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Youthreach Leixlip & FETC Maynooth Awards Night October 2017

Guest Speaker: Brenda Lynch - Adult Education Officer (KWETB)



Anyone who keeps learning stays young: Henry Ford

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The Maynooth Further Education & Training QQI awards presentation night was held on Thursday 19th October 2017 in the Springfield Hotel in Leixlip. Among the recipients on the night were members of Maynooth Community Council CLG Community Employment Scheme. Congratulations to all the night's recipients but a special well done to Mary Mc Ginty, Marian Kelly, Bernadette Claxton & Martina Mooney all of whom are current or ex-members of MCC staff. The majority of our office staff training is completed through the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board training centre at Manor Mills, Maynooth. A big thank you to Mary Faughnan and all the staff at KWETB for their support in completing this valuable training.



Anne-Marie Tallon (KWETB) presenting Mary McGinty (MCC) with her Major Award



L-R Bernadette Raftery & Fr. Tom Raftery at the Awards Night



L-R Mary McGinty, Bernadette Claxton & Martina Mooney at the Awards Ceremony



L-R Catriona Cullen, Billy Mulvihill, Sinead Baker, Donald Macleod & Mary Faughnan



Laurence Barron at the Awards Night

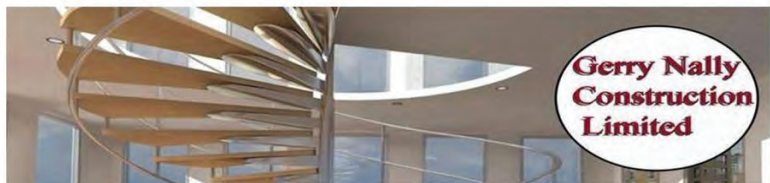


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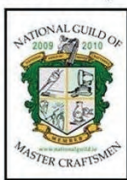
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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



Our Hallowe'en Tea-Dance was a most enjoyable event with attendees from all the surrounding areas. Some added to the occasion with hilarious dress and rare fascinators. Kevin and Katy Cullen, as usual, had the best costume. However the day belonged to Lima and Billy Higgins who celebrated their Diamond Jubilee.

Yes folks, sixty years of marriage, now that's something to celebrate. There they were in all their glory surrounded by their family. Well done to you both and may I wish you many more years together. Thank you to all the family who kept the secret and aided and connived in the plot. A big thank you to Pam Flood who made the beautiful cake for the occasion and indeed who so generously supplies cakes for all our events. (see photos)



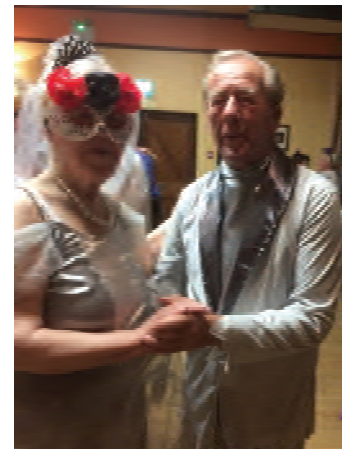
Now our attention turns to our Sale of Work which takes place on Sunday Nov. 19th in the Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. Our members will be calling to you in the next week or two and all I ask is that you continue to support us the way you have for half a century. This is also the time of year when the opportunists emerge, so be vigilant. Our people should be familiar to you by now but if in doubt, check them out. This is our main fundraising event and all our activities depend on how well we do. All monies are spent on fuel, transport, social occasions, safety and security, for the most vulnerable in our community.

All our workers are volunteers and nobody is paid whatsoever. Our accounts can be viewed annually at our AGM in March. So I thank all those who help physically and fiscally with our work. You can, if you prefer, deliver items to the school hall on Saturday or Sunday 18th /19th.

Meanwhile our morning club continues every Tuesday and Thursday in the Geraldine Hall and all seniors are welcome.

Finally, may I extend our sympathy to the family of Seamus Murphy, Parklands, who passed away recently. His wife Anne is a valued member of our committee and our thoughts are with her at this sad time. Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

Josephine Moore. - Chairperson.





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Location: SAP Landscapes Head Office, Ballygoran, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Reporting to: Contracts Manager & Senior Contracts Manager

Roles & Goals for Results:

The primary purpose of this position is to add value to the landscape management team by; Allowing the Contracts Managers more time on sites by divesting them of key bureaucratic and administrative duties, by adding margin to tenders and contracts through effective procurement management and by assisting in general desk based contracts management tasks to improve the throughput and efficiency of works undertaken. In order for you to deliver effectively on these aims you will need to quickly become proficient in bespoke software solutions employed by the company. These include: eForms, eSAP, Valesco, CS Project and COINS. It is imperative that you have the ability to quickly integrate with and support the existing management team.

Desired Experience & Skills

- Minimum 2 years strong administration experience.
- Plant knowledge is an advantage.
- Good working knowledge of Word, Excel and other MS Office software systems.
- Excellent organisational and interpersonal skills with the ability to drive change & adapt to different working environments.
- Excellent interpersonal and problem solving skills.
- Ability to multi- task is essential for this role.
- Good attention to detail whilst working to deadlines.
- Ability to prioritise numerous tasks to promote and ensure the smooth day to day running of Landscapes Department.
- Ensure work is of a high standard that is expected in SAP Landscapes.

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# Maynooth Labour News

**Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: - 6285293 or 087 9890645 - E mail [jmcginley@eircom.net](mailto:jmcginley@eircom.net) - Web: [www.labour.ie/johnmccginley/](http://www.labour.ie/johnmccginley/)**

## Update on Traffic Management in Maynooth:

Councillors were given the following report at the Maynooth MD meeting on 17 October:

*“As recommended as part of the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan, the traffic signals maintenance contractor has been instructed to carry out the SCOOT review and revalidation. This work has commenced, the first stage is to carry out a desktop review on the SCOOT database, assessing all SCOOT settings and parameters and then prepare a report on the findings. Following on from this, a review of each junction and assessment whether any physical works are required in advance of the full SCOOT revalidation will be carried out. This work, depending on the extent of any physical works required, should take approximately six to eight weeks to implement.*

*It was necessary to await the reopening of all schools and the university to assess the town when traffic volumes are at maximum levels. As the members are aware, the junctions in Maynooth town centre are all currently operating at over capacity, and with traffic volumes nationally on the increase, we are essentially managing queues during am/pm peaks in the town centre. In the absence of major infrastructural improvements as outlined in the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan, maximising the capacity of existing infrastructure is planned in the short term.”*

Councillors were advised, after a long debate, that all junctions in the town are being monitored by KCC and Contractors with a view to improving the efficiency of the junctions within 4/6 weeks

## Update on the Provision of the traffic Lights at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction

Cllr. John McGinley got the following e mail from the Council’s Senior Executive Engineer on 13 October:

*“I have been in contact with the Engineer for the Developer yesterday to get an update on the programme of the works. I will confirm when these works are scheduled to start once I get this information.”*

The Director of Services stated on 17 October that work on the traffic lights is about to start.

## Update on 67 Bus Extension to Moyglare Road.

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley’s motion, Kildare County Council wrote to Dublin Bus and they got the following extraordinary reply:

*“Thank you for your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> October regarding the possibility of the route 67 extending to Moyglare. Dublin Bus has no current plans to extend route 67 through the chronic congestion over to Moyglare Hall.*

*However, we are currently engaged with the National Transport Authority (NTA) in their BusConnects project with its commitment to investing €1bn in Dublin’s bus network.*

*The BusConnects project is a suite of initiatives proposed by the NTA at revitalising bus transport in Dublin. A planned redesign of our current bus network is one of the nine initiatives within the busConnects project and is still very much in the early stages; data analysis is being conducted and design options and route choices are being discussed. Dublin Bus is fully engaged in this project and are committed to promoting and protecting the interests of our customers. Thank you again for your email and if you have any further queries regarding this issue please do not hesitate to contact me directly.”*

At the Maynooth MD meeting of the Council on 17 October Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage at the extraordinary reply from Dublin Bus. He asked the Director of Services to again write to Dublin Bus pointing out that in their e mail dated 5 February 2014 they stated:

*“I wish to confirm that Dublin Bus are keen to extend route 67 from beside the railway station on the Straffan Road in Maynooth to Moyglare.”*

## Public Lights in Castle Dawson to be Repaired

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response from the Council on 18 October in relation to his representations to the pole that was knocked down and to the 16 public lights not working:

*“I have been in contact with Stephen Cunningham (formerly of Development Control Section) regarding the lighting issues in Castle Dawson, Maynooth. Both the PL Contractor and the ESB have been out on site and made it safe, the pole and exposed cables. While the estate is not taken in charge of*

*Kildare County Council, the Development Control Section have asked us to repair any faults that exist at present.*

*I have contacted our PL Contractor about the situation and they are programming it into their schedule.”*

## Re-vamp of The Square, Maynooth

The Maynooth MD manager will discuss the Draft proposals for the Square, with Councillors, before the end of October; when they will then go on public display.

## Back Lanes, Maynooth to be Re-Surfaced in Spring 2018

The Maynooth MD Manager advised Councillors at their meeting on 17 October that he would re-surface the Back Lanes, Maynooth, in Spring of next year. Surplus from the Pay Parking will be used to pay for the work.

## Drainage Work and Re-surfacing of the Back Lane in Old Greenfield Scheduled for Next Month

The Maynooth MD Manager advised Councillors at their meeting on 17 October that the drainage and re-surfacing of Old Greenfield Back Lane is scheduled to begin on 6 November and that it would take 3 full weeks to complete.

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for Turnstile Gate to be Retained at The Harbour Field:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of Maynooth MD meeting on 17 October:

*“That the turnstile gate, which is being removed to accommodate the North South Corridor development, be relocated to where the double gate is at present (further along the Harbour Field wall) and that funding be provided to rebuild the wall where it has fallen.”*

He got the following highly unsatisfactory reply:

*“This work is not included in the National Transportation Authority funded scheme.”*

Cllr. McGinley stated that he made a submission to retain the turnstile gate when the North South Corridor was on public display and as a result the Final Report stated:

*“that the turnstile would be relocated to accommodate the new street.”*

Maynooth Tidy Towns and Cllr. John McGinley have asked that it be re-located to where the double gate is at present and that the Harbour Field wall be re-built. Cllr. McGinley has asked that the Local Property Tax and the Pay Parking Surplus be used for this purpose.

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Re-surfacing of the Newtown Road Footpath:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of Maynooth MD meeting on 17 October:

*“That the footpath from Cluain Aoibhinn to the Health Board houses in Newtown, Maynooth be re-surfaced. “*

He was given the following weak reply:

*“Work on this footpath is warranted but is not included in the current works schedule.”*

Cllr. McGinley stated that this is a highly pedestrianised area and that the Local Property Tax and the Pay Parking Surplus should be used for the work.

## Cllr. McGinley Calls for Extra Parking Spaces at Maynooth Train Station:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of Maynooth MD meeting on 17 October:

*“Can the Director of Services contact Iarnrod Eireann again asking them when they will be providing the much needed 38 additional parking spaces at Maynooth train station? (They were granted planning permission for these in 2011, which was extended this year until 6 July 2021).”*

John got the following reply:

*“If the members are in agreement a letter will issue to Iarnrod Eireann in respect to their timeline for the provision of 38 additional car parking spaces at Maynooth train station.”*

Cllr. McGinley stated it was unforgivable that Iarnrod Eireann had still not provided the additional spaces as Planning Permission was granted for them 6 years ago and that the station car park was now full at 7.30 am.

The Director of Services said that he would meet Iarnrod Eireann to ask them why they have not proceeded with the additional much needed spaces.

## Update on the Maynooth North South Corridor:

Councillors were given the following update on 17 October:

*“Work is scheduled to begin at the Harbour Field on 6 November and will be completed to The Roost in mid-February 2018.”*

## Update on the Canal Greenway

Councillors were given the following update on 17 October:

*“The section from Maynooth Harbour to Chambers Bridge will be completed by the second week in November. Some much needed repairs to the footbridge to the train station will also be carried out. Around 90% of the Greenway will be completed to Athlone by the end of the year.”*

## Stagg Presses HSE on Refurbishment of Maynooth Community Care Unit

Emmet Stagg has raised with the HSE the need to provide funding for the required refurbishment works to the Maynooth Community Care Unit at The Harbour, Maynooth. The cost of the works are estimated at €1 Million and the HSE have advised that the refurbishment plans have been submitted to the Social Care National Office of the HSE and a decision on funding is awaited. The HSE further advised that the HSE are committed to ensuring that the Maynooth Community Care Unit will meet the HIQA standards and will continue to meet the needs of people in Maynooth and the surrounding areas.

The Maynooth Community Care Unit is a fantastic facility to have in our Community and Emmet Stagg praised the staff for the excellent care provided to our elderly people at the facility. In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to press the HSE to confirm funding for the refurbishment works to enable the project to proceed in 2018.

## Tenders for Construction of New Maynooth Educate Together School to Be Invited in December

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has been in contact with the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to progressing the Tender Stage of the New Maynooth Educate Together School on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, and the commencement of construction of the New School.

The Minister has advised that a new Design and Build Contractor Framework is currently being established and is expected to be in place in the next 2 months. In tandem with this, tender documents for the New Maynooth Educate Together School are being prepared, in order to be in a position to invite tenders when the Framework is in place. Welcoming this continuing progress with the school Mr. Stagg stated that the project remained in place to commence construction in early 2018 and he again congratulated the Board of Management of the school on progressing the project to this stage.

## Stagg Calls for Enforcement Action over Car Parking Provision for Oak Alley

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has called on Kildare Co. Council to take enforcement action for non-compliance with planning conditions in relation to the provision of a Car Park to serve the Oak Alley Restaurant & Cocktail Bar on Main Street, Maynooth.

Planning permission for the provision of the Restaurant & Cocktail Bar also included provision of a car park for 103 vehicles. Entry was to be off Doctor's Lane and the exit was to be into the Public Car Park adjoining the site. A Car Park of some sorts has been provided which is not open to the Public. The surface of the Car Park is not a durable permanent surface as required under the planning conditions.

Whilst the development of the car park with 103 parking spaces was a matter for the developer, what is not is that the development of Oak Alley required the provision of 35 car parking spaces under the standards in the Maynooth Local Area Plan. We can't force the developer to provide 103 spaces but he must comply with the Maynooth Local Area Plan and provide 35. Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he had raised the non-compliance with the Transportation Section of the Council who have now referred it to the planning section in the context of planning enforcement, and he looked forward to action by the Council in this matter.



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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## Funding for College Question

I'm unemployed and planning to go to college. What funding is available for this?

