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A Tribute - Hilda Dunne (1937-2018)

Hilda was a person whose civic life revolved around the inter-connected themes of history, storytelling, community service and activism. She also had a strong sense of social justice and carried out her endeavours with an innate sense of leadership and with no small amount of good will and humour.

Social justice, history and the local were her touchstones. As Michael Quinn has outlined, Hilda's sense of fair play and justice was very evident in her involvement with the Winchester Three support group, the Maynooth Miscarriages of Justice Group and the Maynooth branch of Reclaim the Spirit of Easter 1916 that honoured Maynooth men involved in the 1916 Rising. All of which saw the development of the Maynooth History and Civic Forum which later became Maynooth Local History Group. Hilda was there for the long haul, taking on the role of treasurer and was central in organising many outings and talks for the group through her valuable local knowledge and connections.

Hilda also vigorously campaigned for retention of the Nuns' Cemetery at the Presentation Convent where her beloved aunt Philomena Mooney was buried. She considered that the proposed plan to reinter the nuns in another cemetery a disrespectful act. Through her endeavours the Nuns' cemetery remains at the Convent to the present time. Hilda could be a rebel when the occasion called for it. Hilda was later to introduce people to the cemetery as part of the Maynooth Festival programme.

When we met for a meal or coffee Hilda would recall fond memories from her past. Her love for her family, her father and mother was very evident and for people that she had known when she was growing up. She delighted in people who had individuality. This storytelling was clearly evidenced in her close involvement with the production *Book of Maynooth* in 2000. The book now held in the Maynooth Community Library is a unique manuscript written on vellum.

The concept for the book originated with the late Stuart Lane of Kilcock. Hilda was a prominent committee member on this project. Based on the idea of the Great Book of Ireland (1991), it contains poems and prose from local writers. Hilda's poem *A last ride through the Hill Field, 1904* is a poignant piece about her aunts last journey from Ladychapel to Maynooth before she entered the Presentation Convent at Maynooth as Sr. Imaculata. Her work in the Community Council was very evident and much appreciated.



She worked on the Maynooth Festival Committee and on the Editorial Board of the *Maynooth Newsletter*. As part of the Festival celebrations, she single-handedly organised the music, poetry and prose event which became known as Maynooth Sunday Miscellany in St. Mary's Church of Ireland over the last number of years. This has proved to be one of the most steadfast events of the Festival and one of Hilda's lasting legacies.

Hilda's leadership skills were the best, she could organise with a word here and a phone call there, and it would be all done in the blink of an eye. There was no taking over, just doing. She did not hog the limelight. Her organisation of the scheme to secure and preserve Ladychapel Cemetery is a case in point.

She achieved so much in the Festival through her network of friends and associates in various groups in the local area, such as members of the Nuadha Players, Maynooth Writers' Group, Maynooth Local History Group, 1916 Commemoration Group and Maynooth's St. Mary's Church of Ireland custodians. She was a joy to work with.

As part of the editorial team she was always mindful of local groups and the inclusion of their submissions to the *Newsletter*. She would be most careful that people were thanked for their work and contribution in any articles that she contributed herself. She was a delight to have on that board.

Hilda was very welcome in the Maynooth Community Council Office. She would arrive at five minutes to five on some business to do with keys or an article for the *Newsletter*. This gave rise to good humoured banter with the office staff about time of her arrival just when people were about to go home. She loved the to and fro and she continued to arrive at that time, just to stir it up.

Hilda enjoyed meeting new people and continued to widen her circle of friends. She made new connections with her involvement with the 1916 Commemoration Committee and again she was pivotal in bringing the old and new together. She was very proud of the work that was carried out by the group during 2016. As one of her Community Council Colleagues described her "Hilda was a trailblazer and a true Maynooth Community Councillor". One of her friends from the Nuadha Players commented that when he thought of Hilda it was her sense of humour that came to mind. It was the witty retort or parting quip.

Hilda was loyal, dependable, fair and kind. She was a great communicator and had the capacity to both lead and follow. She was an achiever who completed what she set out to do.

We will miss her greatly. Our condolences to her family who were very dear to her heart.



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Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Proposal to put a Car Park in The Harbour Field, Maynooth be Opposed

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 5 February:

"That any proposal to develop a car park in the amenity of the Harbour Field, Maynooth, must go on Public Display so that the Maynooth Community can join Cllr. John McGinley in their opposition to the proposal."

Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on Flooding in Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 13 December:

"What can the council do to reduce the risk of the Meadowbrook stream overflowing in Maynooth as nearly happened on 22 November 2017?

John was given the following response by Council Officials:

"The Meadowbrook Stream in Maynooth was cleaned this summer as part of the Drainage Channel Maintenance Programme. There are further works proposed to alleviate flooding in this area in the Office of Public Works (OPWs) Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessments (CFRAMs) draft flood risk management plan. The plan should be finalised and sent to the local authorities for adoption early in 2018. Following this Kildare County Council will apply to the OPW for funding to carry out these works. In the meantime, the Meadowbrook Stream remains on the Drainage Channel Programme and will be cleaned as regularly as possible, subject to the usual constraints."

Cllr. McGinley responded as follows:

"The Office of Public Works (OPW) Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessments (CFRAMS) is certainly taking a long time to be approved by the Department. They don't seem to care that houses are at risk of flooding It is over a year since we were presented with their Draft Flood Management Plans.

The Plans propose Hard Defences, either walls or embankments, between Brookfield Avenue and Meadowbrook Court and at Parson Street. It is essential that these defences are carried out ASAP in order to alleviate the fears of the residents. According to CFRAMS there are 90 houses at risk of flooding here. The Meadowbrook Stream or Roosk tributary to give it its official name, was very close to overflowing on 22nd Nov. I was there on the day and it was very scary. That is the first time this happened since the houses flooded in 2000. As far as I can see CFRAMS does not address the flooding of the M4 or the choke point under the road and houses at Parson Street.

The drain from the Motorway is a 4" pipe which under normal circumstances is fine for the M4. But it was not sufficient on 22 November when the M4 closed. For flood conditions such as the 22 Nov. it was proposed previously that an attenuation tank be put in the sterilised waste ground at the M4, but this never happened. It should be done now and Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) should be asked to do so as it seriously impacts on the Meadowbrook Stream. At Parson Street the medium solution is to create a flow diversion, a by-pass culvert, but CFRAMS does not even mention it as far as I can see.

come to the MD Committee early in 2018 for our comments and approval."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Safety Measures on the **Dublin Road at TESCO**

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 13 December:

"That recognition be given to the new housing estates, Carton Wood and Carton Grove on the Old Dublin Road, Maynooth, by introducing traffic calming and/or a crosswalk between the estates and Tesco/McDonalds' entrance and by asking Dublin Bus to provide stops to service the estates."

John was given the following response:

"The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirms that a full set of traffic lights, including pedestrian crossing, are to be installed by the developer as conditioned in his planning permission. "

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that the Developer needs to carry out this work now and not wait until the estates are finished. The Director advised Cllr. McGinley that Development Control will be the responsibility of the Roads Department from 1 January 2018 and that they will follow up with the Developer to ensure that Planning Conditions are met. The MD Engineer stated that Dublin Bus had agreed to erect two Bus Stops to facilitate the new houses.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for The Boreen, opposite **TESCO** to be Re-opened

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 13 December:

"That whatever arrangements necessary be put in place to open the Boreen (opposite Tesco), Maynooth to pedestrians and cyclists and that the council land between the Boreen and Carton Avenue be landscaped generally in line with the Carton Avenue Action Area Plan of July 2006, over the next two years.'

John was given the following response:

"The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirms that the developer is conditioned to restore the Boreen to its original condition and following completion of this work it will be open to pedestrians and cyclists."

Cllr. McGinley again asked that the Council ensure that the work is carried out now and he welcomed the fact that €400,000 has been allocated in the Capital Budget for the landscaping between The Boreen and Carton

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Action on the Flooding at Laurence Avenue, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 13 <u>December</u>

"When is the Council going to carry out the required work on the surface water drain pipes in Laurence Avenue, Maynooth, in order to eliminate the flooding that occurs regularly? "

John was given the following response:

"The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirms I would like the finalised CFRAMS plan for Maynooth to that remedial works were carried out to the surface

water pipes in the southern end of Laurence Avenue. The Greenfield end of Laurence Avenue will now be examined."

Update on the Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan **Road Junction**

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the Director of Services at the MD Meeting on the 13 December that the traffic lights at the junction will be in place no later than the end of March.

Stagg Urges NTA to Prioritise €300 Million **Electrification of Maynooth Line**

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has urged the National Transport Authority to reactivate the Design and Planning of the Electrification of the Maynooth Rail Line to try and get the project delivered earlier than recently announced which would not see construction commencing until 2021.

Mr. Stagg stated that this was a critical piece of Public Transport Infrastructure for North Kildare and funding was provided in the Mid Term Review of the Capital Plan to progress the project. The NTA have indicated that they intended to reactivate the design and planning work during 2018 with planning approval likely to be sought in 2020 and construction likely to commence in

In his submission to the NTA Mr. Stagg urged them to reactivate the design and planning work as a matter of priority to see if it is possible to deliver the project earlier than outlined by the NTA. Everything possible should be done to bring the project forward faster.

The Project would involve the electrification of the line from Connolly Station to Maynooth, together with the removal of level crossings and resignalling. In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that the Electrification of the Maynooth Rail Line would provide an enhanced service to existing commuters and attract more commuters to Public Transport which is in the interest of everybody.

Stagg Critical of Failure to Fund Quiet Resurfacing of M4

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has criticised the failure of Transport Infrastructure Ireland to include the resurfacing of the M4 with quiet surfacing in their National Roads Allocation to Kildare Co. Council for 2018 announced recently.

The M4 stated Mr. Stagg as it passes Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock is defined as a major road under the Environmental Noise Directive and Environmental Noise Regulations and has traffic volumes 5 times the threshold. The Noise from the constant traffic has a serious impact on residents living near the motorway.

The surface of the M4 dates from 1994 and quiet surfacing would have a major impact in reducing Noise Levels as would noise barriers. Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would contact the CEO of Transport Infrastructure Ireland to try and establish a timeline for quiet resurfacing of the M4 from Leixlip to Kilcock and at a minimum to get noise barriers erected in the short term.

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Accessing healthcare abroad

Question

There is a long wait for a medical procedure that I need. Can I get my medical costs refunded if I have the procedure done in another European country?

Answer

If you are entitled to public health services that are available in Ireland, you can access these services in the European Economic Area (EEA). You will be repaid the cost if you meet the requirements.

This is provided for by the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive. The Directive covers services that are publicly funded and available in Ireland. These include acute hospital services and community-based outpatient care. Other services covered include physiotherapy, ophthalmic, psychology, disability and mental health services. Occupational therapy services and dental and orthodontic services are also covered, but with some exceptions. The Directive doesn't cover treatments that qualify for the Treatment Abroad Scheme (in general, treatments that are not available in Ireland).

You must be referred to the health service abroad in the same way that you would be referred to public health services in Ireland. This referral may be by your GP (family doctor) or public hospital consultant, for example. They may also be able to tell you whether the service you require is covered by the Directive. You can also check with the National Contact Point (details below).

If the treatment involves an overnight stay in hospital, it will need to be authorised in advance by the Health Service Executive (HSE). For other treatments, you should check whether prior authorisation is required. You pay the costs of treatment and then apply for a refund when you return to Ireland. The amount repaid is either the amount that the treatment would cost in Ireland, or the cost of your treatment abroad, if that is less. It does not include other costs such as travel. The HSE has published refund amounts for different treatments. To get a refund of treatment costs, you and your healthcare provider abroad must complete a HSE form. You then submit it with the healthcare provider invoice and receipt. The HSE provides an invoice format that it recommends using for the invoice to make sure it includes all the required details.

To find out more, contact the National Contact Point: phone (056) 778 4546 or email crossborderdirective@hse.ie.

Consumer rights during sales

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What are my consumer rights when I buy something in the sales? Can I return sales items?

Answer

Your consumer rights during a sale are exactly the same as at any other time of the year. Your rights do not change just because you bought the item in a sale.

Goods should be of merchantable quality, fit for their intended purpose and as described. If they are not, you are entitled to a repair, replacement or refund.

If you are entitled to a refund because there is a fault with goods that you bought at full price, you should be refunded the amount you paid even if they are now on sale at a reduced price.

Shop notices such as "No Refunds" or "No Exchanges" do not limit your rights, if you have a complaint about faulty items. Some shops display these notices, particularly during the sales, but this does not take away your rights under consumer protection law if the goods are faulty.

However, you are not entitled to a refund because you change your mind about something you have bought in a shop, whether this is during the sales or at any other time of the year. Many shops do allow you to exchange goods that you have had second thoughts about, but this is at their discretion. It is a good idea to check the shop's refund policy before buying anything.

If you buy goods at full price but change your mind about them, and they are now on sale at a lower price, you may only be offered the reduced amount (if the shop is willing to offer a refund).

You should always keep your receipts as proof of purchase and the price paid. This doesn't necessarily have to be the shop receipt. You could show your credit or debit card statement (if you used one) or other documentation that proves it was purchased.

For more information, visit the website of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission at ccpc.ie.

Income tax bands and rates

Question

I'm a PAYE worker. What income tax will I pay in 2018?

Answei

Changes to income tax bands were announced as part of Budget 2018. The amount of tax that you have to pay depends on your personal circumstances.

Tax is charged as a percentage of your income. The percentage that you pay depends on the amount of your income.

The first part of your income, up to a certain amount, is taxed at 20%. This is known as the standard rate of tax and the amount that it applies to is known as the standard rate tax band.

The remainder of your income is taxed at the higher rate of tax, which is 40%. The amount that you can earn before you start to pay the higher rate of tax is known as your standard rate cut-off point.

For 2018 the standard rate of tax remains at 20%, but the standard rate tax bands have been increased as follows:

	2018 €	2017 €
Single person	34,550 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	33,800 @ 20% Balance @ 40%
Married couple/civil partners, one income	43,550 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	42,800 @ 20% Balance @ 40%
Married couple/civil partners, two incomes	Up to 69,100 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	Up to 67,600 @ 20% Balance @ 40%
One-parent family	38,550 @ 20% Balance @ 40%	37,800 @ 20% Balance @ 40%

There is a range of income tax reliefs available, which can reduce the amount of tax that you have to pay.

Prescription charges

Question

I have a medical card but I seem to be paying more than the monthly cap for prescription charges for my family. Why would this happen and how can I get a refund?

Answei

If you have a medical card, there is a charge for each prescription item you receive. From 1 January 2018, the prescription charge is reduced from \bigcirc .50 to \bigcirc .00 per item, up to a maximum of \bigcirc 0 per month per person or family (previously, the maximum was \bigcirc 5 per month).

Usually your pharmacy keeps records of how much you have paid in prescription charges and makes sure that you do not pay more than the limit each month. However, you may use different pharmacies in the same month, or your family members may not be set up as a family group, and you may end up paying more than the maximum.

If this happens, the Health Service Executive (HSE) will issue a refund without the need for you to apply for it. This is done on the basis of the information received from pharmacies.

You can set up your family as a family group on medicalcard.ie and print off a family certificate to give to your pharmacist. This will show all of the members of your family so that your pharmacy will not collect charges above the monthly limit. Your family is defined as you, your spouse or partner, any children under 16 years of age and any children between 16 and 21 years of age who are in full-time education.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can ask your Local Health Office to help with setting up a family group. You can also call the HSE on 1890 252 919 or ask your local pharmacist, who may be able to help you.

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Maynooth office open for business in 2018

Happy New Year to all the readers of the community newsletter! The Dáil has returned with business on community employment schemes, the upcoming referendum, teachers pay, and committee business. I have also been in my Maynooth office every Monday and occasionally on Fridays by appointment. I would be delighted to meet with individuals, community groups, or other committees in my Maynooth office any Monday from 10am to 4pm or Friday by appointment. Don't hesitate to call me on 01 618 3587 to arrange an appointment.

Train Station car park extension

I have met with Irish Rail both in Leinster House and in the constituency regarding the urgent need to increase the parking capacity at Maynooth train station. I know from my own experience and the residents I have met who have raised this matter with me, that a major improvement in parking facilities is needed. Often by 7.30am the station is full. I can confirm that Irish Rail is looking at expanding the parking. Sites are being investigated near the station. I understand Kildare County Council are also looking at sites in Maynooth for a Park & Ride. I have met council officials on this matter and will be working in conjunction with local Maynooth area councillors on this potential site.

Community Employment Schemes need support

I debated with the Minister for Social Protection the urgent need to enable Community Employment Schemes fulfil their mandate of dignified, productive employment to the individuals on them and great benefits to the host organisations. Changes are required to support those who may not secure gainful employment in the commercial sector but are of huge benefit to their local GAA team, Parish Council, Tidy Towns, or other local organisations. The Minister must change the rules of the schemes to prevent haemorrhaging to JobPath which is not always a suitable outlet, I have called on her to

urgently address the discrepancies with the current scheme.

Maynooth Garda Station set for renovations in 2018

The Garda Station in the town is set for renovations in 2018 as part of a wider plan to improve the facilities of Garda stations across the county. I can confirm the news having put pressure on the Minister for Justice to invest in both personnel and the facilities of An Garda Síochána in the constituency. Works to Maynooth Garda station will consist of the public office, enhancements to welfare facilities, as well as general maintenance. Similar renovations will be carried out at neighbouring stations in Kilcock and Leixlip.

Long term plan needed to support our teachers

My party and I have increased the pressure on the Government to ensure they provide a long term plan that all of our schools have enough quality teaching professionals educating future generations of citizens. It has been apparent for some time now that our schools are finding it more and more challenging to obtain the right teachers, with the right subject combinations to ensure that all students can take the subjects of their choosing. Ongoing pay inequality has resulted in a recruitment and retention crisis for teachers and there are also major difficulties for schools in securing substitute teachers when required.

Despite the fact that there are just six physics teachers expected to graduate in the next two years and a reported collapse in numbers applying for teacher training courses. It is clear that these are major problems, and everyone working in education knows it except, it would seem, the Minister for Education. These issues will undoubtedly have an adverse impact on our education system unless directly tackled soon.

The Department of Education must establish a body to work with education partners in coordinating policy matters concerning teacher supply. It's absolutely critical that we deal with this emerging crisis.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 17/11/17 to 26/1/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
1860	Kildare County Council	Tom and Cliona O'Connor,	27 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	23/01/2018
1838	Kildare County Council	Eoin Carew,	34 Newtown Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	16/01/2018
171460	Kildare County Council	Martin Hayden,	Unit 3, Block K, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth	21/12/2017
171449	Kildare County Council	Clive & Suzanne O'Hagan	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	20/12/2017
171447	Kildare County Council	Daryl & Claire McLoughlin	No.9 Straffan Place, Straffan Wood, Maynooth	19/12/2017
171419	Kildare County Council	Declan and Caitriona Foley,	Crannog, Leinster Park, Maynooth	14/12/2017
171413	Kildare County Council	Deirdre Ward,	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	13/12/2017
171400	Kildare County Council	Southport New Homes Limited,	Mariaville, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth	12/12/2017
171382	Kildare County Council	Steve & Maria Farrow	44 Leinster Woods, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	06/12/2017
171370	Kildare County Council	Maynooth Business Campus Owners Management Company Limited by Guarantee	Moneycooly, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	05/12/2017
171357	Kildare County Council	Peter Murphy & Laura Reidy	No.24 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	30/11/2017
171356	Kildare County Council	Saffron Property Limited	Site No 31. Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	30/11/2017
171358	Kildare County Council	Saffron Property Limited	No.32 Templewood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	30/11/2017
171338	Kildare County Council	Shajib Islam,	6 Buckleys Lane, Main Street, Maynooth	28/11/2017
171336	Kildare County Council	Ann-Marie and Myles Burke,	12 Parklands Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	28/11/2017
171310	Kildare County Council	Laura Grashorn,	23 Castlepark Avenue, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth	23/11/2017



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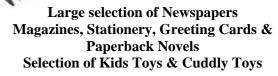
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THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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.

Thanksgiving for favour received.

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Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - If /Frank O'Rourke Clinics: Monday in the Glenroval Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

Maynooth Wins Purple Flag

Congratulations to all involved in having the Purple Flag awarded to Maynooth for the second year in a row. The Purple Flag marks Maynooth out as a 'must visit' destination for its quality restaurants, pubs, night life and general high standards, and is the equivalent of a Blue Flag awarded to a beach.

A Great Achievement for all the stakeholders involved, who've worked tirelessly to make Maynooth an appealing destination for a night out. Congratulation and well done

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke TD says the Government needs to focus on making additional home care packages available to older people in order to resolve the hospital overcrowding crisis.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after receiving new information which shows that 589 people over the age of 75 were stuck on trolleys in Naas General Hospital in 2017. Deputy O'Rourke said, "One of the key problems in More Action Required to Tackle High Motor hospitals right across the country is the lack of home care supports to help older people to return to their own homes. Many older people are stuck in hospital wards and are unable to return home after receiving the all-clear from their consultants due to the delays in sanctioning home care packages. This is a serious problem which is exacerbating the overcrowding crisis in our hospitals.

