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L-R Chloe Tracey, Simon Lawrence, Ellen Walshe



L-R Paul Maguire, Michael Diamond



L-R Emmet Stout, Christopher Gannon & Kyle Hussey



L-R Basil Jacob, Caolann Haughton, Oisín Nolan & Joseph Cronin



L-R Chloe Tracey, Ms. O'Hagan, Ellen Walshe

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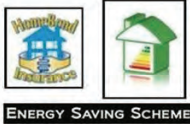
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St Mary's Brass & Reed Band Notes



The Band has resumed Monday night rehearsals following our normal August break and are now busy preparing for the annual mass for deceased members on Sunday 12th November at 1pm as well as our annual end of year Concert, the date and venue for which has yet to be decided.

The Big event for the month of September is a Recruitment Drive for new members, both beginners and hopefully musicians already living in the area. Please watch out for our members in Tesco on Saturday 9th and Manor Mills on Saturday 16th who will have application forms and further information on the benefits of joining the band which is open to all ages. This is the first time we have had such an event and this is because we know there are budding musicians out there who are only too willing to find out if they have what it takes to succeed as a musician.

The band rehearses in the Band Hall on Pound Lane every Monday night (except Bank Holidays) between 8pm and 9.45pm and musicians living in the area are most welcome to come along and listen and hopefully join us.

Contact details for the band are sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie if you wish to know more or indeed if you are looking for the band for an event you may be organising.



Photo (above) of our visit to Aras an Uachtarain to play at the final Garden Party (there are only seven) of the year. The Band were introduced to the President and his wife Sabina who were photographed with them before the recital. It was a memorable occasion for the 26 band members who participated in the event as it was the first Maynooth Band to play in the Aras.



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Is it just me or did the summer fly away? Well when I say summer I mean the summertime, as for the weather I gave up on that a long time ago. So before I launch into Autumn let me mention our final event before our club closed in July, which was our summer outing to Belvedere House. The day started with rain, of course, but that did not deter anyone as eighty two people travelled and by the time we had polished off the tea and scones, which was waiting for us when we arrived, the rain had cleared.

We then enjoyed a most entertaining guided tour of the house and gardens. When we had rested, after all our walking and sightseeing, we headed off to the Mullingar Park Hotel for our evening meal which was superb. I take this opportunity to thank the Park Hotel and Belvedere house for their hospitality and courtesy to all our people. This was a most enjoyable day, made possible by the generosity of Barton Transport, one of our main sponsors over many years. A special thank you to our two drivers, Peter Brady and Joe Fahy, for their care and kindness throughout the day, proving once again that the age of chivalry has not yet passed.

Our club will reopen on Tuesday September 5th at 10.30am in the Geraldine Hall and I hope to welcome back all the familiar faces and hopefully some new ones. Our committee will meet that evening at 8pm and I also hope to see all the familiar faces and with a stretch, some new ones also. If there are people out there who are interested in what we do you can contact me on 0879002296 or you can email: jo@greenvilla.eu

Although it is still September our thoughts now turn to our main fundraising event, yes you guessed it, our "Sale of Work". You have only twelve weeks to clear out that attic, basement or spare room and if you are a bit nostalgic about parting with any "treasures" don't worry you can always come to our sale and buy them back again. We aim to please. So remember the date Sunday November 19th and the venue as last year, Maynooth Post Primary School.

This summer was particularly sad as we saw the passing of seven of our Senior Citizens. We extend our sympathy to the families of Pat Keirns, Todd Burke, Brian O'Malley, Marcella Kilduff, Sheila Kavanagh, Donald Steel and John McDonnell. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam go leir.

Josephine Moore.
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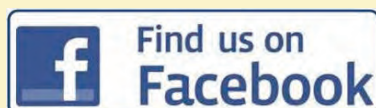
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Maynooth Labour News

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

Cllr. McGinley Demands that Surplus from Maynooth Pay Parking be used in Maynooth

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.”

Cllr. McGinley Calls on Dublin Bus to extend the 67 Bus route to the Two New Secondary Schools on 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 800 houses on the Moyglare Road as well as the two new secondary schools at Moyglare Hall and the 60+ individuals attending the St. John of Gods services.”

Next Phase of the Maynooth North/South Corridor to Begin on 9th October

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update on the Maynooth North/South Corridor from the MD Engineer on 4th August:

“This week we got the draft tender drgs back from Aecom Consulting engineers, for the Phase 4 of the north south corridor. This section of the scheme starts at the Glenroyal lights, crosses the harbour field to the ICA hall and along Leinster street as far as the Garda Station.

We are currently attempting to get final sign off of the package by the NETA, Road design in ACED and the Consultants, and issue the package for tender on the 25th August to potentially start on site by the 9th October. “

Phase 5 from the Roost to the Kilcock Road junction is scheduled for early 2018. There will be a foot bridge across the river at Manor Mills.

The last phase, from the traffic lights at the Church to the two new secondary schools at Moyglare Hall, is due to begin in July 2018, with completion in September 2018.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Traffic Calming Ramp to be Installed at the Bond Bridge end of Newtown Road:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of 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?”

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Planting of the West Embankment at Bond Bridge:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of 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?”

Stagg Welcomes Protection of Streetscape in Maynooth

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council on August 2nd to refuse planning permission for a restaurant and apartment to the rear of Bistro 53 facing onto Pound Lane in Maynooth given that the design of the proposal was not in keeping with the sites location within the Architectural Conservation Area of Maynooth.

The proposal stated Mr. Stagg, was for a 3 storey flat roofed building, with a modern design, and this was inappropriate to the existing character of the area and the streetscape in the area. In his submission on the planning application Mr. Stagg had indicated that the proposal would set an undesirable precedent in relation to the rejuvenation of the Rear Lanes in the area and that the design proposed needed to be revisited.

The Council refused planning permission because the proposal, by reason of its design and architectural treatment would be contrary to the Kildare County Development Plan and the Maynooth Local Area Plan. Both plans seek to ensure that developments within Architectural Conservation Areas are designed appropriately and are not detrimental to the character of the area. The Maynooth Local Area Plan also seeks to ensure that the redevelopment of laneways has regard to the townscape character of the town centre with its pattern of two storey buildings with pitched slate roofs.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that the applicants should now go back to the drawing board and come up with an appropriately designed proposal that recognises the unique character of the Town Centre of Maynooth.

Court Date Awaited on Judicial Review On Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road Ring Road

Labour Representative Emmet Stagg was in contact with Meath Co. Council in relation to the Judicial Review of the Part 8 passed in relation to the Ring Road linking the Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road in Maynooth.

The proposed Ring Road linking the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road via Moygaddy in the Meath part of Maynooth stated Mr. Stagg was a critical piece of infrastructure in the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route and was even more critical now given that work has now commenced on the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, where two new 1,000 pupil schools are under construction, and due to be completed by May, 2019.

Mr. Stagg stated that Meath Co. Council had advised that the Judicial Review in relation to their decision on 12th October, 2016, to approve the road was ongoing, that opposition papers have been lodged and a court date is awaited. The Judicial Review is being taken by Brian Clerkin and Kilcloon Environmental Action Association.

The developer who will deliver the Ring Road is Skycastle Limited and they are currently awaiting the outcome of discussions with Irish Water in relation to Water and Waste Capacity issues, and consultants are currently investigating short term and long term solutions for improving the foul sewer network capacity across North Kildare.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that construction of the ring road was vital and he hoped that a successful conclusion to the Court Case and the investigation in relation to short term solutions to improving the foul network capacity across North Kildare would be forthcoming.

New Maynooth Boys’ National School Gets Planning Approval - Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The Council stated Mr. Stagg granted planning permission for The New Maynooth Boys’ NS on August 1st and it comprises the replacement of the existing school and the construction of a new 3 storey National School with 24 classrooms including a Special Needs Unit and Multipurpose Hall. 3 Ballcourts and a Junior Play area will also be provided as part of the project.

The school currently has 530 pupils and when completed the new school will cater for just under 700 pupils.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg, who lodged a submission in support of the planning application, stated that he would press the Minister for Education and Skills to progress the project to Tender Stage.

Additional 67 Bus Services to be Reviewed under BusConnects Strategy

Arising from demand for additional Public Transport services Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has been in contact with Dublin Bus in connection with carrying out a review of their existing 67 Bus Service with a view to providing additional services given the demand for public transport, particularly at the weekends.

Last November Mr. Stagg stated that on foot of demand, Dublin Bus added 23 new services on the 67 route on Sundays. Since then the passenger numbers have risen steadily and a number of passengers have contacted Mr. Stagg in relation to buses being packed at evening times on Saturday and Sundays.

The Chief Executive of Dublin, Bus Ray Coyne has advised Mr. Stagg that Dublin Bus will continue to monitor the 67 route and that they are currently engaged with the National Transport Authority in their *BusConnects* project which will review all services on day types.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that commuters in Celbridge and Maynooth would benefit from the additional services and he expressed the hope that the *BusConnects* project would identify the clear demand that was there for the additional services.

Tender Invited for Naas to Blanchardstown Route 139 - Stagg

Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the invitation to Tender by the National Transport Authority for the operation of a Public Bus Service on Route 139, Naas to Blanchardstown.

The route stated Mr. Stagg will serve Naas, Sallins, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth, Leixlip, Clonee and Blanchardstown and the tender request is for nine daily return services Monday to Sundays including Public Holidays. Tenders must be returned by 30th August and it is envisaged that the service will commence within 6 weeks of the award of the contract.