### Answer

Most undergraduate students attending publicly funded third-level courses for the first time will qualify for the Free Fees Initiative. You must meet criteria as regards residence, nationality and immigration status, as well as course requirements. If you qualify for free fees, you do not have to pay tuition fees. In addition to fees, there is a separate student contribution, which you pay to the college.

The student grant is the main financial support for students. The grant can cover all or part of your fees (if they are not already covered) and the student contribution and it can also provide some maintenance. To qualify for a grant, you and your course must meet certain criteria and you must pass a means test.

The Back to Education Allowance is available to people who have been getting certain social welfare payments for a set period of time before starting their course. You cannot get a Back to Education Allowance and the maintenance portion of a student grant at the same time. If you are eligible for both, you should find out which would be of more benefit to you.

The Free Fees Initiative, the student grant and the Back to Education Allowance all have rules regarding progression from previous studies. However, there are exceptions. If you intend to start a course at a level you have studied before, you should check whether the rules on progression apply to your situation.

If you do not qualify for the Free Fees Initiative or the student grant, you should find out whether Springboard can help you to return to education. Springboard provides free higher education courses related to specific areas in which there are employment opportunities.

If you have to pay tuition fees and a student contribution, you may qualify for tax relief. You can find out more about sources of funding, including the Student Assistance Fund for students experiencing financial hardship, on [studentfinance.ie](http://studentfinance.ie).

## Flu Vaccination Question

I have been recommended to get a flu vaccination. Can I get it for free?

### Answer

Influenza, usually known as the flu, is highly infectious and anyone can get it. However some groups are at greater risk of complications if they get the flu. This includes people over the age of 65, pregnant women and people who have a chronic medical condition.

The flu vaccine can help protect you from getting the flu. The flu virus changes every year and this is why there is a new vaccine each year. Vaccination is strongly recommended if you:

- Are aged 65 and over
- Have a long-term medical condition such as diabetes, heart, kidney, liver, lung or neurological disease
- Have an impaired immune system due to disease or treatment
- Have a body mass index (BMI) over 40
- Are pregnant
- Live in a nursing home or other long-stay institution
- Are a carer or a healthcare worker
- Have regular contact with poultry, water fowl or pigs

You can get the vaccine from your GP (family doctor) or pharmacist. Children can get the vaccine from a GP.

The vaccine itself is free of charge if you are in one of the recommended groups.

However, doctors and pharmacists may charge a consultation fee when they give you the vaccine

If you have a medical card or GP visit card, you can get the vaccine without being charged a consultation fee.

## Replacing Lead Pipes Question

Can we get a grant to replace lead water pipes in our house?

### Answer

The local authorities administer a means-tested grant scheme to help low-income households with the cost of replacing lead pipes and fittings.

If your income is below €50,000 a year, you may get a grant of up to 80% of the cost, up to a maximum of €4,000. If your income is between €50,001 and €75,000, you may get up to 50%, up to a maximum of €2,500. You will need to provide evidence of your household's income when applying to the local authority for the grant.

You must own the premises and live in it as your principal private residence (your main home). You must get the remedial work done before applying for the grant, and it must cost at least €200.

You must have evidence of a risk of lead contamination in your home. This can either be:

- A letter from your water supplier (Irish Water or a group water scheme), advising that your water system probably contains lead pipes and fittings, or
- A recent certificate from an accredited laboratory, showing that the level of lead in your water supply is higher than the legal limit

The contractor who does the work must give you the following: a current tax clearance certificate; itemised receipts; written confirmation that the works carried out and the materials used are of an appropriate quality and standard.

You will need to enclose all these documents with your grant application.

If you are an Irish Water customer and you plan to replace your lead piping, you must first apply for Irish Water's Customer Opt-in Lead Pipe Replacement Scheme.

You may be able to get some tax relief under the Home Renovation Incentive (HRI) scheme even if you get a grant to replace your lead piping – see [revenue.ie](http://revenue.ie).

## Benefits for Carers Question

I will need to take time out from work to provide full-time care for my father. What is available for people in my situation?

### Answer

There are several entitlements available to you. In order for you to qualify, the person you are caring for (your father) must be in need of full-time care and attention.

If you are working at present and will be taking time off to care, you may be eligible for carer's leave of up to 2 years. You must have worked for your employer for a continuous period of 12 months to qualify for this leave. While you are on carer's leave, you are entitled to get credited social insurance contributions to maintain your PRSI record.

You are entitled to annual leave and public holidays in respect of the first 13 weeks of carer's leave. Your employer cannot dismiss you or victimise you for exercising your right to carer's leave.

You may also be entitled to Carer's Benefit from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, if you have enough PRSI contributions to qualify.

If you do not qualify for Carer's Benefit, you may qualify for a means-tested Carer's Allowance. If you get Carer's Allowance, you may be entitled to a Free Travel Pass. If you live with the person you are caring for, you may also qualify for the Household Benefits Package.

There is also an annual Carer's Support Grant of €1,700, formerly known as the Respite Care Grant, which is paid to full-time carers in June each year. Even if you are not getting any other social welfare payment, you can qualify for this grant if you fulfil the conditions.



# Tidy Towns Competition 2017 Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth Ref: 377 County: Kildare

Mark: 323 Category: G Date(s): 21/06/2017 - 30/07/2017

| Area                                      | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2016 | Mark Awarded 2017 |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Community Involvement & Planning          | 60           | 52                | 53                |
| Built Environment and Streetscape         | 50           | 41                | 42                |
| Landscaping and Open Spaces               | 50           | 46                | 46                |
| Sustainable Waste and Resource Management | 50           | 35                | 37                |
| Sustainable Waste and Resource Management | 50           | 19                | 20                |
| Tidiness and Litter Control               | 90           | 54                | 55                |
| Residential Streets & Housing Areas       | 50           | 31                | 33                |
| Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes           | 50           | 36                | 37                |
| <b>Total Mark</b>                         | <b>450</b>   | <b>314</b>        | <b>323</b>        |

**Community Involvement & Planning / Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail & Pleanáil:**  
Maynooth as always is most welcome to the Supervalu Tidy Towns competition 2017. Thank you for your excellent application and helpful map. Your biodiversity action plan 2017-2021 as you state in your application is a major undertaking for Maynooth. It is evident from your application that your committee and volunteers are dedicated to foster a sense of pride in the unique environment of Maynooth, as well as creating a more sustainable town to live. You get support and assistance from other groups such as the men’s shed who undertake various projects such as making bird boxes for use around Maynooth. Working with the National Learning Network is commended. It is nice to see that all members of the community are included in developing projects that enhance the town they live in. This is one of your key qualities as a committee, engaging with all the community and creating a social aspect as well as working with volunteers. Having that cuppa encourages people to come along and make friends and not feel isolated. You have also good support from all the relevant agencies, schools and businesses as fund raising can be difficult at times and it is good to have local support. Communication to the wider community is varied with social media one of the top means of communicating the word around. Well done on your gold medal and pollinator awards in 2016. Your participation in the competition for over 50 years has played an important part in helping Maynooth’s achievements in developing and enhancing the town to what it is today. May it continue to help you with further success into the future.

**Built Environment and Streetscape / An Timpeallacht Thógtha agus Sráid-dreacha:**  
The charming streetscape of Maynooth is appreciated as one looks from the magnificent grounds of Carton House to the Spire of the Church. This is part of the historical college buildings with mature trees softening the hardness of the buildings along the street, which creates a charming vista. There is a noticeable reduction in hanging baskets on the buildings except on the business premises and this is commended. This is also evident on the side streets running parallel as the buildings along these streets have been painted instead and look resplendent. The town like many today have some buildings unoccupied but you are working on this. The Chocolate Bar and Powderly Solicitors are two such buildings that today are occupied and well presented. The Water Point along the main street is in need of painting. The red and cream building of St Mary’s band dating back to 1795 was admired and the pound with its well landscaped surrounds was also visited. Green park’s mature trees and new oak tree planting was visited. The tree planted in honour of 1916 was noted. The train station, a busy amenity in this college town was excellent and the planted containers at the Bus Stop were also splendid. The schools visited were excellent, Scoil Mhuire in particular had an interesting garden “Veronicas” which would help you forget your troubles as you wander around. Well done to the pupils and teachers on the work they have done to create this magical garden.

**Landscaping and Open Spaces / Tírdhreachú agus Spásanna Oscailte:**  
It is clear looking at the planting around Maynooth that you fully embrace the All Ireland Pollinator Plan and have certainly set in motion your biodiversity plan. Many areas of exquisite landscaping were noted around the town. The pollinator beds and native hedgerow planted on the Dublin Road, opposite Tesco was admired. However the railing here is in need of painting. The planting at the roundabouts is also excellent. Planting at the Maxol Filling station and bed opposite the Glenroyal hotel fit well into your new biodiversity plan. A large number of planted trees were noted at the embankment on the Dunboyne road and on a smaller scale at The Green Pound Lane where a number of oak trees were planted. Do ensure that trees are staked and monitored until they are established. Too often communities plant new trees and forget about the after care of them.

**Wildlife, Habitats and Natural Amenities / Fiadhúlra, Gnáthóga agus Taitneamhachtaí Náúrtha:**  
This is another area where the town is embracing the natural habitats that exist within its environs. The Leixlip road provides good natural habitats in the hedges, trees and unspoiled verge that border this stretch of busy road. The university campus is also

home to numerous trees and this theme is carried through the main street and on to Carton House which also has areas of wild flower planting nestled beneath the large trees that line the avenue. The canal is an amenity for the community to enjoy for recreational purposes such as cycling and walking. Along the canal and river is a good place to host walks and talks that celebrate and create awareness of the wildlife that live there. The planting mentioned under landscaping that was noted throughout the town and approach roads complements the natural habitats that already exist in Maynooth. The Biodiversity Action Plan will hopefully build on the wildlife habitats and rich natural amenities that already exist in Maynooth. This will create a greater awareness throughout the community of the proper management of our existing biodiversity and how it can be enhanced. Your concerns of new housing and planting of native trees should be addressed by the local authority, as their environmental officer should be ensuring that this type of planting is enforced at all new developments around Maynooth.

**Sustainable Waste and Resource Management / Bainistiú Acmhainní agus Dramhaíola Inbhuanaithe:**  
This category is about reducing the amount of waste produced in the community and reducing the amount going to landfill sites. Like most groups with the introduction of pay by weight for waste, more people are looking at reducing their waste load. You are moving in the right direction by organising an information night for the residents on proper management of their waste. More recycling and upcycling of waste material will certainly help to reduce the overall amount of waste leaving for landfill. The sundial upcycle project and the poles used for your gold medal are two good examples on ways of reusing materials that would otherwise be left as waste material. Management of resources around transport, pooling of cars and using buses which reduces the number of cars on the roads is another area to look at. Well done to the College for getting involved and introducing energy saving methods. The community of Maynooth are working together across all methods of better waste management and this is commended.

**Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:**  
Your stamina in managing litter around Maynooth is commended. Taking a back seat from your regular litter picking regime to highlight to the County Council the need for more services proved worthwhile. As you state in your application the town has a large amount of footfall, taking into consideration that this is a college town and a historic town with many visitors, visiting daily. You now have a good service in place from the County Council and the community working along with you to help keep the town litter free. Very little litter was noted on day of adjudication. Some graffiti was noted up from the green. Some untidiness was noted at the car park on Leinster Street. This is a very busy area of the town with a lot of walkers and commuters to the playground.

**Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:**  
Working with the residents on the proper care and management of trees is important. This is an area that needs training as some groups plant but forget the after planting care. Well done to your volunteer member providing the residents with this important advice. The residential areas visited have good landscaped entrances and green areas. They are taking your advice on board on the planting of wild flowers, native trees and shrubs. Convent lane impressed with the presentation of the houses, all painted and looking pristine. The very busy playground was visited and all looked excellent.

**Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:**  
On the Kilcock approach road, grass verges are well maintained. Mature trees and landscaping was noted. Laraghbryn cemetery on this road was well presented. The college campus with its beautifully landscaped grounds complemented this road. Maynooth is approached on the Dublin road and Celbridge road by excellent presented roundabouts and numerous areas of splendid planting. Road surfaces are generally good, footpaths and cycle lanes are in good order.

**Concluding Remarks:**  
Well done to Maynooth on your continued dedication to develop and enhance the town and you are wished continued success.

**Second Round Adjudication:**  
Having never had the pleasure of visiting Maynooth before, we were bowled over at the special character of the town centre and the quality buildings, both old and new. Of particular note is the lay of Main Street and Carton Avenue which we learned dates back to the Dukes of Leinster. We understand that the axis from St. Patrick’s College to the Carton estate is one of the finest examples of 18th century urban and landscape design in the country. It certainly is memorable and we delighted in walking along the Carton Avenue which you have been working with Kildare County Council and Carton House on to increase the biodiversity. It was interesting and perhaps a little disheartening to read that the density of hedgerows in Maynooth is significantly lower than the county average. Hopefully you can work with the Council in order to try and improve the situation and locate other areas that would benefit from hedge planting, such as the recently planted hedge along the wall in the Green. The Royal Canal and the magnificent grounds of St. Patrick’s College are amongst the town’s prime

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## Editorial

Sir Walter Scott said "November's sky is chill and drear, November's leaf is red and sear" which are two interesting images of this month. At the outset let me go towards the end of the month and wish the many Maynooth residents who celebrate it – "Happy Thanksgiving" on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

From our front page this month you will have seen that we had our own recent celebrations with the presentation of the QQI training awards for our staff. We are very proud of the successes achieved and the benefits of these awards for our dedicated staff. One of the main reasons why Maynooth Community Council clg exists is to provide the opportunity for people from our town to come and work for the community that we serve and to get valuable training opportunities during their time with us. This could not be achieved without the support of the Department for Employment Affairs and Social Protection and of course the directors of the company that give freely of their time and expertise.

The upgrading of the Canal towpath from Bond Bridge to the Harbour area is near completion and will enhance the canal area as well as improving an important local amenity. While the major works are being undertaken as part of creation of a walking/cycle route along the entire Royal Canal the outdoor

staff of Maynooth Community Council clg are continuing the work to enhance and maintain the Royal Canal bank area from Jackson's Bridge to Pike's Bridge including the Harbour area. As Maynooth expands with new housing and of course new residents the value of this natural amenity area will become even more important.

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Another important date to remember is November 11<sup>th</sup> which this year falls on a Saturday. Armistice Day which marked the end of the hostilities on the western front in World War 1 took place ninety- nine years ago this year. Maynooth was connected to the war effort in many ways but most uniquely the role played by St. Patrick's college in addressing the need for catholic chaplains to be trained to accompany the Irish men going to fight in the war. To end with quote from Cynthia Ozick "We often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude"

**Paul Croghan - Editor**



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### Government must do more for Mortgage Holders says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, says the Government must do more to secure a better deal for mortgage holders, from banks operating in Ireland.