"The Programme for Government has a commitment to increase home care packages and home help hours, but Fine Gael have failed to set out how they are actually going about achieving this. The HSE's Service Plan for 2017 failed to put in place any additional home help hours and this put severe pressure on families and led to increased level of overcrowding in hospitals.

"Fianna Fáil raised this in the Dáil before Christmas and highlighted the need for additional home care supports to be put in place for older people. Demand for home help hours is projected to increase by between 38% and 54% by 2030. Additional investment will be required in home help care to meet the needs of a rapidly growing and ageing population.

"There is also a problem with the processing of Home Adaptation Grants. Many older people who are ready to leave hospital are unable to do so as their home is not suitable for them to live in. Often works need to be carried out to make their home safe for them to return to, such as putting in place ramps and handrails to make the home more accessible along with bathroom changes to make them safe to use. The current delay in processing grants for these adaptation works need to be resolved.

"Fine Gael need to get to grips with the overcrowding crisis in our hospitals. It's clear that additional home care supports are needed to help people return to their own homes. Fine Gael need to put in place a plan to achieve the rollout of additional home care packages," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Supports for Older People in 2018 up – a key requirement under Confidence and Supply Agreement says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the supports for older people that are coming into effect this year as a result of Budget 2018, a key requirement of the supply and confidence agreement with the Government.

"Medical Card holders are charged for prescribed medicines and other items that one gets on prescription from pharmacies. From 1 January this year, the prescription charge is €2.00 for each item that is dispensed under the medical card scheme, up to a maximum of €20 per month per person or family." "Older people are highly dependent on the state pension

and the vast majority rely on social welfare payments to protect them from poverty. I welcome the proposed € increase to the weekly state pension, from end of March next, and we must continue our campaign to ensure that further improvements are provided."

"The Fuel allowance was increased and the telephone allowance was partially restored. All these items we campaigned for under the Supply and Confidence agreement with the Government."

"Supports for Older people are critical. I have highlighted the need for increased resources for Housing Adaption Grants, Fair Deal Scheme, Phone Allowance, Pension, Home Care Packages and Carers. Recent figures show that older people are now fulfilling, in many cases, the role of the State in providing care to those living with illness or disability. Caring for our older people must always be centre stage when considering our social affairs budget" concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Insurance Premiums - O'Rourke

Vital reforms needed

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to step up its efforts to tackle the high motor insurance premiums in Ireland.

"We are now at the first anniversary of the publication of the Cost of Insurance Working Group Report and the progress to-date on the cost of motor insurance is very modest."

"Since being elected, I have campaigned to have the cost of motor insurance reduced. In the Dáil, I have called for the Competition Authority to investigate the activities of insurance companies and also to have a quarterly review of the implementation of the Oireachtas action plan to reduce motor insurance. I have also called for increased competition in the sector and a tax credit for workers to assist with the cost of motor insurance" stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"The Working Group on Motor Insurance was set up in 2016 following a Fianna Fáil Private Members' motion in the Dáil on the spiralling cost of motor insurance. The government seemed to have no interest in halting the dramatic hikes in premiums experienced by motorists for the preceding few years, until we put forward the private members motion."

"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. While we have seen modest improvements on the cost of insurance, more needs to be done." "Greater progress is needed on the key issues of award levels, insurance fraud and transparency around industry data. We need a more aggressive approach to the implementation of the action plan."

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

Housing Assistance Payments (HAPs) needs to increase savs O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to increase the Housing Assistance Payments, even on a temporary basis, as the costs of renting increases.

"The low level of the supply of the housing units, is fuelling the rising cost of renting a home, and means that the current level of HAP funding is not enough, in many cases, for those seeking accommodation."

"I know from my weekly clinics that our social housing list is rising most months. Kildare County Council's housing waiting list has increased by nearly 1800 people

in the last 12 months. The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a form of social housing support for people who have a long-term housing need. However, the level of funds under this scheme is not enough."

"Under the HAP scheme, local authorities pay landlords directly and 805 households were helped with rent repayments through the HAP scheme last year." "I know that many seeking accommodation under the scheme are not being successful as the level of funding is too low, as rents rise. So long as the supply of housing units are at a low level, rents will continue to rise as supply does not meet demand. I am calling for an increase in payments under the HAP scheme, so that we can get more people housed in Kildare."

"As supply of housing units increases, and rent costs reduces, we could then reduce the HAP funding. Social Housing supports needs to be improved, and I will continue to raise this issue in the Dáil to ensure that it secures Government attention" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Additional Off-Peak Services on Maynooth Line welcomed by O'Rourke

Additional Off- Peak Services on the Maynooth Line will be provided during 2018 according to Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke. "The National Transport Authority has confirmed that additional off-peak services will be provided on the Maynooth Line during 2018. This is welcome news and comes on the back of better connectivity for the users of this line, as the Maynooth Line is now linked with the Luas via Broombridge."

"As travelling by car is becoming almost impossible into the city centre, we need to improve the public transport services. Service improvements are on the way for Kilcock Bus Commuters, I have pressed for improved services on Bus Routes 66 and 67 and for improved services on the Kilcock rail line."

"We are seeing overall growth rates of more than 7% from 2016 to 2017 in public transport users. This trend will continue. We are seeing increased population in Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock which will increase the demand on public transport."

"As I have said in the Dáil, we must provide services in line with development rather than trying to retro fit services post development. We must see continued improvement in public transport for North Kildare users and I will continue to work to ensure that additional services are provided" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Additional Bus Service for Celbridge, Maynooth and Leixlip says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by Dublin Bus following his ongoing representations that it is going to provide additional Bus services for Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.

"I have been informed that there will be an additional bus service on Route 67 leaving Maynooth and servicing Celbridge going to Dublin at 6.20am. In addition, there will also be an additional bus service on Route 66 leaving Merrion Square at 7.40am going to Leixlip and Maynooth.'

"On Route 66, there will be another service leaving Merrion Square at 3pm for Leixlip and Maynooth. There will also be an additional service leaving Maynooth at 16.25 heading to Dublin via Leixlip."

"I have made representations to have these additional services provided which will come into effect on 29th January and I welcome this announcement. We must continue the work of improving our bus and rail transport to North Kildare towns. We are making progress and I will continue to make representations to have further improvement" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



Improvement works at Maynooth Community Library

Exciting news that the Library Service is in a position to undertake some improvement works at Maynooth Community Library. An allowance of accessibility funding has been made available to upgrade the library entrance, to include accessible porch and automatic door. This work is badly needed to improve access to the library, for persons with mobility impairments and parents with young children. The library will also undergo some upgrading through the creation of a dedicated space for young adults, re-aligned public access computers, new carpeting, new soft seating and internal painting. This will result in an overall improved library experience for our very dedicated library users in Maynooth. Essential Health and Safety works will also be completed in conjunction with other works.

In order for these works to take place it will be necessary to close Maynooth Library to the public for one week, Monday the 5th February to Saturday 10th February inclusive. During this period our borrowers will be given extended loan periods and allowances, and we will waive fines over the closure period. Library borrowers can continue to avail of library services at our other North Kildare Libraries at Celbridge, Leixlip and Kilcock, and via our online collections and services. A full listing of libraries, including opening hours and contact details, can be found on our website, www.kildare.ie/library

February Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone For further information contact:

www.kildare.ie/library maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie Ph: 01 6285530

What you need to know about Millennials Friday 2nd February 11am-11.45am

A presentation explaining and unravelling the generation of the minute, millennials. This talk covers who millennials are, what they think about the world and how best to approach them from a business perspective. It also touches on the next 'big' generation – the iGen.

Presenter: James Gillespie, Client Services Manager Mintel Ireland - Booking essential.

Friday 9th February 11am-11.45am

The Brexit Impact: An Irish Perspective

In November 2017 Mintel published the first research report on Brexit from an Irish perspective. This presentation explores the economic and consumer impacts of what is happening and what potentially will happen as a result of the UK's decision to leave the EU.

Presenter: Brian O'Connor, Senior Analyst Mintel Ireland - Booking essential.

Market Research for Start-ups Friday 16th February 11am-12.30pm

This workshop covers all the basics of effective market research and its application for small businesses and start-ups. Over the course of the session, all key topics will be covered for small businesses, from effective planning to how to action findings and enhance business plans. Overall, this session should provide any start-up or entrepreneur with some useful market research skills.

Presenter: Brian O'Connor, Senior Analyst Mintel Ireland - Booking essential



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Kildare County Council Grant Schemes 2018

We are now inviting applications for the following grants administered by Kildare County Council.

Community/Local Property Tax and Festival Grants

Application forms and details for these grants are available on our website; http://kildare.ie/County Council/Community/GrantSchemes or by emailing grants@kildarecoco.ie or telephone: 045 980538.

Heritage Grants

The objective of the grant scheme is to promote interest, education, knowledge and enjoyment by facilitating an appreciation of the heritage of County Kildare. We invite applications for community heritage projects which will benefit or relate to at least one of the aspects of heritage as set out in the Heritage Act 1995. Application forms and details for this grant are available on our website; http://kildare.ie/County Council/Heritage/Grants/ or by emailing heritageofficer@kildarecoco.ie or telephone: 045 980791.

Residents Association Grants – Local Authority Estates

Applications forms for grant aid to assist Residents Associations in Local Authority Housing Estates to maintain their open spaces are available on our website; http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/Community/GrantSchemes or by emailing grants@kildarecoco.ie.

Residents Association Grants – Private Estates

Application forms and further information for this grant are available on our website; http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/Community/GrantSchemes or by emailing grants@kildarecoco.ie

CLOSING DATE FOR ABOVE GRANTS IS TUESDAY 13th MARCH 2018, 5PM

Arts Service Arts Grants & Bursary Award Opportunities

Artists and arts collectives and community groups may apply for the following grant and award opportunities

- · Arts Act Grant scheme
- · Artists in Schools Residency Bursary Award
- Artistic Entrepreneur Bursary Award

- Denis O'Driscoll Literary Bursary Award
- · Drama League of Ireland Summer School Bursary Award
- Emerging Artist Solo Exhibition Award 2018
- Film Bursary Award
- · Local Publishing Award
- · Recording Bursary @ Platform4 Recording Studio
- · Tyrone Guthrie Centre Residency Bursary Award
- · Youth Arts Residency Bursary

Information sessions on 'how to apply for an arts award' will be held in Leixlip, Newbridge and Athy during February 2018.

Application forms and further information are available from Kildare County Arts Service, Riverbank, Main Street, Newbridge, Co Kildare. Tel: 045-448328; Email: arts@kildarecoco.ie, or on our website: http://www.kildare.ie/ArtsService/Grantsandopportunities/

CLOSING DATE FOR THE ABOVE AWARDS IS TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2018, 12 noon.

Kildare Creative Ireland Bursary Awards

As art of Kildare's 2018 Creative Ireland programme, we invite applications for bursary awards that will develop bodies of work with a public interface/engagement. We invite applications from individuals and groups to creatively explore themes of

- Well being
- · Sense of place
- Heritage (which may include historical exploration)
- Music
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics)
- Irish language

Application forms and further information are available from Kildare County Council Creative Ireland Programme, Riverbank, Main Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. Tel: 045-448318,

Email: creativekildare@kildarecoco.ie or on the website at http://kildare.ie/CountyCouncil/Community/GrantSchemes

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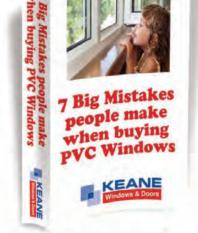
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St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

We would like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to our Christmas Collection which is one of our main means of funding the band for the coming year and we wish all of you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.



The Band are back to work and busy rehearsing for our upcoming concert in St. Patrick's College Chapel on Sunday 18th February where we will be joined by the Maynooth Parish Choir. It promises to be a very entertaining evening and it is a special occasion for the band as, as far as we know, it is the first time for the band to play in the Chapel.

The concert begins at 7pm and tickets can be purchased at the Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street.

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



Maynooth Brass and Reed Band Directed by Jon Clifford 'Festival of Brass' With Guest Choir - Maynooth Parish Choir

n the College Chapel of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, under their new director. St Mary's Brass and Reed Band. Maynooth come

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Copy date for the March edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 20th February 2018

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Christmas is well and truly over but as the December edition of the Newsletter went on sale before our Christmas Dinner took place I would like to remind you that it was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on December 17th. It was attended by 156 people and was a most enjoyable event. Thank you to the management and staff of the Glenroyal Hotel for their courtesy and kindness to our people on the day.

Many thanks to all our sponsors throughout the year, Barton Transport, Seán Donovan, Thorntons, Supervalu, Manor Mills, Tesco, McMylers, Post Primary School, William Kiernan, Bernard Durkan, Eugene O'Reilly and Frank Walsh.

Our morning club is now in full swing and all senior citizens in the area are welcome along. By the time you read this article we will have attended our first outing of 2018 which is the Maynooth Post Primary School Musical, "Beauty and the Beast". We look forward to this event every year and these young people never fail to entertain.

Our next event will be our Valentine's Tea-Dance which will take place on Sunday February 18th at 3pm in the GAA Club, Moyglare Road and seniors from all areas are welcome. The Tony Smith Memorial walk which is organised by Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party will also take place on the day.

Our AGM will be held on March 6th at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. We would like to see

some new faces on our committee so to those of you who have expressed an interest in what we do this would be a good time to come along and get involved. We not only have an ageing population but we have an ageing committee. While we are not defined by our age, it would be nice to see some younger people coming along to take the committee to the next level. Our Annual Church Gate Collection will take place on March 10^{th} / 11^{th} and we welcome your support.

Finally may I extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Seamus O'Flaherty, William Donnelly and Noel Garrahy who passed away recently.

Ar Dheis De go Raibh a Anam.

Josephine Moore Chairperson.





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MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL 17th MARCH 2018 FÉILE LÁ FHÉILE PHÁDRAIG MHAIGH NUAD 17Ú MÁRTA 2018



As we enter into a new season, we can now look forward to one of the biggest events in the Maynooth Calendar – the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is the <u>33rd annual parade</u> to take place in Maynooth and we are continuing with the tradition of having a theme.

This year's theme is – **Medieval Maynooth.**

The town that we all know and love was once the capital of Ireland during Medieval times under the Fitzgerald Clann on behalf of the British Crown. What's most interesting about the Fitzgerald's was that they were apparently "more Irish than the Irish themselves".

The biggest landmark in our town is Maynooth Castle and over recent years it has become more of a focal point for the local community with our Summer Festival and free tours provided by the OPW.

In preparing for this year's parade, we ask that all groups consider dressing up in Medieval costumes and really taking the theme to heart. There is an award for the best portrayal of the theme along with other awards, such as Best Commercial Float and Environmental Awareness.

The organisation of the parade is done by a committee of Maynooth Community Council CLG and by the office staff as part of their training on a Community Employment Scheme. While the preparation for the event takes months of behind the scenes work, we always need some extra hands on the day. The average attendance at our annual parade is approx **5,000 people** and with this we need people to volunteer as stewards. If you are available for two hours on the day, please get in touch with the office.

Events such as this cost money and we are very lucky to have sponsorship from Kildare County Council and our local businesses, without which we could not operate. We are thankful for every donation we receive and we encourage people to support these local businesses.

As always, the parade starts at Greenfield Shopping Centre at **11am**, making its way towards the Main Street and finishing in Tesco car park. The awards ceremony takes place afterwards at **1pm** in Manor Mills Shopping Centre where there is a Family Fun Day organised by the centre with dancing, face painting and music.

I look forward to seeing you on the day. Beir Bua, - Naoise Ó Cearúil - Parade Organiser



Invitation to all Veterans of the Defence Forces & The International Military Community in Ireland

This is an open invitation for Military Veterans to join and take part as the colour party and marching body in the Maynooth 2018 St Patrick's Day parade

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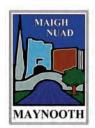
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We were presented with our Gold medal at a ceremony in Skerries by Minister Sean Kyne TD on the 4th of December we were also presented with a certificate for our work on pollination.

Thank you all for the nice comments made concerning our big Christmas Tree placed in the square.

The lights were switched on the tree and the street Christmas lights by guest of honour Senior Citizen Ellen Leavy on the 10th of December thanks also to Pat Kehoe and team of Kildare County Council who ensured our tree was safe and secure following the storm prior to Christmas.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with the above project. We appreciate all who brought Christmas Trees for recycling to the KCC Maynooth yard in Leinster St., and the shredded material will be used locally.

Our Volunteer Night was held on 19th January in the Glenroyal Hotel with music from the Junior Section of Maynooth Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann and Danny Carthy who sang a number of songs.

Ted Robinson General Manager of the Glenroyal Hotel provided and sponsored the finger food for the event. Ted spoke about the great work of MTT and how proud they were of us winning the Gold Medal.

John Kavanagh, chair of MTT thanked Ted and staff for their support to us during the year.

Mattie Callaghan was presented with a certificate from Kildare County Council to mark over 30 years volunteering with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

We are taking part in a one day planting of 1 million Trees nationwide on Saturday 10th February @ 8.30am in the Courthouse Square. We hope to start back in March with our usual planting, clean-ups and general maintenance. WEEE Ireland collection will be held in March date to be decided more info in next Newsletter.

A number of Cafe's in Maynooth are taking part in the Zero Waste Conscious Cup Campaign, further details on the Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook page. If you have an hour to spare come along and help us retain our Gold Medal for 2018.

Further information on 0873153189 or see us on Facebook or contact us on Twitter.

Richard Farrell -**PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns**



ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP (RCAG)

THE CHRISTMAS RECOVERY WALK

The weather stayed fine and there was a good turn out who enjoyed the refreshments served at Pike Bridge. Thanks to all the attendees for their donations

ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY FESTIVAL 2018

This will be on Sunday 27th May 2018 and based in Maynooth Harbour area. Kildare Animal Foundation will hold a Dog Show in the Harbour field. We plan to have barge trips on the canal and also a kayak demonstration. We will have a Fair in the Maynooth Scouts Hall. If you, or if you know anybody who is interested in renting a space and table please contact Declan at 086-8636249. If you or any friends, are interested in showcasing their musical talent (for free) on that afternoon, again please contact Declan at 086-8636249. We have a few other events under planning for that

MAYNOOTH HARBOUR AREA

The Information Smart Tag which we located at Maynooth Harbour had a very short life, about two weeks, before it was stolen. It was one of many which we have located at intervals along the stretch of the Royal Canal. The information Smart Tag contained lots of information about Maynooth and the services available and was accessed via contact with a smart phone.

You may have noticed the newly erected steel barriers on the town side of Maynooth Harbour. The problem is that the space between the barrier and the water edge is not wide enough to allow safe regularly where you will be kept up to date with disembarking from a canal boat-barge.

WATERWAYS IRELAND PLAN 3 HUBS ON THE ROYAL CANAL (140KM - 90 MILES)

Two were planned for Richmond Harbour, Clondra, Longford (the terminus) and the other at Mullingar. We have made the case that the last Hub be located at Maynooth as it is an obvious choice – access to the Motorways, a reinforced boat slip, a large launch area and all services. Maynooth has the potential to be the "Carrick-on-Shannon" of the Royal Canal and we need your help in pressing this case also.

THE 2018 WORLD CANAL CONFERENCE

This is a major international event and is being held in Athlone from 10th-12th September next. There will be delegates from Canada, China and South America. RCAG plans to be one of the keynote speakers. Conference delegates will be visiting the Royal Canal. RCAG has very serious concerns about parts of the Royal Canal "returning to nature" and we have communicated these concerns to the TDs whose constituencies adjoin the length of the Royal Canal.

SUMMER OUTING TO LOUGH NEAGH -Saturday 16th June

We will visit Rams Island which is a 10 minute boat ride from the eastern shore of Lough Neagh where the nearest town is Lisburn. Our trip will take place on Saturday the 16th June with the bus leaving Maynooth at 8.30am. The fare has not been fixed yet. If you would like to provisionally book a place please send an email to chairman@royalcanal.ie or phone 01-6877034.

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This is our website and we want you to visit it news about the Greenway and planned events. Our contact email is chairman@royalcanal.ie and the contact phone number is 01-6877034











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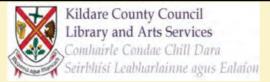
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Writers-in-Residence Spring Series 2018

Maynooth University Writers-in-Residence **Rob Doyle** and **Sarah Maria Griffin** are delighted to host a series of talks and readings in Maynooth Community Library and on Maynooth University campus. All are free and open to the public.

Rob Doyle's acclaimed debut novel, *Here Are the Young Men*, was followed by *This Is the Ritual*, a book-of-the-year in the *New Statesman*, *Irish Times* and *Sunday Times*. The *Sunday Independent* called it 'a masterstroke in experimental short fiction brimming with ideas, vulgarity and intelligence.' Doyle's writing has been published widely, in the *Guardian*, *Vice*, BBC World Service, & elsewhere. He edited *The Other Irish Tradition* (2018) for the Dalkey Archive.