Mr. Stagg stated that this new Public Bus Service will be of major benefit to public transport users and will fill a gap in public transport which has existed for some time. It will be hugely beneficial for Kildare Commuters who will now have a direct public transport link to Blanchardstown, and will give the people of Maynooth and Leixlip a direct link to Naas.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg stated that by providing reliable public transport services such as Route 139 we will attract more people to Public Transport and he looked forward to the service being implemented later this year.

Permission Granted for New Maynooth Educate Together School - Stagg

Labour Representative Emmet Stagg has welcomed the grant of planning permission for the New Maynooth Educate Together School on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth. Mr. Stagg stated that the Council granted planning permission on July 27th for The New Permanent Build Maynooth Educate Together School which will consist of the replacement of the existing temporary school and the construction of a New 2 Storey 16 classroom school in two phases.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour Representative Emmet Stagg, who supported the planning application, stated that he would contact the Minister for Education about progressing the project to Tender Stage.

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

Appealing your Leaving Certificate results

Question

Can I have the marking of my Leaving Certificate exam papers rechecked?

Answer

Yes, if you are not satisfied with the marks in one or more of your Leaving Certificate exams, you can appeal them to the State Examinations Commission (SEC). Before you make the decision to appeal a result, you can view your exam paper.

The SEC will send your school personalised application forms for you to view your exam papers and to appeal your results. (If you were an external candidate, not attending a school, these forms are enclosed with your examination results.) To view your papers, you must return the completed form to the school where you sat the examination by 22 August 2017. The Organising Superintendent will assign you to one of the viewing sessions, which will take place on Friday 1 September and Saturday 2 September 2017. There is no charge for viewing your papers.

To appeal your results, complete the application form, indicating the subjects you wish to appeal. The fee per subject is €40 for the Leaving Certificate Established and €15.50 for the Leaving Certificate Applied. Appeal fees must be paid in advance and will be refunded to you if your result is upgraded.

The closing date for the SEC to receive applications to appeal is 6 September 2017.

Your paper will be re-marked by an appeal examiner, who will be different from the examiner who originally marked your work. The same marking scheme is used for re-marking. Your result may be upgraded, left the same or downgraded as a result of an appeal.

There is further information about the appeal process on the website of the State Examinations Commission, examinations.ie.

If you are not happy with the outcome of your appeal, you may request a review by the Independent Appeals Scrutineers. Application forms for an appeal review are provided with your appeal results.

European Health Insurance Card

Question

My partner and I are planning a holiday in Spain. How do we access public healthcare services if one of us becomes ill?

Answer

You and your partner each need a European Health

Insurance Card (EHIC). This card allows you to access public healthcare services if you become ill or get injured when visiting certain European countries. It doesn't cover private treatment or the cost of repatriation to Ireland if required.

The countries covered by the card are the 28 member states of the EU, the three other members of the EEA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland. The card is not required for a visit to the UK if you can show that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland. In practice, this means showing a driving licence, passport or similar document.

If you have a smartphone you can download the free EHIC app. This includes emergency phone numbers and information about the treatments and costs that are covered. The app does not replace the card.

If you already have a medical card or Drugs Payment Scheme card, you can apply online for your EHIC at ehic.ie.

Otherwise, you can download an application form from ehic.ie or get one from your Local Health Office. You need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPSN). If your EHIC has expired you can renew it online at ehic.ie. If your details have changed (for example, your address) you will need to contact your Local Health Office to renew the card.

If you have concerns about getting a new or renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate, either online or from your Local Health Office. You may also wish to consider taking out private travel insurance for expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card (such as the costs of repatriation or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad).

Jobseeker's Allowance rates		
Age	Maximum personal rate	Increase for a qualified adult
18 – 24	€102.70	€102.70
25	€147.80	€128.10
26 and over	€193.00	€128.10

Jobseeker's Allowance for younger jobseekers

Question

I am 23 years of age and I live with my partner (aged 25) who is currently unemployed and getting Jobseeker's

Allowance. I am now looking for work. What amount of Jobseeker's Allowance can I get?

Answer

People aged under 26 get a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance. If you claim Jobseeker's Allowance in your own right, the maximum amount you are eligible for is €102.70 a week. However, your partner could claim for you as a dependent adult on their Jobseeker's Allowance claim and would be paid €128.10 each week in addition to their personal payment.

Even though the rate paid is less, it might be more beneficial for you to claim Jobseeker's Allowance in your own right, because you can be eligible for a range of training and employment schemes to help you into employment. If you take up a place on a course of education or training or on an employment support scheme you will get a higher rate of payment. The reduced personal and qualified adult rates of Jobseeker's Allowance for claimants under 26 do not apply to claimants with dependent children.

Cycle to Work Scheme

Question

I bought a bike under the Cycle to Work tax scheme in December 2013. The bike was stolen last week. Can I use the scheme again when I buy a replacement bike?

Answer

The Cycle to Work Scheme is a tax incentive scheme which aims to encourage employees to cycle to and from work. Under the scheme, employers can pay up to €1,000 for a bicycle and bicycle equipment for each of their employees. The repayment for the bicycle and equipment is then deducted from your gross salary (this means before income tax, PRSI or the Universal Social Charge are deducted) over a period of up to 12 months. You can only avail of the scheme once in a five-year period. The tax year in which the bike is purchased is counted as the first year. So, if you used the scheme in 2013 (regardless of the month), you can use it again if you want to buy another bike in 2018 (from January).

You must use the bicycle and safety equipment mainly for qualifying journeys. This means all or part of your journey to and from work.

If you buy a bike in 2018, you cannot get another bike under the Cycle to Work Scheme until 2023.

If you are concerned about another theft you could insure your new bike under your household insurance policy or you could use a special cycle insurance scheme.

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.



MAYNOOTH GOSPEL CHOIR

Join us at 6pm on September 3rd, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Maynooth for some soulful and uplifting gospel music! Fresh from our summer break we have lots of positive energy and enthusiasm for the upcoming season! You can also see us perform for Culture Night on Sept. 22nd, 7.30pm at Acre Project, Celbridge. Exciting announcements on the way!

For more information you can find us on Facebook at:

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James Lawless T.D. Kildare North

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Selected to run for Fianna Fáil in the next general election

I was delighted to be nominated to contest the next general election in Kildare North by our party members recently. It was a particular honour to secure the nomination of the Maynooth Old Carton branch of the membership.

It has been a privilege to represent Kildare North at national level and work for our communities across the county. I will be working hard to secure two seats in the constituency at the next election and ensure that Fianna Fáil leads the next government.

Changes to the Fuel Allowance Payment

Changes have taken place to the Fuel Allowance Scheme. It can now be claimed in two lump sums or weekly.

€292.50 in October and €292.50 in January can be claimed rather than the weekly option. This is an option people might like to take up if they are buying oil or want to stock up fuel in advance instead of weekly.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact my office off the Main Street or call us on 016183587.

North South Corridor Progress

The North South Corridor is making progress and will be of added benefit to the town. I can confirm that the next section of the project, which is expected to commence work in October, will go from the lights at the Glenroyal, to Harbour Field and the ICA Hall and along Leinster Street into the Garda Station. This project is being constructed to provide a safe and attractive infrastructure that links all modes of transport around Maynooth.

Independent Broadcasting Bill will strengthen viability of local media

As Vice Chair of the Oireachtas Communications Committee I was delighted to introduce the Independent Broadcasting Bill 2017 which seeks to extend support to the broadcasting of local news and current affairs by providing funding which will strengthen and promote diversity in media.

Independent, public service broadcasting has an important place in our society and we must do more to value it. There has been a significant shift in advertising spending towards social media platforms, and traditional media organisations are increasingly starved of revenue. This makes it near impossible to continue to provide the level of news and current affairs to the standards expected.

Creating original news content is quite expensive, and the lack of funding for independent and local stations often makes it impossible for them to do so. This means that local communities miss out on content that is specific and important to their locality, such as coverage of local sports events or history programmes with a local twist. For democracy to properly function, it is essential that our citizens can access honest, unbiased news coverage of the events that matter to them.

The Public Service Broadcast Scheme will be funded by the increased revenue that will come from a reduction in license fee evasion, ensuring that no other organisation will experience funding cuts as a result of the establishment of this fund. The Minister claims that he has been examining means to reduce licence fee evasion, which is estimated to cost the state roughly €40m per annum. Under our Bill, 30% this sum will be allocated to our proposed Public Broadcast Scheme.

I am calling on the Minister to prioritise introducing initiatives to challenge licence fee evasion to get this scheme kick-started. I very much look forward to debating the proposals in the Dáil during the Autumn term, and I hope to get all party support in passing this important Bill.

Switch on of new Irish Telescope

As Fianna Fáil Science and Technology Spokesperson I was in Birr Castle recently the switch-on of the I-LOFAR radio telescope which is Ireland's part of a giant European telescope which can scan deep space. It works as a set of distributed nodes which each send data back to a central supercomputer. The Castle has been a home for astronomers for centuries since the original Lord Rosse built the world's biggest telescope there in the 1800s.

The technology has changed but the intention remains the same and the current Lord Rosse was on hand to send the latest model live with us. In my role as Science & Technology spokesperson it is a privilege to be part of events such as these. They showcase both Ireland's historical and ongoing excellence in engineering & science. Well done to Professor Peter Gallagher from Trinity and to all involved in this exciting project.

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.

BRIAN O`MALLEY RIP

Maynooth has lost a true volunteer in the death of Brian and I have lost a great friend and colleague.

Ellis and family can be very proud of the volunteer legacy Brian has left behind in the community of Maynooth. Brian trained numerous quiz teams for Community Games at County, Provincial and National level for many years.