"The latest examples of bank customers caught up in the tracker mortgage scandal, reports that profits in Banks here are three times the EU norm and the interest rates that the banks charge their customers in Ireland are the highest in the EU, are all examples of the how the Banks operating here are not giving their customers fair play."

"As I said earlier this year, for example, the interest rate on all new mortgages, fixed and variable, stood at 3.3% in June compared to a euro area rate of 1.83%. This means that a borrower with a mortgage of €200,000 is paying €250 per month more than they would be paying in the average Euro area country" stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"We hear a lot about helping those that get up early in the morning; however, we must put more focus on reducing the cost of living. If banks gave their Irish mortgage holders a fairer deal, their cost of living would be reduced and more money would be available for the local economy."

"Around 13,000 customers were left on the wrong interest rate, and over 100 lost their homes as a result of the banks' failure to place them on the correct mortgage rate. The banks' treatment of these customers is nothing short of scandalous. It is simply not acceptable, and the Government must adopt a stronger stance with the banks."

"We have been campaigning for mortgage holders, and particularly those in mortgage arrears, for some time now. Since I got elected last year, I have worked with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to keep a focus on their concerns."

"The Central Bank revealed at the Oireachtas committee a number of disturbing features of the approach taken by banks to the tracker mortgage scandal. This together with the higher interest rates being charged to Irish customers must be dealt with by the Banks. The time for persuasion is over. All of the instruments available to the Government and the Central Bank must be used to address these scandals" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

### Primary care psychologist appointed to Kildare - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has welcomed the appointment of a primary care psychologist to Kildare.

Deputy O'Rourke previously raised concerns about the lack of a primary care psychologist in the Dáil with Minister for Health Simon Harris and pressed the need for an appointment to be made without delay.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Kildare was left without a primary care psychologist for a number of months which had a detrimental impact on mental health services in the region. I raised this issue with Minister Harris on a number of occasions and pointed out that the absence of a psychologist in the county was at odds with his Government's claim that they are pulling out all the stops to strengthen mental health services.

"Minister Harris recently wrote to me to confirm that *"a new Primary Care Psychologist has recently taken up her post in North Kildare."*

"This is a positive development. The need for a properly staffed mental health service has never been greater. Primary care psychologists play a vital role in assisting people in managing their mental health and promoting psychological wellbeing within communities.

"Fianna Fáil is pushing for additional investment in mental health services in Budget 2018 and I will be working to ensure Kildare gets the resources it needs. There has been significant under investment in mental health services in recent years and a change in approach is clearly needed.

"The 'Vision for Change' policy document set out a roadmap for developing our mental health services. It was first published in 2006 yet many of its recommendations remain to be addressed. The Government urgently needs to refocus its efforts to ensure our mental health services are fit for purpose."

### Budget 2018 is far from perfect - FF's influence puts it in the right direction – says O'Rourke - but lack of focus on cost of living a missed opportunity

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said that while Budget 2018 is far from perfect, we have though the supply and confidence agreement with the Government, and our determination, ensured that fairness is put at the heart of the budget.

"I am delighted that once again we have secured a €5 per week increase in the State Pension. This is the second year in a row that Fianna Fáil has secured such an increase. The €5 per week welfare payment increases are a core priority for Fianna Fáil."

"Increased resources for public services are also welcome, with increased number of teachers and special needs teachers, which I have campaigned for. The reduction of the USC for low income families and the widening of the tax bands for low income families are also welcome; we have succeeded in moving the debate from reducing the higher tax rate, a Fine Gael proposal, to focusing on low income families. "

"The Telephone Allowance for older people is to be brought back from October 2018. I called for this in recent weeks and I am delighted that it is included in the budget, but it is only a step in the right direction. However, the funds allocated for the Taoiseach's Strategic Communications Unit, €5m, would be better placed in further supports for older people."

"We need to focus more on the cost of living expenses. Rising cost of insurances, increased home property taxes and increased energy costs are the hidden rising costs which have not been the Government's priority. I have said many times, that there is little point in reducing taxes, if a multiple of the reduction is taken back in the increase in the cost of living." "Last year was the first progressive budget in 6 years; a fact admitted by the Taoiseach himself. Fianna Fáil's influence over budgetary policy, through its supply and confidence agreement, is greater than Labour's party influence while they were in Government. Our spokesperson on Finance, Michael McGrath TD, whom I work closely with, has been determined to ensure that fairness is put at the heart of the budget." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

### O'Rourke presses for extra funding for Bord Bia to open new markets post-Brexit

Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has raised the requirement for extra resources for Bord Bia, the agency tasked with promoting Irish food at home and abroad, to enable it adequately market Irish foods abroad in a post-Brexit scenario.

"Kildare is home to many food based companies. It is essential that we sustain the growth in our food export business, given the challenges that Brexit present. The UK accounts for more than 40% of Irish food exports, and Kildare is home to much of that business."

"Despite the outcome of the Brexit referendum last year, the Government has only allocated €2m in additional funding to Bord Bia in its 2017 budget. Bord Bia is responsible for promoting and marketing Irish food products, both here in Ireland, and right across the globe."

"The industry is facing a very serious challenge following Britain's decision to leave the EU, and we need to ensure that new markets and opportunities are explored to ensure that we protect the many jobs that are associated with this important Industry."

"As I have mentioned in the Dáil on a number of occasions, Naas and the surrounding area is home to many Food related companies, which have strong brands. Examples include, Kerry Food, Dawn Farm Food, the Queally Group, Tara Vale Foods, Green Isle Group, Brady Farm Food located in Timahoe, and Ballymooney Foods located in Clane."

"Since getting elected, I have campaigned for the area of North Kildare to be designated as a Food Hub. Kildare County Council's CEO has also supported calls for the area to be designated as a Food Hub. The agri-food sector is Ireland's largest indigenous industry which employs over 175,000 people with a turnover of €11bn last year. We must support this Industry given the challenges presented by Brexit."

"Bord Bia has 13 international offices, but only 5 of them are located outside of the EU. The EU-Japan trade deal now

allows access of Irish dairy and meat product into Japan. However, there is no Bord Bia bureau in Japan." stated Deputy O'Rourke having raised the issue with his colleague, Fianna Fáil's Spokesperson on Agriculture & Food, Charlie McConalogue TD.

### O'Rourke - Supports for older people in Budget 2018 as more focus on reducing the cost of living required.

Fianna Fáil Kildare North TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said that his party's footprint in relation to supports for older people has been demonstrated in the range of measures included in Budget 2018.

"We have secured a €5 per week increase in the State Pension, an extra week of Fuel Allowance, the Telephone Allowance for older people is to be brought back from October 2018 and a new €2.50 weekly allowance to adults living on their own." stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"In terms of the health service, there will be additional funding for home care packages. I know from my clinics the increased requirement for home care packages, as we try and assist older people live in their own homes. I had raised these issues prior to the budget and I am delighted that we have made some progress."

"We ensured that fairness was put center stage in Budget 2018. Last year, was the first progressive budget in 6 years; a fact admitted by the Taoiseach himself. Fianna Fáil's influence over budgetary policy, through its supply and confidence agreement, is greater than that of the Labour party influence while in Government. We successfully moved Fine Gael away from their focus on reducing the higher rate of income tax."

"This wasn't a perfect budget, but the direction of the Budget, in terms of lower income families and older people, was much fairer because of our influence." concluded Deputy O'Rourke who has urged the Government to put more focus on reducing the cost of living between Budgets.

### Maynooth Tidy Towns

Huge Congratulations to Maynooth for taking Gold in the National Tidy Towns Awards. Maynooth has shown what Community involvement can do. This is very well deserved and well done to Maynooth Tidy Town Committee and all the volunteers who have helped achieve this recognition.

### Waiting lists for spinal surgery services deteriorates further - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says he is growing increasingly concerned by the deterioration in waiting lists for spinal surgery services at Tallaght Hospital. Patients from right across the country are referred to Tallaght Hospital for spinal treatment surgeries. New figures obtained by Deputy O'Rourke show that the number of people waiting for treatment has climbed considerably in recent months.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Tallaght Hospital currently provides spinal surgery services for a number of hospitals, including Naas. There is a significant demand for such services but the Government has failed to set aside the necessary investment in recent years to ensure the hospital is able to cope with this demand. "

"I have been raising this matter in the Dáil chamber for over a year now and each time the Minister gives a commitment that it will be dealt with comprehensively and that waiting lists will be reduced. Yet figures clearly show that the waiting lists at Tallaght Hospital are rapidly deteriorating with one surgeon alone having 500 patients of which 170 are awaiting spinal surgery."

"It's simply unacceptable that patients, who have been told that they urgently require treatment by their doctor, are expected to wait up to 18 months and in some cases up to 38 months to receive the life altering surgery that they require. It's expected that demand for such services is set to increase significantly in the years ahead so the waiting lists are likely to get even longer unless the Government takes action.

"At present, Tallaght hospital is hiring or renting theatre space from the Beacon Clinic for 1 day per week. This confirms the chronic lack of resources, theatre space and infrastructure at Tallaght."

I have previously called for a targeted investment programme to boost spinal surgery services at Tallaght Hospital. The latest waiting list figures show that such an investment programme is needed now more than ever," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



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environmental assets. However you are to be commended for commissioning a Biodiversity Action Plan to facilitate the conservation and protection of other areas of biodiversity importance in the town. Your committee has also benefited from training in biodiversity awareness and management. In terms of the Wildlife Heritage and Natural Amenities category you certainly have a good understanding of the requirements and your BAP 2017 to 2021 will keep you focused in this category.

Maynooth is well recognised as a university town and both St Patrick's College and NUI Maynooth boast impressive campus. The modern and sophisticated John Paul II library building sits comfortably amongst the older campus buildings and is very appealing from the kerbside. The campus is a feast for the eyes, with the magnificent old buildings surrounding the quad and beautiful extensive grounds with lovely tree-lined walks. We passed the Church of Ireland and Maynooth Castle and heading down the street. Thanks for actioning last year's comments in relation to the signage and we understand that the OPW are working on improvements. Many businesses along the main thoroughfares are doing you proud and are upping their game in terms of their visual appearance. We admired Avenue, the bright red and white façade of the Credit Union, the fresh appearance of the Maynooth Bookshop and the traditional looking Clock House. In this vicinity we thought that the building housing Manor Cabs and the tattoo parlour was over cluttered and detracted here. Perhaps a colour co-ordinating the exterior paint choice with that of the building next door would help. O'Neills and the Coffee Lounge also caught the eye. Planting at the main entrance to the NUI Maynooth is very impactful and was admired. The wildflower area beside the student accommodation was noted but we see a planning application notice here and the area is due to be redeveloped. Perhaps the Green Committee will look for other areas that can be planted with wildflowers to compensate.

In the grounds of St. Patricks College we admired the orchard explored the walled garden, it is as pretty as a picture and a perfect place to stop and smell the roses. The Maynooth Pound area also looked well with planting sponsored by Anne & Norman Birchall Plumbing. On adjudication day Maynooth was busy and vibrant, tourists were noted in a number of locations, residents were enjoying the canal walks but more noticeable was the influx of fans destined for Croke Park. Supporters from Galway, Roscommon and Mayo were converging on the town, parking up and making the onward journey to the All Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter-Finals via train. Therefore, we did note that parking in certain areas was beginning to be an issue. We noted the cycle track on the Straffan Road. Do you promote sustainable transport methods to residents? The e-car charging point at Tesco's and at the university was noted, is there any others? The recycling bins along the street were noted positively and you have been busy organising an information evening covering

a variety of interesting topics. The presentation and maintenance of residential estates is a strong point of your application. There is a significant number of residential estates, and in the main, those that we visited were presented to an excellent standard. We liked that there is a wild area in Castle Dawson specifically to help pollinators.

A number of estates are becoming more sustainable with the use of solar panels noted on the likes of Newtown Hall. Housing off and along the Newtown Road was admired. At Cluain Aoibhinn entrance landscaping was attractive and it was nice to see the medals proudly on display here relating to your own competition. The majority of properties looked well in College Green however one or two would benefit from a fresh coat of paint. Signage was missing in Beaufield and the maintenance of grass and attention to weeds would not be up the same standard as other estates visited. Moyglare Hall, Moyglare Abbey and the various areas within are excellently presented and the small name signs were enhanced with a touch of summer colour from bedding plants. The various approaches to the town were looking well with new name stone erected near Maynooth Town Football Club. On the Kilcock Road there is an empty wooden sign, just before the 50km speed sign at the NUI Maynooth roundabout that should be taken down. The twin towns signage on the Moyglare Road would need cleaned but we realise this is probably due to the large construction works nearby. Pedestrian crossing markings are faded in places particularly near your sundial outside the girl's school on Convent Lane. A section of wall at St.Mary's Church has been knocked down and needs to be repaired. Your back streets and lanes fared well. In terms of litter, beer cans were noted in the grass near seating on Carton Avenue. The Bring Banks at the Aldi on the Kilcock Road also had bags and cardboard boxes deposited at them and presentation could be improved. Pruning is required to enable users to read the recycling information here. From the information provided it appears you are well organised with committees, sub-committees and extra support on the ground. You have been working with a plethora of agencies and bodies and have strong links with residents, voluntary groups and schools and work in partnership with local businesses and Kildare County Council.

Your means of communication are many and include a dedicated mobile number, presentation at mass, Facebook, newspaper and local radio as well as maintaining a high profile in the St. Patricks Day parade. The involvement with primary, secondary, and third level students is commendable. Your adjudicator believes that your next step is to develop a junior committee. Your committee are to be congratulated on a super effort this year. Your adjudicator did wonder would the same high standard be witnessed during term time when the transient student population is back in town, however you adjudicator does not believe your group would let standards slip. You have a fabulous town with tremendous potential to excel further in this competition. Everyone involved with Maynooth Tidy Towns movement should be proud of their achievements, enhancing your town for the benefit of the wider community. Your adjudicator has no hesitation in endorsing the findings of my colleague and wishes you well for 2018.



# MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



## Kilcock Road Worse for Cyclists

Kildare County Council has recently made changes to the Kilcock Road at Laraghbryan which not only fail to attract new cyclists but also makes the situation worse for existing cyclists so for anyone who cycles or would like to cycle, it is a case of 'Lose Lose'.

They do not seem to realise that the Department of Transport stopped funding the conversion of hard shoulders for cycling some four or five years ago and that Irish, UK and Dutch standards recommend that cyclists are segregated on roads where the speed limit is 60kph or higher. The result of the changes is that drivers expect cyclists to use the hard shoulder and some cyclists have been blown at for exercising their right to cycle on the 'road'.