Sarah Maria Griffin's first novel, *Spare & Found Parts*, was published by Greenwillow Books in October 2016 and is published in Ireland & the UK in Feb. 2018 by Titan. Her nonfiction has appeared on Buzzfeed, The Rumpus, Guts and *Winter Pages*. Her collection of essays about emigration, *Not Lost*, was published by New Island Press in 2013. She was the recipient of the European Science Fiction Awards Chrysalis Award in 2017.

Readings by Rob Doyle and Sarah Maria Griffin Wed. 7 February, Maynooth University, Iontas Bldg, 4pm

Readings by Rob Doyle, Sarah Maria Griffin and their MU workshop students. For further information, contact Dr. Oona Frawley: oona.frawley@mu.ie

Contemporary Irish Writers

Tues. 13 February, Maynooth Community Library, 6pm

Readings and discussion with June Caldwell, Oisin Fagan, and Peter Murphy. *The Guardian* described **June Caldwell's** acclaimed debut, *Room Little Darker*, as 'banshee bold', while **Oisin Fagan** has been described as 'the most exciting young writer in the country'. **Peter Murphy's** novels have garnered multiple award nominations, including for the IMPAC and the Costa.

This event is free and open to the public. Booking is required in advance: please contact the library on 01-6285530 or maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie. For further information, contact Dr. Oona Frawley: oona.frawley@mu.ie

Publishing in Ireland

Wed. 21 February, Maynooth University, Iontas Bldg, 4pm

Discussion with Brendan Barrington (Penguin Ireland), Laura Cassidy (*Banshee Lit*), and Declan Meade (*The Stinging Fly*).

Maynooth University Writers-in-Residence **Rob Doyle** and **Sarah Maria Griffin** host a discussion with **Brendan Barrington**, editor at Penguin Ireland and founding editor of *The Dublin Review*; **Laura Cassidy**, founding editor of *Banshee Lit*; and Declan Meade, founding editor of *The Stinging Fly*.

This event is free and open to the public. For further information contact Dr. Oona Frawley oona.frawley@mu.ie

Contemporary Irish Writers

Wed. 7March, Maynooth University, Iontas Bldg, 4pm

Readings and discussion with Sara Baume, Gavin Corbett, and Sinéad Gleeson. Maynooth University Writers-in-Residence **Rob Doyle** and **Sarah Maria Griffin** host readings and discussion, with Sara Baume, Gavin Corbett, and Sinéad Gleeson. **Sara Baume** is the multi-award-winning author of the acclaimed *Spill Simmer Falter Wither*. **Gavin Corbett's** *This is the Way* won the Kerry Group novel of the year in 2013. **Sinéad Gleeson's** first book will be published in 2019; her anthologies won Irish book awards in 2015/16.

This event is free and open to the public. For further information contact Dr. Oona Frawley oona.frawley@mu.ie

Writing and the Internet

Tues. 13 March, Maynooth Community Library, 6pm

Discussion with Roisin Kiberd, Ian Maleney, and Mark O'Connell.

Maynooth University Writers-in-Residence **Rob Doyle** and **Sarah Maria Griffin** host a discussion with **Róisín Kiberd**, **Ian Maleney**, and **Mark O'Connell**.

Róisín Kiberd's journalism has appeared in *The Guardian*, the *Independent*; she writes regularly for Motherboard, Vice, Lovin Dublin, and Totally Dublin. Her work focuses on technology and culture and their intersection.

Ian Maleney's writing on the arts, politics, and technology has appeared in *The Irish Times*, *Gorse*, and elsewhere. Ian is the founder of Fallow Media, a creative space exploring ways in which the internet affords challenges and innovation to artistic forms.

Mark O'Connell is a journalist whose work regularly appears in *Slate, The New Yorker*, and *The New York Times Magazine*, among others. His book *How to be a Machine: Encounters with a Post-Human Future* (2017) was described by *The Guardian* as 'captivating'.

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Zero Waste Maynooth

The foundation of Zero Waste is based on the 5 Rs – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot (compost). The order of these Rs is important as it tackles waste from the beginning rather than just focusing on how to dispose of it.

At our launch in November, Timi Nicholson, of simplenowastelife.com, gave a great outline of each of them. Our articles in the coming months will be looking closer at each of these Rs and giving you hints on how to implement them in your life.

Refuse is the first R as it starts you thinking about your habits. Refusing items is a way of preventing waste from entering your house (or from being created) in the first place.

Bea Johnson, a leading figure of Zero Waste, says that when you accept or buy something you are creating a demand, no matter how small, for that product. Companies and organisations will continue to create promotional items and offer special deals if people keep taking them. If they receive feedback which shows that this method of advertising no longer works, then they will have to re-think their approach.

Refuse is also about looking at your needs and wants. Becoming more Zero Waste in your life can help you save money and clear clutter/unnecessary belongings from your house. Refusing what you do not need can result in some uncomfortable questions –

- Do I need another X/Y/Z?
- . Is the one I have at home not working or am I just bored with it?
- If I don't buy this, what could I put this money towards?

Having this conversation with yourself in the shop may draw some strange looks but will be worth it when your piggy bank is stuffed!!

Here are some steps to implement "Refuse" in your life:

- Get a "No Junk Mail" sign for your letter box.
- Say no to offers in shops that include a bottle of water/crisps that you actually don't need/want. Perhaps suggest to management that a piece of (unwrapped) fruit would be a good substitute.
- Take pictures of business details instead of accepting brochures/cards.

Think before you buy – could you borrow instead? Could you buy second hand? Do you really need the item at all? Sometimes it helps to write the item on a list and leave it for 24 hours (or longer). When you come back to the list the desire for the object may be gone.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter: @zerowastemaynooth.

Conscious Cup Campaign in Maynooth

Did you know that **most takeaway cups are not recyclable**?? And it is estimated that over 200 million of these cups are thrown away every year in Ireland!!

Maynooth is lucky to have some great businesses willing to tackle this environmental problem head-on. The following eight cafes are offering a discount to those that use their own reusable cup for takeaway rather than a disposable cup. It is a win-win situation for all – less waste being produced, less money spent on cups by the cafes and more change in the consumers pocket! So be sure to support these fantastic businesses!!

Discounts offered:

Willow and Wild (20c) L'Art du Chocolat (20c) Emma's Place (20c) Café Bon Bon (20c) Coffee Mill (50c) The Coffee Lounge (50c) Beetroot (20c) The Brewery (20c)

If you are interested in joining the Conscious Cup Campaign, please message Zero Waste Maynooth on FB or email zerowastemaynooth@gmail.com for more information.















Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Hello again, and a Happy New Year to all our branch members and all readers of our monthly Craobh Mhaigh Nuad journal.

Lessons started on 10th January and a warm welcome to those brave souls starting out on their musical journey for the New Year. Great time of the year it is too to start with the warm evenings and the resolutions to stay away from Maynooth's hostelries!

Our annual outing at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich for their Christmas Fair went down smashingly as always. The team played for an hour and a half until the big man in the red suit appeared to a rousing version of Jingle Bells.



Craobh Mhaigh Nuad performing in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach on 26th Nov.

Scór is the primary completion of the GAA for showcasing Irish culture and the branch, many of whose members are involved in both organisations, had a strong showing at this year's competition in Allenwood.

Rita Doyle has been driving Maynooth's participation in Scor for many years and her dancers were successful in Kildare and went on to put up a strong showing in Wexford.



Rita Doyle School of Dance

The next set of performers were Drím Tím who were competing in 2017 for the first time. Great things are to be expected from this outfit which included Riobard, Fionnuala, Katie, Caoimhe and Seán.



Drím Tím on stage at Kildare Scór

The eventual winners of the music group completion were Team One featuring our branch stalwarts Kirsten, Tom, Killian, Keelin and Caoimbe



Team One collecting their prize at Kildare Scór in Allenwood



Róisín Howley was next up with a beautiful song at Kildare Scór

The Leinster Final in Oulart, Wexford on 10th December was disrupted due to the poor driving conditions, but it eventually went ahead with our qualifiers performing strongly, but not ultimately making the All-Ireland's.

For our Cúinne an Cheoltóra this week, we're chatting with Matt "The-Masher" Meehan, who joined the branch 2 years ago and is one of our stellar percussionists.



Name: Matt Meehan

Age: 13 years old

Instruments & how long have you been playing?

I play the bodhrán, drums and guitar. I have been playing the guitar for one and a half years. I have been playing the bodhrán and the drums for two years.

What is your best memory of playing music?

My best memory of playing my main instrument the bodhrán is when I was at the annual Traddrummers Clinic in The Venue in Ratoath last year. Myself and four others had to put a piece together. We had to rehearse together in the weeks running up to the event and then perform to all who attended the clinic.

Who is the biggest influence on your musical career?

The biggest influence on my musical career by far is Aimée Farrell Courtney, my Bodhrán teacher. Aimée is a World Bodhrán Champion and I am so lucky to have her as my teacher. Not only is she a fantastic bodhrán player, she is a kind and patient teacher as well.

Who is the best musician you know?

I have an interest in lots of different types of music. I love Punk Rock and would consider Billie Joe Armstrong (lead vocalist and guitarist) and Tré Cool (Drummer) from Green Day to be really good musicians. I was lucky enough to see them in concert this year at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham. With regards to traditional Irish Music, I would have to say Aimée Farrell Courtney.

What do you like best about playing music?

I love playing music with the group from Comhaltas. It makes me happy and everybody else feel happy around me. When a person or a group play music, people gather around – it brings people together.



Group Session on 28th Nov. Check out # CraobhClassSession for tune lists and pictures

Our class sessions are still going strong – they're 1 lesson in 4 and offer a great change from the classroom environment, while being a super learning platform for collaborative playing.

We're usually in Maynooth GAA the last Sunday of the month, and our adult slow session runs every 2 weeks, so get in touch if you'd like to participate in these even if you're not a branch member. All are welcome!

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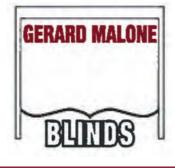
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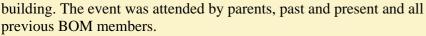
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Celebrating 10 Years of Maynooth Educate Together National School

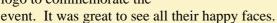


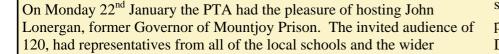
In September Maynooth Educate Together National School kicked off the celebrations of their 10th anniversary with a visit to the school by Paul Rowe, the CEO of Educate Together. Paul spoke about the increasing importance of the ethos of Educate Together and about the wonderful success of Maynooth Educate Together, which started with just one Junior infants class of 17 pupils and now has grown to an enrollment of 230 and will soon be starting on a new permanent





The pupils also enjoyed the celebrations with a visit by an ice-cream van. The PTA gave each child a sports bag which had a special 10th Anniversary logo to commemorate the





Maynooth community, as well as parents and staff from METNS. John has a wonderful insight into parenting and he shared his own parenting philosophy with the group with enthusiasm and a great deal of humour. He emphasised the importance of communication with children of all ages, consensus and acceptance. His 2013 book *Parenting: Raising Your Child In Ireland Today* published by Orpen Press goes into more detail

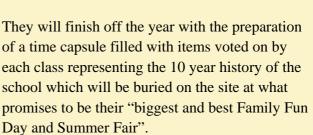


than he was able to cover at the talk and all the author's royalties are donated to Barnardos and Barnardos Northern Ireland. The talk was held in Maynooth University and the PTA would like to thank the Maynooth Campus Conference & Accommodation office for facilitating the group.



The celebrations will continue for the rest of the school year, and will include a week long Cultural festival in April, where parents will join classes to share their culture and heritage. The week will end

with a school family day to celebrate all of the amazing and vibrant cultures within our school community.





Registration open for Annual Galway Cycle in aid of Friends of the Coombe.

As has been the tradition for the past 30 years, Maynooth University students, alumni, friends and supporters will once again make the journey from Maynooth to Galway and back in aid of a worthy cause.

On Friday 6th April up to 350 cyclists will leave from the gates of Maynooth University in a bid to raise €120,000 for Friends of the Coombe to enable it to help the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital provide hospice-style care by creating a family-friendly home away from home to afford bereaved parents both comfort and dignity.



Since it was first established in 1987 by a group of students at St. Patrick's College, the annual Galway Cycle has covered more than 12,000 kms of road and raised in excess of €1.5 million for a host of charities close to the hearts of cyclists and their families.

President of the Galway Cycle, sociology and geography student at Maynooth University, Ciara Keogh said that this year's cycle promises to be the biggest yet. "This year we are hoping to recruit 300 cyclists, 100 collectors and 100 additional volunteers who will form a support crew," she said. "We are delighted to partner with Friends of the Coombe this year. Theirs is a project with a national reach that really touched the hearts of past cyclists, all of whom play a part in the annual charity nomination and voting process."

The Galway Cycle is a volunteer led initiative to ensure that costs are kept to an absolute minimum. This year they have set themselves an ambitious fundraising target of €120,000 and hope that with the help of cyclists, friends and supporters, that target will be reached by the time they leave Galway for home on Sunday 8th April.

The Galway Cycle will take place between Friday 6th April and Sunday 8th April and is open to anyone who would like to take up the challenge. Full information, including a pre-Galway Cycle training schedule and online registration, is available at www.galwaycycle.ie.

A special online fundraising page has been set up for people who would like to make a onceoff donation. It can be found at

https://give.everydayhero.com/ie/galway-cycle-in-aid-of-friends-of-the-coombe.



Comhairle Contae Chill Dara Kildare County Council

Council Launches 2018 Campaign Against Dog Fouling

Kildare County Council today (24th January) announces its campaign to ask dog owners to act responsibly when it comes to dog fouling. Dog fouling has become more of an issue in the last few years, for the public in general, as well as residents' associations, Tidy Towns and other community groups. To assist in this, the council has identified a number of areas in each of the Municipal Districts where many people walk their dogs.

These areas will have a temporary audio warning device installed to remind dog owners of their responsibilities, and some additional signage with the "Any Bag any Bin" message will also be installed. The first area to be chosen is the path linking Kill and Johnstown, a route frequented by many dog owners.

Dara Wyer, Environment Awareness Officer with the council said:

"Most dog owners are aware that dog fouling is against the law and that they are responsible for cleaning up after their dog when in public areas. However, some still think it is not an issue, so we are asking all dog owners to remember "Any Bag any Bin"- in other words, if you bring the dog for a walk, bring a small bag with you to clean up after it, and put the bag either in a litter bin or bring it home. Not only is dog fouling an offence under the Litter Pollution Act, it is also a public health issue as dog waste carries pathogens that are harmful, particularly for children who come into contact with it."

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

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Gift Vouchers Bill

In December 2017 I introduced a Bill in the Dail on behalf of the Social Democrats The Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Bill to the Dáil. The purpose of this Bill is to increase the protections for people who are buying and receiving gift vouchers. Many vouchers come with conditions (these are often well hidden) which mean that if not used within a specific time frame they expire or the balance starts reducing as a result of fees being applied to them.

This means that people aren't really being given the flexibility they should be when using their vouchers at a time that suits them. We are hoping that this Bill will be debated in the Dáil soon and will attract cross party support. The gift voucher industry is valued at €30m per year with an estimated €70m of vouchers going un-redeemed. Until the law is changed I urge anyone who has a voucher to check the terms and conditions.

Pension Inequality

One of the biggest issues being brought to my attention at the moment is the scandal of the pension's inequality. Some of this relates to changes made to pension entitlements in 2012 which I

opposed at the time. More than 60% of those affected are women, many of whom had to take time out of the workforce during their working lives. Those affected are being unfairly punished by way of reduced pension payments which I believe is very unfair.

Many people only realise they are being affected by the changes when they apply for their pension payment for the first time. There is therefore an onus on Government to start an information campaign on this issue to make people fully aware of how it might affect their pension. I was happy to join the protest outside the Dáil last week with many of those campaigning for pension equality and it was great to see so many local women there.

I will continue to raise this issue and I welcome contact from anybody in the area who may have concerns or questions about this issue. Several organisations have combined their efforts to build a campaign to reverse the 2012 changes these include Age Action; The ICA; The National Women's Council; The IFA; SIPTU and FORSA all of these organisations welcome contact from those affected.

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Eulogy for Hilda Dunne (née Mooney), 1937-2018

A dhaoine uasail go leir, Is é mo onóir roinnt focail a chur ós do chóir as son comhghleacaithe Hilda sa phobal.



On behalf of Hilda's colleagues, it's my honour to present a short tribute to her contribution to civil society.

Hilda had a powerful sense of local and national history, of community activism, and justice.

It was of a justice for Irish prisoners issue that Hilda became involved n Maynooth community when the Winchester Three Support Group was formed in 1989. The Three – who had been unjustly tried and sentenced to 25 years imprisonment in Britain on conspiracy charges – included a young man from Maynooth, Finbar Cullen. Hilda immediately joined in the Group's work to help create a public awareness about the case, and to support legal efforts around a court appeal. This was a time, prior to the release of the Birmingham Six and the ceasefires in Northern Ireland, when it took a strong sense of moral conviction to speak out on such issues. In the event the appeal judge quashed the original verdict and sentences on the Three, and Hilda was proudly to the fore in organising the Fáilte Abhaile celebration in the town for Finbar.

Thereafter, Hilda and a number of us from the Group, set out on a journey of successive local initiatives, which included the establishment of: Maynooth Miscarriages of Justice Group, which supported the international campaign to release the Birmingham Six.

Maynooth Peace, Reconciliation and Justice Group, which supported the unfolding peace process in Northern Ireland Maynooth branch of Reclaim of the Spirit of Easter 1916, that marked the 75th anniversary of the Rising in 1991, and honoured the Maynooth contingent that fought in 1916.

The 1798 Bicentenary Commemoration Group. Hilda was really in her element in this group, as its events dovetailed with her earlier work with the ANCO team that restored Ladychapel Cemetery – the cemetery that holds her own Mooney family plot, and the remains of two soldiers from the ranks of the United Irish who had been killed at the battle of Ovidstown in 1798. Hilda's poem 'The unmarked grave' was included in the Group's booklet 1798 and Maynooth. Thereafter, we launched the Maynooth Local History & Civic Forum, which continues to this day to operate as the Maynooth Local History Group, and Hilda also went on to work on the Community Council and a other groups until very recently.

Hilda's style on committees was not to push her views or herself forward, but rather

she knew how best to get things done, with a quiet word, and the best approach. Yet, she could act decisively! Perhaps her finest achievement was one that she largely undertook herself – to thwart plans to transfer the remains of the Presentation Sisters from their Cemetery located behind their school in Convent Lane to another graveyard – to make way for building development. Now, Hilda cherished a special pride for her Aunt, Sr Philomena Mooney, who was buried there in 1958. She embarked upon a one -woman publicity offensive in the print and radio media, and suffice it to say the graveyard remains untouched and intact to this day.

A chairde uilig, tá bean cróga, bean láidir, bean dílis cailte againn anois. Maynooth society has lost a favourite daughter. Hilda, we bid you a fond farewell - may the good earth of Mainham Cemetery rest lightly upon you!

Michael Quinn Rathcoffey Church Funeral Mass

THE UNMARKED GRAVE

Your comrades lie in the murdering ditch at Ovidstown, unnamed, we know the place,
You, Citizen Norris, lie at Ladychapel Graveyard in an unmarked grave,
Brought there for burial by your family.
Two hundred perished at the Battle, armed only with Pikes, bravely facing horses and cannon fire.

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You, Citizen Norris, escaped after the slaughter but were taken prisoner at Kilcock
Your wife pleaded with the Col. of the Yeos
To spare you, suddenly a volley was heard from the shrubbery, ending your young life.
On hearing this the Col. replied,
By God woman, I fear your pleas are too late
Two hundred years later we still strive for your ideals.

A poem by the late Hilda Dunne
From the book 1798 and Maynooth
by Liam Chambers
Fublished by Maynooth 1798 Commeration Group
"from this town all is confusion..."

Editorial

As the previous edition of the Maynooth Newsletter covers December and January we are well into the New Year by the time you get the February edition. However, we cannot forget Christmas 2017 without thanking the Maynooth Business Association and Maynooth Tidy Towns for the wonderful Christmas lights and Christmas tree in the centre of the town. While some funding was provided by Kildare County Council we have to acknowledge that both local groups are totally voluntary and it takes a significant amount of effort to put up Christmas lights. Also Maynooth Tidy Towns gave us our first Christmas tree in Maynooth Square. There was certainly a feeling of "Christmas Wonderland" in the town so well done to everyone involved.

Of course we have a lot of ongoing works in the Harbour area and the Straffan Road over the Christmas period and into the New Year. Work on the upgrade of the Royal Canal towpath in Maynooth Harbour have been completed. The new railing is modern and is in keeping with the modern aspect of this area which is dominated by the hospital, playground area and the railway station. These works are connected to the other project to create the Maynooth North/South cycle and pedestrian route. Work in Leinster Street is nearly complete and the markings have been made on the Moyglare Road. So many more months of traffic cones and lane restrictions still ahead in 2018.

