



M

aynooth Newsletter



Serving the people of Maynooth



Local News

October 2017

Issue No. 462 FREE

This publication is produced by Maynooth Community Council CLG Community Employment Scheme, supported by the Department of Social Protection, which is funded by the Irish Government

Maynooth Strike Gold “Again” in National Tidy Towns Awards 2017

Maynooth Tidy Towns won Gold again at The National Tidy Towns Awards in The Helix Theatre, DCU for 2017.

We are absolutely delighted and thrilled with this win especially as we are in a different category this year and most importantly we increased our points this year to 323 up from 316 in 2016. We were competing with the likes of Naas, Leixlip, Newbridge, Celbridge and many other towns in Category G all over Ireland. Most of these Towns would be large tourist towns with bigger budgets than Maynooth.

In the special Awards Category we won the “Lets get Buzzing-Local Authority Pollinator Award” sponsored by Kildare County Council worth €1,000. We also came third in the County Awards, winning €500 for Maynooth. This Award is sponsored by SuperValu and our own Eddie Casey.

The biggest thrill of the day went to our own Volunteer Tina Drury, whom the committee nominated for the Community Heroes awards. Tina won the nomination for Kildare and received her invitation to join us and Eddie Casey, SuperValu, in The Helix. Tina received a Certificate and Vouchers to spend in SuperValu, Maynooth. Well done Tina.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers, committee and sponsors who helped us out during the year, especially Ted Robinson, Glenroyal Hotel. The Flower and Garden Club Ladies are a pleasure to deal with and our thanks to Peter Cuthbert for all his advice on Pollinators and plants. Our thanks also to Moreish @ Maxol, Maynooth for the supply of coffees.

Last but not least, you, the people of Maynooth, for all your encouragement and messages of congratulations. We did this together.

Mary Molloy - Secretary - Maynooth Tidy Towns
(Photo's supplied by Maynooth Tidy Towns)



Above the Maynooth Tidy Towns Group pictured with Johnny Doyle, Kildare County Council Tidy Towns Ambassador outside The Helix after the Awards.



Photo Above: Maynooth Tidy Towns Group at The Helix following the announcement of the National Tidy Towns Awards 2017. Left to Right: Sean Lyons, Committee Member, Catherine Mulready Volunteer, Vincent Mulready, Vice Chairman, Mary Jennings, Treasurer, Mary Molloy, Secretary, John Kavanagh, Chairman, Tina Drury, Local Hero, Des Matthews Committee member, May Haren, Volunteer & Mattie Callaghan, Committee member.



Above Left to Right: Tina Drury (Local Hero Award Winner), Sean Lyons & Mary Jennings.



Above Left to Right: Mary Jennings & Sean Lyons with the Pollinator Award.

DINE IN  THE DARK
IS COMING TO



Charity Blind Tasting Night

4 Course wine and food tasting menu

Tickets €55pp inc Aperatif drink

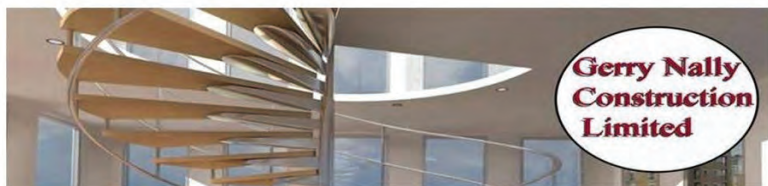
Thursday 19th Oct 8pm

in association with

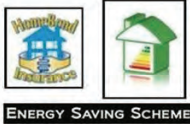
WINE LAB 



Event taking place in Oak Alley Cocktail Bar
Main Street, Maynooth | P: 01 6106558 | info@oakalley.ie



Member of



We Build:

- New Houses, Sun Rooms & Conservatories
- New Bathroom Suites
- Shop Fronts
- Wall & Attic Insulation
- House Extensions & Renovations
- Attic Conversions
- Roofing
- Tiling - Wall & Floors
- Timber Floor / Decking



Contact Gerry at 086 2499407
FOR ALL YOUR HOME MAINTENANCE
Cullenore, Brownstown- Kilcloon - Co Meath
Telefax: 01 6285462

Email: gerrynally@eircom.net - Website: www.gerrynally.com



BRADY'S

CLOCK HOUSE

BAR - LOUNGE - RESTAURANT

Web: www.bradysbarmaynooth.ie

E-mail: info@bradysbarmaynooth.ie

Main Street Maynooth Co Kildare

Tel: 01-505 4725

Whether dropping by for a friendly drink, food or settling in to watch the match, we are sure you will find a warm welcome with great service and a comfortable setting to ensure your stay is a pleasant and memorable one.
We look forward to seeing you soon.

Great Food Served 7 Days

THE 7TH ANNUAL LIVE MUSIC FUNDRAISING EVENT

ROCK N RORY

007

SATURDAY

OCT 21ST 2017

STARTS 9PM

AT THE

The Duke & Coachman
MAYNOOTH

● **YOU DO WOODOO**

● **THE CALLING CARDS**

FEATURING



ASLE KRISTIANSEN



STEFAN KUGLER



ALAN O'KEEFE

● **DEUCE**

ALL PROCEEDS TO

JIGSAW

Young people's
health in mind

COVER

€12

STUDENTS

€6 with ID

**GREAT
RAFFLE**

**LATE
BAR**



PICADEROS

NOW TAKING CHRISTMAS BOOKINGS

3 COURSE SET MENUS FROM
€26PP

MAIN ST, MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE
PHONE: 01 6292806



Maynooth GAA Coaching Junior & Senior Infant Boys and Girls

Maynooth GAA Coaching has begun for the new season.

This is a great opportunity for kids to get involved in a team sport, to keep fit, to make friends and most importantly to have fun. If your child is new to the GAA, we would be delighted for them to come down to training and give it a go. Training is every Saturday morning at the GAA pitches.

If you have any questions, you can contact the coaches below:

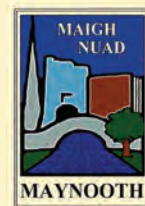
Junior Infant Boys: maynoothgaaboys2012@gmail.com

Senior Infant Boys: maynoothgaaboys2011@gmail.com

Girls: maynoothjuniorgirlscoaches@gmail.com



Martin O' Grady
PRO – Maynooth GAA



Maynooth

Tidy Towns
Caring for our environment

Johnny Doyle, Kildare County Council Tidy Towns Ambassador visited us in Maynooth on 29th August. Thank you to all who turned out on the day.

Maynooth Tidy Towns wish Fr. Liam Rigney every success in his new appointment in Athy, Co Kildare.



Fr. Liam has been a great supporter of all our work over the last 10 years, and giving us the opportunity to speak from the altar about our work and the need for more volunteers.

Once again we appeal for volunteers to help with our work on Saturday or Sunday.



Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns
Mobile no. 087 3153189 - Follow us on Facebook/Twitter

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



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

Available at the Maynooth Bookshop.

DISCOVER what
30 minutes
Strength Training
will do for you!



30-minute
full body workout



Strength Training
and cardio



One-on-one
coaching



Designed
for women

FREE
WEEK
trial offer*

Call to book in! 01 629 1000

Block F Unit 13
Maynooth Business Campus
Just off the motorway

* Free week may be redeemed on the first visit or exchanged for special membership discount. Valid only at participating locations from 1/9/17 to 30/9/17. New members only. © 2015 Curves International, Inc.

Curves
curves.eu/ie



Mc Mahon's Main Street Maynooth



Phone: 01-6291568 - e-mail: info@mcmahonsbar.com

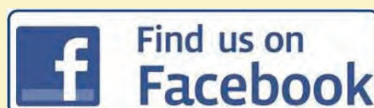
Light Entertainment Every Weekend

Thursday / Friday night Music in Bar 9pm

Saturday night Music in Lounge 9pm

Sunday evening Music in Lounge from 6.30pm

**New
HD
Screen**



**Food
Served
All Day**

Maynooth Labour News

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

Update on the Provision of Traffic Signals for the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update from the Council's Senior Executive Engineer on 5 September: "The Engineer for the Developer has confirmed to me recently that the traffic lights on the Straffan Road Maynooth should be installed shortly by the Developer. I have requested the programme of works, the traffic management plan and the name of the Contractor from the Engineer. I will update you on this information as soon as I get it."

Update on Improving Safety at Maynooth Playground

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on his motion at the MD meeting on 13 September: Temporary CCTV will be installed for 2/3 months to see how they will work. The Council are seeking volunteers to open and close the Playground. Refurbishment of the Playground will take place in October.

Planting to be Carried out at Bond Bridge Embankment:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his Motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 September: "When will the council plant shrubs and trees on the west embankment at Bond Bridge as requested by residents? The Council replied as follows: "The work will be carried out as part of the 2018 tree planting programme which will take place between January and March."

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Traffic Calming for Newtown Road:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his Motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 September: "When will the council install a traffic calming ramp at the Bond Bridge end of Newtown Road, Maynooth, as requested by residents? The Council gave the following highly unsatisfactory reply: "We have no plans to construct a ramp on this section of road."

John asked the Engineer to re-consider the issue as pedestrians cross the road where the footpath narrows at the entrance to the Health Board houses.

As KCC won't put a footpath on the northern side of the road a ramp is needed in the interest of public safety. John also highlighted the fact that a large volume of pedestrians use the footpath.

Cllr. McGinley demands that any Surplus from Maynooth Pay Parking Must be Ring-fenced for Use in Maynooth Town:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 September: "That any surplus funds from pay parking in Maynooth must only be used for improvement works in Maynooth Town, as previously agreed with the Area Committee."

The Council replied as follows: "This is for the discussion and agreement of the members." Cllr. McGinley made the following points in support of his Motion:

- Maynooth, being a University Town needs special attention, especially in the Town Centre Area.
- Funding is needed to implement the Public Realm Strategy identified in the Maynooth Local Area Plan, which includes the Re-Vamp of the Square and the enhancement of the Lanes off the Main Street.
- The surplus funds from the Maynooth Pay Parking will help in achieving the objectives of the Local Area Plan
- That was the thinking of the Area Committee when they unanimously agreed that any surplus from Pay Parking in Maynooth must only be used for improvement works in the town

Cllr. McGinley's Motion was agreed unanimously despite the strong objections of the Director of Services. The MD engineer advised the Councilor's that a scheme is currently being designed for the refurbishment of The Square and that it will be brought to the MD members prior to public

consultation.

Cllr. McGinley Again Calls for the Extension of the 67 Bus Route to the New Schools on the Moyglare Road;

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 September: "That Dublin Bus be asked to outline their plans for extending the 67 bus route to Moyglare Hall in order to cater for the needs of the eight hundred houses on the Moyglare Road, as well as the two new secondary schools at Moyglare Hall and the sixty plus individuals attending the St. John of God's services."

John got the following unacceptable reply from the Council: "The National Transportation Authority (NTA) has commenced a process to fundamentally transform Dublin's bus system - BusConnects will include Dublin Bus services to Maynooth and other towns in the county. The bus network redesign is underway and a public consultation process will commence in early 2018. Information can be obtained from www.busconnects.ie"

John pointed out that Dublin Bus had agreed to the Route extension in February 2014, subject to NTA approval. He asked that the Council now write to Dublin Bus and the NTA asking them to proceed with the Route extension to facilitate the two new schools, the 800 houses and the sixty plus individuals attending the St. John of Gods Services. This was agreed.

Backward Step in Providing a Bus Turning Point for the 66 Route at Crinnstown Nursing Home.

Councillors were advised at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 September that the owner of the Nursing Home at Crinnstown has requested the Council to suspend this project.

Double Yellow Lines to be Provided at Silken Vale/The Arches

Maynooth MD Councillors unanimously agreed at the MD meeting on 13 September to the Councils proposal for double yellow lines/parking restrictions at Silken Vale/The Arches.

Update on the Greenway from Kilcock to Maynooth:

Councillors were given the following update at the MD meeting on 13 September:

"As part of the Chambers Bridge to Maynooth Harbour project, which is due to commence on 11 September 2017, underground ducting will be laid along this section of the canal to facilitate potential lighting of the greenway. No commitment is in place as yet, for the provision of these lights."

Cllr. McGinley asked that as a minimum public lighting should be provided from Bond Bridge to the Harbour.

Prevention of Parking of Caravans at the Entrance to the Harbour, Maynooth

Following on from Cllr. McGinleys motion the MD engineer advised the September MD meeting as follows: "As part of the North/South Corridor, we intend to landscape this portion of land and incorporate it into the Public Realm element of this project."

Update on the Taking in Charge of Castle Dawson and Meadowbrook:

Councillors were given the following update at the Maynooth MD meeting on 13 September:

"Castle Dawson has not been taken in charge to date. The pump station that serves Castle Dawson is now in the control of the developer of Newtown Hall. He had indicated some time ago that he had no objection to the council taking the pump station in charge in advance of the remainder of Newtown Hall. We provided him with a list of remedial works that were required to bring the pump station up to taking in charge standard but to date these works have only been partially completed. Given that all of the houses are now substantially completed in Newtown Hall, the developer may want us to take that estate in charge along with the pump station and Castle Dawson. Building and Development Control staff will contact the developer to clarify and will keep the members informed of progress. When the taking in charge of Castledawson has been finalised, the Municipal District Engineer can consider maintenance works to the roads in the estate."