## The Electric Car - Panacea for Modern Ills?

Some twenty years ago, it was cars which ran on lead free petrol. Five or six years ago, car salesmen were promising that diesel engines were the future rather than greenhouse gas producing petrol engines. Now they are hyping electric cars as the new improved environmentally friendly car. What will Mill Street look like full of electric cars? Well actually exactly the same as it looks full of cars powered by petrol or diesel engines. In a recent article, Prof Frank Kelly of Kings College London says "Fewer not cleaner vehicles are needed" and has warned that the UK government already accepts there is no safe limit

for the tiny pollution particles from brake and tyre dust.

## Budget 2018

In October, the government announced the budget for 2018. Maynooth Cycling Campaign and other cycling groups had been looking for 10% of the land transport budget (€165Million) to be allocated to cycling or at least the announcement of a roadmap towards that target. What was the outcome? Well the Minister has allocated €10 for walking and cycling over four years which amounts to an average annual allocation of €27.5M. So how much will the Minister give to cycling? Who knows? He could give €27 Million to cycling and €0.5 Million to walking. Then again, he could €0.5 Million to cycling and €27 Million to walking. Or he could nothing in the first three years and backload cycling in year 4. Like any three card trick, the viewer has to try to guess where the Queen (ie money) is.

In Sweden the government has just announced that they will be providing €5M per year until 2020 just to promote (electric) e- bikes. Transport is one of the main causes of increasing greenhouse gases which lead to climate change and weather extremes. The lack of joined up thinking between our pattern of travel and global warming is astonishing. Expect more storms.

**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 Cycling Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation. Membership is FREE. If you want to support our work, just email your contact details to [maynoothcycling@gmail.com](mailto:maynoothcycling@gmail.com).**



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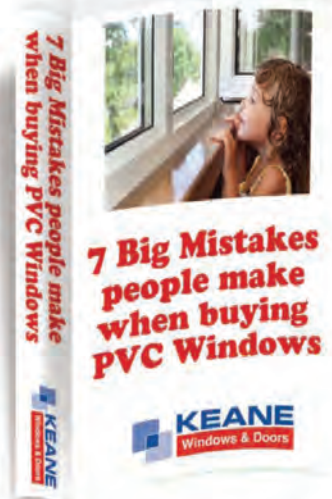
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## Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018

Preparations are underway for next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Last year's parade was bigger and better than ever but we're always looking for more groups and organisations to get involved. The Committee are working on a theme but groups should start thinking of ideas for next year. We will be looking to incorporate more music into the next parade so please use that as a starting point for your preparations.

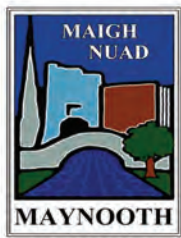


The theme will be announced in the December issue of the Maynooth Newsletter along with an application form. Any queries should be directed to the Chair of the Organising committee, Naoise Ó Cearúil by e-mail at [cllrnaoise@gmail.com](mailto:cllrnaoise@gmail.com).

**Maynooth  
Newsletter**

Copy date for the December/January edition of the  
Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 21st November 2017





# Maynooth

**Tidy Towns**  
Caring for our environment

Thanks to all who congratulated us on winning our Second Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns competition. This came as a surprise to us as we had moved into a new category because of the increase in population following the last census. Elsewhere you can read the judges report in which all members of the community of Maynooth can be proud of. The Gold Medal will be presented at the Regional awards ceremony in Skerries later in the year. We also won a National Pollinator Award, Mary Jennings, Sean Lyons and the team put a lot of work into this project. More advice on pollination will follow in future Newsletters.

Tina Drury received National recognition as one of 10 Supervalu Local Heroes. Eddie Casey of Maynooth Supervalu was on hand for the presentation to Tina and photos. On the 28th September Maynooth Tidy Towns held their monthly meeting to review the Judges report and Ted Robinson, Manager of the Glenroyal Hotel presented a cake to congratulate us on winning our second Gold Medal. We thank Ted for his continued support.

Our annual BBQ which took place on Friday October 13th was kindly hosted by the Kavanagh family and hot food was supplied by Mizzoni's Pizza, Main St. Maynooth also we wish thank Anne and Norman Birchall for they kind donation towards the BBQ. Kildare County Council Tidy Towns and Community Awards will be held on 1st November in Maynooth University @ 7pm. Maynooth Tidy Towns AGM will be held on Thursday 9th November in the Glenroyal Hotel, @ 7.30 pm.

If you wish to volunteer and have an hour of two to spare we could do with your help. Please contact us on 087 3153189 or Facebook/Twitter.

**Richard Farrell**  
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The closure is required to facilitate the laying of new water mains. The roads will be closed individually and not all together to facilitate the works.

### Alternative Route:

All traffic will be diverted via the Main Street. Diversionary routes will be clearly signposted, as agreed with the Council and An Garda Síochána. Local and emergency access will be maintained.



*Congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns  
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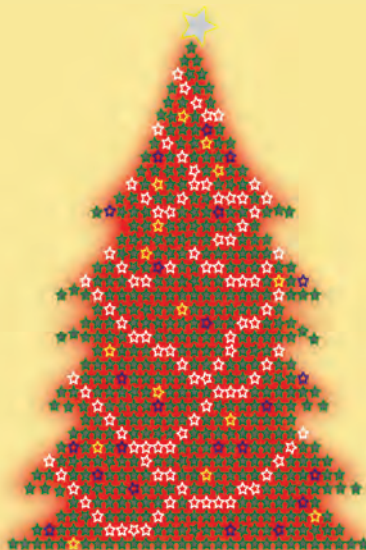
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**For further information contact**

**Moira Baxter at 086-4041927**



## St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

We are fast approaching one of the busiest periods of the year which begins with our annual Mass for Deceased Members of the Band at 1 o'clock on Sunday 12th November where we remember those who have gone before us in the way that they would have wished, with the playing of some beautiful and appropriate music. We invite relatives and friends to join us in remembering them but even if you don't have connections with the band please come along to listen to us.



Another annual event for the Band is our Christmas Concert which is happening on Sunday 3rd December in the Glenroyal Hotel at 7.30pm. Both the Senior and Junior Bands will be treating the audience to a wide range of music including well known Christmas numbers so it should be a very entertaining evening.

In what is becoming a regular part of our Christmas programme some members of the band will herald the arrival of Santa to Manor Mills on Saturday 25th November. This is always a great event and will really get the Christmas feeling up and running in the centre.

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.

Michael Dempsey (photo) was Community Person of the year in March which was a very proud occasion.

## IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC

"Calling all Queen fans! 'It's a Kind of Magic,' a Queen-themed gospel gig will take place in the Button Factory in Temple Bar, Dublin, on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 8pm. We'll be bringing you all the hits, from



Radio Gaga to Bohemian Rhapsody, with a gospel twist! This is a gig not to be missed!

**For more information, visit Maynooth Gospel Choir on Facebook or email: [info@maynoothgospel.com](mailto:info@maynoothgospel.com). Tickets cost €20 and can be booked via [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) Book without delay to avoid disappointment! "**

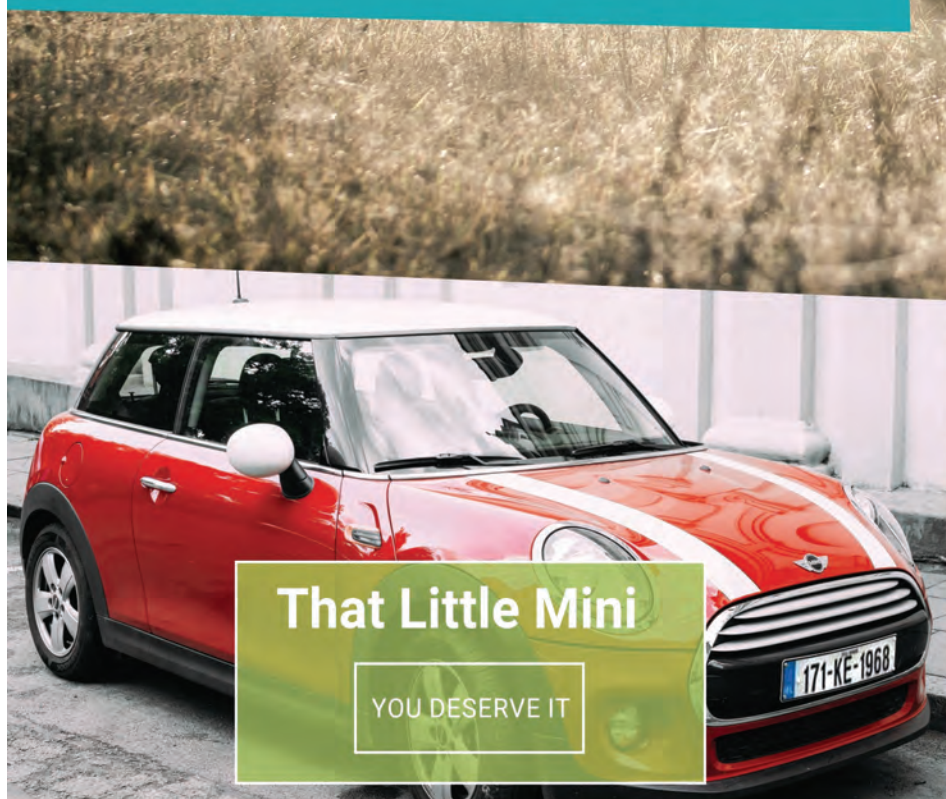




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## **November Events at Maynooth Community Library**

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### **Musical Tots**

Monday 6th and 20th November, 10am – 11am

Come sing and dance and blow bubbles with Karen Donnellan!

Numbers are limited. Do book beforehand. This is for children under 4 who must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Storytime**

Monday 13th and 27th November, 10am – 11am

An hour of stories, art and songs for children aged 2- 5 years.

No booking required. All welcome.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Maynooth Women's Group**

Saturday 4th and 18th November, 11am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

### **Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Group**

Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practise their conversational Irish.

No booking required. All welcome.

### **Maynooth Creative Writing Group**

Tuesday 7th and 21st November, 6:15pm

A meeting for writers in the Maynooth area. Beginner writers always welcome. No booking required.

### **Spanish Conversation Exchange**

Thursdays, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

An informal meeting where people can practice and converse in Spanish.

All adults welcome from novice to expert. No booking required.

### **Make Time**

Thursday 2nd and 16th November, 6 – 7:30pm

Make Time for knitting, crochet, cross stitching, embroidery, patchwork, quilting, origami, papercraft & calligraphy.

An opportunity to make, share skills & stories at Maynooth Community Library on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month.

All welcome. No booking required.

### **John Carpenter art classes for adults**

Beginning Saturday 11th November. 2.30pm – 4.30pm

The above classes will run for 3 consecutive weeks. Borrowers must sign up for all 3 sessions. These art classes are in great demand and must be booked well in advance as John only takes a limited number of participants. Contact the library on 01 6285530 or [maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie)

### **Meditation for Stress Relief with Chris McMahon, The Treatment Room**

Tuesday 21st November, 11am

Learn how to meditate with Chris McMahon, The Treatment Room. Some benefits from meditation are; lowers stress level, lowers blood pressure, calms the mind, balances the nervous system and improves sleep.

Adults only. Booking required as numbers limited.

### **Parenting Talk: Building your Daughters Self-Esteem Presented by Clare Crowley Collier, Counsellor from Family Matters**

Tuesday 14th November, 7pm

These are challenging times for girls. They are coming of age in a more media-saturated and sexualised culture facing incredible pressures to be perfect and beautiful. For girls to successfully navigate these years it's important that their self-esteem remains intact. Parents will learn practical strategies for building self-esteem, so that their daughters are listening to their own voices and living up to their own expectations and not those of others. Adults only. Booking required.

### **Parenting Talk: The Affordable Childcare Subsidy and other childcare supports, a talk for parents. Presented by Jane Beatty and Emily Moore, Kildare County Childcare Committee**

Thursday 23rd November, 7pm

Join Kildare County Childcare Committee for a talk on the universal Affordable Childcare Scheme (for children from 6 months to 3 years) and other targeted government childcare schemes. If you have children and would like to know more or are a prospective parent please come along. If you believe you may be entitled to childcare support, for example if you hold a medical card or are taking part in a Solas/ETB training course and would like to know more we can answer your questions. We will also discuss the ECCE preschool scheme, which has been extended in the budget. The AIM programme will also be explained, this allows children with disabilities or who need support in their preschool years to access the ECCE scheme. If you have questions about any of the above the speakers will be available afterwards to answer your questions. Professionals who work with parents and have questions about these schemes/would like to understand them further are also welcome to attend.

### **STEAM event: Michael Moylan Food Show – Open event**

Saturday 18th November, 10am

The Food Show is the history of food from our hunter gathering stone age to modern fast food, cakes, biscuits and sweets. It will illustrate hunting technology through the ages, human digestive biology, dental decay, food production technology and cooking chemistry.

This is a family friendly event and open to everyone.

### **Work Matters at the Library: Support for Business & Employment**

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### **Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic**

Wednesday 15th November, all day

For anyone seeking business advice. To book an appointment, applications are available through the LEO office. Please contact 045 980838.

### **Book & Film Clubs**

The following book & film clubs meet regularly at Maynooth Community Library. Please contact us if you are interested in joining a book club or starting one.

#### **Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club**

Tuesday 14th November 6:30pm

New Sci-Fi/ Fantasy Book Club at Maynooth Community Library. Reading 'Prince of Fools' by Mark Lawrence. Title is ready for collection. If you would like to join please contact (01) 6285530 or email [maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie)

#### **Reel Good Film Club**

Tuesday 21st November, 6:45pm

We are currently discussing '10 Cloverfield Lane' directed by Dan Trachtenburg.

If you would like to join please contact (01) 6285530 or email [maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie)

#### **Maynooth Film for All – Outreach at NUIM**

Wednesday 8th November, 8pm

'Personal Shopper'. Olivier Assayas, the internationally acclaimed director of Clouds of Sils Maria and Summer Hours, returns with this ethereal and mysterious ghost story starring Kirsten Stewart as a high fashion personal shopper to the stars who is also a spiritual medium. Grieving the recent death of her twin brother, she haunts his Paris home determined to make contact with him.

### **Texting and Email Service now available for Requests!**

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## An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Information Sheet Home Security Doors



### Door Security

Most intruders entering your property will either enter through a door or a window. It is not uncommon for people to leave doors and windows open, un-locked or not properly secured. Most external domestic doors come in one of the following types -

- Solid hardwood
- Hardwood incorporating glass panelling
- Aluminium
- uPVC
- Composite doors
- Timber-faced steel-reinforced doors



The strength and security of any door is primarily governed by the quality of the material used in its construction and the standard of the locks and fittings used. Whether an intruder will gain access to your home through your external doors may depend on -

- the strength of the construction material,
- the quality of the locks,
- proper fitting and installation

We can reduce their attraction as an entry point for the burglar by trying to minimize these risk features.