The link road between the Straffan Road and Maynooth Harbour is almost complete. While pieces of infrastructure like this can link and open up new area, this road will not be available to traffic as it is to improve access to the Fire Station. There is good reason to ensure that emergency services can

respond faster to emergencies particularly with the general traffic congestion in the centre of the town. There is no doubt that this road opens up the Harbour field area which will help access to the gym equipment and the playgrounds. Future roads in the plans include a road opposite the secondary schools linking the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road. I always remember my geometry from school – the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. This road will take traffic out of the Main Street and this can only help to improve traffic and reduce congestion.

Well done to Maynooth Educate Together for organising the talk by John Lonergan on "Children and modern technology – parenting in Ireland today" The event was open to parents and guardians from all of the Maynooth schools. Talks like this are important to remind us that our children need to be protected and that while we are conscious of the physical dangers around us we are often less involved in our children's safety in cyberspace.

While elsewhere in this publication there are fitting tributes to Hilda Dunne, I cannot end without giving my personal experiences of working with Hilda. No matter what the project that she was involved in she always had that "can do" attitude. Gently persuasive to make sure things happened and her legacy will be with us for a long time. For me she ranks among a small number of people who I have worked with over many years that was easy to work with, was never negative or self-promoting, just wanted to achieve her goal for the good of all. She is missed already.

Paul Croghan Editor

Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil - Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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Maynooth Library Closed for Essential Building Works

Due to essential building works, Maynooth Library will be closed from Monday February 5th until Saturday February 10th inclusive. Please note that your membership extends to any public library during this time. A full list of Kildare libraries' contact details and opening hours are available on our website www.kildare.ie/library. You are welcome to return your books to any Kildare Library should you wish to.

Ó Cearúil calls for speed reduction at Moneycooley

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has once again called on Kildare County Council to reduce the speed zone at Moneycooley from 80km/h to 60km/h. Ó Cearúil was previously told that this proposal was to be considered by the County Speed Review Committee but no action has occurred to date. Locals in the area have contacted him concerned over the unnecessary speed and Ó Cearúil has pushed once again for this adoption.

Update on local works

The boreen at Carton Avenue is to be restored by the developer
The Council is looking at installing CCTV into Maynooth Playground
Yellow boxes are to be installed at the top of Doctor's Lane and at Tesco Roundabout
Additional public lighting is to be installed by Waterways Ireland at the Canal
Footpaths at Beaufield have been upgraded and improved

Council proposes underground car park at the Harbour Field

Kildare County Council have notified councillors that it is considering proposals for an underground car park at the Harbour Field to deal with the lack of parking in the town. Any proposal will go on public display for the community to comment on. Cllr. Ó Cearúil has highlighted his concerns with such an idea until he sees concrete plans of how it would look. "My biggest concern is that the Harbour Field is made any smaller. It is the most important green space we have in the town and it belongs to the people of Maynooth. While there is a need for additional parking in Maynooth, I wouldn't like to see us impeding on one of the greatest assets we have as a town." The proposed area for the car park would be the portion of the field that is gravelled.

Ó Cearúil calls for a Kildare County Council Mobile App

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has proposed that KCC develop its own mobile app that could be used as part of its customer service model. With people using smart technology now more than ever, Ó Cearúil believes that this is an excellent way for the council to engage with the public but also make it easier and more accessible to deal with the council. Naoise hopes that this type of app would allow people to report issues such as public lights not working, issues with footpaths and arrange appointments with the housing department.

Maynooth Retains its Purple Flag Status

Maynooth has again been awarded the prestigious Purple Flag award. This is a renewal of the status for the town with the Purple Flag zone. Similar to the Blue Flag for beaches, the Purple Flag Award aims to raise the standard and broaden the appeal of town and city centres in the evenings and at night. The scheme is managed by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) working alongside the Purple Flag Advisory Committee. Accredited towns and cities have proven that they are welcoming to everyone, offer safe ways for visitors to travel home after dark and provide a good mix of venues. Purple Flag towns and cities benefit from more visitors, lower crime and anti-social behaviour, and improved perceptions of centres.

This award which recognises Maynooth as a 'must-visit' location and will continue to be beneficial as a marketing and promotional tool, placing the town amongst a small number of towns and cities to have achieved this standard. Maynooth will continue be marketed locally, nationally and internationally as a town of excellence with a rich mix of dining and cultural venues and a vast range of events and festivals.

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil spearheaded the initiative to apply for this award and received widespread support for his proposal in 2016. Once adopted by the council, the County Kildare Chamber and KCC managed the application and the retention of the project.

Representations

As always if you require any personal assistance or advise, please feel free to get in touch with Naoise on (086) 728 0050 or cllrnaoise@gmail.com. All correspondence is confidential.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB



Programme for 2018

February 20th:

Demonstrator: Elizabeth Murray

March 20th:

Garden talk on Roses by Assumpta Broomfield.

April 21st:

Annual Spring Show - Venue: Glenroyal Hotel.

May 15th:

Demonstrator: Maureen Fagan

June 19th:

Demonstrator: Bernadette Palminteri

September 18th:

Demonstrator: Paula Dowling

October 16th

AGM: Garden Talk Details later

November 20th:

Christmas Gala with Christopher White

December 4th:

Demonstrator: Suzanne Kenna "Ideas for the Home"

Contact: Moira Baxter - Phone: 086 4041927

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A Big Happy 2018 to all the folk who like a bit of drama in their lives. The Hills of Kildare are alive with the sound of actors and dancers treading the boards and getting their acts together for 2018. Our pantomime `Sleeping Beauty` was a great success, a BIG THANK YOU you to all who took part and to our supporters over the year.



Our Spring productions are at the planning stage and it looks like Oscar Wilde and the `Importance of Being Earnest` is coming to Maynooth. Look out for Jack's Handbag. Not to be missed. Up in Celbridge Insight are staging `Alone it Stands` by John Breen – a play about Munster's Rugby win over New Zealand in 1978. Directed by Rian Glynn followed by `Tuesday with Morrie` from the famous book of the same name by Jeff Hatcher and directed by Miriam O'Brien. Check Facebook for all information.

Major congratulations to Martina Reilly and Down at Heel Productions for a great production of Martina's play `A Tale of the Expected` From The Mill, Dundrum to Ballina and venues inbetween, It's safe to say Martina's play is a hit. Bring it back again Martina – it's a winner.

You should check out the new RTE Archive - it's a treasure trove of news clips and a fascinating view of a world that is long gone. I loved the Cadburys advert that showed all the things you can get for a one pound note. It jogged my memory. You meet your girlfriend at her front door, she looks great in her new twinset - I'm wearing my father's gabardine coat with belt optional.

Get the bus into O'Connell St and over to The Metropole Cinema where Doctor Zhivago is on – it was always on. I get the tickets and purchase a box of milk tray – showing I have class. - still have change left from my one pound note. After the show, we head into the Rainbow Cafe for a knickerbocker glory. Love is in the air and I still have change from my one pound note. Home on the bus and I leave her back at her front door. A little snog and its good night – I check my change and I have enough left to go back into town, and meet a quare-one

1 pound note for all that – I calculated that in today's money - 167 euro and 37cent Ah the good ol days.

Good News or Bad - The telegram boy comes to Maynooth

You might know who these people are . It would be nice to hear from you . Contact: 086-8068068

Mind the trams: Terry Nealon



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Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

Community Library

Maynooth Multiple Births

Bridge Club

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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

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purposebuilt facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

I.C.A.

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in the Maynooth Community Space (Tesco Shopping Centre) New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Mondays 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space

University of Third Age (U3A)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome Contact Ger: 0874133505

Every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30pm Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth

Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries Dunboyne Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334

Maynooth Tidy Towns

ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP

Maynooth Community Church

Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square

Join us at the next Alzeheimer Café, Wednesday February 14th in the "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. Our speaker this month will be Dr. Louise Hopper, a Lecturer in Dementia Studies. Call 0894933533 Email:alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com

1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30am www.maynoothcc.org Everyone most welcome

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Craobh Mhaigh Nuad C.C.E.

ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

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.

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 !!. Bigi linn!!!

> Contact Sean at 086 2225540 or email craobhmaighnuad@gmail.com.

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

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)

Clues Across

- 1. Composer of "The Blue Danube" (7)
- 5. Small nail (4)
- 9. Bad tempered (6)
- 10. Desert water hole (5)
- 12. Internal (5)
- 13. Gun carriage? (7)
- 14. Crib (6)
- 16. Agency (6)
- 19. Large jug (7)
- 21. Refuse (5)
- 23. Expression (5)
- 24. Ball game (6)
- 25. Watched closely (4)
- 26. Forecast (7)

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Answers to Crossword No 464

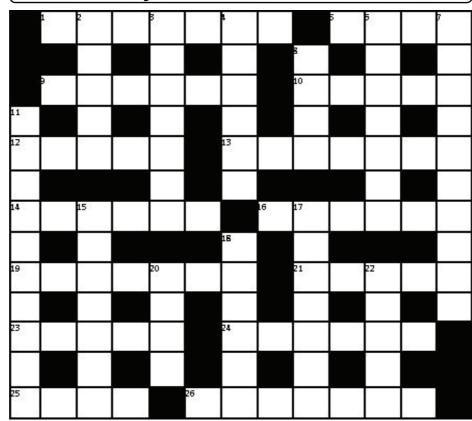
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February 18 Crossword - No. 465



Clues Down

- 2. Italian car city (5)
- 3. Naval officer (7)
- 4. Grass-cutting tool (7)
- 6. Show jumping prize (7)
- 7. Frantic with worry (10)
- 8. Young horse (4)
- 11. Chastise (10)
- 15. Fred _ _ , late US song and dance man (7)
- 17. Peter _ _ _ , British actor/director (7)
- 18. Volcano cavity (6)
- 19. Bulge (4)
- 22. Get up (5)



Entries in before: Tuesday 20th February 2018

Name:			

Address:	

Winner of Crossword No. 464 Dec/Jan

Fergus Ryan 32 Meadowbrook Crescent Maynooth

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

Collect prize from The Maynooth Bookshop 68 Main Street, Maynooth

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

Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter **Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth**

Sudoku Challenge FEBRUARY 2018

Entries must arrive before: 20th February 2018

> Congratulations to **Dec/Jan Winner:**

Dylan Kiely Parson's Hall Maynooth

Collect prize from **Newsletter Office**

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

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Moyglare Hall
Maynooth

Prize of a Free Family Meal for Colouring Competition can be collected at:

Maynooth Community
Council CLG Office,
Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before: Tuesday 20th February 2018

Junior Puzzle Corner

Kitty cat rice cakes



Ingredients

- 2 Sun Rice Original Rice Cakes
- 1 small tbsp smooth peanut butter
- 1/4 carrot, thinly sliced then trimmed into triangles for ears
- 1/2 banana, sliced for cheeks
- coconut thread, for whiskers
- 4 currants, for eyes
- 2 raisins, for nose

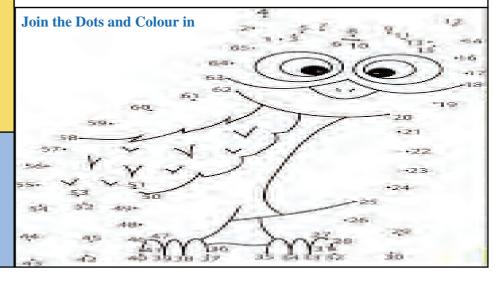


Method

- 1. Spread Sun Rice Original Rice Cakes with peanut butter.
- 2. Place the carrot and banana slices onto the peanut butter.
- 3. Arrange the coconut, currants and raisins to make the face.
- 4. Serve.
- **Q**: What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
- A: A clock
- **Q:** What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
- A: A Glove
- Q: What has a neck but no head?
- A: A bottle



Word Search d blue g a n р a bird g q q rain. h b u e a panda ĸ а o glove V shark m



MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY NEWS



Maynooth Labour Economist Wins Prestigious Research Prize



Pictured is Dr Aedin Doris, Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting at Maynooth University, accepting the Gold Medal from Colm Kelly, Chairman of the Foundation for Fiscal Studies. Dr Doris has been awarded the 2017 "Miriam Hederman O'Brien Prize," recognising outstanding contributors to matters relating to fiscal, economic and social policy. Dr Doris is a labour economist, whose research focuses on issues related to labour supply,

labour market policy evaluation and the economics of education. She received the Prize, along with her co-author Dr Bruce Chapman, for their research on "Modelling Higher Education Financing Reform in Ireland."

SFI Research Investment of €2.5m in Maynooth University

Photo: Prof Ray O'Neill, Prof Mark Ferguson, Director General of Science Foundation Ireland, Minister John Halligan TD, Prof Paul Moynagh and Dr Joost Slingerland

Prof Paul Moynagh, Department of Biology, is awarded €2mn for a research project which will discover and exploit novel regulatory pathways



in inflammation for therapeutic advantage. Dr. Joost Slingerland, Department of Theoretical Physics, is awarded €500,000 for research in quantum computation; exploring Topological Order, Entanglement and Quantum Information Processing. The investment is part of €43 million announced for 26 research projects including mathematical modelling, nanoscience, inflammatory diseases, cancer, materials, cattle breeding, seismology, communications and climate change. Professor Mark Ferguson, Director General of Science Foundation Ireland and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government of Ireland said: "The Science Foundation Ireland Investigators Programme funds outstanding individuals performing excellent, impactful research. The standard of applications for the SFI Investigators Programme was exceptionally high. The quality and quantity of excellent projects on the reserve list is clear evidence of the increasingly high standard of research in Ireland. I have the highest expectations for the projects funded today, and look forward to seeing the benefits to Ireland's society and economy."

Bord Bia and Maynooth University Collaboration



Pictured are students of the new MSc Design Innovation (Food), at their induction in November: Richy Whelan, Danny Uzice, Julie Kenny, Sarah O'Sullivan, Gwen Gould, Kate Holland, David Donnelly, Orla Brady, Christina Furlong and Richard Cooper with David Cullen, Bord Bia Programme Manager and the Library team from Bord Bia. Winning an open EU tender from Bord Bia, MU's new MSc in Design Innovation (Food) is a unique collaboration that combines coursework with a two-year food industry placement. Their induction was diverse, with everything from formal training and immersion in the Bord Bia organisation to milking cows, yoga and visits to leading Irish food organisations.

Gradam TEG bronnta ar Chomhairle Contae Chiarraí

Aisling Ní Bheacháin, Lárionad na Gaeilge; Roibeard Ó hEartáin agus John Kennelly, Comhairle Contae Ciarraí; agus Siuán Ní Mhaonaigh, Stiúrthóir TEG. Ba le linn Oireachtas na Samhna 2017 i gCill Áirne a bhronn Ollscoil Mhá Nuad teastais de chuid Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) ar iarrthóirí rathúla ó Chontae Chiarraí a rinne scrúduithe cainte TEG le déanaí. Sa mhullach air sin,

bronnadh gradam nua, Gradam TEG, ar Oifig na Gaeilge, Comhairle Contae Ciarraí, chun aitheantas a thabhairt don obair mhór atá déanta ag an eagraíocht an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sa láthair oibre agus ar fud an chontae. Tá sé i gceist ag an Lárionad an gradam seo a bhronnadh ar institiúidí, ar eagraíochtaí, nó ar dhaoine a chuireann Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge agus an Ghaeilge chun cinn sa phobal agus sa láthair oibre. Le linn na hócáide, mhínigh

Anna Ní Ghallachair, stiúrthóir Lárionad na Gaeilge, tábhacht chóras TEG mar go dtugann sé spriocanna cinnte foghlama don fhoireann sa láthair oibre. Tá dátaí scrúduithe TEG 2018 socraithe anois agus is féidir teacht ar thuilleadh eolais ar www.teg.ie.



Seimineár tugtha agan Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin



Ar an 24 Samhain, thug an Dr Lára Ní Mhaoláin ó Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge seimineár ar an eagrán criticiúil nua den scéal Rúraíochta dar teideal Táin Bó Fhliodhaise atá á réiteach aici faoi láthair. Pléadh comhthéacs liteartha agus traidisiún scríofa an téacs, maille le haois an scéil.

Maynooth Academic Guest at Canadian Celebrations.

Pictured is Dr Julie Rodgers with Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. Dr Rodgers was recently invited by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to attend the State dinner at Dublin Castle in honour of the Canadian Prime Minister's official visit to Ireland. Dr Rodgers is a specialist in Quebec literature and the current President of ACSI (Association of Canadian Studies, Ireland). During her meeting with the Prime Minister, Dr Rodgers spoke about the strong presence of Quebec Studies within the French programme at Maynooth and the cultural links between Quebec literature and Irish literature.



Froebel Department a Partner in AgroCycle

The Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education at Maynooth University, is a partner in the European Commission funded Horizon 2020 project, AgroCycle.

AgroCycle is an ❸ million (₤ million from the European Commission, ₤ million from the Government of The People's Republic of China) Horizon 2020 research and innovation project addressing the recycling and valorisation of waste from the agri food sector. Maynooth University is one of 26 partners from eight EU countries, with two partners from mainland China, and one from Hong Kong. The project takes a holistic approach to understanding and addressing how to make best use of the full range of waste streams associated with the agri-food industry. It will deliver the AgroCycle Protocol, a blueprint for achieving sustainable Agri-food waste valorisation.

The Froebel team is creating a novel programme for primary school education, designed to introduce the 'circular economy' concepts in Europe and China. They will work with Chinese partners at the China Agricultural University, Beijing on developing complementary projects for the Chinese education system. Laoise Ní Chléirigh is undertaking her PhD in the translation of a circular economy concept through an arts based narrative in primary school. Laoise Ní Chléirigh and Dr Máire Nic an Bhaird participated in the Agri-Food Waste Day conference at the AgroCycle meeting on 18 October in Brussels. Maynooth University will develop AgroCycle



Kids – an online stakeholders' platform for access to schemes, lesson plans, games, videos, etc. For further information see: www.agrocycle.eu/

Dr Máire Nic an Bhaird and Laoise Ní Chléirigh at the AgroCycle meeting in Brussels

Extracts from the "Maynooth University News" courtesy of the Communications Office of Maynooth University.

Warm Desserts

Plum Pie

Ingredients:

200g/7oz cream plain flour

- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 125q/4oz butter

170ml carton fresh cream

2 eggs

Plums (halved and pitted)

75g/3oz caster sugar

1tsp vanilla essence

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease a tin or pyrex dish 25cm x 18cm/10" x 7" inch approx. Put the flour, sugar and baking powder into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in two tablespoons of the cream and 1 egg. Bring together to form a dough. Press into bottom of prepared tin and arrange plums over the top. Bake initially for 25 minutes. While cake is baking, in a bowl combine the remaining cream, caster sugar, vanilla essence and egg together. Beat well. Pour liquid over the plums and bake for a further 20 minutes until custard is set.

Serve warm or cold. Store in a fridge.

Rhubarb & Fruit Crumble

Ingredients:

6 stalks rhubarb (cleaned and chopped)

- 2 apples (peeled and chopped)
- 175g/6oz mixed berries (strawberries etc)
- 125g/4oz brown sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

Topping:

175q/6oz porridge oatflakes

- 125g/4oz cream plain flour
- 125g/4oz brown sugar

1tsp cinnamon

125g/4oz margarine (melted)

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease an oven proof dish. Put rhubarb and apples into a pan with the sugar. Stir over a low heat for about 10 minutes to par cook. Mix all the dry ingredients together, add to the melted margarine and mix to a crumble.

Mix the par cooked fruit with the berries and cinnamon.

Spread half of the fruit mixture into the prepared dish. Spread half of the crumble over this. Next pour remaining fruit on top of the crumble and finally finish with the remaining crumble. Bake for approximately 20 minutes until golden brown. Serve hot with cream.

Bread & Butter Pudding

Ingredients:

1 loaf fruit soda bread 50g/2oz butter, softened 600ml/1pint milk

4 eggs

150g/5oz golden caster sugar

100g packet chocolate chips

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Grease an oven proof dish with butter. Slice fruit soda bread into slices and butter each slice. Whisk the milk, sugar and eggs together in a bowl. Place a single layer of the bread in the dish, pour 1/3 of the milk mixture over then sprinkle 1/3 of the chocolate chips on top. Repeat another layer of the bread, milk mixture and chocolate chips. Then finish with a final layer and bake for 50 minutes until golden brown and crunchy on top. Serve warm with cream.









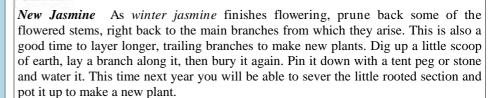
Sort seeds Sort your seeds into the months in which they need to be sown. A box with dividers is helpful: just slip the part-sown packet into the following month's section and you will come across it just when you need to sow again.



Prune clematis It is time to prune those Clematis that flower in May and June (known as group 2) and those that flower in late summer (group 3). Group 2 flower on short new growths arising from older wood, so shorten last year's growth back to a pair of healthy buds. This will stimulate side shoots. Group 2 flower on new growth, so they can be cut back almost to the ground. I find that they can be susceptible to slug attacks if so, choose a pair of buds a couple of feet from the ground and prune them.

Trim your vines Cut back ornamental vines such as Virginia Creeper and Boston Ivy now, particularly those climbing house walls and heading for windows and gutters. They are vigorous, so you can hack back hard. Epicedium Foliage has served us well all winter, but if you take the shears to it now you will make space for the flowers to emerge unhindered, followed quick on their heels by the lovely new copper spring foliage.