"We have included Meadowbrook on the agenda for our next meeting with Irish Water. No date for our next meeting as yet though."

Examination of Accommodation Options for North Kildare Gaelcholaiste Still Ongoing - Stagg

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

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board are continuing to examine options for accommodation for the school which will involve consideration of the timing and availability of appropriate infrastructure in the area. The Minister reiterated to Mr. Stagg that his Department would continue to work closely with KWETB and An Foras Patrúnachta in relation to the provision of appropriate accommodation for the establishment of the school.

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

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

Construction of New Maynooth Educate Together School to Commence in Early 2018 - Stagg

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 Mr. Stagg that the initial grant of planning permission for the new permanent school was received on 27th July last and that the final grant of permission is awaited. The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that when the final grant of permission is received the project will then proceed to tender stage in the final quarter of 2017 and that construction will commence in early 2018.

Welcoming this positive news that construction should commence in early 2018 Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg congratulated the Board of Management of the school on progressing the project to this stage. The school he stated recently celebrated their 10 anniversary. Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg looks forward to work commencing on the new 2 storey 16 classroom school in early 2018.

IDA Actively Promoting HP Inc Manufacturing Plant at Leixlip – Stagg

Following the decision by Hewlett Packard to close their Hp Inc Business Manufacturing Plant at Leixlip last February, Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has been pressing the Tanaiste and Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation in relation to progress in securing a replacement manufacturing industry for the site.

The Tanaiste advised Mr. Stagg that since HP Inc. made the regrettable decision to close its facility in Leixlip, the IDA has been actively promoting the site to existing clients and potential investors and will continue to do so in the time ahead. The Tanaiste stated she was hopeful that a new investor will be identified in due course and that further employment opportunities will in turn be created for the people of Leixlip and the surrounding area.

The Tanaiste added that while HP Inc's decision is very disappointing, there remain over 20 other multinational companies in Kildare that employ 10,139 people in total across a broad range of sectors. IDA Ireland continues to work with this client base to both sustain and grow employment further in the County.

Commenting on the Tanaiste's response Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that he welcomed the fact that the IDA were actively promoting the site and he expressed the hope that an alternative manufacturing operation would be secured for the Leixlip site.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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

Fuel Allowance

Question

Who qualifies for Fuel Allowance

Answer

Fuel Allowance is paid under the National Fuel Scheme, operated by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection. It is intended to help people who are dependent on long-term social welfare payments and who are unable to meet their heating needs. The fuel season for 2017–2018 starts on Monday 2 October 2017.

Under the scheme, a Fuel Allowance of €22.50 per week is generally paid with your social welfare payment. For the 2017–2018 fuel season, the total allowance of €585 can be paid in two equal lump sums, one at the start of the season in October and the second in January. To avail of this payment option, you must complete the form FA CPF 1 which is available from your local post office or social welfare office. You can also get this form by texting FORM FUELCHANGE, followed by your name and address, to 51909. To get the lump sum in October 2017, you must submit your completed form before 15 September 2017. If you submit your form after this date there is no guarantee that you will receive the lump sum in October, but your weekly payment will continue until the January lump sum is issued.

Fuel Allowance is a means-tested payment. If you are getting a non-contributory social welfare payment, you are accepted as satisfying the means test.

You must live alone or with someone who also qualifies for the allowance – you cannot get the allowance if you live with someone who does not qualify. Where two or more people living in the same household qualify for the allowance, only one allowance is paid. If your heating needs are met in other ways (for example, if you live in local authority housing where heating is provided), you do not qualify for Fuel Allowance.

If you think you are eligible, you should apply immediately because the allowance will not be backdated after the start of the fuel season in October. The application form for Fuel Allowance (NFS1) is available at your post office or social welfare office, or by texting FORM FUEL followed by your name and address to 51909.

Student grant appeals

Question

I've applied for a student grant to start a college course this year but I didn't get the grant I was expecting. What can I do?

Answer

Applications for the Student Grant Scheme are processed by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI). If you are not happy with the outcome of your application, you can ask SUSI to review the decision if there has been a change in your circumstances or if you think your household income wasn't assessed correctly. You can also request a review if you think you should get a special rate of grant or if you think there was an error in assessing the distance between your home and college (which affects whether you get an adjacent or non-adjacent rate).

You can request a review by using the online form on the website susi.ie.

You can also make an appeal to SUSI if you are not happy with your final grant decision or if you request a review and are not satisfied with the outcome. You must make the appeal within 30 days of the original grant decision. This deadline may be extended by a further 30 days if the Appeals Officer accepts that you have reasonable cause.

To appeal, you complete the form, available at susi.ie, explaining why you think SUSI applied the rules incorrectly. The Appeals Officer will notify you of the outcome within 30 days.

If your appeal is turned down you can submit a further appeal to the independent Student Grants Appeals Board, outlining why you believe the scheme has not been interpreted correctly in your case. When you get the written decision of the SUSI Appeals Officer it will include information on how to submit an appeal to the Student Grants Appeals Board.

The Board has 60 days to decide on your appeal and will write to you to let you know its decision. An appeal of this decision on a specific point of law is possible and can be made to the High Court.

Lost or stolen passport

Question

What happens if my Irish passport is lost or stolen while I am travelling abroad?

Answer

If you lose your Irish passport abroad, you should immediately report the loss to the local police and to the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate. You will be asked to confirm the loss in writing or, if you are applying for a replacement, to include the details of the loss in your passport application.

You must also ask the local police for a written statement that you have reported the loss of your passport. A member of the police authority in the country in which the passport went missing must witness this statement.

You will need this police report to get a replacement passport or Emergency Travel Document from an Irish embassy or consulate.

If there is no Irish embassy or consulate in the country where you are, contact the embassy of any EU member state and they will get in touch with the nearest Irish embassy on your behalf. An embassy of another EU member state cannot issue you with a new Irish passport, but can, in some cases, issue an EU Emergency Travel Document for a single journey back to your country of permanent residence in the EU.

It may be useful to carry a photocopy of the personal data page of your passport with you when travelling, or to scan an image of that page and email it to yourself. Any passport reported as lost or stolen is no longer a valid travel document. You should not try to travel on a passport that has been reported as lost or stolen.

Small Claims Procedure

Question

I am not happy with work that a builder did on my

house and will have to pay for someone else to finish the job properly. What can I do to recoup the additional expense?

Answer

If your original builder is unwilling to compensate you, you may be able to pursue a claim against the builder through the Small Claims Procedure. The aim of this procedure is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers to resolve disputes without needing to employ a solicitor. The maximum amount you can claim is €2,000. The small claims service is provided through local District Court offices.

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

To make a claim, you complete an application form which you can download from the Small Claims Procedure section of courts.ie or get from the Small Claims Registrar at the District Court office. Make sure you use the correct name and address of the person or company you want to make the claim against. The completed form and a fee of €25 should be lodged with the Small Claims Registrar. You can also apply online at the Courts Service Online website, csol.ie.

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

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

DEAR Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention favour).
Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it, then it will become your favour not mine. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted no matter how impossible.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

DEAR Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention favour).
Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart, where your Father sees it, then it will become your favour not mine. Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted no matter how impossible. (A)

James Lawless T.D. Kildare North

Phone: 01-6183587 - e-mail: james@jameslawless.ie - Web: www.jameslawless.ie

Additional transport services as GoCar launches in Maynooth

I am delighted to be able to welcome GoCar to Kildare North. I have had correspondence with GoCar lobbying to extend services to Irish Rail stations where many commuters had contacted me on the same. I am delighted to confirm this is now the case. Since the 16th of September commuters have had the option of using GoCar vehicles in Kildare North.

GoCar is a car sharing membership based program where, once you join, you can rent a car or van 24/7, 365 days a year. I understand each GoCar is estimated to replace up to 15 private cars which will only serve to ease congestion and make commuting to work that bit quicker.

I have long advocated and lobbied for better transport links for Kildare North, including increased bus routes, restructuring of train fares, and road improvements. I will continue to work on these various transport projects to ensure better transportation links for our towns.

Local Improvement Scheme for rural roads

I was very keen to help residents on rural, private roads to apply for funding to have their roads improved following the reopening of the Local Improvement Scheme from the Department of Rural and Community Development. The scheme has been restored for the remainder of the calendar year following pressure from Fianna Fáil.

This is a great opportunity to have rural roads resurfaced where the council have not taken these roads in charge. It is estimated that residents on these private lanes are asked to cover 10% to 15% of the cost while the Department will cover the remaining 90%.

Applications had to have been submitted into the Department via Kildare County Council by the 14th of September. I was delighted to assist with some residents on rural roads on the outskirts of Maynooth and elsewhere in Kildare North.

Expansion of Trading Online Voucher Scheme vital for small businesses

The Government must examine possibilities to expand the Trading Online Voucher Scheme. The scheme was put in place to support small and local businesses in getting a foothold in the online marketplace. The

vouchers are available from local enterprise offices. New information revealed that just over 1,100 vouchers were availed of in both 2015 and 2016. €3m has been allocated to the scheme for 2017.

Nearly 70% of Ireland's online consumer spending currently goes overseas according to the European Commission. The online marketplace is expected to grow significantly in the years ahead so there is a need to ensure that Irish businesses have a presence online to take advantage of this.

Greater supports are urgently needed to assist businesses in securing a high profile presence online. This can be achieved by expanding the Trading Online Voucher Scheme in order to give Irish businesses in all regions increased market share as online consumption grows. This is now more important than ever with Brexit on the horizon.

High speed broadband is a must for small businesses to compete in e-commerce. It connects small businesses to a global market so they need to be able to utilise the latest digital technologies to enable their enterprises to grow and prosper.

In the Dáil I recently introduced a bill to improve and speed up the provision of rural broadband. The overall goal of this Bill is to make it quicker and easier for providers to roll out broadband services. Ireland has a poor track record in this area in recent years, as is demonstrated by the ongoing problems with the National Broadband Plan.

The roll out of the National Broadband Plan has been haphazard with over 500,000 homes and businesses still waiting for information on when they will be able to access high speed broadband. The National Competitiveness Council has said that regional jobs growth is being stunted due to the sluggish roll out of the National Broadband Plan.

High speed broadband is also needed for the development of online e-commerce opportunities for Irish SMEs. It is essential that SME businesses, which employ over 900,000 people nationwide, are given every support to diversify their sales platform.

Affordable Housing Scheme must be a core part of Government policy

The Government must take real action on its

commitment to launch a new affordable housing initiative. The Taoiseach made another announcement about utilising Nama to help with providing housing but unfortunately this announcement lacked any specific details on how it was going to be used to deliver more affordable and social housing.

Fianna Fáil pledged to use NAMA to build affordable homes in our election manifesto in February 2016. The Government must make up its mind and outline the plan they have for NAMA.

An explicit commitment of the Confidence and Supply arrangement is the establishment of an affordable housing scheme. We believe that NAMA should be used for this explicit purpose of helping increase supply and open up home ownership to working families currently squeezed out of the market.

NAMA can and should be used to launch affordable housing schemes in Dublin and other urban areas where supply is weakest and where prices are highest.

This will help ensure that working families are not priced out of the market and have a chance to own their own home. This was originally outlined in our manifesto and would be financed by a new national home building bond, on an off balance sheet basis, and through funds from the Strategic Investment Fund and the credit union movement.

I am deeply concerned that this is another one of his Government's kite flying exercises rather than a substantive policy proposal.

Establishing an affordable housing scheme is a core part of the Confidence and Supply arrangement between Fine Gael. Using NAMA and accessing off balance sheet finance makes sense to help deliver the housing units we need, and I look forward to engaging with Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy in its design.

Maynooth Office Open On Mondays & Fridays

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

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS NOTICE OF INTENTION ROADS ACT, 1993

Kildare County Council gives notice, in accordance with Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993 that it intends to close:

Pound Lane, Buckley's Lane, Double Lane and Cross Lane, Maynooth From Tuesday 12 September until Friday 24 November 2017

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.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our morning club is in full swing now and all Senior Citizens in the Maynooth area are welcome to join us. Our next event will be our Halloween Tea-Dance on October 15th and you can come in fancy dress if you wish. I would normally be announcing the Tony Smith memorial walk at this time but as it only took place in February this year we will have to wait until February 2018 for the next one.

From October onwards our focus will be on the "Sale of Work" as this is our main fundraiser. All our activities depend on its' success. Remember the date November 19th and the venue is the Post Primary School. Speaking of funds we had a nice little windfall on September 15th when we attended the launch of CarePlus at Maynooth Pharmacy in the Glenroyal shopping centre. Brian generously presented us with a cheque for €500 for which we are most grateful. George Fennell was the man of the moment when he cut the ribbon wielding a weapon that should have landed him a part in "Game of Thrones".