### Hardwood Doors

Hardwood doors should be a minimum of 44mm in thickness and capable of supporting both rim and mortice locks and hung on at least three 100mm hinges. Glass panelling, where fitted, should be laminated to at least 6.4mm in thickness. The frame of the door should be securely bolted to the wall at no less than 600mm intervals around the frame.

### uPVC and Aluminium and Composite Doors

These types of doors are generally unsuitable to retro-fit with security devices and may, where this is done, compromise any installation warranty. In these circumstances, you should always consult with the fabricator or installer as appropriate. Most are commonly fitted with a multi-point locking system and when certified to the standards outlined below generally offer a high degree of security protection.

### Timber-faced steel-reinforced doors

This type of door is the strongest residential door available and when certified to European Security Standard IS EN 1627:2011 offers a higher degree of security protection.

### Door Security Features

The front access door to any home should be fitted, where possible and appropriate, with the following additional security features -

- **Door Viewer**, which should be wide-angled, that will allow the occupant to identify callers before the door is opened.
- **Door Chain or Limiter** which allows the occupant to restrict the complete opening of the door until desired.
- **Hinge Bolts** which will strengthen the door against forced entry.
- **Letter Tray/Restrictor** to prevent car key fishing.

### Door Security & Standards

It is recommended that all external entry/exit doors are designed to withstand forced intrusion to an acceptable level. Doors manufactured to comply with the European standard I.S. EN 1627:2011 or the British security

standard for doors & windows PAS 24-2016 or equivalent are recommended as these will have been subjected to specific security and burglar resistance tests. Currently, most doors fitted to houses will not conform to these standards. The ideal domestic secure door will incorporate most or all of the following security features:

- 5 lever mortice deadlock lock to BS 3621, or EN 12209 or equivalent - top and bottom.
- Cylinder lock - EN 1303 or equivalent.
- Rim-latch lock with dead lock facility.
- Hinge bolts to reinforce the hinge side of the door.
- Door chain and wide angle viewer.

There are a wide variety of locks and locking devices available on the market today. It should be remembered, however that fitting a quality security lock to an inherently weak door, or fitting a poor lock to a quality door will not in any real way improve your security. Domestic locks are generally rim-latch, mortice (deadlock or sashlock), or a may have a multi-locking bolt mechanism. All should comply with an appropriate security standard e.g. BS 3621, EN 12209 or equivalent. This will ensure that the locks have been security tested to withstand forced hacking, drilling and sawing for a defined period.

All security devices should be fitted with strong screws or bolts. Deadlocks, when fitted and used, will also deny burglars removing property from your home via the doors.

**When employing a locksmith to alter, repair or change locks in your home. they must be licensed by the Private Security Authority.**

Glass panels on or around doors are particularly vulnerable and should be avoided where possible. Alternatively they should be replaced with laminated glass to a minimum of 6.4mm thickness.

### Letterboxes

Where letterboxes are fitted to a door they should be at least 400mm or 16 inches from any locking mechanism. A letterbox cage or restrictor will also help prevent a thief from accessing the locks manually or fishing for car keys.

### Patio Doors

Patio doors are generally either sliding or double leaf "French Doors" - sometimes known as "French Windows".

The most common security weakness with sliding patio doors is to be found in their fitting along the running rails. In some instances it is possible to lift the door completely out of the running rail. Approved anti-lift devices should be fitted. Security bars fitted internally, which will prevent the doors being parted even if the locking mechanism is forced, are also strongly recommended.

Secondary security can be applied to two-handled French Doors by installing a keyless device that cuffs the two handles together and there is also a similar device available for securing one-handled French Doors. A reputable locksmith will advise accordingly.

### Internal Doors

Most internal domestic doors are hollow core and fitted with two-lever mortice locks. They should not be regarded as providing good security but rather as an additional time delay measure. It is generally considered prudent to leave these doors unlocked, when the house is vacant, as they will seldom restrict the determined intruder and will likely further add to any vandalism that is committed.

### Keys

A common custom is to leave keys inserted in their

locking mechanism. This is a foolhardy practice as it can assist the burglar in two ways. Firstly, they can be used by a trespasser to deny you entry to your home and secondly; they can be stolen or removed and copied. In the case of doors where entry or exit is solely key-controlled it is imperative that the location and safe storage of these keys is known to all the occupants in the event of a fire or emergency evacuation. Keys should generally be colour coded or numbered rather than named as this will hinder their identification to the intruder.

### Garages, Sheds & Side Gates

Garages and sheds used for storing valuable property should be properly secured. Padlocks with an EN 12320 or equivalent standard are recommended. Consider connecting your garage or shed to your house alarm. Side Gates should be flush with the front of the house and ideally not easily scalable.

### Fire Precautions

Any physical changes or alterations made to doors in your home should not needlessly impede or restrict your exit in the event of a fire alert or evacuation. Keys should always be kept accessible to occupants but out of reach of potential trespassers or burglars.

### Remember!

When the home is occupied, fire safety is your priority; however, when the home is unoccupied, security is your main concern.

*The advice contained in this information sheet is not intended to be exhaustive or absolute. At all times it is wise to seek appropriate professional advice where physical or structural changes are made to your property to improve security*



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS OR OTHER CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT your local GARDA CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER or visit the Garda website at [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)**

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# Catherine Murphy T.D. Social Democrats, Kildare North.

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**Meeting to be held at Maynooth University on 13th November at 6pm. Anne-Marie McNally & Gary Gannon visiting to meet students interested in finding out more information and getting involved with the Social Democrats. The meeting is convened by Aidan Farrelly, student society convener.**

## Call in Gardaí, levy bank profits and stop banker's bonuses until mortgage interest overcharging sorted says Catherine Murphy, Social Democrats TD for North Kildare

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD has urged the Government and Central Bank to call in the Gardaí to investigate the conduct of bankers in the overcharging of tracker mortgages.

Deputy Murphy said:

"This seems to me nothing short of thievery. In any other such circumstances you would expect the Gardaí to be investigating the people within banks who deliberately engaged in these overcharging practices that have come to light. Those individuals have to be held accountable. The only way the grossly unjust overcharging on tracker mortgages will be resolved is to punish the bad behaviour of banks and bankers who have engaged in these practices."

"The cost and impact on individual families is enormous and it's deeply unjust that banks continue to treat people as pawns in their quest to rebuild from their self-inflicted disasters. It is imperative that those homeowners impacted get adequate remedies as soon as possible to prevent further damage to their lives."

Calling on the Government to take control, Catherine Murphy continued:

"The Government has been sitting back for years on this issue. It's long past time for them to sort this out. It's only when banks and bankers get hit in their own pockets that we will see any resolution."

"In the forthcoming Finance Bill, the Government

should apply levies on bank profits that are in excess of the estimated amounts they have made from these fraudulent rates. That will make the shareholders sit up and take control."

"As the main shareholder in some of the banks involved, the Government should ban all staff bonuses until each bank has rectified the issue, restored the proper rates and compensated the individuals for their losses."

## Limits on tax relief for high-end pensions would fund reversal of unfair cuts in State pensions for women

The Government has been accused of double standards by the Social Democrats co-leader **Catherine Murphy, Social Democrats TD for North Kildare** over its refusal to reverse the unfair 2012 cuts affecting state pensions for women.

"The changes to state pension introduced in 2012 have resulted in an estimated 36,000 people, mainly women, receiving reduced rate pensions. Yet the Government chooses to ignore the plight of these pensioners and instead is holding fast in its refusal to reverse these cuts. At the same time, we know that the government has back-tracked on its own promise to limit tax relief on high end pensions, including for Ministers and senior public servants.

"In 2013, the then Minister for Finance Michael Noonan promised to restrict tax relief to ensure that any tax benefit would be limited to a pension of no more than €60,000. However, this was not fully implemented and the result was that Ministers and senior civil servants continue to enjoy tax relief on pensions up to €100,000.

"If the government had kept their promise it would have resulted in savings of approximately €120 million per annum, more than twice the cost of reversing the unfair 2012 cuts for state pensioners.

"The Dáil debate a Fianna Fáil motion calling for the

2012 pension changes to be reversed. That motion does not identify where the funding of €60 million will come from to do that.

"That is why the Social Democrats have proposed an amendment calling on the Government to now follow through on their earlier promise to restrict pension tax-relief on high earners and thereby make the savings to fund full state pensions, as set out in the motion."

## Give C&AG scrutiny of Irish Water accounts say Social Democrats

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy has today urged Government to accept an amendment tabled by her to the Water Bill 2017. The amendment seeks to make Irish Water answerable to the Comptroller and Auditor General regarding its finances.

Deputy Murphy has received a reply to a parliamentary question which indicates that a subvention of €753 million will be paid to Irish Water for 2017 alone. Deputy Murphy said it is vital that given the amounts of public monies being pumped into Irish Water that it be subject to the same scrutiny as other public bodies.

Speaking today Deputy Murphy said:

"As Irish Water was initially set up as a Semi-State body it was not included under the remit of the C&AG however given the findings of the Oireachtas Water Committee, Irish Water is now a fully publicly funded body and as such it must be subject to scrutiny by the C&AG for audit and investigation purposes."

"People have very good reason to question how Irish Water uses public monies given some of the stories of excessive waste that have emerged when it comes to their spending decisions and as such the Social Democrats believe it is vital the C&AG is given full oversight of the body and its accounts. The Water Services Bill 2017 does not make provision for this and as such I've tabled this amendment and would urge the Government to accept it."

## Maynooth Golf Society Notes



Please see the results sheet for our October outing to Athy Golf Club sponsored by Brady's Bar in Maynooth.

We were lucky with the weather with a nice mild dry day. The course was in great order for this time of the year and was a good challenge for all the players.

We have also included the results sheet from our Presidents Prize in Carton House in September.

**Niall Murphy PRO - Maynooth Golf Society**

## Maynooth Golf Society

### Sam Feeney's Presidents Prize

Carton House Golf Club 16.9.2017

|             |                                   |       |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 1st         | Tom Coffey                        | 42pts |
| 2nd         | Brian Shields                     | 41pts |
| 3rd         | Martin Shields                    | 39pts |
| 4th         | Terry Moore                       | 34pts |
| 5th         | Dave Weafer                       | 33pts |
| Front 9     | John Carroll                      |       |
| Back 9      | Brendan Leigh                     |       |
| Over 50     | Derek Murray                      |       |
| Nearest Pin | Joey Edwards                      |       |
| Visitor     | Dermot Myles                      |       |
| 2s Club     | Dave Weafer x 2<br>Martin Shields |       |

## Maynooth Golf Society

### October Outing Sponsored

By Brady's Bar Maynooth  
Athy Golf Club 07.10.2017

|             |                 |         |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1st         | Sean Farrelly   | 41pts   |
| 2nd         | Liam Farrelly   | 39pts   |
| 3rd         | Norman Kavanagh | 38pts   |
| 4th         | Mick Fahey      | 37pts   |
| 5th         | Brian Shields   | 37ptsB9 |
| Front 9     | Brendan Bean    |         |
| Back 9      | Alan Clarke     |         |
| Over 50     | Marty Maguire   |         |
| Nearest Pin | Sean Farrelly   |         |
| 2s Club     | Sean Farrelly   |         |



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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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## Handy Household Hints

By Lana Hallows

Source: KIDSPOT (MYSPOT)

Did you know that separating bananas from the bunch makes them last longer? Or that the best way to reheat a pizza (so it retains its crispy base) is to warm it in a fry pan? No? Then read on because these must-know household hints will change your life!

### Handy hint 1 - bananarama

Pull bananas apart before displaying them in your fruit bowl. If you leave them connected at the stem, they'll ripen faster and go brown quicker. Who knew?!

### Handy hint 2 - flexible vacuum

To suck up hard-to-reach gunk under your fridge, or behind a bookshelf, insert an empty paper towel roll into the end of your vacuum cleaner and bend, or flatten it, to squeeze into these difficult spots.

### Handy hint 3 - buying capsicum

We're not sure why, but a capsicum with three bumps on the bottom is sweeter than one with four. Oh, but four bumps makes for a crunchier, firmer capsicum, so you should weigh up crunch vs. sweet when picking out your pepper!

### Handy hint 4 - fend off weeds

Instead of tossing your daily rag in the recycling bin, use the newspaper as mulch and deter noxious weeds. Simply wet the sheets and put the layers around your plants and garden beds, covering with soil as you go. The weeds won't be able to get through the wet newspaper layers.

### Handy hint 5 - so cheeseey

Wrap cheese chunks in aluminium foil and store in the fridge to keep your cheddar fresher for longer and to keep mould out.

### Handy hint 6 - mozzies be gone!

If you have the kind of blood that attracts mosquitoes like a moth to a flame, then listen up. To keep the pesky blood suckers at bay, place a fabric softener dryer sheet in your pocket. Mosquitoes are repelled by the scent and you'll smell like summer breeze all night!

### Handy hint 7 - crispy leftover pizza

To reheat a pizza so that the base is out-of-the-oven crisp, heat your leftover slices in a fry pan on low-medium heat on the stove until warm and wave goodbye to the days of soggy microwave pizza.

### Handy hint 8 - reopening envelopes

If you seal an envelope and realise you've forgotten to include something inside, just place it in the freezer for an hour or two and voila, the envelope will unseal without a trace!

### Handy hint 9 - the power of garlic

Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a subtle taste and towards the end to blast it with flavour.

### Handy hint 10 - getting rid of ants

It may sound cruel, but if you have an ant problem, desperate times call for desperate measures. Put small piles of polenta where you see ants and they'll gobble it up, return 'home' and won't be able to digest it. Your ant problem (and the ants) will soon be dead.

## BOOK LAUNCH (POETRY AND ART)

### 'BE THAT AS IT MAY....'

13<sup>th</sup> November, Maynooth University Library

A stalwart tale of friendship, creativity and determination to be heard amid the clutter of everyday life prompted two long time friends to create an exhibition, which to many women who are busy 'getting on with the getting on'. The two women, coming from entirely different artistic genres –one poet and one visual artist - saw the value, beauty and amazing synergy that existed between them as women and artists, resulting in a joint show and Book Launch 'Be That As It May...' on November 13th in Maynooth University Library.

'Be That As It May...' is the exhibition on which the book is based and the exhibition will run in the John Paul II Library in Maynooth University from 1st – 17th November 2017. The show is a result of a collaboration between two artists – poet Clare O'Reilly, and visual artist Nuala O'Dea. The title 'Be That As It May' ..... comes from an acknowledgement that life for many women is not planned but a glorious tapestry of unforeseen events, each in their own way important in their unimportance.