Tidy up pansies Winter pansies and violas often shut up shop over the darkest and coldest spells of winter, but should start flowering in earnest again now that light levels are increasing. Check them over and get rid of dead flowers to prevent rots from setting in and to promote the formation of new flowers.



Hydrangea heads. The time has come to remove them. Cut back to just above the first pair of healthy-looking buds. It is not a bad idea to remove a third of the oldest stems completely too tight to their base. Hedge check If your deciduous hedges are untidy this is your last chance to give them a trim before nesting time.

If you have any suspicions that birds might be building in there, stay your hand and leave them straggly. All of last autumn's pruning and cuttings back will be starting to rot down on the your compost heap. Give them a turn now and the compost may be ready for spring spreading.



Chit for chips Chit your potatoes now. Place them in a single layer somewhere cool, light and frost free where they can start to sprout, and so hopefully start growing more quickly once they are planted. Start early sowings of brassicas under cover.



Try Brussels Sprouts, Summer Cabbage and Cauli all the year round. Though St Brigid's Day (Feb 1st) is considered the start of spring, it's really still winter outside in the veggie patch, February is our chance to get some preparatory work done before everything starts to kick off in

March and April. If you have a poly-tunnel or greenhouse a mini tunnel is invaluable inside the main tunnel to create a double glazing effect for extra warmth to bring seedlings on.

On to the fruit and veg - February sees leeks and cabbage at their very best but there are lots of other good things in season this month. The old favourites – apples and pears and that winter staple - kale!

When mapping out your garden you should also consider companion planting. Companion planting is the practice of planting vegetables or flowers that complement each other and produce higher yields and quality when planted in closer proximity. For almost any garden vegetable, marigolds are a good companion plant because they deter pests like beetles. Plan on including marigolds in your garden layout!

Houseplants hate winter, but spring offers more light and fresh air. They respond to these small mercies with tentative new growth. Tidy them up them a little, pull off dead stuff, and start giving them a little more water.

Watch out for cold snaps, be ready to protect tender plants.







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AWARDS SEASON

The New Year always kicks off the serious award season in the entertainment industry. Irish artists frequently punch above their weight in nominations for these events. This year is no exception. We feature heavily in many categories, Our own Saoirse Ronan (fresh from her Golden Globe success) has been nominated for an Oscar for her role in *Lady Bird*.

Saoirse Ronan has managed the hat-trick of being a three -time Oscar nominee. No mean feat for this talented, young Irish actress. She will battle it out with the likes of Globe winner Frances McDormand and Meryl Streep come Oscar night. Costume designer, Consolata Boyle has also secured a third nomination for her fabulous designs.



London-based, Irish writer-director, Martin McDonagh's latest film *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri* has been nominated in the Best Picture category. The film has also garnered nods in several other areas with McDonagh regulars, Sam Rockwell and Woody Harrelson both up for acting awards. *The Breadwinner*, produced by an Irish animation studio has a shot in the Best Animated Feature category. Fingers crossed for the Irish contingent come Oscars night on Sunday 4th March.

MOVIE PREVIEW

There's a lot to get excited about for movie-buffs in 2018. It's going to be bumper year with franchises kicking off or finishing, sequels and reboots of classic films galore. Here is just a taste of the film highlights wending your way in 2018.

Phantom Thread

Period fashion drama, *The Phantom Thread* is supposedly Daniel Day-Lewis's swansong to the cinema world. The acclaimed British actor, and three-time Oscar winner, announced recently that he was retiring from acting roles after *Phantom Thread*. Paul Andersen's brooding romantic drama centres around the London fashion industry in the 1950s. Daniel plays a fabulously successful dressmaker to royalty and stars, who finds his carefully structured life unsettled by a love affair with a much younger woman. *Phantom Thread* has picked up 6 Oscar nominations including one for Best Picture and Best Actor. Will Mr. Day-Lewis leave on a high come Oscar night?

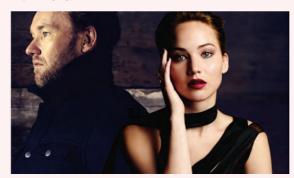
Fifty Shades Freed

Just in time for Valentine's Day, *Fifty Shades Freed* is the third and final instalment of E L James' notorious story of erotic romance and love. Wedded bliss for

Christian and Anastasia comes at price as an old enemy resurfaces and threatens to spoil their new-found happiness. Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson reprise their respective roles of the kink-loving pair. Will this final film in the franchise improve on its decidedly lacklustre predecessor, *Fifty Shades Darker?* All will be revealed on 9th February.

Red Sparrow

Red Sparrow is a spy thriller based on a novel by Jason Matthews and directed by Francis Lawrence of Hunger Games fame. Jennifer Lawrence plays a Mata-Hari style spy, trained by Russian Intelligence Services to use her body and mind as weapons against the enemy. When Lawrence targets a CIA operative, (Joel Edgerton), things become a tad complicated. Seemingly, this is the start of a three-film franchise. The brilliant Matthias Schoenaerts and veteran actress Charlotte Rampling make up the ensemble cast. Jennifer Lawrence is always highly watchable so mark this in your diary of must-see films in 2018.



The Spy Who Dumped Me

The Spy Who Dumped Me is an American action-comedy film set to hit Irish cinemas in August. The plot revolves around two best friends, Mila Kunis and Kate McKinnon (of Ghostbusters fame). The two women unwillingly get caught up in espionage when Kunis discovers her ex-boyfriend's spy past. Handsome Scottish actor Sam Heughan (Outlander) will add debonair charm to proceedings. Mckinnon has comic pedigree with her Saturday Night Live appearances and Hilary Clinton impressions. All the signs are good for an entertaining film.



Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again is the sequel to the hit film Mamma Mia of 2008. Based on the Abba musical of the same name, it smashed box-office records worldwide. Meryl Streep and Amanda Seyfried reprise the roles of mother and daughter. Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgard are also back as Streep's former suitors. The plot doesn't really matter. What made the original film so joyous was the exuberant

energy of the players, songs and dances. Sequels have a tendency not to be as good. It remains to be seen if the new film in the anniversary year can recapture some of the spirit of the original classic.

Mission Impossible 6

The 6th instalment in the *Mission Impossible* film series sees Tom Cruise reprise his role as intrepid spy Ethan Hawke. Hunt and his IMF team regulars, played by Simon Pegg, Alec Baldwin, Ving Rhames and Rebecca Ferguson return to fight another day. Christopher McQuarrie is back in the director's seat following his excellent work on *MI: Rogue Nation* in 2015. These films combine spectacular high-tech thrills and Cruise's trademark stunts in exotic locations all over the world. Tom Cruise is always worth the price of admission. With Henry Cavill along for the ride, this could well be the blockbuster highlight of 2018.



Autumn / Winter Releases

From September onwards, the emphasis is on remakes or reworkings of standard classic films. Produced by Leonardo DiCaprio and shot on location in Hungary, *Robin Hood* hits screens in September. Can Taron Egerton and Jamie Dornan breathe new life into the oft told tale of Robin Hood and his merry men? Bradley Cooper directs a remake of the 1937 classic film, *A Star is Born*. It is the fourth screen retelling of the story of a fading actor and an aspiring singer/actress. The Judy Garland/James Mason 1954 classic is still the one to beat. The year will end in style with the Christmas release of *Mary Poppins Returns*, the sequel to the 1964 ever-green classic. This time around, Emily Blunt takes on Nanny and sugar duties while legendary Dick Van Dyke will appear in a cameo role.

Christmas Film Quiz Answers

- 1) Scrooged
- 2) Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern
- 3) Clarence
- 4) White Christmas/Holiday Inn
- 5) Frank Capra
- 6) Buddy
- 7) New York
- 8) Billy Bob Thornton
- 9) Now I Have A Machine Gun. Ho-Ho
- 10) Macaulay Culkin
- 11) Will Ferrell
- 12) Michael Caine
- 13) City power outage.
- 14) Walking in the Air
- 15) Jingle Bell Rock.
- 16) Charles Dickens



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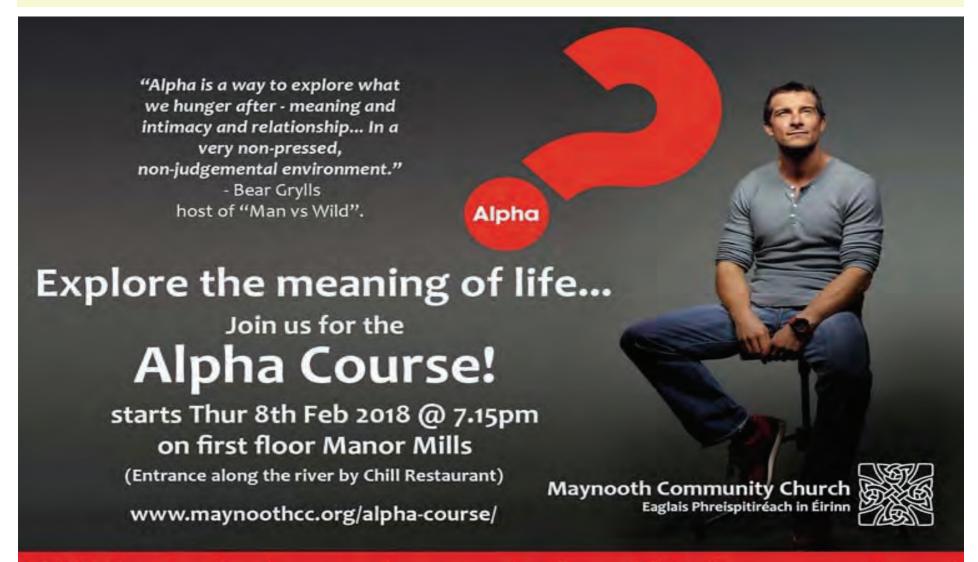


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Tony Smith Memorial Walk Raises €2,216

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk has raised €2,216 for Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

The Walk was held on Sunday 18th February at 3 pm and departed from Maynooth GAA Club. The Sponsored Walkers were led off by Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and proceeded down the Moyglare Road, up the Main Street into Carton Avenue and then through Carton Estate.

The walk which is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch has been an annual event since 1979. The Walk was named in honour of Tony Smith who was treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch and whose idea it was to hold an annual event for our Senior Citizens when he passed away tragically at the young age of 33 in 1982.

We would like to thank everybody who took part, all those who sponsored our walkers and the Management of Carton House for allowing us to use Carton Estate for the Walk.

All funds raised are handed over directly to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee and the handover of the proceeds will be held on Sunday April 15th at the Senior Citizens Easter Tea Dance.



Sponsored walkers with Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Town's u16A team partner with Maynooth Tidy Towns for Clean-up of Carton Avenue

Maynooth Town's u16 A team, under the guidance of their manager George Kellett, recently made a huge effort in clearing Carton Avenue of illegally dumped refuse. Items such as building materials, household waste and more unsavoury items were removed with the assistance of John Kavanagh from Maynooth Tidy Towns.



Maynooth Town's U16 team after clean-up in Carton Avenue

The initiative is part of a fundraising effort by the teenagers, to raise funds to buy team kit and equipment. The team is looking for a locally based sponsor who will obviously benefit publicly from sponsoring such a committed group of young lads.

More of these type of initiatives are planned to help the community, in which these young people live and go to school.

Ouotes from the lads;

"We couldn't believe what some people dump - bag after bag of rubbish all dumped on purpose in an area used by lots of people, especially children."

It was cold and hard work but well worth it"

The lads did themselves and their parents proud. Not many 15 / 16 year olds will get up on a Sunday morning to clear up other people's rubbish, especially when you consider the peer pressure factors too, a great bunch of lads - and thanks to John Kavanagh of Maynooth Tidy Towns for all his help in supporting this initiative"

George Kellett - Team Manager.



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

With the arrival of March can Spring be far behind, but before all that, let's look back at February, "the love month." We celebrated St. Valentine's day with the usual aplomb and a most enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended, especially Bernie Ryan and John Brady who won the "Most Romantic Couple" competition. You could certainly feel the love.

The music was provided by Brian Mc.Dermott with his special guest, his son James. Well done James, a chip of the old block.

The Tony Smith memorial Walk also took place on the day. A big thank you to Emmet, John and Dave who organise this event on behalf of the Labour Party each year, the

proceeds of which will be presented to our organisation in April.

Our next event will be all about the wearing of the green as we celebrate yet another Saint. This time of course it's Patrick, which will take place on Sunday March 18th. Now who said our "Saints and Scholars" had left us.

Our Annual Church gate collection will take place on March $10^{th} / 11^{th}$ and once again we ask for your support. Then on April 15^{th} we will celebrate Easter, but more about that anon.

Meanwhile our morning club continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Geraldine Hall. Negotiating Leinster Street can be a bit tricky at the moment so we advise caution. Thank you to all the men working there and of course Tony and Johnny who ensure that our older people arrive and leave safely.

Finally, may we extend our sympathy to the families of Hilda Dunne and Anthony Malone who passed away recently.

Suaimhneas agus Siochain Doibh.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.



Maynooth Golf Society



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Carton House TBC

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Stagg Vows to Fight Council Proposal for Car Park in Harbour Field

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has vowed to fight Kildare Co. Council's proposal to provide a 60 space car park in The Harbour Field in Maynooth.

The proposal which will have to go on Public Display was agreed to by Maynooth Municipal District Councillors at their January meeting and Labour Councillor John McGinley sought to overturn that decision at the Municipal meeting on Friday February 2nd but the Council are proceeding with the Proposal.

Emmet Stagg stated that the decision to provide the car park is scandalous and wrong for so many reasons.

ILLEGAL

When the Harbour Field was transferred to the Council by David Naul Cain in 2000, a Legal Covenant was attached stating that the Harbour Field could only be used for Community, Amenity, Sporting and Recreational Purposes and to provide accommodation for sporting clubs or other clubs engaged in leisure activities. Using the Harbour Field for a 60 space car park does not fall into any of the categories listed in the Covenant. Therefore, in Emmet's view, the Council are acting illegally.

NO NEED FOR CAR PARK

There is no need whatsoever for a car park in the Harbour Field. The existing Public Car Park on Doctor's Lane beside the Glenroyal Shopping Centre/Larine House is never full and a survey of the area in November showed 16 empty spaces every day.

The Private Car Park at Leinster Street, opposite Reilly's Funeral Home, is never full and there is ample space for parking there every day. Half of this Private Car Park is surfaced and of the 70 car park spaces, 44 were vacant at 12 noon on Thursday 8th February.

A car Park at the back of Oak Alley, at



Emmet at the Leinster Street Car Park with plenty of spaces available.

Doctor's Lane, has been developed with 103 car parking spaces. Of these 35 were required to be provided for the Pub/Restaurant. The Council have failed to take enforcement action to ensure that a minimum 35 parking spaces are made available to the public.

Irish Rail will be seeking funding in 2018 from the National Transport Authority to develop a 38 space car park south of the rail line.

Taking all of this into account there is no need for a car park in The Harbour Field and it is simply a land grab by the Council.

ZONING

The Harbour Field is zoned Open Space and Amenity under the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019. This seeks to protect the wonderful Amenity that is the Harbour Field for the Community of Maynooth.

Under the Land Use zoning matrix of the Maynooth LAP, for lands zoned Open Space and Amenity, car parks are not permitted. Therefore the Council are acting against their own Maynooth Local Area Plan, with no good cause to do so.

The Harbour Field is a great amenity for the people of Maynooth as it is central and people are free to avail of the excellent playground facilities or the large green area. Field Days, Carnivals, Maynooth Festival Events and Fairs are also held in the Harbour Field during the year. It is a Green Lung in the Heart of the Town.

PRECEDENT

If we allow the Council to construct the Car Park in the Harbour Field it would set a dangerous precedent, and Emmet feels this land grab by the Council is only the tip of the iceberg in relation to the Council's plans to destroy the Harbour Field.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg vows that he will along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, Local Area Representative Angela Feeney and members of Maynooth Labour Branch, launch a campaign against this State Sponsored Vandalism of the Harbour Field in Maynooth once the Public Consultation period commences.

We will keep the Community of Maynooth posted on this.



Emmet at the Harbour Field.



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Campaign to Save The Harbour Field

As residents will be aware Maynooth Municipal District Councillors decided to put the proposal for a car park on the Harbour Field on Public Display at their meeting on 12 January. Cllr. John McGinley was not at the meeting as he was visiting his family in New Zealand. John tried to reverse the decision at the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 February but, the Councillors decided to proceed with this crazy proposal.

The proposal will go on public display for a period of 6 weeks when the public can object. At the time of writing it has not yet gone on public display. The nine Maynooth Municipal District Councillors will make the final decision and if they agree to the car park on the field a very dangerous precedent will be created. The Council will then be able to make the car park as big as they wish and do whatever they want with what will be left of the field.

Again, for your information, Cllr. John McGinley made the following points at the meeting on 2 February:

"It is very difficult to understand why the MD engineer and some Councillors want to spend money on a car park in the amenity of the Harbour Field especially when the car park is not needed.

The existing public car park behind McMahons is never full and there were on average 16 empty spaces each day in November. Also, the private car park at Leinster Street, beside the Council Offices, is never full. Indeed, two thirds of the spaces are vacant, with room for 60 cars.

A Car Park at the back of Oak Alley, at Doctors Lane, has been developed with 103 car parking spaces. Of these 35 were required to be provided for the Pub/Restaurant itself. The Council have failed to take enforcement action to ensure that at a minimum 35 parking spaces are made available to the Public.

In addition, Irish Rail will be seeking funding in 2018 from the NTA to develop a car park with 38 car parking spaces south of the Rail Line.

When the National Transport Authority granted funding for the North South Corridor to make Leinster Street as much pedestrianized as possible, with a shared surface arrangement it is highly unlikely that they would have made the funding available if they knew that the Council were going to put a car park at the start of Leinster Street.

The Council Part 8 report on the North South Corridor states in relation to Leinster Street that:

"It is proposed to redesign this street as a shared space whilst also reducing the carriage way width and improving public lighting. This will reduce the dominance of the motor vehicle and improve pedestrian movement and comfort."

Proposing to put a car park at the start of Leinster Street totally contradicts what the Council said in the Part 8 Report. The Harbour Field is a great amenity for the people of Maynooth as it is central and people are free to avail of the excellent playground facilities or the large green area. The previous owner, the Hon. David Naul Cain, was well aware of its amenity value to the people of Maynooth when he transferred ownership to Kildare County Council some 18 years ago. He insisted on there being a legal covenant which restricts the type of development that can be permitted at the Harbour Field.

That legal covenant prohibits the field from being used for housing or a car park. In the light of this legal covenant and bearing in mind that Leinster Street is the most pedestrianized street in Maynooth and completely unsuited for a car park at the end of it, I'm asking that the proposal for the car park be dropped. Councillors did not have all of the information when they made the decision to proceed at the January meeting."

Council Confirms that Traffic Lights for Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road Junction

The Council's Director of Services again advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 February that the much need traffic lights at the Meadowbrook Link Road/ Straffan Road junction will be in place no later than the end of March.

Proposed Amendment to Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

The proposed amendment to the Maynooth LAP to facilitate the construction of the ring road from Blacklion to the Celbridge Road will go on Public Display at the end of

Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for the Re-surfacing of the Footpath from Cluain Aoibhinn to Bond Bridge Cllr. John McGinley has allocated funding from the Local Property Tax to re-surface the footpath from Cluain Aoibhinn construction of the New School. to Newtown Grove at Bond Bridge.

Cllr. John McGinley Calls for Action to be Taken on Parking on the Green Verges at Greenfield Drive:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 March: "That the Council examine what can be done to stop cars from parking on the green verge between the footpath and roadway at the start of Greenfield Estate, Maynooth."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for new Public Lights to be Installed in Maynooth Estates:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 March: When will the Council replace the existing inefficient sodium public lights in Rockfield Estate, Greenfield Estate and other estates in Maynooth, with modern white light

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Noise Reduction Barriers to be **Put at M4 Motorway**

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 March: "When will the Council start installing noise reduction barriers (where they are necessary and effective) along the M4 Motorway between Leixlip and Kilcock?"

North Kildare Gaelcholaiste to Open in September 2019 -Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in contact with the Department of Education in relation to the Opening of the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth and the appointment of a Principal for the Gaelcholaiste.

Officials have confirmed to Mr. Stagg that the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste will open in September 2019 and have also confirmed that the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board have been authorised to appoint a Principal for the Gaelcholaiste by September 1st 2018.

Welcoming the progress Mr. Stagg stated that the confirmation was great news for the many parents who have actively campaigned for the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste over the years once it became clear that Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan could not accommodate those wishing to continue their secondary education fully immersed in Irish.

Mr. Stagg stated that his colleague and former Education Minister Jan O'Sullivan TD approved the opening of a North Kildare Gaelcholaiste on 17th November, 2015, for opening in September 2019, once the Aonad opened in Maynooth Community College demonstrated sufficient viability for a Gaelcholaiste, and he was pleased that the viability has been proven.