By the time you read this we will have bade farewell to Fr. Liam our PP for the past ten years. On behalf of our committee I would like to thank him for his generosity in facilitating our bus on Saturday evenings and for his support and recognition of our work. He will be missed, but we wish him well in his new Parish. I also understand that Rev. Janice Aiton is leaving our Parish and returning to her native Scotland. Our loss is their gain. We wish her well also.

Finally, may I express our sympathy to the families of Frances Reidy and Josephine Coakley who passed away recently. Ar Dheis De go raibh Anam.

Josephine Moore - Chairperson





Small Adverts/Local Services



Introducing our New
Local Services & Small
Adverts Section

Donovan's Londis

Trading Since 1888
Greenfield Shopping Centre
01-6517500

Mon-Sat 7.30am - 10.00pm
Sun 8.00am - 10.00pm

Breakfast Rolls, Paninis,
Sandwiches of your Choice.

Tea, Coffee & Soup.
Private catering service also available.

Offering our Promotional Range
Flowers, Fruit & Veg., Groceries
& Gourmet Cheese.

Newsagents, Magazines & Lotto
ATM Machine & Phone Credit.

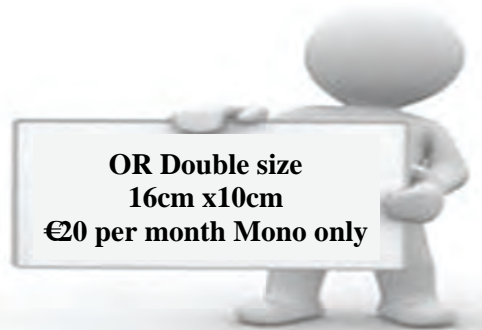
Off-Licence Stocking
a Wide Range of Wines



Size: 8cm x 5cm
€10 per month Mono only



Your Advertisement here
For only €10 per month



OR Double size
16cm x10cm
€20 per month Mono only

Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street
Maynooth

Books
Stationery
School Books
New & Second-Hand

Telephone: 01 6286702
Fax: 01 6291080

E-mail maynoothbookshop@eircom.net

Kiernan Sound Services
Maynooth
Co. Kildare

Musical - Sporting - General
We Supply and Operate Equipment
for Music Shows

*Hire: Powered Mixers, Speakers, Mics,
Stands Radio Microphones*

Battery powered outdoor equipment
Motorola Walkie Talkies
Megaphones

Phone: 01 6016834 Mobile: +353 87 2320642
email: kiernansound@kiernansound.com
www.kiernansound.com

(Please ring mobile before picking up hire equipment)

NEWS - 4 - U
Glenroyal Shopping Centre
Phone: 01-6290994

Large selection of Newspapers
Magazines, Stationery, Greeting Cards &
Paperback Novels
Selection of Kids Toys & Cuddly Toys

Agents for the National Lottery
Payzone Agents for all Bills
& Leap Card supply & Top-ups
Agent for AES Bin Tags & Card Top-ups

Opening Times: Mon - Fri: 7am - 8pm
Sat: 7am - 8pm
Sun: 7am - 6.30pm



Newspapers & Magazines to order
Just Ask Michael & Louise

Small Ads/Local Services


Mono Only - €10 per Month

8cm Wide x 5cm High

Adverts Must be Paid in Advance & Submitted Before Copy Date

Copy Date for November Edition - Tuesday 24th October

Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie -  /Frank O'Rourke

Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

O'Rourke Presses For Increased Rail services for Kilcock

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, is pressing for increased frequency of service for Kilcock rail commuters, given the increased level of commuters living in Kilcock and using the train service.

"Since getting elected, I have campaigned hard for better public transport services for North Kildare. Kilcock is a growing area and is a commuter town. We must improve the public transport servicing the town."

"A Park and Ride location for Bus and Rail Commuters, which I worked hard to deliver, has now been agreed for Kilcock, Kilcock is now included in the Shop Hop Zone for Rail commuters which had the effect of reducing the fares for commuters, the Leap reader is now installed at the Kilcock Rail Station and our Bus Service for Kilcock commuters has improved and plans are in place to improve it further."

"Given the increased number of people using the train from Kilcock, we must now improve the capacity on the line at peak times. We need extra capacity in the morning and in the evening. I have made specific representations to Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority to improve the rail service to Kilcock."

"As I have said in the Dail and elsewhere, having a regular and reliable public transport service will increase the attractiveness of public transport. I will continue my work to improve the public transport services for North Kildare." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Irish mortgage rates remain dramatically out of line with EU norms – O'Rourke

Recent Retail Interest Rate statistics published by the Central Bank show that mortgage rates are falling in Ireland. However, they are not falling at the same pace that deposit rates are falling, and mortgage rates in Ireland remain dramatically out of line with rates charged elsewhere in Europe, according to Fianna Fáil's Deputy Finance Spokesperson, Frank O'Rourke.

"These statistics published by the Central Bank recently show that despite modest reductions in mortgage rates, Irish mortgage holders are continuing to pay dramatically more than consumers elsewhere in Europe."

"For example, In Ireland, 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. That is €250 a month, each and every month, which could be spent by families on other household necessities. There has yet to be a credible explanation for such a dramatic difference in the rates charges and it is depriving our economy of much needed money which could be spent more productively in our economy." stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"In May 2016, a Fianna Fáil Bill designed to give the Central Bank powers to tackle excessive variable mortgage rates passed second stage in the Dáil. The progress of the Bill through the legislative process has been tortuous and painfully slow. Despite not opposing the Bill at second stage, it is abundantly clear the Government does not want the Bill to become law."

"As I have said in the Dáil on a number of occasions, we must focus on reducing the cost of living as well as reducing the burden of taxation. There is little point in reducing tax rates, if the banks are continuing to charge excessively high variable mortgage rates or insurance companies are continuing to increase their rates, take back a multiple of any reduction in taxation."

"However, key elements of our Bill on mortgage rates will proceed when the Dail returns next month which will be of help in relation to securing farer mortgage rates in the Irish market." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Traffic Lights to be installed at Meadowbrook Link Road says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed that works to install traffic lights at the junction of Meadowbrook Link Road and the Straffan Road will commence shortly.

"Traffic lights, with safe crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, will be installed at the junction of Meadowbrook Link Road and the Straffan Road. Works are to commence shortly."

"I have asked Kildare Co Co, the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to assess the overall traffic management issues along the Straffan Road, including the traffic exiting the Maynooth Business Park. Traffic volumes are increasing at these junctions and we need to see if we can alleviate the situation."

"Earlier this year the Department of Local Government confirmed to me that funds have been allocated to enable the construction of a section of the Maynooth Ring Road linking the old Dublin Road to the Celbridge Road."

"I welcome that works will commence shortly at the Meadowbrook Link Road / Straffan Road junction and this will assist traffic entering Straffan Road from the Meadowbrook Link Road." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Maynooth needs extra Park and Ride places says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called for further investment to increase the capacity of the car park at Maynooth Rail station. Deputy O'Rourke made the call following representations he made to the National Transport Authority (NTA) seeking increased park and ride places for Maynooth rail commuters.

"The Maynooth Rail Car Park is full at around 7.30am or 7.45am in the morning. Driving to city centre is becoming increasingly difficult and we need to encourage more people to use public transport. However, we must provide facilities which encourage the use of public transport, and one such facility is adequate park and ride facilities at our rail stations." Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"Leixlip Louisa Bridge and Hazelhatch Rail stations have seen investments in Park and Ride facilities. I, with others, have succeeded in securing a park and ride for Kilcock commuters, both bus and rail commuters. Plans are in place to have a park and ride for bus commuters adjacent to Junction 5 on the M4, beside Celbridge, as part of the Bus Connects project. The NTA are considering an option to increase the number of car parking spaces at the Naas/ Sallins station, which I hope will be completed shortly. I have been successful in getting Kildare Co Co and the NTA to consider a modest bus park and ride for Clane based bus commuters."

"The NTA have examined options for increasing the number of car parking places in Maynooth. It would cost €27,000 to provide just over 30 additional places in Maynooth and would cost €3m to provide a significant additional number of places as property acquisition would be required."

"I have written to the Department of Transport seeking support for additional park and ride places at Maynooth. We must encourage people to use public transport and providing adequate park and ride places is key to attracting more public transport commuters." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Focus on widening Tax Bands rather than reducing Tax Rates in Budget – says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, and Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Minister for Finance to focus on widening the tax bands rather than on reducing the tax rates in the forthcoming budget.

"At present the standard rate tax band for a single person is €33,800. PAYE employees pay the higher rate of tax of 41% once they earn over this amount. In my view, we should increase the standard rate tax band to €40,000 in the

forthcoming budget, enabling more workers to be taxed at the lower rate and incentivising work."

"Reducing the higher tax rate would disproportionately assist the better off. Widening the tax bands is a fairer way of reducing the overall tax burden, but it is less headline friendly. This Government seems more focussed on spin and getting headlines rather than on substance and delivery, so could favour reducing tax rates rather than widening the tax bands."

"We are seeing the cost of living increasing, with increases in motor insurance, fuel, in public transport costs, in rents, medical expenses and back to school costs. Workers, particularly those that are earning modest incomes need their tax burden reduced."

"Widening the tax bands is much fairer than reducing the higher rate of tax and we must focus on reducing the tax burden where lower income families derive the most benefit. I will continue my work in relation to keeping the Government to account in relation to rising cost of motor insurance, so that what people get in one hand is not taken by the insurance companies in the other hand." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Reduction in Motor Insurance costs welcomed – but battle not over says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the reduction in motor insurance costs by 14% over the last 12 months. However, the campaign to reduce the cost of motor insurance must continue as they increased by over 70% in the last three years.

"The latest Central Statistics Office figures show that the cost of motor insurance has reduced by 14% in the last 12 months. This is welcome news but we must keep the campaign in place to reduce premiums further as the reduction is only a fraction of the increase that has taken place in recent years."

"Since getting elected last year, I have campaigned to have the cost of motor insurance reduced. In the Dail, I called for the Competition Authority to investigate the activities of insurance companies and also to have a quarterly review of the implementation of the Oireachtas action plan to reduce Motor Insurance. I have also called for increased competition in the sector."

"The latest Central Statistics Office figures are published just a month after European Commission competition carried out dawn raids on insurers, brokers and Insurance Ireland. The latest figures now show the biggest annual drop in motor insurance costs since the insurance crisis hit, months after the dawn raid."

"Officials from the EU's Competitive Directorate are investigating the possibility that an insurance cartel is operating within the Irish motor insurance industry. The Government is publishing regularly the progress on the implementation of the action plan on motor insurance. However, a 70% rise in motor insurance over the last three years was unacceptable and action was needed. For the first time in a number of years, we are seeing a small first step in the right direction, but we must continue to campaign for more reductions." stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"The battle is not over yet. Irish Motorists are paying too much for their motor insurance. We must continue with our campaign. The Government needs to get their priorities right and urgently work to complete all the recommendations from the working group on Motor Insurance."

"The message must go out to all that we are determined to get fairer motor insurance premiums for Irish motorists. Many Kildare motorists have made contact with me over the last 18 months in relation to their rising costs and I am determined to keep a focus on this important issue for Kildare motorists." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Those Magnificent Women in their Flying Machines



Recently, I attended an interesting talk by Ronan Jackson on the life and work of Captain Darby Kennedy late of Weston Aerodrome and Aer Lingus. Captain Kennedy died in Spain on 15 May 2016 at 101 years of age.

That got me thinking of 'Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines; Or, How I Flew from London to Paris in 25 Hours 11 Minutes'. This was a 1965 British comedy film, based on a screenplay entitled 'Flying Crazy' which was a work of fiction set in 1910. For those who are interested, excerpts and its catchy theme song are available on YouTube. Then that got me thinking again. What about 'Those Magnificent Women in their Flying Machines'?

Writing in 2014 the journalist Mary Kenny noted that in the pioneering days of flight 'the sky was the limit for an élite group of highflying Irish women who let nothing stand in the way of dreams'. One young woman who appears to have fulfilled her dream was Sicele Julia Mary Annette O'Brien. Sicele was the daughter of Sir Timothy Carew O'Brien, 3rd Baronet (1861-1948) and Gundrede Annette Teresa de Trafford (1860-1952). They had ten children, two sons and eight daughters, many of whom died young.

Their eldest son and heir, Lieut Timothy John Aloysius O'Brien (Royal Field Artillery), was killed in August 1916 during World War One. His body was interred at Quarry Cemetery, Montauban in Picardy (Somme) in France. He was 24 years of age. The O'Brien ancestral home was at Lohort Castle, Fermoy in Co. Cork, however, at that time members of the O'Brien family were living at Grangewilliam, Maynooth in Co Kildare.

Tragedy struck the family again that same year when their daughter Hilda Moira Clare died the following month at a private nursing home in Leeson Street in Dublin. The cause of her death was complications which arose from appendicitis. She was 20 years of age. Her body was interred at Donaghmore Cemetery on 8 September 1916 after Mass at Saint Mary's Catholic Church at Maynooth.

