thought Hepburn's voice strong enough to carry the tune so they made sure she was accompanied by a lush orchestra. The song won an Oscar, as did Mancini's gorgeous score and became a standard classic in bars and clubs all over the world.

Breakfast at Tiffany's is above all a love story. The undeniable charisma and chemistry of the two leads, Hepburn and Peppard helps to keep the romance simmering. George Peppard in his pre-**A Team** days was an interesting actor—handsome and talented. His Paul is the perfect calm foil to Hepburn's erratic and emotional Holly Golightly. Their scenes together produce humour, sparks and passionate romance especially in the classic rain-soaked finish.

This is Audrey Hepburn's film all the way though. She is simply radiant in a role she was surely born to play. We are acutely aware of this character in all her complexity and humanity. We laugh at her quirky behavior and mannerisms (her sleeping ritual is hilarious) but we also ache for the lonely, insecure and vulnerable little girl inside. **Breakfast at Tiffany's** still has the power to pull at the heartstrings and endures as a magical, moving and romantic film. It richly deserves its place as a classic of the genre.



A young, struggling writer Paul Verjak (George Peppard) moves into a New York apartment and becomes captivated by his attractive, charming, ditzy socialite neighbour, Holly Golightly (Hepburn). They find common ground in having wealthy benefactors that keep them solvent. The young woman exhibits a penchant for high-fashion and wild parties. But behind the carefree façade, Paul slowly uncovers the vulnerability she keeps hidden. George Axelrod's witty script details the day-to-day exploits of these two lonely souls in a funny but, at times, poignant romance.



Breakfast at Tiffany's has justly acquired the status of a classic over time. From its haunting iconic theme tune, **Moon River**, to the stylish chic of the central character, the film's memorable music and images are instantly recognisable.

Holly Golightly has taken on a life outside her cinematic incarnation in 1960's Manhattan. Her unique fashion statement, combining streaked hair pinned high, little black Givenchy dress, stack of pearls, long black gloves, thick black sunglasses and oversized cigarette holder, is considered one of the most iconic images of the 20th century. This image has adorned posters, billboards, bags, purses, clothing etc., and features in several advertisements up to modern times.



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