The two artists are inspired and motivated to make art by their daily lives - typical of many women - Mothers, Daughters, Wives. Both seek beauty in the ordinary through their work and this shared process led them to respond to each others art, allowing them to connect with, and appeal to a broad spectrum of people. Their work blends together and overlaps in many places. Both are driven by similar artistic inspirations, seeking to find and see meaning in people's everyday lives. They each wish to capture moments in time - memories or experiences that are commonplace but whose importance is elevated beyond the mundane in their significance. In this book and show, they have an open dialogue with the audience through their work; engaging hearts as well as minds - stimulating thinking and emotional responses and encouraging participation in their artistic conversation, which they hope inspires others to join in. Funding was received from Kildare County Council and Naas Credit Union to whom they are most grateful.

#### The artists:

Nuala O'Dea has worked as a second level art teacher for over 20 years. She studied Fine Art in DIT; Art and Design Teaching in NCAD and has a Masters in Digital Media Technologies. She works in a range of areas including fine art, teaching and graphic design. Her work utilises a variety of processes including photography, sculpture, embroidery and digital media. She has exhibited in both the Royal

Hibernian Academy and the Royal Ulster Academy annual exhibitions as well as in Vanishing Art, a sculpture trail in Carton House, Maynooth. Clare O'Reilly's work has been broadcast and published widely in Ireland. She has received various awards, including the first prize in Poetry Ireland / Trócaire Unpublished Poet Competition, The Jonathan Swift Poetry Awards, Crawford Art Gallery Poetry Award and the Charles Macklin Prize. Her poems have featured in the Sunday Tribune for the Hennessey Award for Poetry, Poetry Ireland Review, The Honest Ulsterman, Skylight 47, Golden Pen Journal and the Midir and Etain Anthology. A teacher, living in Maynooth, Co Kildare, her short stories were broadcast in the Francis McManus Awards, Book on One, on RTE Radio. Her stories have been shortlisted for the Over the Edge Writer of the Year Award; Fish Short Story Prize; the Colm Tobin International Short Story Award, Books Ireland. She was recently awarded second place in the Benedict Kiely Short Story Competition. Much of her writing focuses on the experience of the new 'Irish' in Ireland and the ambivalent feelings that arise in both societies as they change traditions and narratives.



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## Writers' Corner - Short Stories from Our Readers

### The Enforcers

Lester looked at his watch and then at the man in front of him. He checked another box on his checklist. The man in front of him was about average height and chubby, wearing a dark suit and a panicked expression. His combover had quickly become dishevelled and sweat cascaded down his portly face. Both of his chins wobbled and while he tried his best to look calm, his eyes betrayed him, holding a look of pure fear as they looked upon three well-built men in dark trench coats. The worthless façade of tranquillity collapsed as he tried to reason with these monsters. "Now, now fellas there's no need for violence" he stuttered. His voice cracked violently as he continued the pointless negotiations. "Now I'm sure you all work for Silvio and I'm sure you know what a wonderfully patient and compassionate man he is and I'm certain you fellers are the same. So, if you just give me a fortnight, no, a week and I'm positive I can get him his money."

The behemoths didn't say a word, they just kept on advancing, forcing him further and further down the alley. The central man slowed for a second and in one smooth movement, a gun moved from his waist to his hand to pointing at Jeffery Taylor whose blood ran cold. "Please" he whimpered as his back, literally and figuratively went up against the wall. A cornered animal will always fight and even a creature as pathetic as Jeffery Taylor had some form of survival instinct. He took a deep breath and charged at the three men.

He got all of thirty centimetres before a finger twitched and a small lump of metal flew out of a gun barrel at a speed faster than sound and into Taylors forehead.

"Silvio Mesderoni sends his regards" Lester said to himself as his three henchmen stole Taylor's valuables and roughed up the body. Satisfied that the brutal assassination looked like a mugging gone wrong Lester put a line through Taylor's name on the checklist. He checked his watch and told his henchmen to get a move on. They had another killing organised for three a.m. and they needed to hurry.

Lester Frick was ex-military and having served in some nasty places, he came back with a changed view of justice and laws and so, he set up a wholly unique company. He and his employees collected money for anyone willing to pay their fee and killed people for anyone who was willing to pay a little extra, such as Silvio Mesderoni who wanted Taylor, a corrupt politician who owed him money, offed. Funnily enough the next job was another politician that hadn't paid his bills. Lester didn't care who they were. Mesderoni paid good money and Lester's company hadn't failed yet. However, as they pulled up to the targets' house a van pulled out of the garage and the people inside opened fire. Lester swore as the driver drove to cover. The target had hired protection. The three henchmen grabbed guns and leapt from their own van. Lester wasn't usually one for spontaneous decisions but as he watched each of his employees be shot one by one he made the spit second decision that it might be time to retire. He shifted into the drivers' seat left a message to his second in command, telling him that he was in charge now and drove off into the night.

*By Fionn Timmons*

### Teach an Phiarsaigh, Ros Muc

Towards the end of September my companion and I had the good fortune to spend a few days in paradise. This earthly paradise is to be found near the village of Rosmuc or Ros Muc (formerly anglicised as Rosmuck) in the heart of Connemara in west Galway. It is said that the name 'Ros Muc' comes from the old Irish "the peninsula of rounded hills" or "pig" as from a distance the rounded peaks of the hills look like the backs of farm animals.

Our accommodation was located a few miles south of Maam Cross overlooking Camus Bay, which is part of the Wild Atlantic Way. The Irish for Maam Cross is Teach Dóite (the burned house). There must be a story there somewhere! Over 90 per cent of adults in this area speak Irish. One afternoon, when I walked into our accommodation and not being used to the layout of the house, I accidentally turned right before turning left. One of the staff who happened to be passing said, "An bhuil fóidín meara ort?" I had to ask what he meant. It means: "Are you feeling disorientated?" But not surprisingly, as Gaeilge, the words have a more nuanced meaning.

According to folklore, fairies sometimes cast a spell on a piece of ground (fóidín being a little sod of turf) and if you inadvertently step on it you lose your sense of direction. However, the good news is that you can reverse the spell by taking off your coat and wearing it inside out. Good to know!

Overlooking Loch Oiriúlach at Rosmuc stands a small cottage built in 1909 by Patrick Pearse (1879-1916). Pearse was an Irish language enthusiast, writer and educator, before he joined the IRB in 1913. In 1905 when he was 23 years of age he was sent to Rosmuc by the Gaelic League (founded in 1893 by Eoin MacNeill with the support of Douglas Hyde and Eugene O'Growney of Maynooth College) to act as an Irish Examiner. He fell in love with the place and its people. Eugene O'Growney (1863-1897) had been appointed Professor of 'Irish Language, Literature and Antiquities' at St Patrick's College, Maynooth in 1891. Provision for the teaching of Irish at Maynooth dates back to 1804 but at the time it was not easy to find a teacher. A student named Paul O'Brien (1763-1820), from Moynalty in Co Meath, a grand-nephew of Turlough Carolan (1670-1738) the early Irish harper, composer and singer, was given the task. This was considered necessary in order to provide priests for Gaeltacht areas. However, spoken Irish was in terminal decline and as time went on it became more difficult to find anyone proficient enough in the language to teach it and no one wanted to spend their time doing it anyway. When O'Growney was appointed in 1891 the study of Irish had become compulsory, but it was downgraded in 1901 and in 1907 it became optional.

The College subsequently came into conflict with the Gaelic League which felt that Irish-speaking priests played a crucial role in preserving the native tongue. Pearse who was totally committed to the language was openly highly critical of the Church. He asked what benefit would it be to Maynooth to get good results at the Royal University (established 1880) while at the same time preside over a dying language in Gaeltacht areas where the "old pure unquestioning" faith of the inhabitants was still thriving?

Apparently the response from Maynooth and the bishops didn't please Pearse. He wrote that it was "the beloved college of O'Growney" that had now betrayed Ireland and its language and that it had sided with the Gall against the Gael. Strong words indicating the passion and fervour he was to exhibit later during his more revolutionary years.

The Gaelic League then gained the support of the County Councils who said they wouldn't grant scholarships to the new university unless the Irish language was made compulsory for entry. And this became the case from 1913 onwards, when external students (including those from Maynooth) continued to attend arts courses at what had become (from 1908) a college of the new National University of Ireland, at Newman House at St Stephen's Green in Dublin. After the 1916 Rising relations between the Gaelic League and the bishops were mended by more moderate men led by Douglas Hyde, who in June 1938 was elected unopposed as first President of Éire.

But, perhaps we'll leave Pearse in 1913, and imagine him standing at the door of his beloved cottage, overlooking the still lake and the distant hills around Ros Muc: "I stood for a while to get my fill of what is laid out before me. If thousands were trying to draw speech from me, that view would take my voice. The sweetest voice that ever spoke, it would be sweeter in silence, than to speak in the presence of those peaks." A Day in the Country.

(See [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie) for details of new Cultural Centre at Ros Muc).

**Rita Edwards, Maynooth Local History Group**



**Teach an Phiarsaigh, Ros Muc**





# Writers' Corner Short Stories from Our Readers (Cont.)

## Plastics in the Oceans by Amelie Deinhard

*Water is life. Water is the thread that interconnects life. Water connects us all. Water is a commons. Vandana Shiva in Water Wars, 2002/2016*

### What is Plastic?

Plastic consists of synthetic organic polymers. Their base units are monomers, which in turn consist of ethylene and propylene: carbon-hydrogen compounds with non-metals.

### History

Plastic was invented in the 1920s by Belgian scientist Leo Hendrik Baekeland and correspondingly called Bakelite (1). Industrial production of plastic began in the 1950s. The American "Life Magazine" then jumped to the topic and advertised on its cover pages the new fabric as "throwaway material" for every-day-life.

### Status Quo of Plastic in our Oceans

It is estimated that 8300 million tons of virgin plastics have been produced to date (2). That is 20000 fold the mass of the Burji Khalifa in Dubai, with 848 meters the highest building in the world. In 2015, only 9% of the overall plastic was recycled, 12% incinerated and 79% land-filled (2). This means that the largest part of all man-made plastic still exists. It does not rot, but instead is fractionised and finally ends up in the Sea. Five big Great Pacific Garbage Patches have formed in the Oceans - around 1 million square meters each (3). By 2050 there will be more plastics than fish in the Sea, according to the Ellen Mac Arthur Foundation.

### Who produces Plastic?

Five countries produce half of the amount worldwide: China, India, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand (4). There are laws for surveillance on production and recycle, but no executive control body.

### Our Contribution to Plastic Pollution

Every year, 8 million tons (to the 8300 million tons present) are added to the oceans. Imagine one big truck packed with plastic dumped into the oceans every minute of our time, 1440 times a day (5). In the US, 2 million plastic bottles are consumed every 5 minutes (6). We talk about plastic bottles that are made of PP (polypropylene), the material of plastic lids for bottles that float on water – what we see floating on the oceans

make up only 5% of the overall plastic in the oceans (7), and PET (polyethylene), the material of the bottle themselves that sinks to the bottom of the sea – which makes up the remaining 95% of the overall plastic in the oceans (7). Micro plastics have developed as an invisible off-spring of the plastics of everyday objects. Micro particles are defined as particles smaller in size than 5mm. These fragments concentrate pollutants on millions of times the pollution level in the sea. They become poison pills. Parts end up in the metabolism and innards of fish - and humans who consume the fish. Studies have shown that the plastic odour attracts the fish, which holds the small plastics for food, the stomach is inflated and the fish dies on starvation (8).

### Paradigm: Micro- and Nanoparticles in Waste Water

The majority of all cleansing agents and many skin creams contain plastic nanoparticles as lubricants, smaller than 1 billionth meter. The annex contains a list of the corresponding chemicals (11). Up to 60% of clothing is made of polyester fibres, also responsible for plastic micro and nanoparticles in waste water. EU washing machines produce 300000 tons of synthetic fibres per year. As an example, one washing cycle of a fleece jacket discharges up to 1 million microfibers into the wastewater (9). These residuals will finally end up in organic metabolisms. Conventional sewage treatment merely retains between 30 and 60 % of microfibers. Consequently, these fibres are contained in tap water all over the world as residuals (10). Ultimately, the entire water cycle is affected.

GUPPYFRIEND® is a laundry bag which, according to the manufacturers, helps retain micro fibres attached to the fabric and enmeshes repulsive fibres.

### Plastic Nanoparticles in Cleaning-Agents and Skin Creams(11)

- Acrylic copolymer (AC)
- Acrylics Crosspolymer (ACS)
- Dimethiconol
- Methicone
- Nylon
- Polyamide (PA)
- Polyacrylates (PA)
- Polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA)
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## BRUSCAR

Caithfidh muid bheith foighneach leis an nglúin óg. Bhíomar go léir óg uair agus níl muid bródúil as gach a rinneamar. Mar a deir an seanfhocal, tagann ciall le haois agus is maith mar atá. Ag an am chéanna ní foláir dúinn dea-shampla a thabhairt do na daoine óga agus dea-chomhairle freisin ó am go chéile. Bheadh muid faillíoch gan é sin a dhéanamh go háirithe i gcás imeachtaí a bhaineann le gnáth-shaol an bhaile. Tóg, mar shampla, fadhb an bhruscair!

Tá sáréacht ar fad déanta ag lucht na mBailte Slachtmhara anseo i Maigh Nuad le roinnt blianta. Beidh na boinn óir agus airgid féin ina mbagairt ar ghlanachar an bhaile má leanann an t-ádh ina rith orthu. Ach ar an taobh eile tabhair stracfhéachaint ar phríomhshráid an bhaile go moch maidin Dé Máirt nó Dé hAoine (An Aoine seo caite, 20 Deireadh Fomhair, mar shampla) agus tuigfidh tú tapaídh go leor go bhfuil roinnt maith daoine ann atá ar nós is cuma liom faoin mbruscar, agus tá sé thar a bheith cinnte gur iad ár gcuariteoirí léinn iad a bhformhór.

Murach sár-bhean lena mála mór, nó uaireanta a tralaí siopadóireachta, bheadh an salachar faoin ár gcosa go léir agus muid ag tabhairt aire dár ngnó. An ceart? Ní hé sin é! Nach féidir leis an gcoláiste rud éigin a dhéanamh!