What happened to our 'aviatrix'? Sicele, although she had raced her fellow Irish women earlier, went on to win the first women's air race ever held in the UK. In 1927 she became the second woman in the UK to receive a commercial licence. She accompanied Lady Mary Heath (born at Knockaderry, Co Limerick in 1896 – died

London 1939) when she set a British altitude record of 13,400ft in 1928. Afterwards Lady Heath noted that: 'It took me over 90 minutes [to reach that height]. The machine behaved splendidly, but the air got colder as we ascended until it was nearly freezing. The visibility was wonderful. We could see for 25/30 miles. I shall attempt to establish a record for speed and distance on the same light seaplane in the near future.' Following an air crash that same year near London, Sicele had part of one of her lower limbs amputated. However, having fully recovered and with an artificial leg, our determined pioneer got her licence renewed and was soon back flying. But flying was a dangerous occupation. Up to June 1931 alone, there were nine fatal air crashes in England or to British airmen abroad and the civilian death toll for that six month period stood at seventeen. Unfortunately, two of the fatalities that June included 'airwomen' Miss Sicele O'Brien and a Mrs. Gordon Gallien.

On 18 June their two-seater biplane made a good landing for refueling at the de Havilland flying school near Hatfield in Hertfordshire. Before they set off, the two women enjoyed a cup of tea in the clubroom. With Sicele in the pilot's seat, eyewitnesses stated that within a short time of taking off and when the plane had reached a height of c. 100 feet it suddenly stalled and spun around once or twice before crashing headlong into the ground and immediately bursting into flames. People rushed forward but it was impossible to do anything due to the intense heat. The bodies were charred beyond recognition. Sicele's remains were subsequently identified by her father, Sir Timothy because he recognised a ring on her finger and the second body was identified by a set of keys. An inquest was held and having heard the evidence the Coroner said that 'he did not think there could be any blame attached to the pilot or the passenger.' A verdict of accidental death was returned. Burial took place following Requiem Mass at Brompton Oratory at St Thomas's Cemetery at Fulham in West London. Sicele was 44 years of age.

But to end on a positive note. For various reasons, it took some time for women to be accepted as full-time commercial pilots. It was not until 1977 that the first woman pilot was recruited by Aer Lingus, the second airline in Europe after Scandinavian Airlines to do so. This was Captain Gráinne Cronin, a native of Malahide in Co Dublin and the daughter of an Aer Lingus captain, Felim Cronin. Flying must be in the Cronin genes because Grainne's sister Caroline is a commercial pilot, her husband is a pilot and their two daughters Alana and Louisa Johnston both hold private pilot's licenses.

Gráinne recently retired after 33 years' service. Aer Lingus now employs 40 women pilots – 'those magnificent women in their flying machines' – taking to the air no longer being a prerogative of the élite.

Rita Edwards - Maynooth Local History Group.



Warehouse & General Office Support Vacancy

We currently have a position for a person to work in our small Warehouse/ General Office.

Our Company is located in Maynooth Business Campus and is a Wholesaler of Ventilation products.

This position will have the following duties:

- Keeping the warehouse tidy
- Making and keeping an up to date list of items in the warehouse
- Managing all products coming in and out of warehouse (one or two deliveries per day)
- Small product assembly
- General office work, to include database upkeep
- Local deliveries.

Driving Licence, Forklift Licence and Computer skills would be required.

Candidates who wish to apply for this position please forward CV to michelle@entropic.ie or contact 016106170

Maynooth University welcomes 900 students for largest University Access Orientation Programme in Ireland

On Saturday, 2 September, Maynooth University welcomed 900 students for registration for its weekend-long Launchpad programme, the first step in a semester-long phased induction programme for Access students about to embark on their undergraduate journey.

The programme aims to ease new students, who are often the first in their families to go to third level, into university life in a supported and friendly setting.

Launchpad is unique in Irish higher education due to its scale; over 900 new students and 1,100 of their supporters attend the programme. Students attending Launchpad have entered Maynooth through HEAR (Higher Education Access Route), DARE (Disability Access Route to Education), further education and training, or the entry routes for mature students.

Some upcoming events at Maynooth University

Tuesday 3rd October, Meet companies with job opportunities in Accountancy, Tax, Consultancy for Final Year Students & Graduates of any Discipline further details on <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/accountancy-showcase-1>

Sunday 8th October, On the year of his 75th birthday, Gerard Gillen, Professor Emeritus of music at Maynooth University will give an organ recital in St Patricks College Chapel. Booking at <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/news-events/organ-recital-prof-gerard-gillen>

Maynooth University Open Day on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November.

Schedule of talks on our website:

www.maynoothuniversity.ie



WING TSUN - IEWTO

Ladies & Gents

Self – Defence Class

Beginners Welcome

Venue: Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11 Carton Park
Tesco Shopping Centre
Maynooth



Class Times

Wednesday 8pm - 10pm

Sunday 10am - 12pm

Class Sizes Limited

Instructor

Si-Hing Barry Smith 1st HG

Contact - Barry Smith

Phone: 087 9695475

E-Mail: barrysmith265@gmail.com

Oliver Reilly

Leinster Street, Maynooth,
Co. Kildare

Mobile 086 8105581 - 01 6289452

24 Hour Service



Undertakers and
Complete Funeral Furnishers
Wreaths, Headstones,
Mourning Coaches

Undertakers to

Maynooth Mortality Society
(Funeral Parlour Free to Society Members)

Main Office, Naas Tel: 045 868230

Paul Reilly Mobile: 086 8105581

*Funeral Home
The Harbour
Leinster Street
Maynooth*



Thinking of replacing your PVC Windows?

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Download Your Free Guide Book:
**'7 Big Mistakes people make
when buying PVC Windows'.**

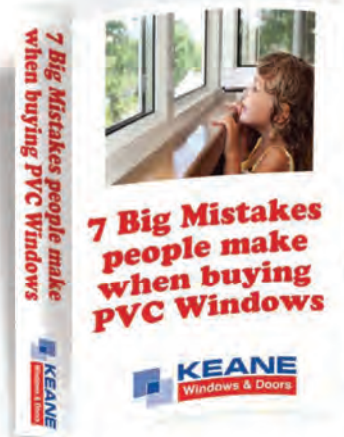
In this book you will learn:

- Key Questions to ask my window installer before engaging them
- 7 Critical mistakes everyone makes
- 3 Steps to a perfect window solution from start to finish

It's easy to download,

Simply visit www.keanewindows.ie

Showrooms open 7 days a week



Call 01-6203232

Gildea's Opticians



Maynooth

(3 Fagans Lane, off Main St.)

CONTACT LENSES

Best Value Daily Lenses **Free Trials**

SPECTACLES

Latest Styles - **2 for 1 Offers**

FREE EYETEST

with PRSI & Medical Card

FREE SPECTACLES

with Medical Card



**Appointments
Monday - Sat
Late night Thursdays**



Gildea's Opticians

Call us to book an appointment:

(01) 629 0370

info@gildeasopticians.ie

www.gildeasopticians.ie

GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAYS ?
NEED A HOME AWAY FROM HOME
FOR YOUR DOG??

SHORT OR LONG STAYS CATERED FOR
IN A WARM LOVING HOME
WITH OWN PADDOCKS



- DAILY DOG SITTING SERVICES
 - TWO WALKS DAILY / OWN BED
 - FOOD AND TREATS INCLUDED
 - OPTIONAL EXTRAS- GROOMING/BATH
€12 PER DAY/NIGHT
- CALL PATRICIA 087 2856331
patricia.monahan68@gmail.com

Want to improve your Gaeilge?

**EVENING IRISH
COURSES
STARTING THIS
AUTUMN AT
MAYNOOTH
UNIVERSITY**



Ollscoil Mhá Nuad
Ollscoil na hÉireann
Má Nuad

CONTACT: teanga@mu.ie
PHONE: 01 708 3737
<http://tiny.cc/mu-irish>

Maynooth Newsletter

Copy date for the November edition of the Maynooth
Newsletter will be Tuesday 24th October 2017



Top ten tips for a safe Halloween

1. If you see material such as pallets, tyres and old furniture being hoarded in advance of Halloween please report it to your local County Council.
2. Go along to organised events.
3. Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for a bonfire. Many garage or garden shed items such as petrol, white spirits, diesel, aerosols, batteries, tins of paint, bottles and tyres are especially dangerous if set on fire.
4. Explain the dangers of illegal fireworks and bonfires to children and teenagers.
5. Stay a safe distance from bonfires and fireworks – wind can carry sparks long distances and cause permanent injuries and scars.
6. Stay with your children and escort them on ‘trick-or-treat’ visits, parties and events.
7. Keep dangerous substances such as oil, petrol and diesel away from fires or fireworks.
8. Do not buy, use or supply fireworks.
9. Respect the Emergency Services, County Council staff and the Gardaí in doing their jobs.
10. Keep pets indoors on Halloween night.

Zombie Cocktail



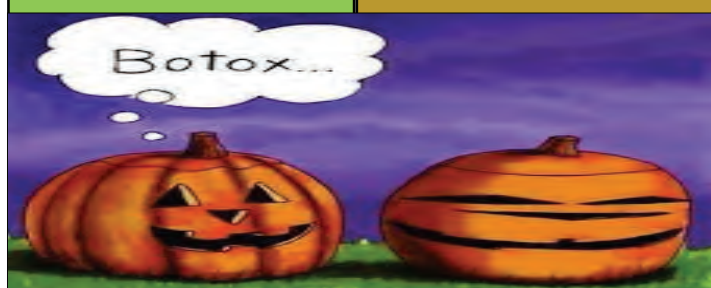
Ingredients

- 1 oz. light rum
- 1 oz. dark rum
- 1 oz. apricot liquor
- 2 oz. orange juice
- 1 dash lime Bitters
- 1 handful ice
- 1 oz. Bacardi 151 Rum
- Orange slice and a cherry for garnish

Directions:

Combine light rum, dark rum, apricot liquor, orange juice, and bitters using a cocktail shaker.

Pour into a large glass filled with ice. Top with the shot of Bacardi, then garnish with the orange slice and cherry.



Halloween has always been a holiday filled with mystery, magic and superstition. It began as a Celtic end-of-summer festival during which people felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends. For these friendly spirits, they set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world.

Today's Halloween ghosts are often depicted as more fearsome and malevolent, and our customs and superstitions are scarier too. We avoid crossing paths with black cats, afraid that they might bring us bad luck. This idea has its roots in the Middle Ages, when many people believed that witches avoided detection by turning themselves into cats. We try not to walk under ladders for the same reason.

This superstition may have come from the ancient Egyptians, who believed that triangles were sacred; it also may have something to do with the fact that walking under a leaning ladder tends to be fairly unsafe. And around Halloween, especially, we try to avoid breaking mirrors, stepping on cracks in the road or spilling salt.



But what about the Halloween traditions and beliefs that today's trick-or-treaters have forgotten all about? Many of these obsolete rituals focused on the future instead of the past and the living instead of the dead. In particular, many had to do with helping young women identify their future husbands and reassuring them that they would someday - with luck, by next Halloween - be married. In 18th-century

Ireland, a matchmaking cook might bury a ring in her mashed potatoes on Halloween night, hoping to bring true love to the diner who found it. In Scotland, fortune-tellers recommended that an eligible young woman name a hazelnut for each of her suitors and then toss the nuts into the fireplace. The nut that burned to ashes rather than popping or exploding, the story went, represented the girl's future husband. (In some versions of this legend, confusingly, the opposite was true: The nut that burned away symbolized a love that would not last.) Another tale had it that if a young woman ate a sugary concoction made out of walnuts, hazelnuts and nutmeg before bed on Halloween night she would dream about her future husband.

Young women tossed apple-peels over their shoulders, hoping that the peels would fall on the floor in the shape of their future husbands' initials; tried to learn about their futures by peering at egg yolks floating in a bowl of water; and stood in front of mirrors in darkened rooms, holding candles and looking over their shoulders for their husbands' faces. Other rituals were more competitive. At some Halloween parties, the first guest to find a burr on a chestnut-hunt would be the first to marry; at others, the first successful apple-bobber would be the first down the aisle.

Of course, whether we're asking for romantic advice or trying to avoid seven years of bad luck, each one of these Halloween superstitions relies on the good will of the very same "spirits" whose presence the early Celts felt so keenly about.



Rock a Skeletal Style Halloween Wreath



Give a plastic skeleton a fresh take on the afterlife as a minimalist wreath. Disassemble the skeleton by removing the thread, wire or string used to hold the pieces together. Next, attach bones to a wire wreath form using craft wire, overlapping and interlacing the bones. As a creepy finishing touch, wire the skull to the wreath's bottom so its sockets are approximately eye-level with trick-or-treaters.