My first involvement with Brian was representing Greenfield Estate Residents Association in an inter estate question time in the Parish Hall, organised by the then fledgling Maynooth Community Council in the early eighties. Members of the winning team were Brian, Declan O`Connor, Plunkett McStravick and myself.

The popularity of table quizzes in Pubs started around this time as a fund raiser and many quizzes were attended in Kildare, Dublin, Cavan, Meath and Westmeath. Over the years the quiz team panel were Brian O`Malley, Declan O`Connor, John McGarry, Joey McBride, Paul Daly, John Dredge, Gerry Gilmartin, Richard and Mary Farrell. Before the quiz started Brian always had a puzzle or a joke.

Brian took part in a number of quizzes on various TV programmes and was part of a winning team on "Where in the World" hosted by Theresa Lowe with Declan, John and myself.

Brian, you were a wonderful friend to us all and as was said in Maynooth a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Richard Farrell



Temporary Closing of Roads Notice of Intention Roads Act, 1993
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.

Clean Your Washing Machine



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Once the cycle is complete, add 500ml of White Vinegar to the drum, and run another empty cycle on the longest hottest wash. This will eliminate any limescale and detergent from the pipes, leaving your washing machine sparkling and working more efficiently. This should be repeated every 4 - 8 weeks to ensure unpleasant odours and bacteria do not accumulate.

TWO BROTHERS

In 1901 Laurence Mulligan, a labourer, then aged 40 was living in Double Lane (later known as Buckley's Lane) in Maynooth with his wife, Anne (33), his son Joseph (14), his daughter Mary (11) and his two younger sons, Patrick (10) and Laurence (4). All had been born in Co Kildare. As was usual at the time, the cottage had a piggery and a fowl house situated at the rear, such amenities enabled the family to have a certain degree of self-sufficiency. The landlord was the Duke of Leinster.

For some reason, in the 1911 Census Laurence Mulligan Snr indicated that he was born in Co Meath. It stated that he and his wife had had seven children born alive, but only four were then still living. There is no mention of Mary in 1911, it is possible that she had left home to work, and I know that by then Patrick was no longer living at home. The two other brothers, Joseph and Laurence were still living in Double Lane and similar to their father, were working as labourers.

Where was Patrick? What is known is that at some stage he joined the Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians), 5th (Extra Reserve) Battalion. This regiment was formed in 1881 in Canada but eventually moved to Ireland. The 3rd, 4th and 5th Battalions of the Regiment were incorporated for a home-based reinforcement role in 1914 and thus did not serve overseas.

On the 4 August 1914 the Battalion was stationed at Drogheda in Co. Louth. That was the day that Germany attacked France through Belgium. Within hours, Britain declared war on Germany. The Battalion was then posted to Queenstown (now Cobh) in Co. Cork and in October 1914 to Passage West, also in Co Cork.

Records in the National Archives in Britain have little information on Patrick, other than that he was discharged on 26 October 1914. He may have been suffering from ill health because Private Patrick Mulligan (Service Number 4133) from Maynooth died from "Cardiac Disease" on 12 August 1917 at "Celbridge Hospital" at 25/26 years of age. On his death certificate he was described as an "Army Pensioner". Patrick was buried in Moyglare Church of Ireland Churchyard, Moyglare, Maynooth (north-east section). Less than a year later tragedy struck the family again.

At some stage, the Mulligans' son Laurence had joined the Princess Victoria's (Royal Irish Fusiliers), 2nd Battalion. In August 1914 they were in India. On their return to England they saw service in France and a year later the Battalion was fighting at the Macedonian Front in Salonika. By September 1917 as part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force and part of the 10th (Irish Division) the Battalion was in Egypt and Palestine fighting in the Sinai-Palestinian Campaign.

Private Laurence Mulligan (Service No. 1746) died on 18 July 1918. He was 23 years of age. His name is inscribed on the Jerusalem Memorial which stands in Jerusalem War Cemetery, 4.5 kilometres north of the walled city and is situated on the neck of land at the north end of the Mount of Olives. The Memorial Wall honours all those who fell in Egypt and Palestine in the Great War 1914-1918 and who have no known grave.

From what we know it is likely that Patrick had an easier death than his brother Laurence. The Sinai-Palestinian Campaign resulted in 550,000 casualties for the Allied Forces, mostly due to the intense heat and disease. The heartbreak that Laurence and Anne Mulligan must have felt (as did so many other families during those years) can only be imagined. Of the seven children born alive, as far as can be ascertained, by the end of July 1918 only two were then still living. The Campaign which came to an end with the signing of an Armistice on 30 October that same year subsequently resulted in British civil administration in Palestine which operated from 1920 until 1948. As we know Peace in the area is more elusive than ever.

I saw Eternity the other night,
Like a great ring of pure and endless light,
All calm, as it was bright;
And round beneath it Time, in hours, days, years,
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Windsor Motor Group Leaps To Support Cyclists

Cyclists and organisers taking part in the annual 'Leap On Your Bike' event called into Windsor Long Mile Road Nissan on Thursday, July 20th, to collect their support vehicles and a donation from Windsor Motor Group Managing Director, Peter Nicholson.

Windsor Motor Group provided a Nissan Qashqai as a pace car to lead the 30 cyclists on their 330km journey from Annascaul, Co. Kerry on Saturday, July 22nd to Leixlip, Co Kildare on Sunday, July 23rd. Participants were able to lighten their load by storing their luggage and spare gear in the Nissan NV200 and NV300 support vehicles also provided by Windsor Motor Group.

'We hope the vehicles help make the journey more enjoyable for the cyclists throughout the weekend and we are delighted our donation will help three great charities; Saint John of Gods, Cycle Against Suicide and The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust raise much-needed funds' said Peter Nicholson, ahead of the event.


The annual 'Leap On Your Bike' event is organised by Cathal O'Shea and encourages all cycling enthusiasts to take part, raise money for charity and make new friends throughout the weekend. This year's event has so far raised €10,000.

For more information or to donate please visit www.leaponyourbike.com



*Peter Nicholson, centre, pictured with organisers of
Leap on your Bike*

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Students need to be wary of Rental scams

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke TD has advised students to be wary of rental scams.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "There is a huge number of students looking for accommodation now that the first round of CAO offers have been made. It's an extremely difficult rental market for students to find adequate accommodation and scammers are well aware of this fact. Students need to be cautious and ensure they take the necessary precautions when searching for accommodation.

I have been contacted by a number of students in recent days who have outlined how they have fallen foul of rental scams. In one instance a student was defrauded of money when a scammer posing as a landlord requested a deposit for accommodation which did not exist. This was an elaborate scam which involved fake feedback from previous tenants and a management agent. Similar stories are emerging right across the country.

"An Garda Síochána has been proactive in highlighting the threat posed by rental scammers. They have pointed out that the number of rental scammers peaks at this time of year when unsuspecting students are frantically searching for accommodation. The Gardaí have put up a comprehensive guideline on their website which outlines what steps students should take to prevent them from falling victim to rental scammers.

"I urge students and parents to be vigilant as they search for accommodation. People should always meet a prospective landlord in person in the accommodation to be rented. They should also request identification and use cheques or bank drafts to pay deposits and keep copies of receipts and payments and any correspondence," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke presses for Bus Rapid Transit for North Kildare

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by the National Transport Authority (NTA) that it will consider the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) for Routes 66 and 67 servicing Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip after meeting with the NTA this week.

"The NTA recently launched BusConnects which is a suite of initiatives to radically transform public transport in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA). The proposals in BusConnects puts the bus services at the heart of the solution when it comes to addressing congestion in the capital and the M50."

"The average daily traffic at the tolling point on the M50 for example, was almost 18% higher in 2016 than two years earlier in 2014 and Journeys by car in the morning peak hour take, on average, over 18% longer than just two years ago."

"A transformed Bus Service will greatly assist in encouraging a model shift from the car to the Bus. The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is put forward as a solution to increasing the capacity of the Bus service."

"Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a high-quality bus based transit system that delivers a service with higher speeds and quality of service than traditional bus services. A typical BRT system uses multi-door vehicles, higher platforms for level boarding but stops that are spaced further apart than those that serve conventional buses. Using different vehicles than normal buses, a BRT route can cater for a higher volume of passengers than a normal bus corridor."

"Initially, the NTA has provided for 3 corridors for the Bus Rapid Transit. However the NTA have now confirmed to me that it will consider this type of Bus service on Routes serving North Kildare."

"Since getting elected, I have made continuous representations to have the public transport services improved. We have made progress on improving Bus Services, a farer Fare structure for Kilcock and Naas Rail commuters and plans are in place to have park and ride facilities, an orbital route is planned linking Naas to Blanchardstown and DART to Maynooth and Hazelhatch is planned. We must make further progress and providing a

BRT service for North Kildare will be another step in the right direction." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Government Needs to Deliver on Drug Treatment Services for Kildare

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says the Government needs to honour its commitment to increase spending on drug treatment services in Kildare.

The HSE recently confirmed to Deputy O'Rourke that there still are no specialised drug treatment services in Kildare. Patients are forced to travel to Dublin to avail of services as a result of this.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "The Government accepts that it is best practice to treat patients with drug addiction issues in a community based setting. However to date the necessary funding hasn't been made available to allow the HSE to set up a dedicated treatment service in Kildare. The end result of this is that many patients simply cannot avail of drug treatment services that they desperately need access to.

"I have raised this issue in the Dáil on a number of occasions. The Minister for Health, Simon Harris, has given me a firm commitment that a specialised drug treatment service will be established in Kildare. He has recognised the enormous benefits of adopting a community based approach for the provision of drug treatment services. However, to date he has failed to deliver on this commitment.