*Gabriel Martin.*



## 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 (3 times), Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands, (3 times), 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.**

## 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

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# Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

| Community Library                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Maynooth Multiple Births                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Bridge Club                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Opening Times</b><br/> <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays 2pm to 5pm</b><br/> <b>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 1pm to 8pm</b><br/> <b>Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm</b><br/> <b>&amp; 2pm to 5pm</b><br/> <b>Sat 9.30am to 1pm</b></p>                                                                       | <p>Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 &amp; 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.<br/> For further details email:<br/> 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 <a href="http://maynoothbridgeclub.com">maynoothbridgeclub.com</a>.<br/> Contact Katherine Cooney<br/> 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.<br/> Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.<br/> New members welcome</p>                                                                                                            | <p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Space (Tesco Shopping Centre)<br/> New Members Welcome<br/> Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth)</b><br/> <b>Meeting Mondays</b><br/> <b>12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</b></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<br/> New Members Welcome<br/> Contact Ger : 0874133505</p>                                                                                                                         | <p>Every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30pm<br/> Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries Dunboyne Road Maynooth.<br/> 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.<br/> Contact Number<br/> 087 3153189<br/> Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square</p>                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Informal café atmosphere for people with Dementia &amp; their partners family &amp; friends. Free of charge. Venue Ryevale Nursing Home. Every second Wednesday of each month 7-9pm. Call 0894933533<br/> Email: <a href="mailto:alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie">alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie</a><br/> <a href="http://www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com">www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</a></p> | <p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill)<br/> Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30am<br/> <a href="http://www.maynoothcc.org">www.maynoothcc.org</a><br/> 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 !! Bígí linn!!!<br/> Contact Sean at<br/> 086 2225540 or email<br/> <a href="mailto:craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com">craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com</a>.</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.<br/> E-mail: <a href="mailto:sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie">sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</a><br/> Website: <a href="http://www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie">www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</a></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](mailto:office@maynoothcc.com). Phone: 01-6285922  
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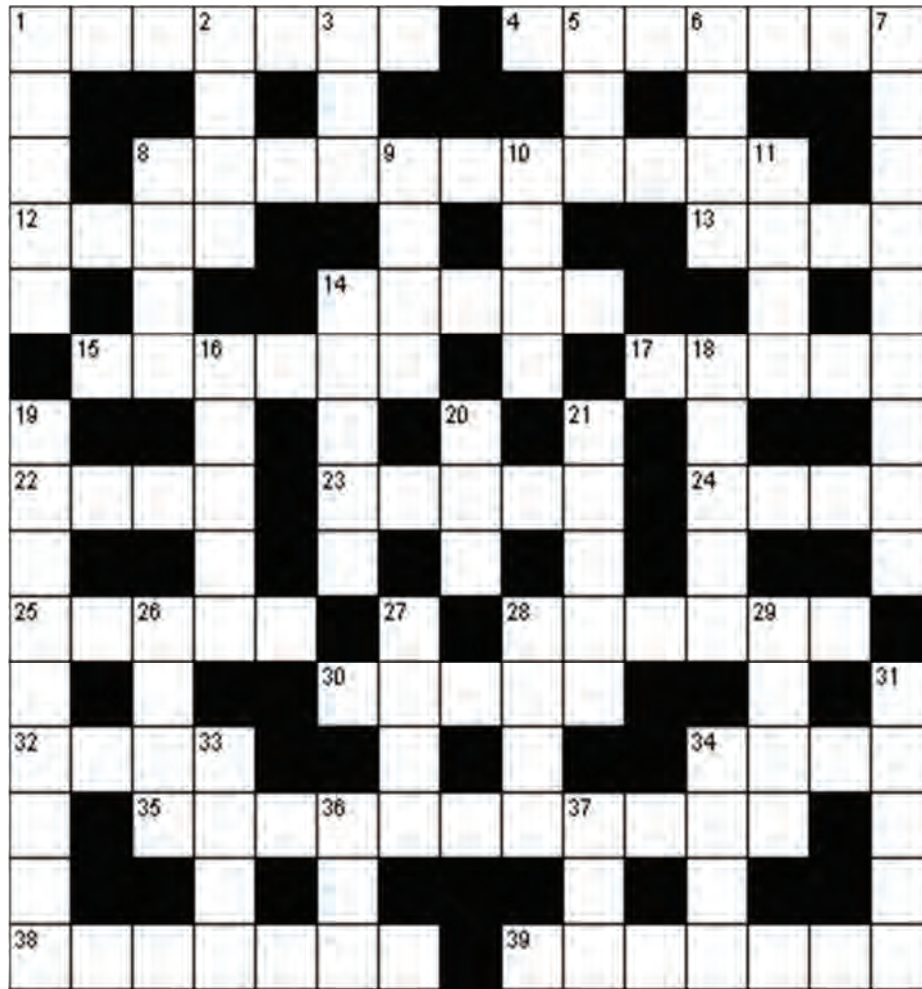


## Clues Across

## November Crossword - No. 463

## Clues Down

1. Fortunately (7)
4. Sensational novel (7)
8. Measure of the warmth or coldness (11)
12. Score (4)
13. Paint unskilfully (4)
14. Insanely (5)
15. Jams tight (6)
17. 8th letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
22. Bring into existence (4)
23. Grasp (5)
24. Sudden assault (4)
25. Chambers (5)
28. Bother (6)
30. Doughnut-shaped roll (5)
32. Deep wound (4)
34. Crack (4)
35. Inflammation of the tonsils (11)
38. Not at work (3,4)
39. Incomplete (7)



1. Express mirth (5)
2. Bottom of ship's hull (4)
3. Cut off (3)
5. Covering for the head (3)
6. Thin rope (4)
7. Dutch painter (9)
8. Story (4)
9. Periods of history (4)
10. Supporter (4)
11. Overhanging lower edge of a roof (4)
14. Untidy (5)
16. Sleep images (5)
18. Groups of animals (5)
19. Misunderstanding (9)
20. Masculine pronoun (3)
21. Pertaining to punishment (5)
26. Expel (4)
27. Worn by women in India (4)
28. Hades (4)
29. Optical device (4)
31. Prickly (5)
33. Grasp (4)
34. River sediment (4)
36. Posed (3)
37. Class (3)



### Answers to Crossword No 462



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### Winner of Crossword No. 462 October

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## Maynooth Community Church

Maynooth Community Church is delighted to invite you to our 10th Birthday celebration on Sunday 26th November 2017. Our service will be at 6.00pm on the first floor in Manor Mills.

Very Rev Dr Trevor Morrow, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, will be our guest speaker.

A light supper and refreshments will follow the service and we hope to have our new MCC Building Project Design on display for the first time that evening.



**For more details please see:**  
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**Everyone welcome!**

## Customer Service Advisors - Maynooth X 50 - Immediate Start

We are currently recruiting for 50 X Customer Service Advisors as part of a recruitment drive for a leading business based in Maynooth Business Park.

The roles will be a fixed term contract until 31st March 2018. The roles are starting immediately & full training will be provided. There is no experience required and there will be the opportunity for some part-time roles also.

For full details of salary & to receive more information on the role please contact **Eimear Bourke** on  
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# Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

## From 1/8/17 to 27/10/17 - information from Kildare County Council Website

| App. Num | Authority              | Applicant Name                                               | Development Address                               | Application Date |
|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 171182   | Kildare County Council | Kevin O'Connor on behalf of Colourtrend - General Paint Ltd. | Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare             | 23/10/2017       |
| 171168   | Kildare County Council | Paul & Denise Moroney                                        | No. 23 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth      | 18/10/2017       |
| 171071   | Kildare County Council | Ciaran & Nicola Doherty                                      | No. 20 Temple Wood, Carton House, Maynooth        | 27/09/2017       |
| 171067   | Kildare County Council | Briargate Developments Maynooth                              | Carton Wood, Dublin Road, Maynooth                | 25/09/2017       |
| 171019   | Kildare County Council | Kevin O'Connor on behalf of Colourtrend - General Paints Ltd | Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare             | 11/09/2017       |
| 171016   | Kildare County Council | Kevin Farrell                                                | 85 Griffinrath Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare        | 07/09/2017       |
| 17967    | Kildare County Council | Roisin O'Flaherty                                            | Kilmacredock Upper, Maynooth, Co. Kildare         | 25/08/2017       |
| 17959    | Kildare County Council | Edward and Katie Robinson,                                   | Donaghstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.               | 23/08/2017       |
| 17932    | Kildare County Council | Joseph Murtagh                                               | Ath Dara, Maynooth Road, Celbridge                | 18/08/2017       |
| 17920    | Kildare County Council | Saffron Property Limited                                     | No. 22 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth      | 16/08/2017       |
| 17918    | Kildare County Council | Adrian and Michelle Guckian,                                 | 102 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth | 15/08/2017       |
| 17913    | Kildare County Council | Maynooth University,                                         | Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.       | 11/08/2017       |
| 17902    | Kildare County Council | Celine Clarke,                                               | Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.             | 10/08/2017       |
| 17879    | Kildare County Council | Martin and Michelle Maguire                                  | 29 Rockfield Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare         | 03/08/2017       |

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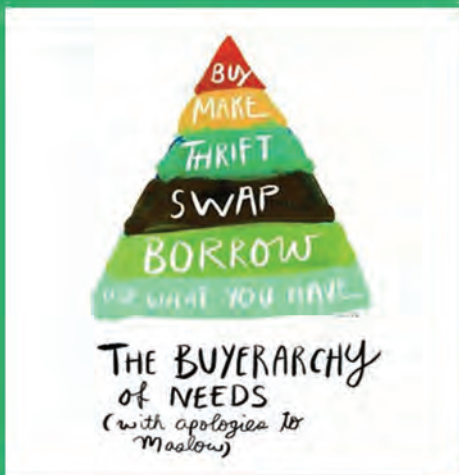
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## ZERO WASTE MAYNOOTH FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING

### What is Zero Waste?

Zero Waste started out as an industrial term but now has become a term to describe a way of life in which you try to produce as little waste as possible. Zero Waste involves looking at your lifestyle and shopping habits in a new way and becoming more conscious of the way you consume – from food to clothes to gifts. Modern life and the idea of convenience has resulted in a plethora of plastic products being bought, used and discarded – often within a short time frame. Think of the plastic straw in your drink, the water bottle, the light plastic fruit and veg bags – all thrown away within minutes of purchase. But we are now beginning to understand that there is no such place as “away”. The plastic ends up polluting our seas and killing animals that mistake it for food. Recycling is only a small part of the solution – refusing and reducing the use of these products is more important. So try out these small Zero Waste living tips:

1. Carry a reusable water bottle with you.
2. When ordering a drink, get into the habit of saying “No straw please”.
3. Keep a reusable bag in the car or your bag.

Zero Waste is part of the solution to the global environmental problem. But it isn't all doom and gloom – living a Zero Waste life can be a creative project that ends up saving you money. Buying second-hand, borrowing rather than buying, substituting reusables for disposables can require imagination, can result in a lighter bin and more money in your pocket. Ask yourself the following questions:

1. Instead of kitchen roll, what have you got at home that you could use instead?
2. Before buying new, have you asked a friend/neighbour if you could borrow first?
3. When buying fruit and vegetables, could you buy loose instead of pre-packaged? Could you make cloth bags or re-use ones that you have at home?

### Conscious Cup Campaign

The Conscious Cup Campaign was started in late 2016 with the aim to reduce and eventually eliminate single use cups in Ireland. The central focus points of this campaign will be to encourage individuals to switch to reusable cups and to persuade coffee shops to; one, accept the reusable cups and two offer a reward to those customers, be it a monetary discount or extra loyalty points / stamps. Currently cafes in Maynooth are being approached to take part in this campaign. We are delighted that already we have two cafes looking to join the campaign and offer discounts if you bring your own reusable cup:

- Willow & Wild
- L'Art du Chocolat.
- 

We hope all cafes and venues will see the great benefits of this campaign to our local environment!

### To find out more about Zero Waste:

There is a **Zero Waste Maynooth Area** group – you can find us on Facebook. We are holding our first official meeting in the community library on **Tuesday 21st November at 6.30**. Timi Nicholson, an advocate of Zero Waste living ([simplenowastelife.com](http://simplenowastelife.com)), will present a short introduction to Zero Waste living. There will be time after the talk for questions and discussion. Please come along and learn some ways to reduce your family household waste.



## Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Halloween is over already and the countdown is beginning to Christmas. The branch lessons are now well under way, with the term in full swing. We've seen increases in our numbers again this year, so we're delighted with that. The term start saw our beloved Karen return to the teaching team from her travels, so welcome back Karen!

For our Cúinne an Cheoltóra this week, we're chatting with Sean (aka Gareth ;-), who has been with us since the very beginning of the branch here in Maynooth

### Cúinne an Cheoltóra

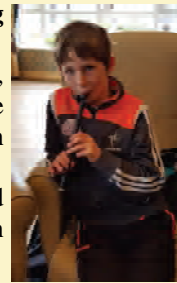
**Name.** Sean Carroll

**Age.** 10

### Instruments & how long have you been playing?

I play the whistle, guitar, bodhrán and I started the fiddle this year with Jason.

I started the bodhrán and played in my first session at 3.



### How did you get on in the Fleadh?

I was under 9 last year, so I changed to under 10 this year, which is a big step up. I was happy with how I played, but no medals unfortunately.

### Who is the biggest influence on your musical career?

The teachers in the branch would be my biggest direct influence, and my dad of course. Outside of people I know, in traditional music I like the Pogues.

### Who is the best musician you know?

The teachers in the branch are great, especially Jason. The lads that play in the Roost are also brilliant. I also knew some

great musicians in Germany and of course Lenny from Leixlip. So impossible to say really!

### What do you like best about playing music?

Music is cool, because I've met lots of people playing in sessions and I get to go to the pub all the time, which is fun. Practising your instrument is tough, but I find this easier as I get better & it's nice to feel your improving all the time.

It's got a little late for this term, but we'd love to take on new member after the New Year, so what a nice Christmas present an instrument and some lessons would be – drop us a line if you'd like any info or advice!

Note that this year, thanks to support from KBC, our sponsor, we've built a decent instrument bank for those who'd like to try an instrument without a big up-front investment. In it are concertinas, accordions, fiddles, guitars and more but it's first come, first served, so the early bird...and all that.

Watch our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances. We're usually in Maynooth GAA the last Sunday of the month, and our adult slow session runs every 2 weeks, so get in touch if you'd like to participate in these even if you're not a branch member.