 GLENROYAL HOTEL

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sunday December 3rd
12.00pm - 4.00pm

Don't miss Santa arriving at 1.00pm

Get some early Christmas shopping in with a fantastic range of gift ideas for everyone

Music by Maynooth Gospel Choir 2-4pm



 GLENROYAL HOTEL

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Ring in the new year at the Glenroyal Hotel

TO BOOK

Email conference@glenroyal.ie
or Call 01 6106249

€60
per person

 GLENROYAL HOTEL

Christmas Party Nights

Fri Dec 8th, Sat Dec 9th, Fri Dec 15th & Sat Dec 16th

TO BOOK, please call 01 6106249 or email conference@glenroyal.ie

€44
per person



EST  1995

GLENROYAL
HOTEL
MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE



SHOWS & PARTY PACKAGES

PAT SHORTT

20th October 2017

BERNARD O'SHEA

03rd November 2017

michael english
& his Band

24th November 2017

Foster & Allen

20th January 2018

BRENDAN GRACE

26th January 2018

JOHNNY McEVOY

8th February 2018

Neil Delamere

18th March 2018



SHOW, DINNER & ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

FROM ONLY
€109^{pp}

Your Chance to Win Tickets to See the Fat Chancers

Competition Sponsored by The Glenroyal Hotel

**Bernard O'Shea & Karl Spain Fat Chancers are Appearing in the
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Friday 3rd November 2017**

We have 3 pairs of tickets to give away for Fat Chancers comedy. To be in with a chance of winning just answer this question in the picture below: Bernard O'Shea is on the left and Karl Spain is on the right; True or False



**Send your Answer with your contact details to The Maynooth Newsletter Office, Unit 5, Tesco S.C.,
Carton Retail Park, Maynooth. Thank you for entering and Good Luck!!**

Comedians Karl Spain and Bernard O'Shea haven't been feeling so body confident lately have decided to drop a few pounds together and go on tour.

Fat Chancers is a new comic two-hander from Bernard O'Shea and Karl Spain that is touring the country and making a pit stop in The Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. Karl says: "Don't expect massive weight loss or body transformations or Bernard being funny". Cue the Biggest Loser, the comedy edition. Bond a little with these on-the-button comedy kings as they discuss love handles and slimming fads in their humorous style. In addition, they'll be making acute observations on social norms, culture, and even what's been on the news.

Bernard O'Shea is from Durrow, County Laois, Ireland. He co-hosts the 2FM Breakfast Republic with Jennifer Maguire and Keith Walsh. He made his name on the satirical sketch TV show Republic of Telly, and starred in and co-wrote the spin off series for RTÉ 2, Bridget and Eamon.

Karl Spain is from Limerick and probably best known in Ireland for his TV series Karl Spain Wants A Woman, which was a huge success in that he not only got huge ratings but he also found himself a woman. In 2009 he filmed Karl Spain Wants to Rock but did not get a woman from that show. 2015 saw the premiere of his first pantomime, 'Freezin': The Story of The Snow Queen which he co-wrote with fellow comic Al Porter. The pair also co-wrote a short film for Sky 1 as part of the Irish shorts series. Karl is a resident writer for Republic of Telly and for countless other comedians.

You'll enjoy this offbeat stand-up exploration of diets and Dad-bods at the
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Friday 3rd November 2017
Tickets are €20 on sale from The Glenroyal Hotel & on line at Ticketstop.ie

Further Information available from Colm McCabe Promotions on Facebook & Twitter



Best Value for Advertising to your Target Audience in Maynooth

Advertising Packages from €10 Mono or €33 Colour per Month

**Advertising
does not COST
it PAYS**



**All Profits are
reinvested in the
Community**

**Contact a member of the Newsletter Team for a package to suit your needs
Phone 01-6285922 or email: office@maynoothcc.com - Website: www.maynoothcc.com**

“Maynooth Newsletter” is printed monthly with 4700 copies delivered to homes or distributed to local business premises in Maynooth. With this kind of circulation an advert placed with us ensures your product or service is brought into homes and workplaces in your community.

ADVERTISING RATES

Discount Rates for Adverts PAID IN ADVANCE

Pre-Paid Adverts	Advert Size	1 Ad	3 Ads -15%	6 Ads -20%	11 Ads -25%
Small Ad Mono Only	8cm (w) x 5cm (h)	€10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Size M1 Mono	8.25cm (w) x 10.8cm (h)	€30.00	€76.00	€144.00	€248.00
Size M2 Mono	8.25cm (w) x 16.3cm (h)	€42.00	€107.00	€201.00	€346.00
Size M3 Mono	12.3cm (w) x 16.3cm (h)	€60.00	€153.00	€288.00	€495.00
Size M4 Mono	25cm (w) x 16.25cm (h)	€108.00	€275.00	€518.00	€891.00
Size M5 Mono	25cm (w) x 33cm (h)	€204.00	€520.00	€979.00	€1,683.00
Size C1 Colour	8.25cm (w) x 10.8cm (h)	€40.00	€102.00	€192.00	€330.00
Size C2 Colour	8.25cm (w) x 16.3cm (h)	€55.00	€140.00	€264.00	€454.00
Size C3 Colour	12.3cm (w) x 16.3cm (h)	€78.00	€198.00	€374.00	€643.00
Size C4 Colour	25cm (w) x 16.25cm (h)	€144.00	€367.00	€691.00	€1,188.00
Size C5 Colour	25cm (w) x 33cm (h)	€270.00	€688.00	€1,296.00	€2,227.00

COMMUNION DRESSES

Exquisite & Exclusive At



MARIAN GALE



8 The Mall, Donnybrook, Dublin 4

T: 01 269 7460 • www.mariangale.ie

**10% Off All Communion Dresses during
October Mid Term Break**

• We list your school •

Maynooth Educate Together



Maynooth Educate Together welcomed the tenth intake of new students on the 31st August. CEO of Educate Together, Paul Rowe attended the school for the first event of a year-long series of events to celebrate this milestone. He also launched the new school website.

The celebrations are following other good news for the school with building expected to commence on their new school building early in 2018.



Paul Rowe, CEO of Educate Together with Marie Hand, School Principal, Maynooth Educate Together NS



Maynooth Film For All



We hope you've had a lovely summer! Now that school's are back and the evening's are getting shorter .. it's time to start pencilling in some 'must see' films

Here's what we've planned for the next couple of months:

**OCT 4th | 8.00pm (SHORT FILM AT 7.45PM)
A MAN CALLED OVE**

**NOV 8th | 8.00pm (SHORT FILM AT 7.45PM)
PERSONAL SHOPPER**

DEC 6th | 8.00pm (SHORT FILM AT 7.45PM)
I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO (DOC.)
Continuing MFFA's focus on short IRISH films, Caroline Farrell will present a series of shorts themed around the haunted and the fantastical!*

And Finally

We can't believe it ... but ... , Maynooth Film for All is celebrating its 10th anniversary! THANK YOU sincerely to our loyal and committed audience for all your support - watch out for the party!

*All the best
Brenda, Denis, Caroline & Rita*

Brenda Brady | Kildare County Council Arts Service | Riverbank | Main St | Newbridge | Co Kildare T: 045 448328 E: bbrady@kildarecoco.ie | W: www.kildare.ie/artsservice

MAYNOOTH FILM FOR ALL: Film Club | Maynooth University | Venue: Iontas Theatre | Sept - May | Adm: €5.00; €4.00; Students Free!

Like us on facebook 'Maynooth Film for All'
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Maynooth-Film-For-All/158441647524316>





Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group Wednesday Mornings

Wednesday morning's **Playball group** will commence back with Wendy on October 4th. It is €65 for 10 weeks or €180 for 30 weeks which covers the school year!! With the 30 week option the kids will receive a free Playball t-shirt.

Playball is a multi-sport and movement-based program specifically designed for young children.

Playball is a sports programme with a difference - children do not merely learn sport, balance and motor coordination but they also learn important life skills such as self-confidence, persistence, listening skills, sequencing, turn-taking, concentration and much more.

Playball classes are small, age-specific, progressive and outcome-based. They are structured, action-packed, fun and uplifting. Their specific programs are designed by sport scientists and child psychologists to meet all your child's needs. Learn, practice, play - that is the Playball way!

2yr & 3yr old-classes - Maynooth Community Space
Contact Wendy for more info 086-2987551 or
wendy@playball-ireland.com

Parent & Toddler Group Thursday Mornings



We want to say a huge Thank You to Orla Jennings who was running the Toddler Group last year. You brought such a warm and friendly smile to the group. We will really miss you and we hope KIKI gets on great in Playschool x

We also want to say a huge Thank you to Donna Phelan. You and Orla did an amazing job with the Toddler Group and it is a huge success because of you both. We will miss you but you are always more than welcome to pop back to chat to the many friends you have made. Good luck Gracie with Playschool x



Thursday Mornings we are in the Community Space for 9:30-11:30 We have Gymboree with us to entertain the little ones every second week and this year we have a new addition Karen from Musical Tots who will be with us once a month. The weekly fee is €4 and this covers all your snacks and beverages. The toddler group is a great place to come to meet other parents from the town and a great place for the children to play with others their own age. We have brand new toys for all the little ones. So please pop in and say Hello!!

Check us out on:: <https://www.facebook.com/Maynooth-Toddlers>

If you are a working parent at home we would love to hear from you. We place all our leaflets on the Community Notice Board and we will advertise for you on our Facebook page. Every little bit helps and we really do believe in supporting local business. If you have a craft you make and sell let us know and we will allocate you a week to talk to our parents and sell your items.

We are running our **BUMBLEance** campaign again this year. So if anyone has any **old DVDS OR GAMES CONSOLES** we will be more than happy to take them off you to be recycled by **BUMBLEance**.



Every cent we raise helps the extremely sick children in Ireland get transport to hospital or home on angel trips. This is such an amazing charity. You can drop your items off in the Maynooth Community Council Office located beside the post office.

When possible we are asking our parents not to bring a buggy as we need to maximise space as much as possible so it is comfortable



for everyone using it..

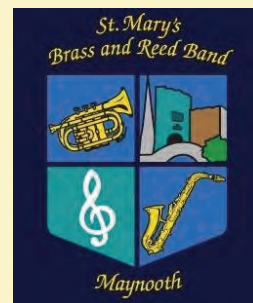
We would like to extend a big **Thank You to the people of Maynooth** for helping us raise funds in the Blue Token Campaign. Because you choose us we received €277 from Tesco in July. This money was for sensory toys for our little members and we have now a small selection of these toys in our group.



We are always looking for Volunteers to help us run this group on Thursday mornings. Many hands make light work from setting up to tidying away. We all use the space together and many hands make light work.

*****The Parent and Toddler Group only runs during School Term*****

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band



We are very pleased to announce that we have engaged a new Conductor, Jon Clifford, for the Senior Band who has taken over from Karen Ni Bhroin who has unfortunately had to stand down due to pressure on her time. However we feel that Jon will be a very able successor as he has a wealth of band experience and a proven track record of success with other bands. Jon started working with the Band in early September and he has already left a very good impression on the Band members.



The Recruitment Days organised last month were a great success and we already have quite a number of names signed up for classes beginning next month. These classes will be under the direction of John Kenny who has considerable experience at this level. We are looking forward to increasing the size of the Junior Band and preparing these members for progression to the Senior Band when they have reached the required standard. The Band are satisfied that these two new appointments will ensure that in the next couple of years the band will be in a good place to successfully compete with the best bands in the country but more importantly to secure the future of St. Mary's Band.

An unexpected bonus to emerge from the Recruitment Days was the arrival of two new people to our rehearsal on Monday 18th of September, a Trumpet player from Stuttgart in Germany and a Bassoon player, Adriana Garcia from Valencia in Spain, see photo attached. If memory serves us right this is the first time that there has been a bassoon in Maynooth Band.

The next appearance of the Band in Maynooth will be at our annual Mass for Deceased Members at 1pm on Sunday 12th of November when we will be remembering all members who have helped to maintain the tradition of Maynooth Band over the years. It will be an opportunity for the families of these departed members to remember them and to share in the music that is always very much a part of this special event.

As always we invite musicians living in the area who would like to play with the Band to drop in to the Band Hall in Pound Lane between 8pm and 9.30pm any Monday night (except bank holidays) where you will receive a very warm welcome.

Maynooth Community Council CLG Secretarial Services

Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre (Beside Post Office)
Maynooth

Tel: 01 6285922

Email: office@maynoothcc.com

Opening Hours for Public

Monday—Friday

9.00am – 4.30pm

LETTERS

ESSAYS

PHOTOCOPYING

CVs

PRINT FROM EMAIL

SCANNING TO EMAIL

A3/A4 LAMINATION

Other Printing Services Available on Request

**TYPING
THESES**

O'NEILL'S - IN THE HEART OF MAYNOOTH



O'Neill's
Bar & Steakhouse

Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
T. 01 6286255 E. info@oneillsbar.ie

O'Neill's Bar & Steakhouse is a family run traditional style bar in the heart of Maynooth.
We are renowned for our quality food, service and our warm welcome.
Food is served daily from 12pm, full A La Carte menu available from 5pm.
Live music every Thursday & Saturday night.

www.oneillsbar.ie

Mary Cowhey & Company
Solicitors
Suite 2/3 Manor Mills
Maynooth
County Kildare

Motor & Work-Related Accidents

**House Purchase/Sale
Wills, Probate
&**

**Administration of Estates
Family Law, Divorce, Separation**

**Telephone: 6285711
Fax: 6285613**

**E-mail: info@marycowhey.com
www.marycowhey.com**

LIAM DUFF
CRASH REPAIRS



Call (01) 628 7434
e-mail: info@liamduffautos.ie
web: liamduffautos.ie

VEHICLE RECOVERY	CRASH REPAIR	TYRE SERVICES
24 Hour Vehicle Recovery 087 257 9400 087 929 1719	Crash Repairs CSS Approved	Tyre Fitting Service Laser Wheel Alignment Puncture Repairs

Liam Duff Crash Repairs, Gragadder, Kilcock, Co. Kildare



Chartered Building Surveyors



**House & Apartment Surveys
Snag Lists
Certificates of Compliance
BER Certificates
Planning Applications**

**Maynooth Based
Tel: 01 6856935
Mob: 087 2693319**

**Email: info@kelleherassociates.ie
Web: www.kelleherassociates.ie**



**Kennels,
Grooming
And Day Care**

**Cooldrinagh Lane
Weston, Leixlip,
Co. Kildare**

Tel: 087 804 6168
email: topdogsgroom@yahoo.com
www.topdogsgroom.com

Healings by Gill
Holistic Therapist
Reiki Master
Angel Healing Therapy
Crystal Healing Therapy

Gill Mooney
Phone: 0879606966
HealingsbyGill@gmail.com
www.healingsbygill.com
Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Holistic therapy focuses on the persons whole being, the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellness.