The accommodation for the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste is likely to be the old Maynooth Post Primary School when they move to the Maynooth Education Campus in September,

Kildare North General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg welcomed the continuing progress in the establishment of the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste and he looked forward to continuing progress in the appointment of a principal for the school and the confirmation of the accommodation arrangements in the future.

Tenders for Construction of New Maynooth Educate Together School to Be Invited by March - Stagg

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

The Minister has advised Mr. Stagg that a new Design and Build Contractor Framework is currently being established and is expected to be in place shortly. Tenders will be invited for the project in Quarter 1 of this year and it is anticipated that construction will commence in Quarter 2 of 2018.

Welcoming this continuing progress with the school Mr. Stagg stated that the project remained in place to commence construction in the first half of 2018 and he again congratulated the Board of Management of the school on progressing the project to this stage.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to work commencing on the new 2 storey 16 classroom school.

Maynooth Castle to Open to Public 7 Days a Week from Mid-May - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg was in contact with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform about the number of visitors to Maynooth Castle in the past 4 years and the numbers who availed of guided

Minister of State Kevin Boxer Moran has advised that the Total Numbers who visited and availed of Guided Tours were as follows:

YEAR	TOTAL VISITORS	GUIDED TOURS
2014	25,268	15,384
2015	21,843	10,819
2016	21,892	10,091
2017	22,786	11,508

2017 - (Provisional & Subject to change)

Mr. Stagg stated that the 2017 figures, whilst subject to change, showed an increase on the 2016 figures. The Castle is open to the Public every year from Mid-May to late September and there were over 1,000 visitors to the Castle each week in 2017, and nearly 600 people weekly availed of guided tours.

Mr. Stagg was also advised that for the 2018 Visitor Season Maynooth Castle would be open seven days a week rather than the normal opening of Wednesday to Sunday every

Concluding Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he welcomed the extension of the opening of the Castle to the public for seven days a week but he reiterated that he would continue to press for the Phase 2 Restoration Works to the Castle, which would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium.

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I know that medical treatments available in Ireland can be accessed in other EU countries instead. What if I need a treatment that is not available in Ireland?

Answer

If you are entitled to public health services that **are** available in Ireland, you can access these services in the European Economic Area (EEA) and be repaid the cost under the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive.

If you are a public patient and need treatment that is **not** available to you in Ireland, you may be able to use the Treatment Abroad Scheme to get the treatment in another country in the EEA, or in Switzerland. The Scheme may provide help with your travel fare and, in some cases, the fare for a travelling companion.

You must be referred for treatment abroad by an Irish-based consultant who is treating you as a public patient. You cannot refer yourself or be referred by a GP.

You and the consultant complete an application form and include a copy of your referral letter. Your application must be approved by the Health Service Executive (HSE) before you travel or start treatment abroad. You usually get a decision on your application within 15 to 20 working days.

If your application is approved, the HSE will issue a form called E112. This authorises treatment abroad so that you do not have to make any payment to the healthcare provider. The treatment you have abroad must be in public healthcare under a registered medical practitioner.

It must be in a recognised hospital or other institution that accepts the form E112. If you don't have the form when you attend at your appointment, you may be charged and not be refunded. Any treatments or consultations that are not pre-approved will not be covered.

The Ombudsman has produced a report that suggests improvements to the application and appeals process. It recommends that, by the end of February 2018, the HSE produce a plan and schedule for making the suggested changes.

To apply for the scheme, contact the Treatment Abroad Scheme Office for an application form. You can get the contact details for your area by calling the HSE Infoline on the Callsave number 1850 24 1850 or online at hse.ie/treatment abroad.

Online Dispute Resolution

Question

What can I do if I have a problem with an item I've bought online?

Answer

If you are not happy with an item you have bought online, you should always contact the trader first to make a complaint. If you are not satisfied with their response, you may be able to get help.

If your complaint is against a trader here in Ireland, you can contact the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission for advice.

If the trader is in another EU member state, you can contact the European Consumer Centre Ireland (ECC Ireland). ECC Ireland may contact the trader and try to resolve your dispute. If this is not successful, ECC Ireland can advise you on other options.

You can also use the Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) platform. The ODR platform is operated by the European Commission for use by consumers living in the EU. It aims to help consumers and traders settle online disputes without the need to go to court. You use the platform to find a neutral third party (called a *dispute resolution body*) to handle your dispute.

You don't have to pay when you submit a complaint using the ODR platform. However, a dispute resolution body may ask you to pay a fee if it agrees to handle your case. When a dispute resolution body agrees to handle your case it will tell you what the rules are, including how much you have to pay.

The outcome can depend on the type of dispute resolution body and their rules and procedures. Some decisions may not be binding on the trader. If you disagree with the

outcome you might be able to appeal the outcome or take your case to court.

Maternity Leave

Question

I recently started working in a new job on a part-time basis. I have just learned that I am pregnant – will I be entitled to maternity leave?

Answer

If you are pregnant while in employment, you are entitled to take maternity leave. The entitlement to a basic period of maternity leave from employment applies to all female employees (including casual workers), regardless of how long you have been working for the organisation or the number of hours you work per week. You are also entitled to additional unpaid maternity leave. The Maternity Protection Acts 1994 and 2004 provide your statutory minimum entitlements in relation to maternity at work, including maternity leave.

You are entitled to 26 weeks' maternity leave together with 16 weeks additional unpaid maternity leave, which begins immediately after the end of maternity leave.

Your entitlement to pay and superannuation (pension payments) during maternity leave depends on the terms of your contract of employment. Employers are not obliged to pay women who are on maternity leave. You may qualify for Maternity Benefit from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) if you have enough PRSI contributions. However an employee's contract could provide for additional rights to payment during the leave period, so that, for example, the employee could receive full pay less the amount of Maternity Benefit payable.

If you have a dispute with your employer about maternity leave or if you have been dismissed due to a matter connected with your pregnancy or for claiming your rights under maternity leave legislation, you may make a complaint within six months of the dispute or complaint occurring. You must use the online complaint form available on workplacerelations.ie. The time limit may be extended for up to a further six months, but only where there is a reasonable cause which prevented the complaint being brought within the normal time limit.

You should apply for Maternity Benefit at least six weeks before your baby's due date. Apply to the Maternity Benefit Section of the DEASP.

Cohabiting and social welfare payments Question

I applied for a means-tested Jobseeker's Allowance, but I was told that I'm not eligible because of my partner's earnings. Why is this? We live together but we are not married and we split our expenses equally.

Answer

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) treats married and unmarried couples in the same way when assessing entitlement to a means-tested social welfare payment. It assesses the total income of the household, rather than the circumstances of the individual claimant.

If you are married or are cohabiting, the means of your spouse or partner are also taken into account. This is the case even if only one of you is actually claiming a payment. The DEASP uses detailed definitions and criteria to assess whether a couple are cohabiting and you can read these online at welfare.ie.

The way the means of a couple is assessed can differ slightly, depending on the payment being applied for. For Blind Pension, State Pension (Non-Contributory) and Carer's Allowance, the DEASP adds all of your means together and then halves the total to get the assessable means for each of you. For Jobseeker's Allowance, Disability Allowance, and Farm Assist, the DEASP adds all your combined means together and then assesses the total against the maximum household payment for your circumstances.

If your partner is getting a social welfare payment in their own right, then your means are taken to be half of the total means of yourself and your partner.

Sometimes a certain amount of income, or income from particular sources, is not taken into account. This is called an income disregard. For example, a certain amount of income from employment can be disregarded.

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Maynooth Train Station

Again in the Dáil I have raised the need to extend the parking facilities at the train station. The car park of the train station requires an urgent extension as currently it is reaching and surpassing its capacity. It is very disappointing that the Minister has stated that the National Transport Authority will be examining the situation regarding the car park next year having raised this in the Dáil with him. However, I will continue to press the Minister on this topic and work to have a resolution sooner.

Rural Road Maintenance

I was keen to speak on my party's motion to call on the Minister for Transport to improve rural roads across Ireland. This motion involves the deplorable state of rural roads throughout the country. I fully support this motion which aims to greatly improve the condition of Ireland's primary transport infrastructure. I am well aware of concerns regarding some of the rural roads providing entry to Maynooth. I have brought these roads to the councils attention for immediate work.

Waste Reduction Bill

I recently had the opportunity to speak in favour of the Waste Reduction Bill at Committee Stage. Not long ago, I met with Margaret Brady of Zeus Packaging and learned of their new product, the first compostable coffee cups. These cups are biodegradable and can be disposed of in a brown bin with other compostable waste. The technology and products are already there and all that remains is to support them in the marketplace. This is just one measure taken to alleviate the high levels of waste that are attained. This will help to keep Maynooth Town free of litter with the continued efforts of Maynooth Tidy Towns and Maynooth University students who organise clean-up groups. I would like to acknowledge their efforts.

Temporary Closing of Roads

There will be a temporary closing of Leinster Street as Kildare County Council continues to work on the area. Leinster Street, Maynooth from the Main Street traffic lights to as far as the Harbour field on working days (8 a.m. until 6 p.m.) during the period between Tuesday the 20th February until Saturday the 3 March.

The closure is necessary in order to facilitate the completion of the final surface course on Leinster Street as part of the full Leinster Street renewal project. Pedestrian access to the train station and harbour area will remain available. However, the carpark on Leinster Street will be inaccessible during this period. Access to the Fire Station and Primary Care HSE facility will be maintained.

National Broadband Plan in Tatters

There remains only one tender in for the National Broadband Plan, which was intended to bring broadband to rural homes in the constituency. The Government has complicated the process so much that it has become next to impossible for potential bidders to respond in a commercially viable way. The question that Government need to answer is are they serious about rolling out broadband to rural communities, and are they prepared to pay for it?

This represents an unmitigated failure on the part of Government, and leaves over 540,000 households in serious limbo. I do not believe that the current tender process can continue with just one bidder involved. Minister Naughten has presided 20 months of failure in terms of the National Broadband Plan since he became Minister. The Government must act now to ensure that those without broadband or have little coverage are catered for in the coming months.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 26/1/18 to 26/2/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
18169	Kildare County Council	Glenveagh Homes Limited,	Unit K8, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/02/2018
18161	Kildare County Council	Ciaran Hyland and Alison Sheridan,	16 Parklands Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	16/02/2018
18157	Kildare County Council	Ronan Anglin,	19 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/02/2018
18148	Kildare County Council	Michael Power	74 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	14/02/2018
18143	Kildare County Council	Fergal and Carol Anne Campion	84 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	13/02/2018
18120	Kildare County Council	Patrick Fallon	Ballycurraghan, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	07/02/2018
1897	Kildare County Council	Bart Glebe Holdings Unlimited Company,	Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	01/02/2018
1888	Kildare County Council	Zhi Wen Chen	10 Main Street and Buckley's Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	30/01/2018
1878	Kildare County Council	Padhraic and Claire Corcoran	1 Castlepark View, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	26/01/2018



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Improved Bus Services for Kilcock now set for March says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed that Bus Éireann will provide additional services for Kilcock Bus commuters, on Route 115, in late March. Deputy O'Rourke has campaigned for this improved service over the last year.

"The core Bus Éireann frequency to/from Kilcock will increase to every 30mins throughout the day with lower frequencies after 7pm. We have seen the numbers using public transport from Kilcock increasing in recent years." "The implementation date is now planned for late March. I had hoped that this would have been provided before now, but at last Bus Éireann have confirmed an implementation date." "We have seen improvements in the frequency on Route 115 over the last year or so. However additional services are needed and I am delighted that these additional services will now be provided. We also need to improve the rail service to Kilcock and I intend to continue to make representations to have this service improved."

"We now have a fairer fare structure for Kilcock rail commuters following the inclusion of Kilcock location in the Short Hop Zone, an orbital Bus Route linking Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth will be put in place by the end of March, and a park and ride location is now agreed for Kilcock. Once we have a regular and reliable public transport service, we will attract more public transport users." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Loan sales to unaccountable vulture funds should not go ahead – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke says the proposed sale of a vast swathe of loans by Irish banks to unregulated and unaccountable vulture funds should not proceed.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "It is evident that banks have shown very little willingness to work through their non-performing loan book. Instead of selling their loan book and outsourcing their dirty work to vulture funds, the banks should be providing sustainable and reasonable solutions for customers willing to cooperate with them.

"It is clear now that vulture funds are lining up to buy portfolios of loans from the main banks in Ireland. It is expected that these portfolios will involve SME loans and buy -to-let investment properties. However, the Government has allowed these funds to go completely unregulated in Ireland.

"Recently it has emerged that both AIB and Permanent TSB are taking steps to sell large swathes of their mortgage loan books to unregulated vulture funds. The Government has the power to stop this from occurring considering the Irish State has a majority stake holding in both banks.

"These vulture funds are accountable to nobody and are completely beyond the reach of the Central Bank. There are many families who are in distress with their mortgages who are living in fear of losing their homes as they find it impossible to engage with these firms. Their sole interest is in the property, they take no account of social concerns.

"Fianna Fáil is opposed to the banks selling their loans to unregulated vulture funds. The banks should not be selling Irish loans to unregulated vulture funds. We will be bringing forward legislation to ensure these sales do not take place," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Commitment to Additional Rail Fleet which is Needed to Improve Rail Service says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed that the National Transport Authority (NTA) and Irish Rail have agreed to review their Rail Fleet capacity in light of the increased demand on our rail services at peak times. "Since being elected. I have made repeated representations to

"Since being elected, I have made repeated representations to have the level of service improved on both our rail and bus routes for commuters in North Kildare." "While we have received a commitment that there will be an increase off peak services on both the Maynooth and Kildare Lines, we need increased capacity at peak times. However Irish Rail's fleet is now at maximum capacity at peak times." "Following my representations, I have been informed that the NTA and Irish Rail will review their fleet capacity with a view to seeking investment in additional new fleet. I am hopeful that the procurement of the new fleet, which will increase the train capacity at peak times, will commence this year."

"We are making progress in relation to our public transport; better bus services are on the way, a Park & Ride is to be provided in Kilcock and an orbital bus route from Naas to Blanchardstown servicing Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth will be in place by the end of March."

"As travelling to Dublin City Centre is becoming more challenging by car, we need to provide additional public transport services. I will continue to make representations to have further improvements put in place," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

More Government focus on roll out of Broadband needed says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said that it's time for the Government to intervene and bring clarity to the roll out of the National Broadband Plan as delays persist in the roll out of broadband connections in rural areas in County Kildare. Deputy O'Rourke recently met with residents in rural parts of Kildare to discuss the problems associated with lack of Broadband service.

"More than 13,000 homes and businesses, or 15% of the total, across the County of Kildare fall under "State led intervention" category for roll out of Broadband. Some of these homes and businesses are within a few kilometres of major IT Multinational companies and could face waits for another 3 to 5 years to secure high speed broadband."

"The Government's record on broadband provision is disgraceful. The National Broadband Plan was launched in 2012 and it was due to be completed by 2016. We now hear from the Minister that it could be 2023 before it is fully rolled out nationally."

"High quality broadband is crucial for small businesses, and for many families and young people where there is an increasing opportunity to work from home or a requirement to access the internet for educational needs. It is no longer a luxury commodity, it is as essential as water or electricity." "Locally, Kildare Co Co has appointed a senior official as its Broadband officer. This is bringing focus to the roll out of high speed broadband across the county. However nationally the Government's action is at best lazy and is negligent. Government focus is needed on this issue to shorten the proposed timeline for the roll out of the plan." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Lifesaving equipment should be extended to all Type 1 Diabetes sufferers - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has called on the Minister for Health Simon Harris to make lifesaving monitoring equipment available to all Type 1 Diabetes sufferers.

Type 1 Diabetes sufferers have to monitor their blood glucose levels on a regular basis and currently need to perform invasive finger-prick blood testing up to 10 times a day.

A new device called the FreeSyle Libre allows Type 1 diabetes sufferers to carry out easier and more effective testing.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Last month I called on Minister Harris to include this important lifesaving equipment under the Long-Term Illness Scheme. This scheme provides financial assistance to patients in covering the cost of the equipment that they need to monitor their illness. Following my request Minister Harris included the FreeStyle Libre

equipment for children and young adults, although he has failed to indicate who exactly falls into this category.

"Earlier this week I raised this matter again in the Dáil with the Government. I pressed them to extend the scheme to all Type 1 Diabetes sufferers. At the moment, there are 20,000 adults suffering from Type 1 Diabetes. None of these adults are covered under the scheme as it is currently restricted to children and young adults. This does not make sense when you consider Type 1 Diabetes is not restricted by age - adults continue to suffer from it throughout their lives.

"FreeStyle Libre costs approximately €120 a month. This is a significant cost for patients and means that many people who would benefit from using the equipment simply cannot do so due to the high cost associated with it. Minister Harris needs to recognise that the equipment should be covered for all sufferers of Type 1 Diabetes, including adults. It should not just be restricted to children and young adults.

"There is also an issue with the criteria for the scheme for children and young adults. Only those who are currently using the prick-finger test are included in the scheme. Those who are using insulin pumps are unable to access the scheme, despite the fact that the HSE has indicated a preference for insulin pumps down through the year. There is no joined-up thinking with the current policy. People who follow the advice of the HSE should not be penalised.

"This is something which I will continue to raise with Minister Harris and his Government colleagues. This equipment is revolutionary and lifesaving. It should be included in the Long-Term Illness Scheme for all Type 1 Diabetes sufferers without delay. 13,000 people have signed a petition calling for this and I believe Minister Harris should meet with representatives of this campaign without delay. He needs to hear first-hand the concerns that they have," concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Grants of €10k available to employers to hire over 50s says O'Rourke but scheme needs co-ordination

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the government's move to provide an incentive to employers to hire people over 50, but said that the revised Jobs Plus scheme needs better marketing and co-ordination.

"Under the Jobs Plus Scheme, from the 1st of January 2018, grants of €10k will be available to employers if they employ people who are over 50 years of age, that have been on the live register, and unemployed for at least 312 days in the previous 18 months."

"There are barriers for older people returning to work and we must reduce these barriers. The Jobs Plus scheme has been refocussed, and now employers are entitled to a subsidy of €10,000 who hire people over 50 years of age."

"Jobs Plus is a cash incentive to employers who offer fulltime jobs to the long-term unemployed. We must incentivise employers to hire people who are over 50. Older people can be discriminated against.. However, the skills and knowledge that they possess can be very beneficial for businesses and younger generations that are working."

"We must start to promote a positive image of older people in the workforce. This change to the Jobs Plus Scheme is a step in the right direction. However, I believe that the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection needs to bring more co-ordination to the scheme and match those looking for work to employers who are seeking employees."

"As our population ages, we must start to refocus our benefits and supports to ensure that older people are valued in both the work environment and in our community. I will continue to raise the importance of these types of supports for older people" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



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RCAG will certainly oppose the proposal by Kildare County Council to build "temporary" car parking in a section of the Harbour Field. We all know that "temporary" is a misuse of language, and if the proposal succeeds, it can only go one way in the future and that is certainly not in the reverse direction.

Kildare Animal Foundation (KAF) will hold a Dog Show in the Harbour Field during the Royal Canal Greenway Festival. KAF points out that the grass field is the ideal venue as a hard surface hurts the dogs' paws.

THE ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY

Work is progressing well. Please keep up to date with developments by logging on to our site: royalcanal.ie and royalcanalgreenway.ie.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

February 18th was a Red Letter Day in the history of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band when we performed in the Chapel of St. Patrick's College Maynooth for the very first time.

Joined by Maynooth Parish Choir under their Conductor Sarah Darlington the concert included

a selection of well known religious and semi classical music which was greatly appreciated by the large audience. Pieces included were Cavalleria Rusticana, Gabriel's Oboe and The Holy City among others. The Band and Choir came together at the end of the concert with two beautiful pieces, Hymn to the Fallen with A Gaelic Blessing as an encore to end a really memorable evening of music.

March is one of the busiest months of the year for the band and it begins with a parade in Dunboyne on Sunday 11th while our marathon marching session on St. Patrick's Day begins with the Maynooth Parade at 11am followed by the Kilcock Parade at 1.30 and finishing up with the Clane Parade, which we have not done for a number of years, at 3pm. In between all of that we will be stopping off at Manor Mills, who again have kindly sponsored the Band for the Maynooth Parade, at 12.15 to help get the presentation of prizes and other Festival Fun events under way.

The Band has a very busy programme lined up for this year the details of which will be unfolded through the Newsletter on a monthly basis.

As always we welcome musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to join us in the Band Hall any Monday night (except Bank Holidays) between 7.45 and 9.45 and you will indeed be made welcome. We hope to start beginner's classes on all instruments next September so watch this space for the starting date.



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad 🕥



Hello again, from Craobh Mhaigh Nuad and readers of our monthly journal.

Lessons are in full swing, the blip around the school musical notwithstanding and preparations are building towards the fleadh, which represents the culmination of this year's efforts.