"I recently met with Minister Harris to reiterate my call for a specialised drug treatment service to be established in Kildare. He has assured me that such a service will be made available by the end of the year. I have also been in contact with the HSE to highlight the importance of progressing this issue. They have noted that a lack of drug treatment services in Kildare is resulting in an average waiting time of nine months for people accessing such services.

"The HSE has acknowledged the urgent need for a specialised service to be established in Kildare, but they are waiting for the Minister to sign off on funding. I'm calling on Minister Harris to stop stalling on this issue by releasing the necessary funding. Patients shouldn't have to wait months on end to access services which they urgently need, and they shouldn't be forced to travel great distances when the Government itself acknowledges that drug treatment services should be delivered in a community based setting. "This is something which I will continue pursuing with the Government until Kildare gets its own dedicated drug treatment service," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Insurance Stats Contradict Industry Claims says O'Rourke

Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that information received from a reply to a recent Parliamentary Question flatly contradicts Insurance Industry claims that the cost of claims are responsible for rising insurance premiums.

"According to a reply to a recent Parliamentary Question that I received, gross written premiums received by the Insurance Industry exceed claims paid across the industry by a higher amount in 2015, than during any other recent year. This is despite the fact that insurance premiums have rose during that period."

"In 2011, gross claims paid by insurance companies were approximately €1.6bn while gross premiums paid to insurance companies were €1.1bn. In 2015, gross claims paid by insurance companies were approximate €1.1bn while gross premiums paid to insurance companies were approximately €1.4bn. "

"Over the past three years, motor insurance premiums have risen by over 50% and the Government has failed to take decisive action to stem these rises that are placing families in severe financial difficulty. The rising cost of insurance is raised with me on a regular basis at my weekly clinics" stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"Over the last year, I have continued to raise the importance of reducing motor insurance costs. I suggested at an

Oireachtas Committee that the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) investigate the high level of motor insurance; this is now happening. I have also proposed that low income earners get financial support with the cost of their motor insurance while the Government implements the action plan to reduce the cost of insurance." "As I have said in the Dail, there is little point in reducing the Universal Social Charge, if a multiple of the reduction in USC, is being taken back by increased Insurance costs. The Government needs to accelerate implementation of the recommendations of the Cost of Insurance Working Group, as it is now clear the industry's claims in relation to the rising cost of insurance do not stand up to scrutiny. The new Minister responsible for the implementation, Minister D'Arcy, needs to make this his main priority" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Fee for driver theory test resits needs to be examined

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has called on the Minister for Transport Shane Ross to examine the fee's associated with resitting the Driver Theory Test.

Currently people have to pay the full €45 fee each time they sit the Driver Theory Test, irrespective as to whether they are resitting the test or not. This is in contrast to other tests, such as the National Car Test, which offer a reduction for repeat examinations.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "In many instances people don't pass the Driver Theory Test on their first attempt. In such cases they are forced to pay the full fee of €45 when resitting the exam. This is a punitive policy which is putting people under unnecessary financial pressure.

"There is a reduced administrative overhead associated with resit exams for the Driver Theory Test. The details of those sitting the test are already on file from the initial examination so there is a case to be made for a reduced fee to apply for those resitting the test. This would be a sensible measure which would encourage people to resit the test and successfully pass the exam instead of driving on the road without the necessary qualifications.

"I have raised this issue with the Minister for Transport Shane Ross and I am hopeful that he will take on board my concerns."

Drugs Repayment threshold should be reduced in Budget says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to reduce the monthly threshold applicable under the drugs repayment scheme. Deputy O'Rourke made the comments in the context of reducing the cost of living for people. "Under the Drugs Payment Scheme, you pay a maximum of €44 in a calendar month for approved prescribed drugs, medicines and certain appliances for use by yourself and your family in that month. This equates to an annual threshold of €1,728, which is a significant outlay on any family with health issues."

"Reducing this, even by a modest amount of €14 per month to €30 per month would provide direct help for those that most need it. I am having discussions with my colleague Deputy Michael McGrath, our Finance Spokesperson, on this issue as I want it on our agenda for discussions with the Government in relation to our priorities for Budget 2018." "It is not all about reducing tax rates. It is about reducing the cost of living. As I have repeatedly said in relation to the rising costs of Motor Insurance, there is little point in reducing the Universal Social Charge (USC) if the Insurance Industry is going to retake a multiple of the reduction in USC with the increase in the cost of Motor Insurance."

"Reducing the monthly threshold from €44 to €30 would provide a direct benefit to those that most need it. I believe that this is an issue which should be pursued by the Government in the forthcoming budget, and focus on reducing the cost of living for our citizens." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

The Suzuki Approach

The Suzuki Method of Music education was founded by Shinichi Suzuki over half a century ago. Born in Japan in 1898, he studied violin in Berlin where he was befriended by Albert Einstein (who was a keen amateur violinist). However, it was on being asked to teach some very young children that Suzuki began to reformulate ideas on the best method of education.

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6th	Sean Lennon	36ptsB9
7th	Mick Fahy	36pts
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9th	Martin Shields	35ptsB9
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Captain's Day 2017 was played a couple of weeks ago in Glasson Golf Club in Athlone on the 22nd of July. We had a great turnout to support our Captain. Our Captain this year Ollie Bright very generously sponsored a burger and a beer after the 9th hole and a great day was had by all involved.

Maynooth Toastmasters



The new location for Communication Skills run by Maynooth Toastmasters is the Maynooth Community Space, Unit 11/12 Carton Park.

The first meeting was scheduled for the 28th August, a taster of the great programme for the season 2017/2018, with the next meeting on the 18th September at 7.45 pm.

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Thanks for many favours. L**

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.

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**Tá an Cine Daonna as a mheabhair go baolach agus an-tinn!
Sin an fhírinne. Ní breithiúnas é.
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(Coimre)
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Maynooth Tidy Towns lost a true friend and supporter on 31st July with the death of Brian O'Malley. To Eilis and the O'Malley family on behalf of everyone in Maynooth Tidy Towns we extend our deepest sympathy. Brian was one of the team who cleaned up on Sunday mornings and Bank holidays. He also made himself available on community clean ups. Everyone loved working with Brian because he always started his work by telling a joke. Maynooth Tidy Towns provided a guard of honour before and after his funeral Mass.

At the time of writing we are anxiously awaiting the Supervalu National Tidy Towns results for 2017. The results are due to be announced at the end of September. We thank all members of the Maynooth Tidy Towns team and all other members of the community who helped with our campaign to beautify and keep Maynooth tidy during 2017. Once again we appeal for VOLUNTEERS to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.



Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Brian O'Malley RIP.

Maynooth Community Library September Events


All events are **free of charge** and open to all. Bookings may be required

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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 Wifi 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). Elearning: Free online continuing education courses. Elanguage: Free online language courses.

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 20th September

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

Enhancing Confidence Workshop Presented by Deirdre O'Shea & Gustavo Bernstein (Life and Business Coaching and Training)

Friday 8th September, 11am

This workshop will look at the areas that detract from your confidence and specific strategies and a personalised plan to address these challenges and enhance your confidence. *Booking required.*

Communication (Handling Difficult Conversations) Workshop Confidence and Self Empowerment Workshop Presented by Deirdre O'Shea & Gustavo Bernstein (Life and Business Coaching and Training)

Friday 22nd September, 11am

This workshop will look at identifying what beliefs and emotions get triggered for us when facing a difficult conversation and how to develop a more empowering mindset & tips to guide the conversation. *Booking required.*

Flexibility in a Changing Environment Workshop Presented by Deirdre O'Shea & Gustavo Bernstein (Life and Business Coaching and Training)

Friday 29th September, 11am

This workshop will focus on the VUCA (volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous) world. Handling uncertainty and unpredictability and developing skills in adaptability and flexibility. *Booking required.*

Library Events

Storytime

Mondays, 10am – 11am

An hour of stories, art and songs for children aged 2- 5
No booking required. All welcome.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Maynooth Women's Group

Saturday 2nd & 16th September, 11am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá Irish Language Conversation Group

Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to

meet on a weekly basis to use and practise their conversational Irish.

No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group

Tuesday 5th & 19th September, 6:15pm

A monthly meeting for writers in the Maynooth area.

Beginner writers always welcome. *No booking required.*

Spanish Conversation Exchange

Thursdays, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

An informal meeting where people can practice and converse in Spanish. All adults welcome from novice to expert. *No booking required.*

FitLine

Thursday 14th & 28th September, 10am-12 noon

Go for Life FitLine is a free telephone service for people over 50 giving you the information and encouragement you need to get more physically active. (In association with The National Programme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People). *Please note this is a phone service only. For more information call 1800 303 545.*

Summer Stars 2017 Awards Event with Genie Mackers!

Saturday 2nd September, 2:30pm. Maynooth Scout Den.

Magical party with Genie Mackers (As seen on RTÉ). Magic, Party Games, Balloon Animals and Face Painting. A fun filled afternoon and presentation of certificates & medals for children who took part in the Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2017. Children must be accompanied by an adult. *By invitation only.*

Make Time

Thursday 7th & 21st September, 6 – 7:30pm

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

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

All welcome. No booking required.

Family Board Game Afternoon

Saturday 9th September, from 2:30pm

Join us for a fun-filled board game afternoon for all the family!