Therapies treat;	Benefits of treatment;
Migraines,	Dissolves energy blocks,
Depression,	Aids sleep,
Anxiety,	Relieves pain,
Poor confidence,	Accelerates self healing,
Flu/Cold,	Increases energy levels,
Asthma,	Reduces blood pressure,
Grief,	Clears the mind,
And many more!	Improves focus,
	Promotes energy balance



- **Supply and Installation of Blinds**
- **Roller Vertical Venetian Roman Velux**
- **Home Consultations**
- **Professional service with Competitive Prices**
- **Over 14 years experience in Window Blinds**

Phone: 01-6210100 or 0857338847
Email: gerardmaloneblinds@gmail.com
Website: www.gerardmaloneblinds.com
Follow me on Facebook.

**Copy date for the November edition of the Maynooth
Newsletter will be Tuesday 24th October 2017**

“Alpha is a way to explore what we hunger after - meaning and intimacy and relationship... In a very non-pressed, non-judgemental environment.”

- Bear Grylls
host of “Man vs Wild”.

Alpha

Explore the meaning of life...

Join us for the
Alpha Course!

**starts Thur 5th Oct @ 7.15pm
on first floor Manor Mills**

(Entrance along the river by Chill Restaurant)

www.maynoothcc.org/alpha-course/

Maynooth Community Church
Eaglais Phreispitiréach in Éirinn



Maynooth Scouts is part of Scouting Ireland the largest youth organisation in Ireland which has over 40,000 members across the Island of Ireland. The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and as responsible citizens, to improve society.

Activities include hiking, camping, orienteering, survival skills and many other outdoor activities and games. In Maynooth we have over 100 youth members aged from 6 to 26, as well as our adult volunteers. Our group is



hugely involved in the community, assisting at events such as the MPPS 10k run, the annual Senior Citizen's Sale of Work and the Darkness into Light Walk in aid of Pieta House.

Maynooth Scouts was founded over forty years ago and in recent years we have finally achieved our dream of obtaining our own Den, after much fundraising and support from scout members, parents, friends and the wider community of Maynooth, together with some LEADER funding and a bank loan. This involved the restoration of the Geraldine Hall, an old schoolhouse which had fallen into disrepair, and adding a substantial extension. Our Den has proved invaluable for us as a Scout group.



However, our fundraising efforts to support the costs of our Den continue and as part of this we have launched a new venture – Split the Pot. This involves a draw every two weeks where the proceeds are split equally between the winner and our Den fund. Entry costs €2 and draw boxes are available at the

Gerard Mulcahy-Traditional Craft Butcher

Est. 1984

All Beef Matured
for 21 days

**Greenfield Shopping Centre
Maynooth**

Fresh Cooked
Chickens Daily

Now Catering For Parties

**Join Our Xmas
Club Now**
Stocking Maynooth Farm
Turkeys (New York Dressed)

Order your Spiced Beef for
Christmas

Thanking all our Customers
over the years
Gerry, Caroline, Tommy,
Dave & Aaron
34 Years in Business

**Mulcahy
Low Salt
Hams**

All our Meats are now Cooked
in our New Kitchen
Roast Beef - Turkey - Ham

Hours of Business
Mon - Fri 8.30am - 6.30pm
Sat - 8am - 6pm
Phone Orders to Shop
(01) 6286317

Now you have tried
the rest
Try Mulcahy's for
the Best!

following locations - Emma's Place in Glenroyal SC, Maynooth Bookshop, The Roost Off Licence, Brady's Clockhouse, Mulcahy's Butchers in Greenfield SC, Mulligans Barbers, Newtown Inn, Benny's Coffee Shop in Maynooth Business Park and of course the Scout Den. We would like to thank all these businesses for their support. We had our first draw last week, with €725 divided between the winner and the den. Our next draw takes place on October 21st in our Den. Please see our Facebook page, Maynooth Scouts, for more information.



Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

Community Library	Maynooth Multiple Births	Bridge Club
<p>Opening Times Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Sat 9.30am to 1pm</p>	<p>Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you. For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910</p>
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Space (Tesco Shopping Centre) New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Mondays 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</p>
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
<p>Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome Contact Ger : 0874133505</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries Dunboyne Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square</p>	<p>Informal café atmosphere for people with Dementia & their partners family & friends. Free of charge. Venue Ryevale Nursing Home. Every second Wednesday of each month 7-9pm. Call 0894933533 Email: alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30am www.maynoothcc.org Everyone most welcome</p>
Maynooth Senior Citizens	Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND
<p>Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St, or contact Josephine on 087 9002296.</p>	<p>Classes are held on Wednesday 7pm to 9.30pm in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. Our classes are very good value, great fun and we promise you plenty of craic also !! Bígi linn!!! Contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</p>

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



Writer's Corner

Short Stories from Our Readers

Apocalypse When? (A Short Story By Fionn Timmons)

"The World is screwed, my friends" declared Larry as he took another swig of his drink. This was something that Larry a.k.a. Lawrence Gilmore declared often. Very often. Practically every day for as long as anyone could care to remember. In fact, he'd said it nine times already that night, three times in the last four minutes. He said it again, for emphasis. However, despite the frequency at which he made this declaration, it had never been more true. The world was screwed. World War Three had begun though nobody was exactly sure why.

It had all started with North Korea. Their dictator had finally managed to develop nuclear weapons and had threatened the United States with this fact. The president of the USA found this out in the same way as everyone else, via YouTube. He stated that should North Korea attack, the USA would strike back with calamitous results. The North Korean dictator was very offended by this for some reason and fired what was the nuclear equivalent of a bottle rocket which knocked a small bit of ice off Alaska, barely enough for a cold drink. The Americans over-reacted slightly and reacted with what could only be described as excessive force, quite literally blowing North Korea out of the water. The Russians and Chinese didn't appreciate this and despite the protests of the entirety of Europe, Africa and South America pretty soon the world went completely mental and World War Three began. Larry was a paranoid man but a harmless one and was well liked which may or may not have been due to the fact that he ran the local pub. He had long since predicted a nuclear war and had converted his pub into a nuclear bomb shelter with enough food and drink to last them decades. Now his paranoia was paying off and drinks were on the house. It's not like money had value anymore.

Two televisions were playing in the centre of the room. One was playing a news programme covering the events. The other was playing all of Ireland's matches from the World Cup of 1990. As some drunk geezers cheered for a goal scored thirty years ago, Larry engaged in a tipsy conversation with his closest friends Ger, Nick and Ciarán. "I'm rather looking forward to being irradiated" said Ger "I think it'll be cool to have three eyes" "I could use a third arm" laughed Nick, pointing at a bandaged arm, injured playing GAA "This one's banjaxed!" They laughed for a while before something crossed Larry's mind "Ciarán! Do you remember the bet we made two years ago?" Ciarán had been dreading this moment for hours and his lie was weak. "No?" Larry took great pleasure in reminding him of the bet he'd been holding for two years. "I bet you that if there was a third World War, you'd have to be a waiter in the pub for two weeks!" Ciarán swore as the inevitable slugging ensued. And as the world tore itself apart the loudest sound that could be heard on the Emerald Isle was the swears of drunk old fellers as Ireland missed another chance on goal.

October Events at Maynooth Community Library

All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

For further information contact:

www.kildare.ie/library

maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Ph: 01 6285530

facebook.com/KildareCountyLibraryService

twitter.com/kildarelibrary

Work Matters at the Library: Support for Business & Employment
Maynooth Community Library provide support to agencies, small business, entrepreneurs, students and job seekers.

As a core service we provide the following;

Meeting Space [pre-booking essential]

Free Wi-Fi and access to PCs

Free access to VisionNet and Mintel online resources

Access to our library catalogue at www.kildare.ie/library

Books, periodicals and business newspapers (including the Financial Times and the Economist)

E-learning: Free online continuing education courses

E-language: Free online language courses

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 18th October, all day

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

Upcoming Workshops for Business and Career Support

Time Management Workshop

Friday 13th October, 11am

This workshop will look at factors that impede effective time management and specifically the role of procrastination. It will discuss developing time management strategies to improve your effectiveness. Booking required.

Leadership skills in Business Workshop

Friday 20th October, 11am

This workshop will look at assertive versus authoritarian leadership. Why leaders need to be good communicators and finding the style that works for your organisation. Booking required.

Wellness in the Workplace Workshop

Friday 27th October, 11am

This workshop will help people understand the factors contributing to stress in the workplace while creating strategies to enhance wellness and resilience. Booking required.



Editorial

October 1st marked the sixth anniversary of the formal signing of the town twinning agreement between Maynooth and the French town of Canet-en-Roussillon. In both places there is physical evidence of the relationship with signage and logos. Even on this monthly publication and on our office window we proudly display the formal crest of Canet-en-Roussillon. When you visit our twinning partner the Maynooth Crest and the Kildare flag will also greet you. There are many ongoing connections between the two towns and these links were spearheaded by the students of Maynooth Post-Primary School who arranged student exchanges from the beginning. Also Maynooth University made connections in both swimming and rugby. A number of people have made lifelong friendships.

Aside from a number of formal visits from the twinning committee especially from Canet –en-Roussillon to Maynooth over the past few years there has been a steady flow of individual and family visits also. Each year our office in the Tesco Shopping Centre receives a number of people who have travelled from Canet-en-Roussillon. A number of people in Maynooth have visited Canet-en-Roussillon on my and other recommendations and have enjoyed their visits there. So is there more that can happen? Of course, Canet-en-Roussillon boasts over three hundred days of sunshine a year. There are opportunities for people who have retired from work and for other reasons, with their families

reared, to travel to Canet-en-Roussillon out of peak season and still have a sunny break there. For people coming to Maynooth, more could be done to make the holiday more affordable and to connect with the people here. While the two hotels in Maynooth and other holiday accommodation have supported the twinning and would always be recommended to visitors, we are also unique in that we have a lot of rented houses and apartments used by students in Maynooth University in college term that are free during the summer months. We should try to market these extra places to people from Canet-en-Roussillon who might need larger places to stay when here.

Similarly when people from here travel to Canet-en-Roussillon they do not limit their travel to the area only. We also can offer Kildare, Meath and Dublin attractions with ease to our visitors. I have given a number of guided tours around Maynooth over the years but it is always good to recommend other places to visit. Maynooth Community Council CLG is actively considering how to provide greater support to the twinning agreement. With our office located in the centre of the town and the experience of welcoming visitors from Canet-en-Roussillon our thoughts are on how we could support all visitors to Maynooth. One suggestion being considered is to put in place a number of tourism ambassadors who would be available to give tours of the town during the summer months.

However, the possibility of providing a tourism desk in our office should also be evaluated. As it stands the office is usually the first place that people are directed to when they need to get local information. Maynooth Community Council clg is a not for profit company supported with part funding from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection with the remit to provide services and supports to the community of Maynooth. As well as publishing the monthly Maynooth Newsletter and providing office services to the public, we run the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and a Community Festival and manage the Maynooth Community Space on behalf of Kildare County Council as well as maintaining the environs of Maynooth Harbour and supporting Maynooth Town Soccer Club. Our office is the best place in Maynooth to provide a place where visitors can come to get access to the local information that you will not find on a website and connect with the area.

We would like to wish Fr. Liam Rigney the very best in his new parish of Athy. Fr. Liam has been an integral part of the Community and supported a wide range of activities for the past 10 years. Congratulations to Maynooth Tidy Towns on winning a Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns Awards 2017. A just reward for all their hard work throughout the year.