Bhí paráid mhór' BEO, GAEILGE AGUS BRÓDÚIL' ar siúl sa chathair Dé Sathairn ar an 3ú Márta chun 2018 -Bliain na Gaeilge a cheiliúradh, Tosaigh sé ar Sraid Parnell ag 12pm agus táthar ag tnúth le 4000 daoine. Ba mhór le Bliain na Gaeilge 2018 go ghlacfadh na craobhanna go léir páirt sa paráid seo. Bhí an lá go hiontach le cúpla mar bhí na h-uirlísí cheoil linn chun cúpla phort a sheinnt.

Looking forward to 2018 and a wider program of cultural events around Gaeilge.

For our Cúinne an Cheoltóra this week, we're chatting with Síle Flood, a long time branch member and one of our finest flute players.

Name: Sile Flood - Age: 16

Instruments & how long have you been playing?

I have been playing Tin Whistle for 8 years and I took up the flute 6 years ago, while I've been playing, guitar for the last 2 yrs.

Best memory of playing music:

My favourite memory was playing for Radio na Gaeltachta in Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich

Biggest influence on my music career My Nana

Best musician you know:

My Nana, Phyl Lawless

What do you like best about playing music?

It's fun and I like learning new tunes Looking forward to March, we have one of the centrepieces of the year with the upcoming St. Patrick's Day festival – expect some foot tapping, musical excellence again this year and give us a wave and a Hup! if you see us!

We're usually in Maynooth GAA the last Sunday of the month, and our adult slow session runs every 2 weeks, so get in touch if you'd like to participate in these even if you're not a branch member. All are welcome!

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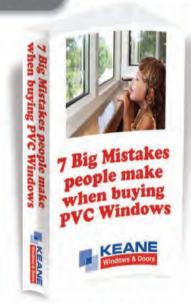
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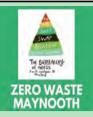
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Zero Waste Maynooth

There are five Rs that are the foundation to Zero Waste – Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot (Compost). Last month's article looked at Refuse. This month we are going to skip to the fourth R – Recycle!

The Community Space was a Zero Waste hotspot at the end of January when Zero Waste Maynooth and Tidy Towns organised an event which included a workshop on recycling by VOICE. During the event people could buy loose dried goods in their own containers from Bare Necessities, chat about modern cloth nappies with the Kildare Cloth Nappy Library, discuss simple swaps that could be made to reduce plastic consumption in their everyday lives and see what cafes are participating in the Conscious Cup Campaign. Some organised their weekly shop around the event as Coyne's Butchers and Masterson's Fruit and Veg are happy for customers to use their own containers and bags.

The workshop was given by Triona, a recycling ambassador with VOICE. The new recycling rules can be confusing so the workshop focused on items that can be put in the bin, rather than creating a long list of non-acceptable items. Here are some of the main points of the workshop:

- 1. Anything that goes into your recycling bin needs to be **clean, dry and loose.**
- Items in your green bin should be clean enough that you would be happy to empty them onto your kitchen table.
- It is important to put the items in loose or the machines are unable to sort items into the different recycling categories. So no more need to buy bin liners to hold your recycling!
- 2. <u>Paper, cardboard, tins and cans and rigid plastics</u> are all that can be put in your recycling bin. The website <u>recyclinglistireland.ie</u> gives a good explanation of allowed items.
- Soft plastics can't be put in the bin so be sure to remove the soft plastic labels from milk bottles before putting in recycling!
- 3. Different bin companies say that they take different items. However, just because they take an item doesn't mean that they can recycle it. There is a big difference between "recyclable" and "recycled". *Recyclinglistireland.ie* gives a good explanation of why we have a new list.

Our next event will be run in conjunction with Tidy Towns WEEE collection on Saturday 24th March. Once you have dropped off your electrical goods for recycling, come up to the Community Space from 1.30 to buy some loose dried goods, learn about cloth nappies, attend a workshop on making your own cleaning supplies and, of course, enjoy some tea and coffee (and some yummy homemade cookies!!)

Follow us on Facebook to hear about our events!



Sunday 11th March 2018



Maynooth Tidy Towns wishes to sympathise with Marian and the Cawley family on the death of their father Tom.

Also wish to smypathise with the Dunne family on the death of Hilda who was a great supporter of Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Maynooth Tidy Towns will commence work in March on our 2018 campaign to keep the Gold Medal.



We took part in a campaign to plant thousands of trees (Trees of our Land) nationally on Saturday 10th February at 8.30 am. We planted approx. 500 whips, which are small trees about 2 to 3 feet tall and are suitable for hedge planting. Trees for the Land and are propagated from native Irish stock, which is important in the context of the Irish ecosystem. We had fifteen volunteers helping out and it took two and a half hours to complete the task. "Many hands make light work". Some hedging was also planted in Kingsbry and Castledawson by residents of those estates.

We planted both sides of the wooden fence opposite Spar in Beaufield. The varieties planted were, Hawthorn, also known as Whitethorn, Blackthorn, Birch, Rowan, Hazel, Alder and Holly. It will be maintained as a hedgerow in the future and will benefit the whole ecosystem, providing nesting habitats and food for birds and shelter for small animals.

We started hedgerow planting in Maynooth last year and we hope to continue in the future creating corridors for all wildlife. The long term aim is to replace much of the hedges we have lost over the years to building, road construction and other developments. We wish to thank Spar in Beaufield Shopping Centre for refreshments and all who helped us on the day. More trees were planted on Saturday 18^{th} February along the banks of the Royal Canal.

WEEE Ireland will be in Maynooth on Saturday 24th March from 10am to 4pm in

the Tesco Carpark for recycling of any item with a plug or battery. Looking forward to seeing you all on St. Patrick`s Day in the Parade.



Maynooth Town Soccer Club U16 boys were very busy Sunday morning 11th February helping to make Carton Avenue a better recreational area for all our residents to walk. Thanks to George Kellett for getting in touch and supervising the boys. With some help from our Chairman John Kavanagh. Tidy Towns Volunteers in the making. In their picture you can see some of the proceeds from the clean up. A lot more than just litter. We really appreciate the hard work and effort.

Zero Waste Maynooth had a very successful Information programme held in January in the Community Space at which some of our Volunteers attended.

Some of Maynooth Tidy Towns Volunteers recently went to see Thornton's recycling plant in action. Volunteers will start back in late March with their clean up on Saturday mornings starting time is 10am. Also Sunday morning clean ups will commence on March 18th @ 7.45am.

Anyone who wishes to help Maynooth Tidy Towns can contact us on 087 3153189 or see us on Facebook or Twitter.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

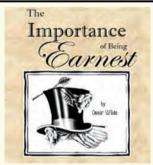


As I am sure you are aware, An Nuadha Players is proudly presenting **The Importance of Being Earnest** this coming April.

We are looking for some volunteers for set building, stage crew and front of house. If you feel you are in a position to give us some of your time to help us out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be set building from the $31^{\rm st}$ March for that weekend in the Presentation girls school Maynooth. All welcome! We will also need people to do stage crew and front of house for the nights of the show $(4^{\rm th}-7^{\rm th}$ April)

If you are free for any of the above please email me back or text/call on 085-7830942 with your availability

Thanking you in advance and Kind Regards Amy Douglas, Secretary, An Nuadha Players. As Amy says An Nuadha Players are pushing out the boat to get the best from Wilde's greatest play. We will meet in the drawing room for cigars and brandy to discuss it. Wilde and Bosey may turn up but I believe they are in Paris for the weekend.



If you were thinking of treading the boards, this is a great opportunity to start. You meet like-minded people – have lots of fun - remember fun?

I had fun once – it was the last summer before the war. I was a wing commander in the RAF. I met this beautiful English rose, a lovely woman who had these amazing --- no no this is none of your business, what goes on in the spitfire stays in the spitfire.

The good news for Maynooth is we are getting another set of traffic lights. We now have as many red lights as Amsterdam.

Mind the Trams – March 2018 Terry Nealon

Tidy Towns Maynooth and Zero Waste Maynooth

Zero Waste Event

Saturday 24th March Community Space 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm

Natural Products Cleaning Workshop @2.30pm

Bare Necessities plastic free shopping

Kildare Cloth Nappy Library

WEEE Public Collection Day Household Electrical Goods 10am - 4pm Tesco carpark Maynooth



Maynooth Local History Group

Maynooth Local History Group held its monthly meeting on the 25 January last. Those present spent a few moments remembering the late Hilda Dunne with great affection and the trojan work she did on behalf of the Group, and Maynooth, in raising awareness of our rich local and national history and heritage.

In order to honour her and the work she undertook in ensuring that the Presentation Sisters' burial ground in Maynooth remained undisturbed, it was suggested that the committee would organise an event during Heritage Week in 2018 to acknowledge her work in this regard. It was also agreed that Rita Edwards (Secretary) would write to Mr Loughlin Dunne and family in order to express the Group's sincere condolences on Hilda's death. Then members of the committee stood for a minute's silence in her memory. May she rest in peace.

Rita Edwards Secretary



MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 17th MARCH 2018 FÉILE LÁ FHÉILE PHÁDRAIG MHAIGH NUAD 17Ú MÁRTA 2018



As we enter into a new season, we can now look forward to one of the biggest events in the Maynooth Calendar - the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is the 33rd annual parade to take place in Maynooth and we are continuing with the tradition of having a theme.

This year's theme is - Medieval Maynooth.

The town that we all know and love was once the capital of Ireland during Medieval times under the Fitzgerald Clann on behalf of the British Crown. What's most interesting about the Fitzgeralds was that they were apparently "more Irish than the Irish themselves".

The biggest landmark in our town is Maynooth Castle and over recent years it has become more of a focal point for the local community with our Summer Festival and free tours provided by the OPW.

In preparing for this year's parade, we ask that all groups consider dressing up in Medieval costumes and really taking the theme to heart. There is an award for the best portrayal of the theme along with other awards, such as Best Commercial Float and Environmental Awareness.

The organisation of the parade is done by a committee of Maynooth Community Council CLG and by the office staff as part of their training on a Community Employment Scheme. While the preparation for the event takes months of behind the scenes work, we always need some extra hands on the day. The average attendance at our annual parade is approx 5,000 people and with this we need people to volunteer as stewards. If you are available for two hours on the day, please get in touch with the office.

Events such as this cost money and we are very lucky to have sponsorship from Kildare County Council and our local businesses, without which we could not operate. We are thankful for every donation we receive and we encourage people to support these local businesses.

As always, the parade starts at Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11am, making its way towards the Main Street and finishing in Tesco car park. The awards ceremony takes place afterwards at **1pm** in Manor Mills Shopping Centre where there is a Family Fun Day organised by the centre with dancing, face painting and music.

I look forward to seeing you on the day. Beir Bua, - Naoise Ó Cearúil - Parade Organiser



Invitation to all Veterans of the Defence Forces & The International Military Community in Ireland

This is an open invitation for Military Veterans to join and take part as the colour party and marching body in the Maynooth 2018 St Patrick's Day parade

Forming up on Saturday 17th March at 10:30 hrs at the **Greenfield Shopping Car Park**

maynoothveteransgroup@gmail.com







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Sunday April 22nd @11am St Patrick's College Maynooth.

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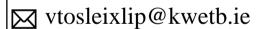
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Maynooth Boys proud to represent Ireland in Olympic Handball European Championships

Maynooth will be well represented is the upcoming M18 EHF European Championships which take place in Austria in August this year. Olympic Handball in a growing sport internationally and has been growing steadily in Ireland in recent years. Thanks to the passion, skill and hard work of one Maynooth resident, Olena Karpenko, Olympic Handball is now a well-established sport in the town.

Olena introduced Olympic Handball to our national schools back in 2001 and the sport has been active in the local schools ever since, with school tournaments for North Kildare Primary schools taking place every year in Confey. A number of players who started with Olena in primary school are now members of the National Senior Men's Team who recently competed in the Emerging Nations Trophy in Bulgaria.

Olena currently coaches the girls' senior team in Maynooth, many of whom will no doubt take their place on the women's National team which is soon to be established by the IOHA (Irish Olympic Handball Association).

Olympic Handball faces many challenges however as it tries to fight its corner as a real alternative to the existing popular sports. There are currently few youth teams in Ireland for competitive tournaments at home. However, both boys and girls teams have enjoyed trips abroad to various Handball tournaments.

Many Maynooth boys attended the Irish U18/U16 camp in Warrington last November (Photo: Below Left).

The Maynooth girl's team is just back from their trip to Liverpool and Chester where they won in a tournament (Photo: Below Right).

Olympic Handball is a fast and exciting game which requires speed, strength and agility. Its great advantage in the Irish climate is that it is an indoor sport so there is never a need to check the weather before togging out for a game and no fear that a match may be cancelled due to pitch conditions.

The next big event for Irish Olympic Handball is the Under 18s EHF European Championships in Austria. No less than six members of the MEC (Maynooth Education Campus) boys' team will take part in this event. Local resident, Hartmut Krahn, who coaches the MEC boys' team also manages the M18 national team.

As with many sports funding is a key element to make it happen, and a Handball fundraiser has been started by the Maynooth players. Any contributions to help send our boys to Austria are very welcome. Please email fundingolympichandball@gmail.com for more information.

For further information on Handball in Maynooth please contact Olena Karpenko (olena.karpenko@gmail.com) or Hartmut Krahn (hartmut@mgx.ie).





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Maynooth Castle Keep Art Exhibition Celebrating 20 years!

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announce that their annual Art
Exhibition will be held in the
Maynooth Education Campus
on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th
of April from 12-5pm.
The exhibition is open to the
public and is free.

All welcome.

Referendum – Repeal of the 8th Amendment to the Constitution

The Editorial Board of this publication has made the decision that the "Maynooth Newsletter" will not carry any material in connection with the referendum on the repeal of the 8th Amendment. It is a requirement that all publications ensure that they provide equal opportunity and balance in their coverage of all opinions, in this important decision, which is likely to be put to the people of Ireland in a referendum in May.

Therefore, the decision has been taken that this publication will not carry any articles, letters, advertisements or notice of events associated with the referendum. In addition, we request that all regular contributors do not include any references to the 8th amendment. If material is received it will be amended accordingly.

This policy will ensure that we do not unintentionally breach the reporting standards necessary in these circumstances. Giving this clear guidance means that all contributions received for publication will be easily assessed and that all contributors have advance notice of our policy in this matter.

Paul Croghan Editor

Safe Online Shopping Campaign

An Garda Síochána in association with the Banking & Payments Federation of Ireland and Retail Excellence are launching the S.O.S. (Safe Online Shopping) campaign.

Online Shopping & Fraud Statistics

(Sources: Banking & Payments Federation Ireland, CSO quarterly household survey July 2017, PWC, Total Retail Survey 2017, Visa Consumer Index, January 2017; Retail Ireland/IBEC survey 2017.)

- €41 billion spent worldwide on Credit & Debit Cards issued in Ireland in 2016
- €13.2 billion or 32% spent on line in 2016
- Downward trend in card fraud. €20.8 million in card fraud in Ireland first half 2016 compared to €16.6m gross in card fraud in Ireland first half 2017
- 79% of people shopping online did not experience any problems
- 2% cited problems with fraudulent activity
- 30% of Consumers will use their mobile phones as their main shopping tool
- 15.4% increase in online purchases December 2016
- Over 50% of Irish people shopping online

Advice for Online Consumers

Detective Superintendent Michael Gubbins, Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau, said "An Garda Síochána and its partners in Europol are actively targeting cybercrimes such as online fraud. The public need to be aware that the proceeds from these fraudulent activities go to fund organised criminal gangs."

He advised online consumers to follow the 12 Golden Rules of Safe Online Shopping -

The DO's

- Only buy from trusted sources, shops or brands that you are familiar with.
- Use credit cards when purchasing things online.
- Make sure the data transfer is appropriately protected. Look for the padlock symbol .
- Think twice before allowing e-merchant stores to store your payment details.
- Be aware how to control the recurring charge if paying for a continuous service online.
- Always save all documents related to your online purchases.

The DON'Ts

- If you are not buying a specific product or service, don't submit your card details.
- Avoid doing your online shopping at sites that don't use full authentication.
- Never send your Card number, PIN or any other card information to anyone by email.
- When purchasing something online from another person, do not send money up front.
- Never send your card details in an unencrypted email.
- Don't send money to anyone you don't know online

REMEMBER

Regularly check statements and transactions for any frauds or suspicious activity. If you have a suspicion about an online transaction check your account online to ascertain if the payment was made to the genuine retailer.

Report suspicious transactions to your local Garda station and to your bank or card processor.

Online Card Fraud

The Internet provides a safe and convenient forum for people to shop and communicate with friends and family. A recent CSO household survey found that 79% of people who made purchases on line did not experience any problems, while just 2% reported fraudulent activity.

Market research suggests that more and more people are conducting their shopping online with 30% of consumers expecting to use their mobile phone as their main shopping tool in the future. December 2016 saw an increase of 15.4% in online purchases with over 50% of Irish people shopping online, most of whom purchased or sold goods and services with no difficulty. However, in a small number of cases, difficulties do arise and fraud results in users losing money or having their credit/debit card details being compromised. Overall fraud on card payments is relatively low, but of the fraud that occurs, since the introduction of Chip and PIN, *card not present fraud* has accounted for the bulk of card fraud. The most common methods for criminals to steal card data are by skimming, email (phishing) scams or phone (vishing or smishing) scams. (see notes below)

In 2016, €41 billion was spent on debit and credit cards issued in Ireland. €13.2 billion or 32% of this was spent online. There is a clear downward trend in card fraud, when the first six months of 2016 and 2017 are compared, with €20.8 million in card fraud in 2016 versus €16.6 million gross card fraud in 2017.

Detective Garda Jim O'Meara of the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau, said: "We had noticed a sharp rise in the level of Card Not Present fraud activity from 2015 to 2016, thankfully a downward trend in this type of fraud is noticeable for the first six months of last year. We would caution people to protect their personal and financial details online. If purchasing online only trust your own Wi-Fi networks as opposed to public Wi-Fi where you could be vulnerable to having your payment card details compromised and then sold on the dark web. Here, they can be accessed by criminals who go on to use the compromised payment card details either online, over the phone, or even through mail order transactions." Niamh Davenport, Fraud Awareness and Payments Manager, Banking & Payments Federation Ireland, advised consumers and businesses, "that it is often a simple or easy measure that people can take to protect against fraud and it is important that consumers know

these to avoid being vulnerable to fraudsters. FraudSMART.ie top tips include - Never give your personal details or banking security details such as full banking password, codes /logon details, or PIN to anyone. - Be wary of unexpected emails, calls or texts. Always independently check the person is who they say they are before engaging with them and as always - If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

Further advice/information

www.europol.europa.eu for advice on crime and golden rules of safe online shopping www.garda.ie for crime prevention advice and contact details of local Garda Stations www.FraudSMART.ie for advice of fraud prevention

www.retail.excellence.ie for advice for retailers

https://thecai.ie/your-rights Consumer Association of Ireland

*Notes on email (phishing) scams or phone (vishing or smishing) scams.

The following are the most common by which criminals can obtain payment card details. Skimming usually occurs at ATM machines and happens when criminals place a device on or into the card slot of the ATM machine. This device has been made to read the details contained on the magnetic strip on the rear of the payment card. In addition to this a covert camera is concealed on the outside of the ATM and is positioned to record the ATM user inputting their PIN number on the PIN pad of the ATM. Although this is the most common method of skimming it should be noted that skimming can occur anywhere there is a device to read a payment card, i.e. ticket vending machines, and petrol pumps. In addition, payment cards can also be skimmed using small handheld card readers.

Phishing is where criminals send unsolicited emails to individuals which purport to have been sent from genuine businesses or individuals. The purpose of these emails is to induce the individuals to reveal personal information such as payment card details, bank account numbers and personal security data. Phishing emails usually appear to have been sent from financial institutions and instruct the recipient to follow a link to a fraudulent website which requests personal and financial information be inputted.

Vishing or Voice Phishing is the criminal practice of using social engineering techniques over the phone in order to obtain the personal, financial or security data from individuals. Social engineering can be described as human to human interaction which attempts to exploit vulnerabilities in human nature in an attempt to obtain personal information.

Smishing or SMS Phishing is a phishing attack whereby a mobile phone user receives an SMS (text) message which purports to have been sent from a genuine business or individual. This message attempts to induce the recipient to follow a link to a website which appears to be legitimate but in under the control of the criminal organisation. This website then requests personal and financial information to be inputted.



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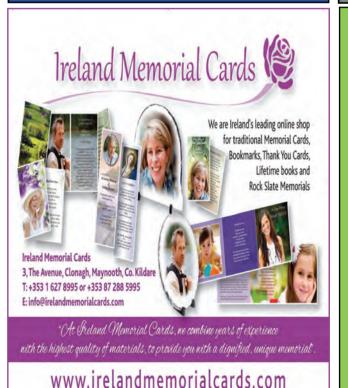


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Crime Prevention Information Sheet Home Security Doors

Door Security

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

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



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

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

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

Hardwood Doors

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

uPVC and Aluminium and Composite Doors

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

Timber-faced steel-reinforced doors

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

Door Security Features

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

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

Door Security & Standards

It is recommended that all external entry/exit doors are designed to withstand forced intrusion to an acceptable level. Doors manufactured to comply with the European standard I.S. EN 1627:2011 or the British security standard for doors & windows PAS 24 -2016 or equivalent are recommended as these will have been subjected to specific security and burglar resistance tests.