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. *All welcome.*

OWL Festival 2017: Music Appreciation with Ted Courtney

Tuesday 12th September, 7pm

'In the name of Bach the Father, Beethoven the Son and Brahms the Holy Spirit'. All of them spiritual in different ways. The opera 'Leonora' or 'Fidelio' by Beethoven is of great importance when we consider the 'Fellowship of Man', held dear to all of them. This talk has been specially chosen by Ted noting the time of year. No previous knowledge of music is required when attending. You will not feel the time pass as you are whisked away into the world of music. Ted is a regular presenter on Radio 1 and Lyric FM. *Adults only. Booking required.*

OWL Festival 2017: Learn to Draw with John Carpenter

Friday 15th September, 11am

Being able to draw is one of life's greatest pleasures. John has introduced more than 5,000 people to the art of drawing and painting. If you would like to take up drawing or move to the next level then this workshop is for you! *Adults only. Booking required.*

Philip Barrett Comics Workshop

Saturday 16th September, 2:30pm

Create your own characters, learn about the elements of cartooning and visual storytelling, and apply your skills to make a comic in this workshop with artist Philip Barrett. With plenty of tips and techniques along the way, you'll learn about cartoon styles, character and location, visual storytelling, comic making materials, pencilling and inking. For ages 8 – 14. Places limited. *Booking required.*

Meditation for Stress Relief with Chris McMahon, The Treatment Room

Tuesday 19th September, 11am

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

Adults only. Booking required.

Parenting Talk: Mindful Self - Compassion Workshop Presented by Sarah Murphy, Life Coach

Thursday 21st September, 11am
As parents, compassion comes easily to us when our child is struggling. What would it be like to extend the same kindness and caring attention to ourselves when we need it most? Join life coach Sarah Murphy for this important workshop which introduces you to effective self-care practices, which nourish the mind, body and soul and increase emotional wellbeing, alleviate anxiety, increase the ability to cope with life's challenges and lead to more satisfying personal relationships.

Adults only. Booking required.

Culture Night 2017

Friday 22nd September, From 8pm

This year on Culture Night, local artist Holly Delaney will launch her second exhibition, named 'Canal Bank Walk' inspired by the Patrick Kavanagh poem of the same name. This will be followed by a talk and demonstration from Bernard Gibney looking at wild Irish edibles, where to pick them and how to do it in a sustainable manner, and also the folklore that goes with them. We will also have readings on the night from local poets Clare O'Reilly, Sean Ruane and Jimmy O'Connell. *All welcome.*

Story starter LEGO Workshop

Saturday 23rd September, 2:30pm

Let your Lego adventure begin!

Using Lego you'll be creating a story board before turning it into a mini comic strip that you can bring home in this fun and exciting workshop.

For ages 8-12. *Booking required.*

OWL Festival 2017: Nutritional Toolkit with Rina Whyte

Thursday 28th September, 11am

This talk will focus on therapeutic nutrition. Learn how to eat to help improve age related ailments such as elevated blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose, osteoporosis, joint pain etc. Bring your notepad, you'll leave with plenty of practical tips!

Adults only. Booking required.

Creative Writing Workshop for Young Adults

Saturday 30th September, 2:30pm

Have you always wanted to write books like your favourite author or enjoy writing down your ideas for stories? Are you aged between 12 and 14? Then our getting started creative writing workshop is for you. Hang out with other young people who like writing and get a start on the next best-selling book. The workshop is also open to absolute beginners who want to have a go at creating some characters or writing some dialogue. *Places limited. Booking required.*

Book & Film Clubs

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

Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club

Tuesday 12th September, 6:30pm

New Sci-Fi/ Fantasy Book Club at Maynooth Community Library. Reading 'Age of Myth' by Michael J. Sullivan. Title is ready for collection. *If you would like to join please contact (01) 6285530 or email maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie*

Reel Good Film Club

Tuesday 26th September, 6:45pm

We are currently discussing the film 'The Grapes of Wrath' directed by John Ford.

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

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Kildare Readers Festival 2017

Sunday 1st - Sunday 15th October

Kildare County Council Library Arts Service are proud to present our eight annual Readers' Festival. This is an entirely free literary festival with the aim of connecting readers with authors and artists, working to bring the very best from the world of literature to Kildare. The festival programme has something for everyone, including regular favourites such as Ten Books You Should Read with **Catriona Crowe** and **Manchán Mangan** and our Sunday Morning Session with **Demot Bolger**, who this year is joined by one of Ireland's most popular authors, **Paul Howard**. This year we are proud to welcome one of the most exciting new voices in Irish literature **Donal Ryan**, who will be in conversation with the current writer in residence at the Washington Ireland Program, **Martin Dyar**.

The ever popular **John Connolly** will be appearing to talk about his latest book, an extraordinary reimagining of the life of one of the greatest screen comedians the world has ever known, Stan Laurel.

Two writers stirring up the book charts and airways, **Liz Nugent** and **Louise McSharry**, will be in cahoots with **Rob Doyle** and we are so excited to present Writing and Creating Modern Irish Theatre with **Phillip McMahon** and **Tom Swift**, an event not to be missed by writers, creators and theatre goers.

There are plenty of great events taking place throughout the county over the festival fortnight and the full programme of events can be found at

<http://www.kildarereadersfestival.ie/>

Bookings

We are committed to ensuring that the festival remains accessible to all, and so **All Events are FREE of charge**, though bookings are essential through Box Office at

Riverbank 045 448327 / www.riverbank.ie *Please note that there is a €1 booking fee for online bookings. *Stay connected and we will keep you posted!*

F: <https://www.facebook.com/KildareReadersFestival>
Or <http://www.kildarereadersfestival.ie/>

Helpful Hints for Avoiding Fines

Please note ways you can avoid paying fines at your local library: **Renew Online:** Go to www.kildare.ie/library and enter your card number and pin to access your account. **Telephone:** Ring us at (01) 6285530 with your card number and a member of staff will renew your items for you. We are available Monday to Saturday from 09.30am to 1pm & from 2pm to 5pm (until 8pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays) **Email:** Contact us at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie with your card no and we will renew your items for you.

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The talk this month will focus on tips and strategies for living well with dementia.

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Desired Experience & Skills

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Morning Routine For School

Children don't understand time in the same way as grown-ups. This can make school mornings a stressful time of day for families.

But staying calm and getting along in the morning will help you all feel positive about the day ahead. For example, fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at work.

The most useful way to reduce morning chaos is to set up a morning routine for school. Sticking to a morning routine for school helps your children predict what's coming, and remember what they need to do.

Here are some ideas to take some of the pressure out of school mornings – even if things don't always go smoothly!

Planning ahead for school mornings: the night before

The first step in your morning routine for school is to think about what you need to do and work out a plan for doing it. You'll probably find that you and your child can do many things the night before.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to find out the night before (or even earlier) if there is something special going on at school the next day.
- Organise lunches and set the breakfast table ready for the morning rush. Breakfast is one of the most important meals of the day, and helps your child to concentrate better at school.
- Get your child to have a bath or shower the night before. This means you won't have to worry about this in the morning.
- You might know something is going to come up that could cause conflict, like your child not wanting to eat breakfast, or wanting to wear sneakers rather than school shoes. Talk about it the night before when everybody has time and you're all less likely to be stressed.
- Think about having a weekly schedule or calendar with reminders of what your child needs to take to school each day – for example, library books, sports clothes, show and tell, and so on.
- Think about getting ready for your day the night before as well, to help ease time pressure in the morning.



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- Progress to Higher Education

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**Copy date for the October edition of the Maynooth
Newsletter will be Tuesday 19th September 2017**



Leinster Rugby Summer Camp at North Kildare



A Leinster Rugby Summer Camp was held recently at North Kildare Club. On the Thursday of the Summer camp, the participants were delighted to have an opportunity to meet Devin Toner, Leinster and Irish 'Lock' and former North Kildare player and Josh van der Flier, Leinster and Irish Openside Flanker, who talked with the young players, answered their questions, signed autographs and had some fun taking part in some of the games.

North Kildare Rugby has a long and well-respected tradition in inter-provincial rugby. We field youth teams from U7 to U20s and senior teams playing Leinster Junior League. Facilities include three rugby pitches and floodlit training areas, with wonderful developments currently under way in the construction of an all-weather training area (in addition to the development of a new outdoor bowls green at North Kildare Club).

All Junior teams train on a Wednesday at 7pm.

Contact Des Lynch 087 851 3828 or Kerry Hartnett 087 987 9911.

For training times and details for Senior Rugby contact Joe Curran 086 068 2430 or John Hurley 087 240 9235.

New players are always welcome at every level.



Ryan Cattigan and Robert Griffin (North Kildare players) giving Josh van der Flier (Leinster and Irish Openside Flanker) a challenge



Participants at Leinster Rugby Summer Camp in North Kildare with Devin Toner (Leinster and Irish 'Lock' and former North Kildare player) and Josh van der Flier (Leinster and Irish Openside Flanker).



Devin Toner (Leinster and Irish 'Lock' and former North Kildare player) signing a rugby ball for Aaron Casey



Josh van der Flier (Leinster and Irish Openside Flanker) playing tag with a group of players.



Devin Toner (Leinster and Irish 'Lock' and former North Kildare player) and Josh van der Flier (Leinster and Irish Openside Flanker) with North Kildare U9 and U10 participants at the recent Leinster Rugby Summer Camp in North Kildare.



Josh van der Flier (Leinster and Irish Openside Flanker) signing Sean Casey's North Kildare jersey. Also in photo, North Kildare players Luke Maddock and Oran Duff.

Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

Community Library	Maynooth Multiple Births	Bridge Club
<p>Opening Times Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Sat 9.30am to 1pm</p>	<p>Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a Great opportunity to meet parents just like you. For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910</p>
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Council Office (Next to the Post Office) New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Monday's 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</p>
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
<p>Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am at the Garden Centre Dublin Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square</p>	<p>Informal café atmosphere for people with Dementia & their partners family & friends. Free of charge. Venue Ryevale Nursing Home. Every second Wednesday of each month 7-9pm. Call 0894933533 Email: alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30am 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 !! Bígí linn!!! Contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</p>

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



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Independence of Children

There was recent controversy on Joe Duffy's Liveline with people complaining about Ryanair's policy of splitting up groups unless they pay for reserved seating. Michael O'Leary rang RTE and vigorously defended the airline against public criticism. One of the points raised by a member of the public was that a thirteen year old was in tears because he/she was forced to sit separately from his/her parents. Michael O'Leary vehemently denied that any such incident had occurred.

I do not know whether this is true or not but what is clear is that many people thought that the idea of a thirteen year old being upset in these circumstances was credible. The independence/self reliance of children in Ireland is in stark contrast with that in the Netherlands where it is normal for young children to travel independently and doing things for themselves. I recently read about a Dutch girl who at five years went to the shops on her own on her bike to get bread for her mother. Twenty years later and living in New York, she still spoke with great pride and pleasure of her achievement. I doubt whether many five year old Maynooth children would be allowed to do the same.

Royal Canal Greenway

As most people are aware the towpath of the Royal Canal is being developed as part of the Dublin - Galway Greenway, the first Irish cross country greenway. The section either side of Kilcock has been open for some time. We visited it recently but were not impressed - it compares poorly with the recently opened Waterford Greenway. The section close to the bridge is particularly poor because the width is narrowed by the choice of public lights and their positioning across the footpath rather than parallel to the road.

Gross National Happiness

At the recent Velo-City Conference in the Netherlands which attracted over 1500 people from 80 countries across the world, there was a discussion on cycling, happiness and Butan. Butan, is a small country perched in the Himalayas between India and China that many people will never have heard of. Realising that money does not make people happy, it has rejected GDP as the way to measure progress and instead has championed a new approach to development which measures prosperity through formal principles of gross national happiness (GNH). What has this got to do with cycling? Well cyclists are generally happy when they get on a bike (provided it is not raining and there is a headwind blowing). Most children like to cycle and even many people who no longer cycle fondly remember the freedom and happiness of cycling as a child. So more people cycling make more people happier!

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation. Membership is FREE. If you want to support our work, just email your contact details to maynoothcycling@gmail.com.



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Editorial

September already here brings the summer to an end and ushers in the last part of the year. Yes the evenings are shorter and there is no doubt that the temperatures will fall by the end of the month. Of course September also brings a new year and this is very evident in Maynooth as we welcome the new first year students to Maynooth University. Going to University is a major milestone in a person's life and by choosing Maynooth you are coming to a town that welcomes you as part of the local community. We all remember our years in university as being special and as well as having a focus on getting an education there was also lots of new people to meet and of course fun and enjoyment.

As members of the community, students of course bring additional spending to the town and help to support jobs in many businesses. They also take rooms in houses which helps family finances. The growth of on campus accommodation in recent years has helped to increase the supply and made it easier for students to get somewhere to live. Daytime the operation of the university brings significant extra traffic to the town centre but this is a relatively small price to pay for the presence of the university in the town.

Of course the student body need to be conscious that Maynooth is also home to a permanent population of families who live busy lives and need to have their privacy and domestic circumstances respected. This is well understood by the vast majority of students and in fairness to the student leadership they make significant efforts to spread this message to new students. Maynooth is a

welcoming town and it is disappointing when a small number of students give all students a bad reputation as far as some members of the community are concerned. It is hard to defend some of the behaviour and there is often significant damage which is the evidence to annoy the community impacted. So hopefully this academic year will be a positive one for students and the community together.

Staying on the education subject it is great to finally see the work has commenced on the new two Post-Primary Schools for Maynooth up in the Moyglare area. There is no doubt that the trucks coming and going from the site will cause additional traffic in the area during the two years of construction work. In the end there will be two state of the art schools in the town and having visited other new post-primary schools elsewhere recently, these schools will be well equipped with facilities and resources for their students. Roll on the completion without delay.

Also two new primary schools have received planning approval in Maynooth. While these new buildings replace existing schools there will be an increase in school places in these schools. Maynooth's newest school, Maynooth Educate Together NS is one of the schools getting a new permanent building and the school has other reasons to celebrate this month as they start the celebration of their tenth year providing education in Maynooth.

Paul Croghan
Editor

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Catherine Murphy calls for immediate action on accommodation crisis.

The number of rental properties in Ireland is at its lowest in recorded history. The latest Daft.ie quarterly rental report makes for grim reading for renters around the country.

Rents nationally are increasing at a much faster pace than they have for the last few years. A new report has been issued by Daft.ie and was authored by Ronan Lyons, economist at Trinity College.

The survey indicates that rents nationally have increased by almost 12 per cent year-on-year to June, according to a new survey. Rents in Kildare have risen by 11.5%. There are very few properties available for rent on-line and the crisis is deepening.

There will be huge pressure to find suitable rental accommodation for families of students where they will be seeking to attend Maynooth University. The supply is the tightest it has been in many years. Currently there are 13 properties to rent using the student accommodation search tool on the website. The 1-bed options are priced at between €750 & €900 per month. The most expensive property listed is €3,500 per calendar month. <http://www.daft.ie/student-accommodation>

According to the statistics, it will cost a family that are renting between €2,000 & €3,000 more in payments per calendar year than it has in the last couple of years.

There is little sign that the incremental increases show any signs of a slow-down. The competition across Ireland for available and appropriate properties to rent, whether it be the student community or working families, is going to be fierce and there will be much disappointment. For families not working 91% of the properties available are not eligible for state support as the rents are too high.

In ongoing tenancies, tenants are afraid to stick heads above the parapet. People forgoing essentials - heat, lighting, food to try to keep homes for now. The market is unsure what will happen in the next couple of years if supply doesn't improve drastically.

According to a Journal.ie article on the survey where they interviewed Ronan Lyons who stated; "average rents across the country reached a new all-time high in the period April-June for the fifth-quarter in a row, rising to €1,159 a month.

Rents are now rising in every county across Ireland, with the average national rent up by

11.8 per cent, or €122 a month, in the year to June 2017.

Ronan Lyons, economist at Trinity College Dublin and author of the Daft Report, said given the demand for student accommodation over the summer months and the lack of supply, it is "unsurprising to see rents reach a new high".

Indeed, supply of accommodation to rent continues to shrink; figures from Daft.ie show that there were just 2,900 properties available to rent as of August 1st, down by almost 20 per cent on the same date in 2016. In Dublin, there were just 1,100 homes available to rent, compared to 2,000 on the same date in 2014. "The rental market remains in severe distress due to a lack of supply and thus the appropriate policy response is to boost supply of all forms. This includes purpose-built student accommodation.

"Based on demographics and other factors, Dublin alone needs a block of 300 student beds approved every month until the late 2020s," Mr Lyons said."

Without a dedicated Housing Delivery Agency, piecemeal approaches will fail to resolve crisis

With children four years and younger revealed as the largest age group among those who are homeless, the implementation deficit in addressing the housing crisis becomes more apparent and more chronic every day.

The announcements by Housing Minister today on vacant homes and other measures to free up existing housing stock are welcome. But the Minister needs to radically step-change the pace of delivery across all fronts to increase the housing supply. We need much greater ambition in terms of the number of homes built with the support of the State.

"Ireland urgently needs a dedicated housing body to drive and oversee the faster delivery of new homes. The Housing Delivery Office in the Minister's department has four staff – how can the wide range of actions necessary be overseen by four staff?

"The Social Democrats want to see a new State Housing Delivery Agency that would have a hands-on approach and be able to coordinate activities of local authorities and housing agencies, contract builders and activate publicly-controlled land banks. Without a powerful coordinating agency, individual measures will simply not deliver the scale of response needed.

Many more vacant units are available and we call for urgent implementation of measures including promised changes to the planning laws to facilitate easier conversion of 'above the shop' units into housing.

Land hoarding remains a problem. The Social Democrats have published a Bill that would deal with land-hoarding. The Urban Regeneration and Housing (Amendment) Bill would mean that owners of vacant sites would face higher levies the longer the land remains undeveloped."

"No sense of urgency from Government about crisis in Health" says Catherine Murphy, TD.

The current shocking hospital waiting lists of 687,000 people are a new record and represent a huge failing on the part of Government. Providing a decent health service where people can get timely treatment, on the basis of need, is a basic requirement of any civilised country. Yet for people who depend on the public health system, things are getting progressively worse by the month."