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**Bernard O'Shea & Karl Spain**  
**Appearing in the**  
**Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Friday 3rd**  
**November 2017 was:**  
**Laura Hughes**  
**Leixlip**





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### Last Month's Winner:

**Riona Flynn**  
14 The Drive  
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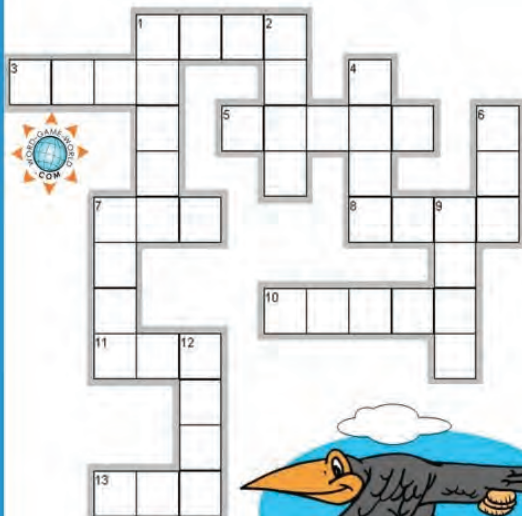
Prize of a Free Family Meal for  
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Entries must arrive before:  
Tuesday 21st November 2017

## Junior Puzzle Corner

### Rhyme Time



#### ACROSS

1. When the boy fell, the teacher rang the \_\_\_\_.
3. We got a good deal on our \_\_\_\_.
5. If you walked a mile, would you still \_\_\_\_?
7. Birds can fly in the \_\_\_\_.
8. The sleepy clown sat \_\_\_\_.
10. The spilled milk made a mess on her \_\_\_\_.
11. What is your plan for this frying \_\_\_\_?
13. Our cat is very \_\_\_\_.

#### DOWN

1. Jack always wears the colour \_\_\_\_.
2. She put the stamp under a \_\_\_\_.
4. She is very sad, but I hope she will soon be \_\_\_\_.
6. When will the man open the \_\_\_\_?
7. If you start to hop, when will you \_\_\_\_?
9. If you see the lucky fish, be sure to make a \_\_\_\_.
12. The baby bird will rest in its \_\_\_\_.

#### Solution to Crossword

Across: Bell, Meal, Smile, Sky, Down, Dress, Pan, Fat  
Down: Black, Lamp, Glad, Can, Stop, Wish, Nest.

- Q: Why is 6 afraid of 7?  
A: Because 7 — 8 — 9

- Q: Where do pencils go on holiday?  
A: To Pencil-Vania

- Q: What do Elephants and Trees have in common?  
A: They both have Trunks

- Q: What animal can jump higher than a house?  
A: Any animal. A house can't jump.

- Q: How do you spot a modern spider?  
A: He doesn't have a web, he has a website.



### November Word Search



COAT  
COLD  
FROST  
ICE

IGLOO  
SCARF  
SNOW  
WINTER

REMEMBER TO  
Set Your Clocks Back!

Sun. 29th Oct.



### What Happens in November?

**Hibernation** occurs when an animal becomes inactive, or "sleeps," during the short, cold days of winter. Hibernating and dormant mammals include bears, squirrels, groundhogs, raccoons, skunks, opossums, dormice, and bats.





## Slow Cooker Recipes

### Slow-cooked chicken with chorizo

#### Ingredients:

200g chorizo, cut into chunks  
1 onion, peeled and diced  
2 sticks of celery, finely sliced  
2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped  
2 packs of chicken thighs (12 in total)  
1 tin chopped tomatoes  
200 ml water  
1 dessert tomato puree  
1 tsp sugar  
Sprig of rosemary, chopped

Serves 6



#### Method:

Chicken thighs work beautifully in the slow cooker. Firstly, trim off any excess skin tucked underneath the thighs, there is usually quite a bit of spare skin. Fry off the chorizo in a heavy-based frying pan. There is no need to add any extra oil, the chorizo will release oil when cooking. When the chorizo is nicely browned, remove it from the pan using a slotted spoon and add to the slow cooker

Fry the chicken thighs a few at a time until skin is crispy. This will need to be done in batches. Add the chicken to the slow cooker as each batch is fried off. When you have finished cooking off the chicken, add the onion, celery and garlic to the pan and cook over a gentle heat for five minutes or so until starting to colour, then add to the slow cooker, along with the tin of chopped tomatoes, water, tomato puree, sugar and rosemary. Season with some freshly ground black pepper. Put the lid on the slow cooker and cook on low for seven hours. This is delicious served with baked potatoes.

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### Slow cooker cashew chicken

#### Ingredients:

2lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts (About 4 pieces), cut into 1 inch pieces  
3 tbs cornstarch  
½ tsp black pepper  
1 tbs canola oil  
½ cup low sodium soy sauce  
4 tbsp rice wine vinegar  
4 tbsp ketchup  
2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce  
2 tbsp brown sugar  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 tsp grated fresh ginger  
¼ tsp red pepper flakes  
1 cup cashew nuts



#### Method:

Combine cornstarch and pepper in resealable food storage bag. Add chicken. Shake to coat with cornstarch mixture. Heat oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Brown chicken about 2 minutes on each side. Place chicken in slow cooker. Combine soy sauce, vinegar, ketchup, sweet chilli sauce, sugar, garlic, ginger, pepper flakes and cashews in small bowl; pour over chicken. Cook on low for 3 - 4 hours. Serve with rice.

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### Slow cooked brisket of beef

#### Ingredients:

1.6kg (approximately) brisket of beef  
A bundle of hard herbs such as rosemary, thyme, marjoram and bay  
A large glass of red wine or stock (beef or vegetable)

2 carrots, peeled and cut into chunks  
2 onions, peeled and cut into quarters  
4 cloves of garlic, roughly chopped  
Quarter of one star anise (optional)  
Quarter of one cinnamon stick (optional)



#### Method:

Brown the brisket on both sides in a little olive oil in a frying pan and season with freshly ground salt and pepper. Put the brisket into the slow cooker, deglaze the pan with the wine or stock and pour this over the brisket. Add the rest of the ingredients to the slow cooker. Put the lid on, and turn on the slow cooker on medium or low and cook for 8 hours.

To serve, remove the brisket from the slow cooker and pull it apart with two forks or alternatively slice it, cutting against the grain. The beef should fall apart; the meat deliciously juicy. Serve the beef with the cooking liquid and vegetables.

## November Gardening

### Our leaves are falling as well as our temperatures.

Isn't there always something to be doing in our gardens, be it pruning, tidying or sowing/planting. Nevertheless, there is something easy about our gardens in November, it's our time for reflection but with one eye on the forthcoming year. Some people think that Autumn is the time to hack everything back before winter really sets in, however, it's actually not a good time to prune many trees and shrubs, better done in late winter or early spring. Cherries if pruned are vulnerable to silver leaf disease, then evergreens are usually tackled in early spring after flowering. Beech, Hawthorn, Hazel, Climbing and Shrub Roses like to be pruned right now. I think, being out there in the garden is therapeutic in itself even if one achieves nothing. Honestly, I simply cannot imagine life without plants and flowers, even one single beautiful bud to look at, to admire near you, on your desk speaks volumes. Different plants and different scents evoke different emotions.



### Early November:



Try to finish off bulb planting soon. In fact this is a great time to be planting tulips but if your soil is heavy put some coarse grit into the planting holes.

### Mid November

Check tree stakes and ties before winter winds cause damage. Plant bare root hedging plants. Grass growth generally slows down a little this month, so only give your lawn a light mowing if the grass is dry. If you have not already done so, treat the lawn to a dose of autumn lawn fertiliser and aerate it. This treatment will pay dividends in the spring. If your garden is lacking colour plant some winter flowering shrubs now. Sow fast maturing carrots, radishes, winter hardy salad onions etc. in the greenhouse for April harvest. Clean patios and concrete paths to remove potentially slippery moss and algae.



### Late November

Garden birds benefit from extra feeding all year round, but it is especially important in the winter months. Try to put out appropriate food for the species living in your garden and make sure that water is readily available too. Prune free standing apple and pear trees after leaf fall. Begin washing pots and trays in disinfectant ready for the new sowing season.



### November Gardening Tips

Shorter days, darker evenings mean only one thing its officially Winter! We hope you will find these November gardening tips helpful to guide you through the beginning of Winter!

### In General

**Rake leaves** and make leaf mould or compost. Clean, sharpen, and oil garden tools. Finish **winterizing** your water garden.

Start **forcing** bulbs like **paperwhites**, **hyacinth** and **amaryllis** for the holidays.

Add **organic** matter to beds.

Cover **compost** so that rain doesn't flood and leach the nutrients.

### Keep weeding.

Check that indoor plants are receiving enough **water, humidity and air circulation**.

Cut back the yellowing foliage of **herbaceous perennials**, and lift and divide overcrowded clumps to maintain their vigour



Now is a great time to prepare a **perennial vegetable bed** which can be planted up with **rhubarb crowns**, **asparagus crowns** and now is the ideal time to **plant currant bushes** whilst they are dormant. Once plants are dormant, it is a good time to **lift and relocate** any plant that you want to move.

**Sweep paths and surfaces regularly.** In "Open" gardens you have to do this on a daily basis. In winter try and do all the surfaces visible from the house fairly regularly to avoid the drab, neglected look. Chopped or left whole, leaves make an excellent mulch for vegetable crops, they suppress weeds and retain soil moisture.

Gather up fallen leaves from around the base of **rose bushes** which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer, to reduce the chance of infection next year.



# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

## BLADE RUNNER 2049

STARRING: RYAN GOSLING & HARRISON FORD

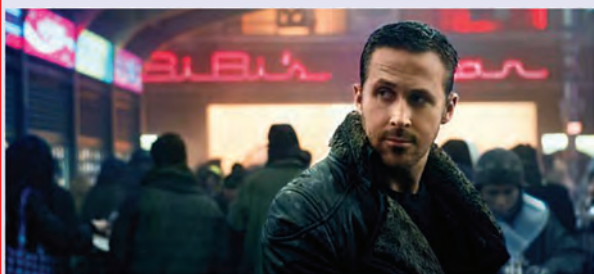


In an era where Hollywood studios regularly plunder classic movies, looking for the next successful remake or reboot, few revivals have caused as much excitement as the highly anticipated **Blade Runner 2049**. The original 1982 **Blade Runner**, which followed ex-cop Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford) as he hunted runaway replicants is considered by many to be the height of stylish sci-fi filmmaking. Though some might consider it foolhardy to create a sequel, some big guns (Ryan Gosling, Ford and Robin Wright) have been brought on board to liven up proceedings. Even **Blade Runner** director Ridley Scott is back as producer.



The producers have cleverly surrounded the sequel to **Blade Runner** in mystery, creating a surge in interest. At an early press screening of **Blade Runner 2049**, the director, Denis Villeneuve, sent a note requesting that the assembled journalists not divulge crucial plot points in their reviews. To retain the element of surprise for viewers.

This imperfect, complicated but energetic film deserves to be seen with just the barest of plot outline or details. The less you know, the better.



One of the enduring mysteries of the first **Blade Runner** is the question of whether Ford's Deckard, hired to eliminate a group of rogue replicants, was himself a replicant? Will the new film finally resolve that decades-old mystery? Mystery also surrounds the exact nature of Ryan Gosling's role in the new movie.

The film, set thirty years after the original, has a quiet brooding lead character in Gosling's Officer K, a blade runner himself, who hunts androids that pose as humans. He seeks out the old models. The problem with those replicants, as witnessed in the 1982 film, was the inconvenient development of feelings: making it difficult to enslave them and also creating resentment of their own built-in expiry date.

Just like Ford's Deckard, Officer K is the best at what he does. Trouble comes in the form of a long-buried uncovered secret that could open a whole can of worms

for the totalitarian government of the new world order. Plunging what's left of society into chaos.

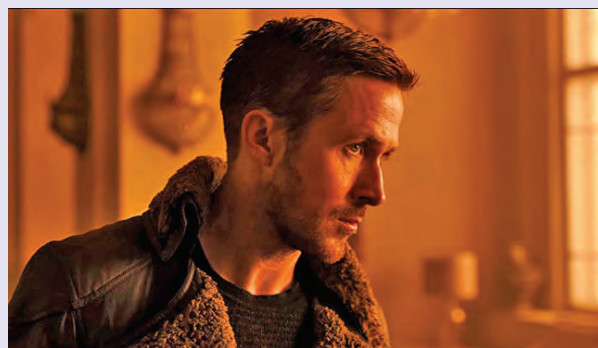
Gosling's discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), who has been missing for 30 years. **Blade Runner 2049** is certainly more action-centered than its illustrious predecessor. Gosling has stated in interviews that the new film is "more brutal".

**Blade Runner 2049** is a long film: clocking in at a posterior-numbing two hours and 43 minutes, and for some it will be a bit of an endurance test. The film is slowly paced with each revelation a long time coming. The director likes mist and fog more than the original **Blade Runner** director, Ridley Scott, so the look of the film is less hard-edged. Figures melt slowly out of yellow smog. If characters are obscured in dense fog, the plot of the film isn't far behind.



It is not the easiest film to follow, and the long third act has elements that are simply mind-boggling. Like its 1982 predecessor **Blade Runner 2049** is not particularly plot-driven, but it is heavy on atmosphere and style. For over two hours the viewer is continually perplexed as to what will happen next. We do know that a meeting between K and Deckard is inevitable, but that's as much as we know.

Knowledge of the 1982 **Blade Runner** is helpful but not mandatory to see this sequel. Just like the original, it's set in the not-to-distant future and portrays the world as a dark, desolate, bleak place. Cinematographer Roger Deakins (The Shawshank Redemption) generates a visual assault on the senses.



He recaptures the perennially grey, choked, rain-soaked futuristic Los Angeles from the original film. His work is sublime, masterful and jaw-dropping and will surely earn him a well-earned Oscar at the Academy Awards

next year. Praise is also due to Dennis Gassner's breath-taking set designs and Han Zimmer's pulsating score. These crafts people help the director to echo the look, sound and feel of the first **Blade Runner** film, while simultaneously creating a new exciting experience for the modern audience.



What of the performances? Ryan Gosling is on a roll this year with the recent success of **La La Land**. The actor's trademark persona of detachment and monotone delivery has never been put to better use than in **Blade Runner 2049**. Gosling is tailor-made for moody, introspective roles. He does a lot of acting with his eyes: bringing emotional depth and vulnerability to the role of the complicated and conflicted agent K. It's a wonderful performance.

Thirty years on, Harrison Ford reprises his iconic role of the guarded, cynical replicant hunter, Rick Deckard. Although he doesn't share much screen time with Gosling, Ford is surprisingly effective in what scenes he has. The veteran actor portrays Deckard with a soul-crushing weariness. It's an excellent performance from Ford and a fitting continuity with the original **Blade Runner** classic.



**Blade Runner 2049** is a substantial, daring exercise in modern filmmaking. Its visual delights and dazzling special effects will literally take your breath away. However, it is the humanity, the insight and characters of this compelling sci-fi sequel that lingers in the mind long after the credits have rolled. See it on the biggest, widest screen you can.



## HALLOWEEN QUIZ ANSWERS



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