Paul Croghan - Editor

CABINET MAKER FITTED WARDROBES

**PROBLEMS WITH YOUR
WARDROBES / KITCHEN
WORKTOPS – DOORS CHANGED
SHELVING ...**

**General Wood Work
Wall Fixtures, Side Gates**



**For Fitting - Repairing
Call Val O'Flynn**

email: vofcabinetmaker@gmail.com

**Telephone: 01- 6275872
Mobile: 087- 6235078**

Watkins Tile Centre Main Street Leixlip

***"We have you covered
for all your ceramic
wall & floor tiles"***

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday

9.00 am - 5.30 pm

Saturday

9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Telephone: 01-6245560



DENIS DUNNE MOTORS



For all your motoring needs



**DENIS DUNNE
087 2454893**

Free Mini Valet with Every Service

**Bryanstown,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare.**

**dunnemotors@eircom.net
www.denisdunnemotors.ie
Credit / Laser cards accepted**

ART CLASSES BY NINA PATTERSON

START OCT '17

ADULTS

**MAYNOOTH/ STRAFFAN
BEGINNER / ADVANCED
WED / FRI MORNINGS**

CHILDREN

**MAYNOOTH / KILCOCK / ENFIELD
JOHNSTOWNBRIDGE 4-7 & 6-12 YRS**

ART PARTIES

FOR BIRTHDAYS COMMUNIONS CHRISTENINGS

ALL MATERIALS SUPPLIED

TEL: 087 - 2977797

MAYNOOTH DRESSES



**Unit 9 M4 Interchange Park
Maynooth Road (Behind Base)
Communion Dresses & Boys Suits
Pre-Season Clearance From €59.00
New Buy Online Shop**



www.maynoothcommuniondresses.ie

www.maynoothdresses.ie

Phone Antoinette 086 8260825/01-6293585

MULLIGAN'S GARDEN SHEDS KILCOCK 01-6287397 085 -7746144

**ALL TYPES OF TOP QUALITY
TIMBER GARDEN SHEDS
ALL TYPES OF HEAVY DUTY
TIMBER FENCING, DECKING &
KENNELS SUPPLIED & FITTED**



Hegartys Solicitors

Derroon House

(beside Citizens Information Centre)

Dublin Road, Maynooth

**Buying or Selling Property, Re-mortgaging, Wills,
Family Law, Debt Collection**

Tel: 01-6293246 Fax: 01-6293247

Also At: 29 Eaton Square Terenure Dublin 6

Email: info@hegartysolicitors.ie

Website: www.hegartysolicitors.ie



JIM'S SHOE REPAIR Tesco Shopping Centre

**LADIES & GENTS HEELS
WHILE U WAIT
SHOES STRETCHED
HEELS LOWERED
LEATHER SOLES STITCHED ON
KEY CUTTING
ALL KEYS
HOUSE AND VEHICLE
PHONE 086 8657142**



**The Copy Date for the November Edition of the
Maynooth Newsletter is Tuesday 24th October 2017**



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Census 2016 & Travel to School

The CSO continues to publish the results of Census 2016. The report on commuting revealed more information on current travel patterns in Kildare and Ireland generally. One of the key statistics is that despite nearly twenty years of central government and Kildare County Council 'promoting' walking and cycling and health authorities drawing attention to rising childhood obesity, more children than ever are being driven to school. The effect of this on areas around schools continues to worsen and school wardens in Dublin have had to call the police over behaviour by boorish drivers who have no consideration for the safety of other children or their parents.

In the Canadian city of Ottawa, police authorities issued 294 notices in five days in a targeted road safety campaign when schools reopened after the summer. Maynooth Gardaí could do worse than follow their example.

Increased Funding Required for Cycling from €12M to €147M

It is the policy of Irish cycling campaign groups that 10% of the transport budget should be dedicated to cycling which is in line with government targets that by 2020, 10% of trips should be by bicycle. Current levels of investment are approximately €12 Million per annum which is equivalent to an approximate expenditure of €2.50 per person per head per annum. With a Department of Transport annual expenditure of €1470 Million, Ireland should be allocating €147 Million per annum for cycling which would be equivalent to €30.87 per person per head which is broadly in line with what Dutch politicians have allocated for the last forty years.

As pointed out in a previous Newsletter, Ireland will not achieve the target of 10% of trips by bicycle at current rates of progress for another thirty years due to low standards and low levels of investment. Minister Ross has stated that his Department is unable to provide an overall figure of investment in cycling as some facilities, for example greenways are

used by both walkers and cyclists. It seems that the inability to carry out basic 90 mathematical functions which has affected the Garda Síochána has now spread to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport. The Minister stated that he will look for increased funding under the mid-term Capital Expenditure Review, the results of which are expected before the end of the year. However, we shall wait to see the scale of any increase and see whether or not cycling will continue to get crumbs from the Transport budget.

Bike Share

Bike sharing is where people make a typically short cycle journey in a town or city centre on a rented bike, rather than one owned. It began in the Netherlands in the 1960s so is now more than fifty years old. Bike sharing came to Ireland with the launch of Dublin Bikes and has now spread to Cork, Limerick and Galway. These are known as Third Generation bike systems and are based around a number of 'Hubs' where you can collect and return a bike. Fourth Generation Bike Sharing does not involve hubs and instead relies on Smart phones and the internet to access and leave bikes. Bleeperbikes in conjunction with South Dublin County Council has introduced Fourth Generation bike sharing on a pilot basis to Lucan, Clondalkin and Tallaght. A number of Fourth Generation operators are also keen to set up in Dublin City. How this will affect Dublin Bikes is unclear at this time. We wish them well.

WHO calls for Active Travel to be Prioritised

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published a draft Global Action Plan within which increased cycling and walking is flagged as a priority for authorities in order to minimise deaths related to physical inactivity.

Dubbed the Global Action Plan for the promotion of Physical Activity (GAPPA) 2018 -2030, the plan cross references a wealth of UN documents in order to draw its conclusions. Topics are wide ranging – detailing everything

from sports and education to urban planning – but transport and health are heavily linked themes within which building exercise into our existing daily routine is recommended. Four objectives are laid out within the draft, each of which have potential to drive active travel:

- ♦ Creating an active society
- ♦ Creating active environments
- ♦ Creating active lives
- ♦ Creating active systems

Progress on reducing car dependency has been slow in most countries when it comes to achieving goals set previously. WHO has described as 'challenging' progress on a 2013 voluntary goal set by the World Health Assembly to increase physical activity by 10% by 2025.

There are good financial reasons for changing our mode of transport to active travel. The European Cycling Federation estimates healthcare savings tied to cycling to be worth €191.27 billion a year. Health Authorities across the world are under increasing pressure to reduce costs. In response to an epidemic in diabetes and other inactivity related illness the World Health Organisation has before now said that Governments should build active travel into our lives. Cycling has been proven to reduce some of the enormous burdens on health services, notably Type 2 Diabetes and even "risk of death from 'any' cause".

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.

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



REMINDER DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK
(SUMMER TIME ENDS 29TH OCTOBER)

PUT CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

Sunday, 29th October 2017 02:00:00 clocks turn backward 1 hour to Sunday, 29th October 2017, 01:00:00 local standard time instead.

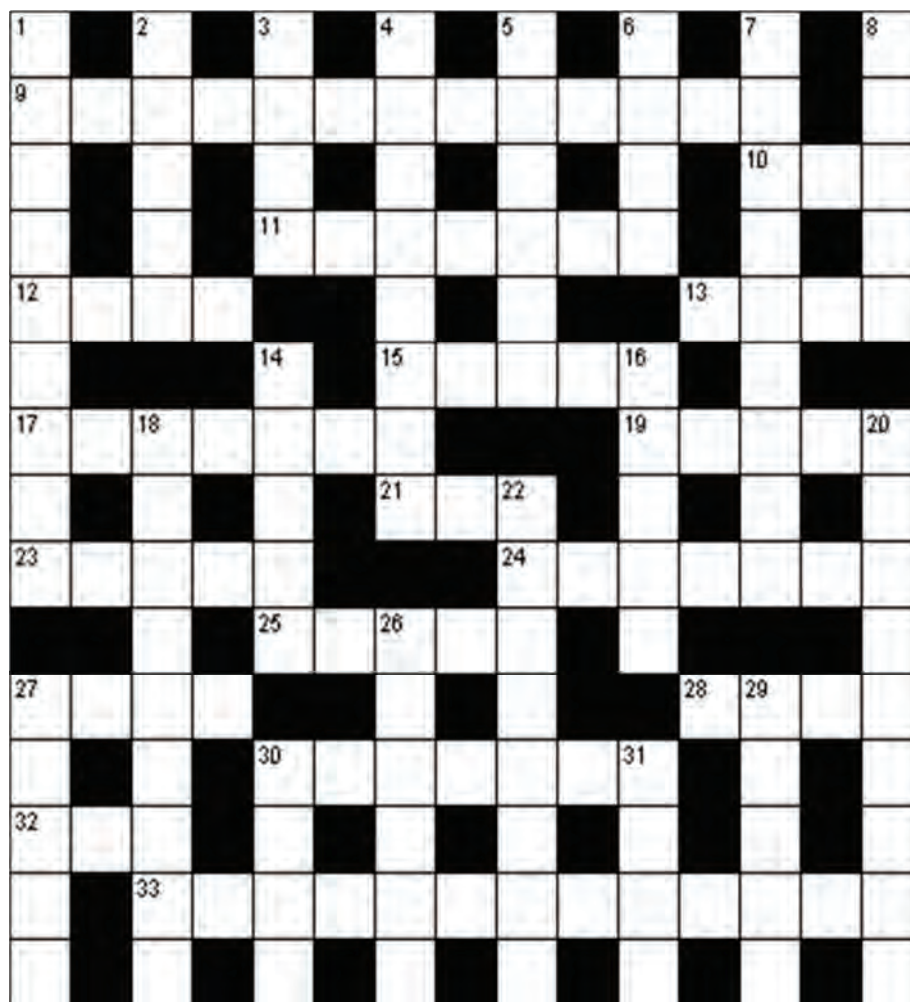


Clues Across

9. Not proper (13)
10. Weep (3)
11. Necessary (7)
12. Underground part of a plant (4)
13. Agitate (4)
15. Monetary unit of Saudi Arabia (5)
17. Corridor (7)
19. Accustom (5)
21. Finish first (3)
23. Long (5)
24. Against (7)
25. Chaff (5)
27. Membership fees (4)
28. Goad (4)
30. Capital of Iraq (7)
32. Contend (3)
33. Prekindergarten (7,6)



October Crossword - No. 462



Clues Down

1. Written history of a person's life (9)
2. Courtyard (5)
3. Duration (4)
4. Beer made at home (4-4)
5. Cunning (6)
6. Metal fastener (4)
7. Pruning shears (9)
8. Aviator (5)
14. Threads (5)
16. Speaks with impediment (5)
18. Something stated (9)
20. Tolerable (9)
22. These days (8)
26. Tattered (6)
27. Sofa (5)
29. Hinge (5)
30. Obstructs (4)
31. Wharf (4)



Answers to Crossword No 461



Special Prize Book Voucher

Give yourself the luxury of browsing and choosing the book/books which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store of our sponsor:

The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street,
Maynooth

Entries in before:
Tuesday 24th October 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Winner of Crossword No. 461 September
Bernadette Duffy
175 Kingsbry
Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days to claim their prize from the time the results are made public.

Collect prize from
The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth



Maynooth Toastmasters

Attend our meetings and see how communication can make the difference for you. Many say breaking the ice in respect of speaking was participation in Table Topics session at their first Toastmasters meeting in Maynooth.

Looks like its going to be another great year, it was epic to have 6 guests come to the Club meeting on Monday 18th September.

So back to Table Topics, it's an exercise for people to think quickly and respond, very much a real time exercise that happens so often in everyday life.

So come along to our **new venue at Community Space, Maynooth**. Checkout our Facebook page, but do come on 3rd and 4th Monday of the month.

Felicity Cuthbert
Maynooth Toastmasters Committee

Little Way Cancer Support Centre Clane

Little Way Cancer Support Centre has been operating in Clane for the last 14 years, supporting people their family and friends who have or had cancer. We provide support to people throughout the county and are the cancer support centre in Kildare.



We are delighted to announce we have now purchased a premises in Clane. A total renovation of the premises is needed, we are looking for support to renovate the premises into a cancer support centre.

The Little way Cancer Support Centre is open from:
10:30am -1:30pm Monday to Friday
You can contact us on 045902996/0872983140
or email clane@little-way.org.

You can also help by giving a donation at www.idonate.ie/renovationcampaign or organise a fundraising event.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area
From 20/7/17 to 22/9/17 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
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
17872	Kildare County Council	Edward & Claire Chung	Barberstown Upper, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	02/08/2017
17837	Kildare County Council	GL Ireland ICAV,	Unit 4 Manor Mills S.C., Mill Street, Maynooth	20/07/2017
17838	Kildare County Council	Catherine Quirc Furnishings Limited,	The Forge, Maynooth Road, Straffan	20/07/2017
17839	Kildare County Council	Catherine Quirc Furnishings Limited,	The Forge, Maynooth Road, Straffan	20/07/2017

Difficult								
			8					1
					2		8	
	4	1				9		
		3	6			2		
1	7			2			5	6
		9			5	7		
		2				6	7	
	3		1					
6					3			

Sudoku Challenge
October 2017

Entries must arrive before:
24th October 2017

Congratulations to
September Winner:

Patrick O'Donoghue
171 Kingsbry
Maynooth

Prize winners will have 30 days
to claim their prize from the time
the results are made public.