The all-party Committee on the Future of Healthcare made a number of specific recommendations in respect of hospital waiting lists, key among them are:

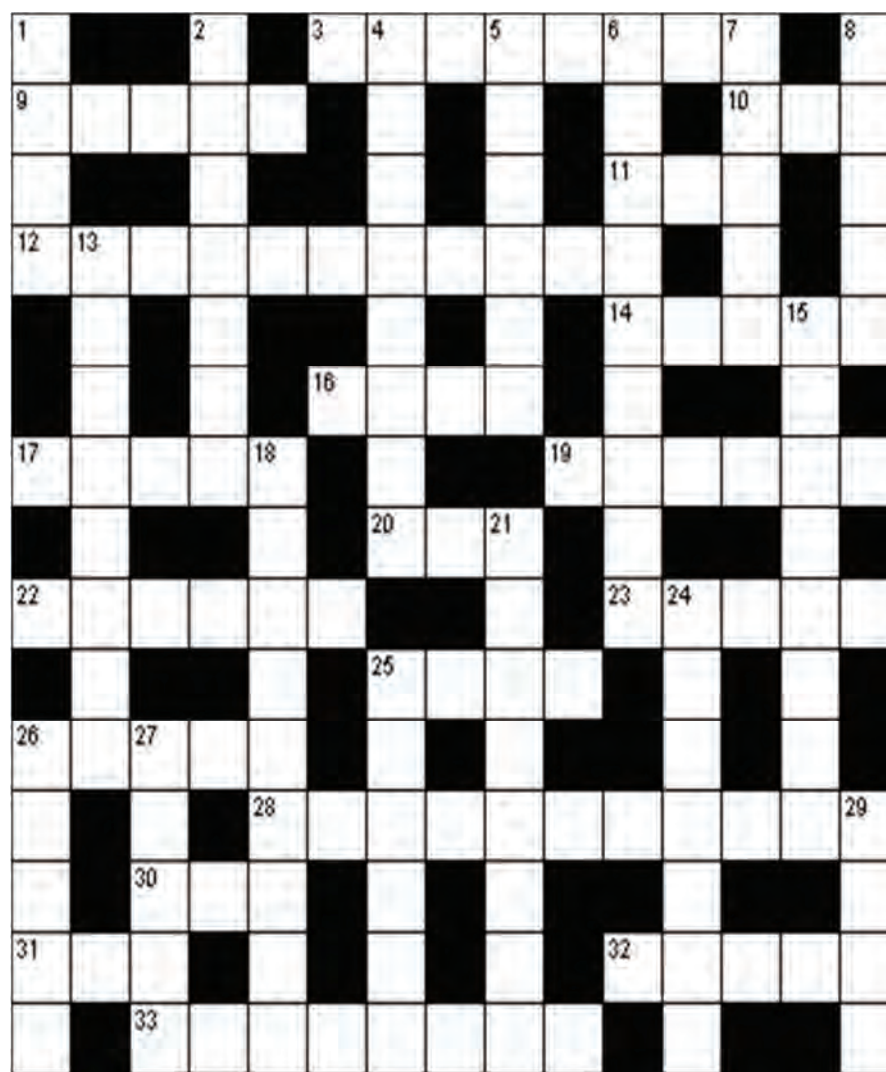
1. Abolish the private-patient income targets for public hospitals as these incentivise the admission of private patients over public patients in public hospitals. The spare capacity in private hospitals can be used for private patients while public beds will be freed up for public patients.
 2. Deal with the 500+ delayed discharges by funding adequate homecare services and step-down facilities. The freeing up of these beds would allow significant progress to be made in tackling the waiting lists.
 3. Designate one hospital in each hospital group for elective-only work without the pressure of EDs or the complications of hospital infections.
 4. Accelerate the process of moving diagnostics and chronic disease management into the community and incentivise primary care staff to do this work and thereby take pressure off hospitals.
- "All of these actions, and more, are outlined in the Slaintecare report. It is now time for the Taoiseach to adopt the report, establish the Implementation Office and start the process of real reform".

Clues Across

3. Extremely hot (5,3)
9. Participant (5)
10. Large island in the Channel (3)
11. Pull laboriously (3)
12. Basic (11)
14. Paddled (5)
16. Back of the neck (4)
17. Crawl (5)
19. Act properly (6)
20. A failure (3)
22. Hovers (6)
23. Sound (5)
25. Speech defect (4)
26. Set apart as sacred (5)
28. Not qualified (11)
30. Impair (3)
31. Young bear (3)
32. Arranges in groups (5)
33. Superficial (4,4)



September Crossword - No. 461



Clues Down

1. One of two equal parts (4)
2. Farewell (4-3)
4. One's native land (8)
5. Grow teeth (6)
6. Evening of Oct. 31 (9)
7. Large cat (5)
8. Weapon (5)
13. Portable weather protection (8)
15. Visualise (8)
18. Medley (3-6)
21. Space between two objects (8)
24. Outward movement (7)
25. Neither gas nor solid (6)
26. Trail (5)
27. Explosive weapons (5)
29. Partial darkness (4)



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Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

From 22/6/17 to 23/8/17 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
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 Shopping, Mill Street, Maynooth	20/07/2017
17797	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University,	Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/07/2017
17759	Kildare County Council	Stephen O'Reilly	5 The Green, Newtown Hall, Maynooth	30/06/2017
17728	Kildare County Council	Geraldine Dunne,	357 Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/06/2017

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Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



It's end of August already and the excitement is building toward the upcoming new year. The summer holidays and summer schools are wrapped up and the schoolbooks are bought, as another September beckons.

At the centre of August's trad calendar was the Fleadh Cheoil in Ennis. Well done to all from the branch who competed – and indeed to all musicians across North Kildare who participated in the competitions and craic. We're looking forward already to 2018, when the Fleadh is coming back to Leinster and will be hosted by Drogheda.

For our musician's corner this week, we're chatting with Tom, a Maynooth man, who has been with us since the very beginning of the branch.

Name: Tom Keane
Age: 12

Instruments & how long have you been playing?

I play the button accordion and I started it in First class when I was 7.

How did you get on in the Fleadh?

Well this year I moved up to Under 15s, but I didn't get through, but I still think I did well. I got through to Leinster last year and won medals at county level also.

Who is the biggest influence on your musical career?

My teacher Seán Tracey is the biggest influence in my music career because he makes music really fun to learn and play.

Who is the best musician you know?

The best musician that I know, is again, my music teacher Seán Tracey. ☺



What do you like best about playing music?

What I like best about playing music is the energy and the fun when playing with others.

Registration for the 2017/2018 Comhaltas year will take place in early September. With September coming up fast, do have a think whether you like to join us on our journey through our fabulous traditional music.

We'd love to welcome you to our gang and we have folks from every background, including:

- Kids starting out or switching over from other traditions.
- Adult beginners.
- Adult players of rock, pop, reggae, classical, jazz, jive, or just the odd carol at Christmas time who'd like to take up a traditional instrument and have a bit of fun along the way.

Registration information is on the website below, but why not drop down to the evening on 6th Sept at 7 in Maynooth PPS, where you can ask whatever question you like.

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

Keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances.

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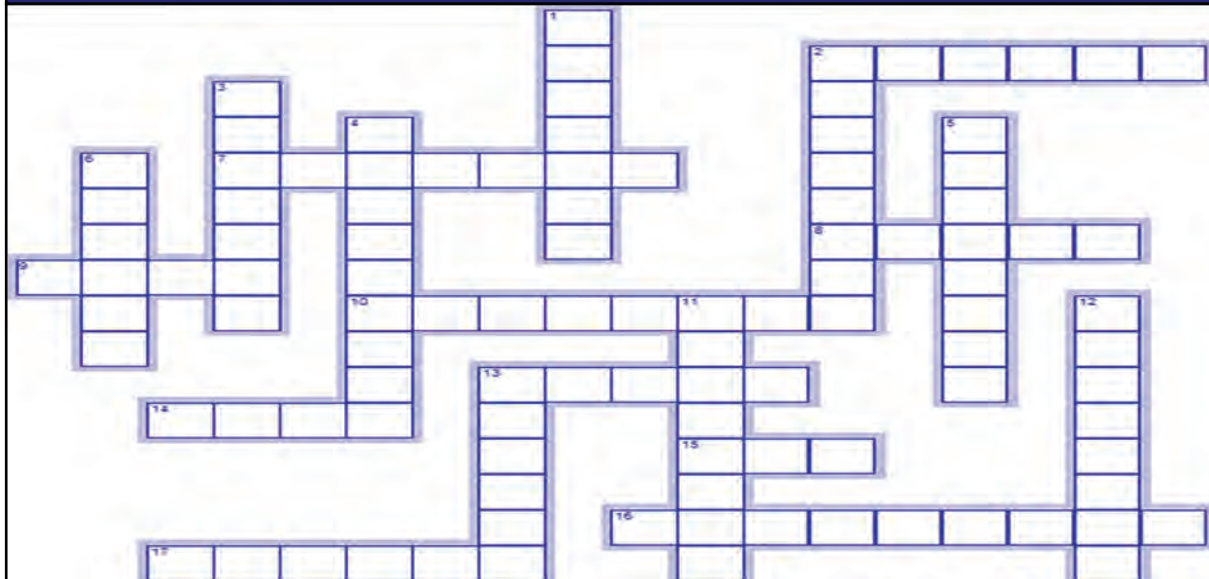
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Across

2. The day before Saturday
7. The day before Wednesday
8. The fourth month
9. The month when we celebrate Father's Day
10. Last day of the week
13. The only month that ends with H
14. The seventh month
15. The month with just 3 letters
16. The ninth month
17. First day of the week

Down

1. The first month of the year
2. The month with the fewest days
3. The month with Halloween
4. The middle day of the week
5. The day before Friday
6. The eighth month
11. The last month of the year
12. The month for America's Thanksgiving
13. The day after Sunday

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D) 1. January 2. February 3. October 4. Wednesday 5. Thursday 6. August 11. December 12. November 13. Monday

September Recipes

Roast whiting with chorizo and tomatoes

Ingredients:

8-12 whiting fillets or similar
100g chorizo
250g cherry tomatoes
1 pepper, red or yellow
Small bunch fresh basil
Crusty white bread

Serves 6



Method:

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Remove the skin from the whiting by placing the fillet on the chopping board flesh side up. Use a sharp, flexible (if possible) knife. Make a small nick at the tail end but don't cut all the way through to the skin; this will give you something to grip. Carefully work towards the top of the fillet from the tail end, gripping firmly while using a saw-like motion with the knife. The skin should come away in one piece. Remove any bones you can feel. Repeat with each fillet.

Place each fillet on a large oiled baking tray. Fold each one in half with the tail tucked underneath to create a small compact rectangle. Place a thin slice of chorizo on top of each one and then scatter the tomatoes, chopped pepper and remaining chorizo around the fish. Bake in the hot oven for 12-15 minutes until the chorizo is crisp, tomatoes ready to burst and the fish opaque. Scatter with torn basil leaves and serve straight away with crusty bread to mop up the sauce.

Lamb with olives and baked feta

Ingredients:

2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 tbs olive oil
250ml red wine
8 black olives, halved and stones removed
15g mixed herbs
1 shoulder of lamb, about 1.5kg, boned
2 large handfuls of spinach
200g feta cheese
200g cherry tomatoes
4tbs basil pesto

Serves 4



Method:

Mix the crushed garlic, oil, olives and roughly torn herbs. Rub this mix all over the inside of the lamb piece - no need to put it on the fat-covered side. Pour the red wine over and make sure every part of the meat is covered with the wine. Roll it all up and place in a sealed tupperware or zip-lock bag in the fridge for a few hours to marinade.

Preheat the oven to 170°C. Unroll the lamb and place in a roasting tray with 250ml of water and any of the marinade that hasn't been soaked up. Cover tightly with foil and cook for two to three hours (three is best). Then remove the foil, baste the meat with juices and add another splash of water, if needed. Turn the oven up high to 200°C and roast uncovered for 10 minutes or so until the meat is crisp and browned. Cover with foil and leave to rest for a few minutes before serving.

You can cook the feta while the oven is high and browning the lamb. Roughly chop the spinach. Place in a colander and pour over boiling water. Leave to cool slightly, then squeeze dry and place at the base of a small oven-proof dish. Place the feta on top and cover with the chopped tomatoes. Drizzle with oil and bake for 10 - 15 minutes. To serve, simply shred the lamb with two forks and then spoon over some of the pan juices. Serve with the hot baked feta and cauliflower purée or mashed potato and a drizzle of pesto or fresh herbs.

Apple and Chestnut Soup

Ingredients:

2 pints of chicken stock
115g shallots
170g peeled potatoes
2 large apples
300g chestnuts (poached and peeled)
20g butter
200ml cream
Toasted hazelnuts (to garnish)
Seasoning, to taste

Serves 4 - 6



Method:

Melt the butter, then add shallots, apples and poached and peeled chestnuts. Cook until it's transparent in colour and then add diced potatoes. Season, then add chicken stock and simmer for 30 minutes approximately. Liquidize all ingredients and then pass through a fine sieve. Season to taste and then add cream. Garnish this soup with toasted hazelnuts and sliced fresh apple.



September Gardening

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year and you can collect seeds for next summer's colour too. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can!



Roses that were pruned after flowering and were given some rose fertilizer will be showing a new crop of late buds and flowers - these can even flower into early winter if there is no frost. Evergreens can be lifted from late September and re-planted. Control grass and weeds on areas that are marked

down for planting in autumn. Check that young trees are securely tied to stakes, going into autumn gales and winter weather. Finish clipping hedges as soon as possible, all kinds of hedge can be clipped at this time and they will stay neat longer if clipped now. Evergreen shrubs could be moved now if they need to be given more space.

Create a new lawn from turf or seed - autumn weather is favourable for good lawn establishment. Raise the height of your mower blades as grass growth slows down. Now is a good time to carry out essential lawn maintenance to avoid waterlogging and compaction. Try aerating your lawn with a garden fork, removing thatch from the surface with a rake and repairing dead patches. Use a specialist lawn scarifier if you have a large area to cover. Apply a special lawn top-dressing after carrying out maintenance work. Follow the instructions on the packet carefully. You can feed your lawn with an autumn fertiliser now, which is rich in potassium and low in nitrogen.



Spring bulbs are appearing in the shops and it is a good time to make an assessment of new locations for bulbs. Tidy up messy perennial flowers, but be sure to leave good stems and seedheads, such as agapanthus, fennel, lysimachia, dierama, phlox and monarda, for autumn and winter display. Bedding and container annuals will last longer if given some

liquid feeding now, they still have two months in them but will fade long before that without feeding and regular watering. There is a last chance to take cuttings of tender plants such as geraniums, marguerites, fuchsias and argyranthemums to carry over winter.

Keep harvesting crops. If you have a glut of fruit and veg try freezing, drying, pickling, and storing so that you can benefit from them later on. If vegetables have gone over, pull them up and compost them, if they are not diseased. Most vegetables pull out easily when the soil is soft. Take the opportunity to clear out weeds. Later the soil will grow colder and wetter and these removal jobs will be more difficult. Conditions are ideal for planting spring cabbage which benefits from making root growth while there is still a little heat in the ground. Lift potatoes before the small underground slugs become active, and the soil becomes sticky. Place pumpkins on a flat stone or piece of slate or wood if the ground is heavy and wet.



You know you are a hard-core gardener if you deadhead flowers in other people's gardens.



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DUNKIRK (2017)



The Battle of Dunkirk was a strategic military operation that took place in Dunkirk, France during WW2. It involved the defense and evacuation of British and Allied forces from the beaches and harbour of Northern France.

In **Dunkirk**, director Christopher Nolan (Batman movies) has fashioned a stark and harrowing movie around one of the most triumphant military retreats in the history of the world. By mid-1940s, the Nazis had swept across Europe and pushed at least a quarter-million British troops to the beaches of Northern France. With the enemy hard on their heels and the route home obstructed, the young soldiers could only pray for a miracle.



The British faced with the capture or possible annihilation of their troops, initiated a seemingly impossible rescue. **Operation Dynamo** has assumed near-mythic status in British history and has often been revisited in books or onscreen.

Christopher Nolan's focus here is not on the historical context or political machinations of Churchill in London. Rather it is more intimate look. He gives us the story of a handful of men who are fighting for their very survival in the air, on the ground and in the sea.

Nolan's film doesn't bombard you with information like other war movies. It is a minimalist approach where silence does the talking. The dialogue is sparse and functional at best.

The eerie opening sequence is especially striking in this regard as soldiers walk along a deserted street. We the audience are immediately thrown into an atmosphere of isolation, danger, desperation and fear.



No filmmaker is as fascinated with time as Nolan or as expert at playing with it in filmic terms. In **Dunkirk**, Nolan interweaves three storylines with the help of his editor Lee Smith. On the beaches, British Army privates, Tommy (Fionn Whitehead) and Alex (singer Harry Styles) are desperately fighting to stay alive and get off the beach.

Tom Hardy (barely visible in an oxygen mask for most of the movie) is a spitfire pilot shooting down Luftwaffe planes and ever conscious of the perilous state of limited fuel supplies. Meanwhile in England, Mark Rylance

loads his small yacht with life vests to do his bit in the race to save the stranded soldiers at Dunkirk.



The crosscutting of scenes involves not just different locations but different time periods too. At one point, Nolan draws these three narrative strands tightly together, creating a visceral sense of foreboding. **Dunkirk** is very much a story of land, sea and air, beautifully framed by Nolan's cinematographer, Hoyte van Hoytema. The spitfire dogfights in the sky are particularly exhilarating and exciting. No wonder as Nolan used real spitfires above the English Channel.

Nolan's film is not especially gory or bloody like most war films of this ilk. Rather, the horror and sheer devastation of war is visible on his actors' faces: Kenneth Branagh conveys much as a naval commander who watches some of his men die. Dunkirk scales down gung-ho heroics in favour of deeper characterisations and meaning.



It's a complex view of war where humans take centre stage rather than battle plans. Overhead shots of soldiers scattered across the beach of Dunkirk convey an unnerving sense of isolation. **Dunkirk** is every inch a British film with a cast made up of notable English actors and stars. There is no American star on show to appeal to international audiences. A rarity in cinema these days.



Rather than heroics, Christopher Nolan is concerned with what men can endure. Dunkirk examines people under immense pressure in war time. From Rylance's civilian on a mission to Cillian Murphy's traumatised wreck survivor. Performances are muted, underplayed with no melodramatic speeches and in the case of the

terrified Tommy, almost no talking at all.

Despite the starry cast of Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Kenneth Branagh and Mark Rylance, this is very much an ensemble film. The four actors are used sparingly and in supporting roles throughout **Dunkirk**. Murphy's role is small but important as a soldier suffering from PTSD. Branagh does a classic stiff-upper-lip turn as a British Naval Commander.



Oscar-winner Rylance is excellent as a dignified war-time 'civvy' who is resolved to end the plight of the stranded soldiers at Dunkirk. As in **The Dark Knight Rises**, Hardy demonstrates that he can still deliver a vivid performance even with his face covered for most of the film. Newcomer, Fionn Whitehead and pop star Harry Styles prove they can hold their own against their more experienced counterparts.

Hans Zimmer's score for **Dunkirk** is amazing. His pulsating score resembles a ticking clock counting down the seconds. It is a fitting accompaniment to the film's sense of urgency and dread.

Christopher Nolan's film on the Dunkirk mission (which he also wrote) is one of his shortest at 106 minutes. Some critics have called **Dunkirk** Nolan's 'best film to date' and 'one of the greatest war films ever'. It's certainly an accomplished piece of work and can stand comparison with other great war movies in the genre.

Dunkirk is a more tightly-paced, thrilling and intimate affair than some of the director's previous offerings. Nolan has stated his film is more a story of 'survival' than a war film. See it on the big screen (the bigger the better) for accomplished set pieces and epic, heart-stopping filmmaking. Capturing real emotions and enormous horrors at intimate quarters.





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