Super Difficult								
	5							
							6	
			2		1	4	9	5
	3	8			7	1		
7			9	8	5			6
		4	6			7	2	
3	8	9	7		2			
	1							
							7	

Win a €10 book voucher if you are the
first entry drawn with both puzzles
correct.

Send completed puzzles to
Maynooth Newsletter
Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth
Collect prize from Newsletter Office

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

MCC Art Festival 2017

On the 26th of August, Maynooth Community Church were delighted to host its 8th annual Music & Arts Festival on the Town Square. The theme of this year's event was "Discarded Treasure", and a trove of thought provoking art created by local artists and talented members of the congregation was on display.

On what was a beautiful summer's day, those who went along enjoyed complimentary tea, coffee and home bakes while children had their faces painted or played with giant Jenga, Checkers or other street games. The festival concluded on Saturday evening with an array of great music from a wealth of talented local musicians such as Katie Neville, Roisín & Vanessa Addo, Alex Harding & Pauline Keane.

Congratulations to everyone involved and all who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it possible.

(Photo's supplied by Maynooth Community Church)





McDonald's Maynooth Proud Sponsor of the Colouring Competition

Competition Open to Children 3-6 years



Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Last Month's Winner:

Aimee Jane Cleary
59 Priory Square
Celbridge

Prize of a Free Family Meal for
Colouring Competition can be
collected at:
Maynooth Community Council CLG
Office, Unit 5, Tesco Shopping
Centre.

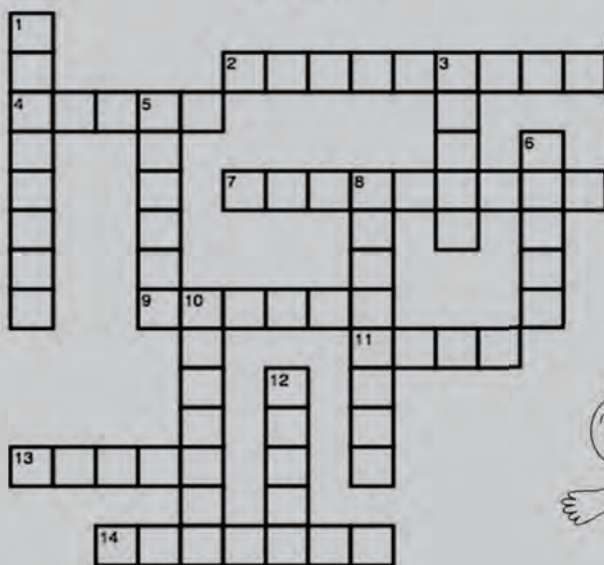
Entries must arrive before:
Tuesday 24th October 2017

Junior Puzzle Corner

sona Oíche Shamhna



Halloween



Across

2. Popular holiday on the last day of October
4. Most candy contains a lot of this
7. Popular Halloween treat (two words)
9. I spin webs
11. A mammal that sleeps upside down
13. Cats this color are bad luck
14. Scary creature?

Down

1. Clothes worn on Halloween?
3. I ride on a broom
5. Bob for this fruit in a barrel?
6. _____ or treat!
8. Ring this and say, "Trick or treat!"
10. Word for jack-o'-lantern prior to carving
12. Put a sheet over your head and you can be a _____ for Halloween



Join the Dots and colour in the the shape



Halloween Recipes

Pumpkin Crisps

Ingredients:

¼ small pumpkin, deseeded and peeled
Ground nut oil
Flour for dusting

Method:

Cut pumpkin into very thin slices with a vegetable peeler. Pour oil to a depth of four inches into a large saucepan and heat up on a medium heat. Dust the pumpkin slices in flour and fry in batches for about 3 minutes or until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon onto kitchen paper and sprinkle with salt.

Creepy Chocolate Eyeballs

Ingredients:

400g of bourbon biscuits
300g of white chocolate
115g of cream cheese

For decoration:

Red, green and black writing icing
Skinny paint brush

Method:

Whizz biscuits in a food processor until you have small crumbs. Add cream cheese to biscuit crumbs, mix with a wooden spoon until a dough comes together. Using your hands roll 30 little balls and place them on a baking tray lined with parchment paper. Pop in the fridge. Melt chocolate until smooth. Toss the balls in the melted white chocolate until they are completely covered then lift out using a fork and place on a lined baking tray. Allow to set in fridge and decorate the eyeballs with food colouring. Allow to dry and then place in a large jar. The eyeballs will keep for about a week.

Ghost Meringues

Ingredients:

2oz sugar
2oz icing sugar
Black food colouring

Method:

Preheat your oven to 120°C, gas mark 4. Prepare 2 baking trays, either with baking parchment or lightly oil. Place your two egg whites into a non-plastic bowl and whisk until light and fluffy. While still mixing add your granulated sugar, a little at a time until it has been all incorporated, leaving a few seconds between each addition to ensure the sugar is well mixed and you can see stiff peaks when you remove the whisk. Sieve the icing sugar into your meringue mixture and then whisk just until it is combined and the mixture looks shiny. Place the mixture into a piping bag fitted with a round nozzle. Holding your piping bag totally vertically, squeeze a ball shaped meringue onto your prepared piping sheet, then lessen the pressure on the bag and pull straight up so that you get a clean point on the top of the meringue shape. Place your baking trays into the oven and allow to cook slowly for about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Keep an eye to make sure they aren't going too brown. You will know they are done when they lift easily off the baking parchment. Allow to cool and then using black food colouring and a paint brush, add any eyes, mouths or any other effect you like.

Spooky Biscuits

Ingredients:

5oz white flour
3oz sugar
2oz coconut
1oz cornflakes
6oz butter
1tbs of cocoa powder
1tsp of baking powder

Method:

Mix flour, sugar, coconut and cornflakes together in a bowl. Melt butter in a pan then add the cocoa powder and baking powder. When mixed together add to the dry ingredients. Spoon the mixture onto a lined greased tray. Bake at 150°C for 40 minutes. Decorate with liquorice, chocolate and sweets to create spooky spider cookies!



October Gardening



Autumn is approaching. While there are still sunny days to enjoy, there is also a crisp in the air that is the herald of the changing seasons. The wild growth evident during the heyday of summer is over now. Although the weather in autumn is often drier than some of the summer months, it is important to remember that winter is coming.

While the grass is still growing, keep mowing once a fortnight with the blades on high for the final few cuts. Carry out an autumn lawn care programme - scarify (rake out the old dead grass and moss) the lawn, spike to improve drainage again either by hand with a garden fork, add a top dressing of soil/sand/compost mixed according to your soil type (ask for advice at your garden centre) and feed with autumn weed and moss killer. This low-nitrogen preparation strengthens grass for winter.



Clear any debris and diseased material from your garden. Fallen leaves can be left to rot down or collected for leaf mould, but be sure to remove any diseased material. Pests and diseases that overwinter in your garden will reappear next spring with a vengeance so get rid of them now. If your soil is heavy clay, start digging it over now - add plenty of organic matter to improve the quality and pea shingle to improve the drainage.

Your soil has had a lot taken out of it during the busy growing season, and now is the best time to replace that goodness by digging in a lot of organic matter. The earlier you start, the better, especially if your soil is heavy. It can be left in a pretty rough state over the winter when the cold will break the lumps down, making spring planting infinitely easier. Resist the temptation to do a thorough cleaning of the garden until spring, though, and try to leave some winter cover for wildlife as the weather starts to cool. Our feathered friends will be starting to build their reserves for winter, so do please put out food and fresh water for them.

Don't waste fallen leaves – given time they decompose into fabulously rich leaf mould, the best natural soil conditioner there is. Rake up fallen leaves and dump them into a simple frame to make leaf mould (black bin liners spiked with air holes will also do if you can bear the visual offense, but remember to dampen the leaves first). If leaves are left lingering on the lawn, the grass will turn yellow. Leaf mould takes about a year to mature (2 in the case of oak leaves), makes a great top dressing for woodland plants such as rhododendrons and is an excellent and free home-grown substitute for peat.



Remove any diseased, spindly, old and unproductive stems from roses and remember to burn any diseased material. Tie new shoots onto some form of support to prevent their thrashing about in autumn winds. Trim your lavender if you haven't already done so. Prune tall shrubs such as lavatera and buddleja by about half to protect them against wind rock. Trim

conifers again if necessary, making sure you do not cut into the old wood. With the ideal planting conditions of autumn (warm moist soil), now is the time to plant container-grown shrubs, trees, fruit bushes, perennials and bulbs. Even in damp conditions, it is worth checking that the rootballs of shrubs and trees are adequately moist when planting - heavy rain will not necessarily penetrate a rootball that has been allowed to dry out. If it feels light, plunge into a bucket of water before planting.

Finish planting spring bulbs such as narcissi and crocuses; tulips can wait until November. Plant hardy perennials so their roots have a chance to become established before winter. Replace summer bedding with winter and spring bedding. Plant out violas, wallflowers and primulas now for cheery colour in the coming months. Winter colour comes in all shapes and sizes; hardy cyclamen and heathers, dwarf conifers, winter pansies, violas and trailing ivy all make wonderful displays.



~To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow~



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

HALLOWEEN MOVIE QUIZ



1. What was the name of Richard Dreyfuss' character in *Jaws*?

2. Which actress co-starred with Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*?

3. Which British studios were famous for their horror movies?

4. Which renowned actor played the role of Professor Van Helsing in Francis Ford Coppola's *Dracula*?

5. In the movie *Se7en*, who is murdered for the deadly side of pride?

- a. A politician
- b. A model
- c. An actor
- d. A professional athlete



6. Name the actor and the movie.

7. Jamie-Lee Curtis was involved in how many films in the *Halloween* series?

8. Which one of these movies was the last horror film to win an Oscar?

- a. *Jaws*
- b. *The Exorcist*
- c. *Silence of the Lambs*
- d. *The Sixth Sense*



9. Which classic film was remade in 2006 with Nicholas Cage?

- a. *Psycho*
- b. *The Wicker Man*
- c. *Nightmare on Elm Street*
- d. *I Spit on Your Grave*

10. In Alfred Hitchcock's 1960 film *Psycho*, what is the name of the character who is stabbed in the famous shower scene?

11. Which 2002 horror film tells the story of a mysterious videotape which appears to cause the death of anyone who watches it within a week?



12. Name the movie.

13. What year was *The Exorcist* released in?

14. Who played Freddy Krueger in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* films?

15. Who was the female star of *Rosemary's Baby*?

16. *Leatherface* was a character in what horror film?

- a. *Carrie*
- b. *The Shining*
- c. *The Blair Witch Project*
- d. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*

17. In the last scene of *Silence of the Lambs*, who is Hannibal following?

- a. Dr Chilton
- b. Clarice
- c. Mr Crawford
- d. An old patient



18. Name the actress and the movie

19. What is Hannibal Lector's nickname in *Silence of the Lambs*?

20. In *Nightmare on Elm Street*, what is the manner of Freddy Krueger's death?

- a. Drowning
- b. Shooting
- c. Fire
- d. Motorcycle Death

21. Who played the possessed girl in *The Exorcist*?

- a. Ellen Burstyn
- b. Geena Davis
- c. Jamie Lee Curtis
- d. Linda Blair



22. What age is Regan at the time of her possession in *The Exorcist*?

23. In the 1976 movie, *The Omen*, what is the name of the evil child?

24. In *The Omen*, what is the priest impaled by in the graveyard?

25. In what horror movie did the monster attack students through their dreams?

26. How many people does Jason kill in the first *Friday 13th*?

27. In *Halloween*, who was Tommy afraid of?

28. British actor Boris Karloff created a cinematic icon when he played the role of what monster?



Quiz answers will be available in the November edition of the Newsletter.



Frank O'Rourke TD

KILDARE NORTH

Dáil Éireann, Leinster House,
Kildare Street, Dublin 2.



01 618 3109

Main Street, Celbridge, Co Kildare.



01 630 3736



087 255 5257



frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie



www.frankorourke.ie



/Frank O'Rourke



**Dáil
Éireann**



Advice Clinic held in Maynooth every Monday at 3pm, in Glenroyal Hotel

Notice to Advertisers

Due to increases in associated costs of production there will be an increase in the Maynooth Newsletter Advertising Rates of 20% effective from the November 2017 Edition.

This is the first increase in the Maynooth Newsletter advertising rates since 2010.

The Maynooth Newsletter serves the Community and has a role in supporting Local Businesses. Without our Advertisers there would not be a monthly Newsletter. We would like to thank our Advertisers for their continued support in providing this valuable community service. Let us hope that there will be many more editions for years to come.



Excavation Services & Hire

**JCBs & MINI DIGGER WITH
ROCK BREAKER AVAILABLE
FOR GROUND WORK**

**Foundations - Drainage - Footpaths
Garden Works - Tree Surgery
and Landscaping**

**FULLY INSURED
SAFETY COMPLIANT
C2 REGISTERED
FREE QUOTES**



Contact Bernard

0872630621/0872961785/016242287