Currently, most doors fitted to houses will not conform to these standards. The ideal domestic secure door will incorporate most or all of the following security features:

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

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

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

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

Letterboxes

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

Patio Doors

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

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

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

Internal Doors

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

Keys

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

Garages, Sheds & Side Gates

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

Fire Precautions

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

Remember!

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

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

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National Development Plan

Last week the Government went ahead and launched the new National Development Plan to a lot of bells and whistles. The launch took place in Sligo which was yet another way for Government to try and convince rural Ireland that they are on their side. Government has failed to recognise that this plan has neglected what are termed commuter belt towns where most of the development has focused in recent years, leaving inadequate services for these areas. The fact that the new development plan has not made any link with the previous National Spatial Strategy means that areas such as ours or other areas where there have been large scale developments or where huge tracts of land have been zoned for development, will lose out because there will not be the funding or the focus to provide the necessary services.

For example, we already see how much our commuter services are struggling to deal with the capacity – just last month I received replies from the Minister for Transport telling me that there will be no funding for extra carriages or trains on the commuter route despite many people telling me that the rail commute from parts of Kildare into Dublin is like being a sardine in a tin. I have made significant submissions to the Local Area Development Plans as well as to the National Plan and the main thrust of these submissions is always to try and make authorities aware of how increased development will impact on the existing areas and why associated services must be delivered if extra population capacity is to be sustainable. There is no evidence now that will be the case. There has been no knitting together of ideas from the previous National Spatial Strategy and the most current National Development Plan and as a result schools, health services and transport routes in the main urban growth areas, will always be under pressure and it will be a case of crisis management rather than strategic planning.

Jobpath Scheme

JobPath is an employment activation service provided by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection which is supposed to assist jobseekers on the live register in finding employment.

Under Jobpath, private recruitment companies are paid a fee once they secure employment for a long-term unemployed person, defined as someone who has spent

a year or longer on the Live Register. Turas Nua & Seetec are the private companies with the contract to provide the service.

The cost of the scheme to the taxpayer has risen from €1.2m in 2015 to €54m in 2017. In total €34 million has been spent on the scheme with just an 18% success rate. When vast amounts of public money is being spent on private companies I believe we have to be assured that we are getting the best possible value for money and I am not confident that is the case at the moment when it comes to JobPath.

I have previously raised some concerns in the Dáil regarding JobPath, and in particular, Seetec Ltd, one of the companies contracted to run the programme. I raised these concerns as a number of people had come forward to me with negative experiences of JobPath and in particular some cases where the person sourced their own employment but Seetec claimed credit for it.

While I am sure that many people have had positive experiences of JobPath it would be useful for me to have an understanding of people's experiences, both good and bad on JobPath so if you have participated on the scheme I would be very happy to hear from you.

Pensions:

Last month in this Newsletter I wrote about the numbers of people who had approached me regarding their reduced pension payments as a result of time spent out of work whilst having children. Many people only became aware of their reduced entitlement when they received their pension for the first time and are shocked to realise they are not entitled to the full pension amount. I have raised this issue consistently over the years and recently Minister Doherty replied to me in the Dáil to inform me that a recent Government decision has been taken to recalculate a person's pensions entitlements in a way that will give a credit for their time spent 'HomeCaring'. It is hoped that this model will make it easier for pensioners to qualify for a higher rate of the Contributory State Pension. This new scheme will be available to all people who reached pension age after 1st September 2012 and the scheme will come into effect on the 30th March 2018. However the Department has said there will be a delay in putting the new systems in place so new payments won't be made until the start of 2019 but the amounts will only be backdated to March 30th 2018. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



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Euro - Velo Route2: From Maynooth to Kilcock (Royal Canal)

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the opening of the Royal Canal Greenway between Maynooth and Kilcock. This forms part of Euro-Velo 2, the 5500km transcontinental European cycle route which links Maynooth to six European capitals Dublin, London, Berlin, Warsaw, Minsk and Moscow. So what is the betting for when the first Russian visitors reach Maynooth?

1.5m Minimum Passing Distance Legislation (MPDL)

The campaign for 1.5m Minimum Passing Distance Legislation continues to gather support. Originally proposed as a private members bill by the Fine Gael government ministers Ciarán Cannon and Regina Doherty, the measures were taken up and proposed as an amendment to Road Traffic Bill by Fianna Fail. Cyclist groups support the MPDL and also the higher penalties for driving offences proposed in the Bill. The measures are designed in part to address cyclist fatalities which has seen year on year increases since 2010.

What People Want - Food for Thought

The following piece was tweeted last year by Ian Walker, a psychologist at the University of Bath with an interest in transportation.

There's that famous Henry Ford quote about selling cars, "If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses". Somebody recently said that the problem is we focus on the noun - 'horses' - when we should focus on the adjective 'faster'. That is, people only really want to go faster. They only mention horses because it's the sole model of transport they know. So let's update this. When asked what they want, people reply "easier driving", "faster driving". Governments therefore build more roads. But the situation is the same isn't it? Policy-makers focus on the noun 'driving' when they should focus on 'easier' and 'faster'. We know that

most urban journeys are faster by bike, but we don't build for this because we've focused on the noun. For longer journeys, we know the time spent driving is dead. But we don't make trains affordable because we've focused on the noun. But 'driving' is a red herring; it's a word used for convenience, or because people have not known other forms of mobility. So my suggestion to policy makers is: question the noun. Are communities "crying out for bypasses" or are they crying out for clean air? Are people "crying out for bypasses" or are they crying out for journeys through their local communities to be quicker and easier? Find out what higher-level outcome people desire and seek the optimum way to provide it. Don't take what people ask for at face value. And remember: everybody today has only known a world where driving is the main form of transport - just as with horses 100 years ago.

False News Hits Westport

A recent headline in the Irish Independent read "70pc Of School Kids In This (Irish) Town Cycle Or Walk To School". The article went on to claim that the town was "similar to Dutch towns in terms of cycling rates". And where is this little piece of Amsterdam in Ireland? Westport, Co. Mayo no less. I thought "this is unbelievable". I do not mean that this is not unbelievable as in incredible - I mean that this is unbelievable as it is untrue.

Cycling rates in Dutch towns and cities vary from 15% - to over 50% and 49% of primary school children cycle to school. In Westport the 2016 Census found that only 2% of commuters and 4% of primary school children cycle.

A Department of Transport evaluation report found that despite having been selected as one of Ireland's Smarter Travel towns, the absence of cycling facilities in the town centre and the failure to reallocate space from traffic was responsible for a miniscule increase in cycling and walking. It is therefore important that Irish towns do not take the message that copying Westport will achieve high levels of active travel. If Ireland wants to emulate the Dutch, it needs to start investing in high quality infrastructure and not by spinning false news. Westport is ahead of many Irish towns but the reality is that it still has a long way to go to reach Dutch levels of cycling.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories from Our Readers

Near Tragedy in the Alps

Poised between elation and terror, I sat on the top of Rocchetta. Almost five thousand feet below, Italy's largest lake, Lago di Garda, lay blue and distinct in the evening sun, with, on its near shore, the roofs of Riva showing like tiny ochre rectangles surrounded by the green blobs of trees. Beyond the lake the massive Dolomites, hazy with distance, towered up into the cloudless July sky. The scene was awe-inspiring but I spent very few moments contemplating it. Anxiously I scanned the nearby slopes that, where rock didn't jut through, were sparsely covered with sedge and shrubs. There was no sign of the taller of the two Germans with whom I had undertaken the climb. I was alone, perched like an eagle on top of the world. On the way up the tall German had repeatedly tapped his wristwatch and pointed to the sun, indicating that it would soon sink below the peaks. It was now 5.00pm. Would night fall suddenly on the eastern side of the mountain, the side I would have to negotiate? Because I had not planned to go higher than the Grotto of Santa Barbara, I had left my jacket at the hotel and was wearing only an opennecked shirt and slacks, with my jersey tied about my waist. There was a cable lift from Riva across a gorge to the Bastione, an open-air restaurant overlooking the town and lake. From there a zigzag path led to the grotto, about halfway up the mountain. On reaching that point, parched after the hot, tiring walk, two suntanned young Germans who were stripped to the waist had pointed out a well, cut deep into the rock. The cool water was delicious. Beside the grotto there was a sheer cliff that had a rusty iron ladder fixed permanently to it. When the Germans started to climb the ladder I decided to follow.

Gradually I had passed out the shorter German but his friend was bounding ahead like an ibex. After a while the leading fellow halted, waiting for his companion and me to catch up. When we had done so, he indicated by signs that they were both heading in a westerly direction. Assuming this was the best route, I followed. Before long, what with twists in the path and projecting banks, my two companions were out of sight. When I hallooed there was no response. Nevertheless, I decided to press on to the peak. Now I wondered if I would be able to return to the grotto since at one point there was a rounded shoulder of rock that I had barely managed to climb. It would be impossible to see toe holes when descending. In a forlorn hope I shouted again to the Germans but, since sound was deflected outward by the slopes, they mustn't have heard. A thought struck me. Swiftly I set up my camera on an adjacent rock and depressed the delayed release button.

Then I resumed my seat and waited for the click. If the worst happened, my family back home would at least have lodged, I kicked a foothold in the gravel with my right a memento.

Giving one last halloo, I started down from the peak. Soon the mountain hid the sun so that the air had a hint of coolness. Better put on my jersey. It was then I discovered it was missing. Don't panic, I told myself before heading back. Precious minutes were lost before I was again heading downhill, this time wearing the jersey. Gradually I realised that the rocks and shrubs seemed unfamiliar. I had lost my way! The worst part was that the contours of the terrain prevented me from seeing what lay below. The gradient got steeper, increasing the risk of slipping. Moving cautiously, I came to the brow of a slope and froze. Below me there was a sheer precipice. Controlling an impulse to cry out in terror, I retraced my steps and swung further south. It was cooler now and the possibility that darkness might suddenly fall gnawed at my mind. Time and again it became necessary to clamber backwards down a rock on all fours. Luckily the over two-hour climb to the peak had not used up all my energy. Stepping gingerly on a rugged incline I came upon a sight that chilled my blood, another drop. Now I was trapped. Then I noticed a young ash tree growing on the slope below whose branches almost reached the cliff top. If I could just paper boats on the lake as unaware of my distress as if get down the first few yards I could swing one leg outward and brace myself between an upright branch and the cliff face. The only trouble was that once down I would be unable to get back up. Acting before I lost my nerve, I lowered my legs over the edge and felt for a niche with my toes. In a few minutes I was safely on the ground and ready to resume my descent. Before doing so I broke off an ash sapling about seven feet long: the gradient was littered with loose shifting stones and a staff would give extra stability. Taking a southerly direction, I picked my way across the uneven ground, aware that a turned ankle could prove fatal. Even if that didn't happen, the next moment might reveal another precipice. What a fool I'd been to climb the peak on my own! Now there was nothing between me and death but my own nerve and alertness. These thoughts were erased by a new danger. Before me lay the dried-up bed of a torrent that must have been fed by winter snows. I would have to walk across upright because the slightest outward thrust might cause a landslide. As if to illustrate this danger, the first step I attempted dislodged a small boulder that went bounding downhill, loosing pebbles and gravel until suddenly it plunged into silence. Another inch and that boulder might have been myself.

Jabbing with the staff on the lower side until it was firmly heel then with my heart in my mouth I again stepped away from firm ground. The gravel yielded slightly but did not collapse. Moving in this fashion, one step at a time, I ventured out into the middle. Sweat trickled into my eyes and my nerves were stretched to breaking point. Testing every foothold, I pressed ahead. After what seemed an eternity I finally reached the far bank and leaned on the staff to regain my composure. My legs were tiring and I was still probably no more than one-third way down the mountain. Changing course slightly, I proceeded in a southeasterly direction. Above me high-tension wires stretched in long arcs across the dangers of rock and precipice. If I could scale a pylon might I be able to slide beneath a wire to the next pylon? No, such a move would mean certain electrocution. Better to short-circuit the wires by throwing something across them? No, that too could have unforeseen consequences. There was one other way to alert the people of Riva to my predicament: dislodge a boulder. But suppose it crashed onto the road to Brescia that wormed its way along the mountain's base? Mightn't it cause a fatal collision?

A great distance below white-sailed yachts moved like they belonged to another world. I was totally isolated and the least slip could send me toppling into eternity. Even if I escaped death by falling I could die of exposure. Already a night chill was penetrating my clothes. After what seemed an eternity I came at last to a small plateau. Should I turn north or south? Some inner voice suggested north and I obeyed. A further period of trudging and stumbling brought me back to the torrent bed I had crossed further up. Beyond it, an unpaved path winding among sedge, rocks and shrubs was just discernible.

Hope reawakened, I crossed painstakingly to the path and after what seemed hours – but was probably only minutes – of stumbling and sliding arrived at the Bastione. The few remaining tourists at the Formica-topped outdoor tables looked up in amazement when a wild-looking fellow with a staff strode in among them. I was safe, having climbed down about four thousand feet in an hour and a half without even losing my camera. Next day on looking up at the mountain I found that if I had turned south I would have ended up on a cliff high above the Brescia road.

Patrick G Nerney

Smaointe

Bhíos i gcomhluadar daoine le déanaí agus iad ag gearán faoin tír seo agus faoinár míchumas i leith ár gcoisbhirt. Mar is eol dúinn go maith níl tada againn le cur ar ár gcosaí atá oiriúnach don bháisteach agus don ghnáth chaitheamh. Sea, tá na buataisí rubair againn, (ina measc na «Hunters»!) agus ní foláir nó tá na bróga tairní, nó b'fhéidir iad siúd leis na bairbíní cruach, á gcaitheamh go forleathan ag daoine faoin tuath go fóill.

Ach níl a leithéid ró oiriúnach don chairpéad Peirseach ná do na leacáin ghleote, snasta, nuair nach n-éiríonn leat iad a chur uait! Dá bharr sin bíonn muid ag dul thart sna tuilte i mbrógaí ísil a bheadh níos oiriúnaigh don halla damhsa nó don sagart i mbun a ghnó ag an altóir nó an ministir i mbun a sheanmóra. Tá sé in am dúinn ciall a bheith againn agus coisbheart a cheapadh a choimeádfadh

ár gcosaí tirim agus compórdach agus a bheadh eascaí a chaitheamh uainn agus muid ag dul faoi theach mar a dheánann na Seapánaigh agus a lán daoine eile nach iad. B'fhéidir gur cheart dúinn comórtas a eagrú chun brógaí a fheilfeadh don aimsir seo againne a chumadh? D'fhéadfaimís € a thairiscint mar dhuais agus sa tslí sin bheadh ansuim ag a lán ann! Céard faoi?

Dála an scéil, tá an ceart ag na daoine sin a dhéanann gearán faoinár leisciúlacht i leith ár mbrógaí ach is beag daoine atá ag gearán faoinár neamhshuim i leith bunúis and domhain seo abhus! Tá na heolaithe anois thar a bheith cinnte de gur thosaigh an domhan, gach atá ann, leis an Ollphléasc timpeall cúig bhilliún déag de bhlianta ó shin. Ag 'am' na pléisce bhí an cosmas go léir thar a bheith bídeach, gan de leithead ann mar mheall ach 10⁻³³ cm. Seachtó bliain ó shin féin, dar le mórán daoine, ní raibh ach raiméis idir lámha ag an

mBíobla agus a lucht leanúna agus iad ag rá gur chruthaigh Dia an domhan «ex nihilo», ach anois tá gach éinne lán-sásta gur chruthaigh an domhan é féin as meall nach féidir a fheiscint trén míocrascóp is láidre dá bhféadfaí a shamhlú. Agus rud eile! Um an deichiú cuid de shoicind tar éis na pléisce bhí leithead ceithre sholasbhliain aige, agus é ag méadú de shíor.

Sin 37.540.454.400.000 ciliméadar ar leithead tar éis an deichiú cuid de shoicind! B'shin luas i ndáiríre! Ach de réir cosúlachtaí tá beagnach gach éinne ar nós is cuma liom faoi na rudaí iontacha seo! Ní fheadar an iad na heolaithe nó muidne, na gnáth daoine, atá ar strae!

(Fíricí, Ciste Cúrsaí Reatha: O'Donnell agus De Fréine) (Meascán mearaí, Gabriel Martin)

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Future Development of the Harbour Field

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil stated at last month's Municipal District meeting that he was opposed to a car park in the Harbour Field. Only Naoise and Cllr. McGinley set out their objections with other Maynooth councillors either supporting the idea or sitting on the fence.

At March's municipal district meeting Naoise is setting out an alternative view to the field. "I'm proposing that a plan is drawn up with the input from local residents into the future of the field. The Harbour Field is owned by the people of Maynooth and therefore any decision on its future must be made by the people of Maynooth. I've received many suggestions about what should be done with it, including creating a public park, a skate park, an Astroturf pitch among other ideas. In putting this proposal forward, I'm looking for the support of my fellow councillors and handing this decision to our community. In doing so, I am also looking for anybody who is against the public car park in the harbour to object to it. I will put all the details on my facebook page when they are made available".

Preparations underway for the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade

Naoise is organising the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day parade for the fourth year in a row. The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 11am from Greenfield Shopping Centre and goes down the Straffan Road and through Main Street to Tesco. This year's theme is "Medieval Maynooth". Organisations and groups can get an application form to take part in the Maynooth Newsletter or on the website www.maynoothcc.com

Proposed Footbridge on Mill Street

Naoise has called for the proposed footbridge on Mill Street to be realised as the footfall increases dramatically. With the increase in students in Maynooth and the larger population in the town, Mill Street has become extremely busy and the current bridge does not have the capacity to deal with the high volume of pedestrians. People have to walk on the road as there is no room on the footpath. Naoise said "the footbridge was envisaged nearly ten years ago and there has been no movement on it. We have school students and children having to walk on the road as there is no space on the footpath. I'll be pushing the Council to start working on the bridge as soon as possible."

Irish Water Stalls new housing in Maynooth

Plans by developer Cairn Homes to build 400 homes in Maynooth could be in real danger due to Irish Water's lack of supply capacity. It has been reported that Irish Water only has the ability to cater for 40 homes rather than the anticipated 400.

Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil (FF) has expressed his outrage at these current developments, "This shows complete ineptitude on behalf of Irish Water and the Government. Powers over water were removed from the County Councils and given to Irish Water and this shows their inability to deal with those functions. We are crying out for more housing in Maynooth and the entire future development of the town, including the ring roads is based on these future developments. Minister Donohoe needs to step in here if he is serious about the Government's Rebuilding Ireland programme."

He continued, "The people of Maynooth and surrounding areas are crying out for more

housing and the lack of supply has increased rent levels to those on par with Dublin. The situation is going from bad to worse and Irish Water needs to up its game in helping solve this country's housing crisis"

Ó Cearúil looks for side lanes to be re-surfaced

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has called on Kildare County Council to re-surface all of the side lanes off Main Street. The roads and footpaths have become hazardous to pedestrians and vehicles . "These are some of the busiest roads and footpaths in the town and need to be upgraded as a matter of urgency before there is an accident".

University Student Completes Internship with Cllr. Ó Cearúil

A 20 year old Maynooth University Student, Awwal Oloko from Celbridge recently finished an internship with Fianna Fáil Councillor, Naoise Ó Cearúil. Mr. Oloko is in his second year at the University studying a BA in Politics and History. Awwal who went to Confey College before attending MU has always had an interest in politics and active citizenship, which originally stemmed from his father, "My dad has always done a lot of work with the St. Vincent de Paul and I always found that really interesting. He is always commenting as well on Irish and Nigerian politics and this sparked my interest in it".

As part of his university course he was required to undertake a political internship and reached out to Cllr. Ó Cearúil to see if it was possible, "Naoise is very visible locally and the fact that he is young and really engaged with things such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade and helping old and young people is really cool".

The internship took place over a number of weeks where he got the opportunity to attend Municipal District meetings in Naas and the opening of the new social housing units in Kilcock among other events. Asked how he found spending time with the Maynooth councillor, he said "I don't know how he does it! He has to be in nearly three places at the same time and his phone never stops ringing. Last Friday we went to a really interesting event where people were receiving their keys to their new homes and that was such a happy thing to see. After that we went to three different meetings, met the Fire Brigade, the Community Council staff and then dropped leaflets into an estate, and this was all before 5pm.".

Cllr. Ó Cearúil said, "I was delighted to have Awwal spend some time with me and see what the work of a local councillor entails. How people imagine life in politics and what it is actually like in practical terms are two very different things. Awwal was very interested in how everything works and it was interesting to hear his thoughts on how meetings went, his views on society and how we can improve things in Kildare. His was such a help as well and I really hope that he took something out of spending that time with me."

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Editorial

Can you believe everything that you read in the papers or indeed online? It is certainly a question that I ask myself when I am reading anything. Of course the answer is that everything that it written is done so from a particular perspective, so rather than to inform you (which is the reason that you are reading in the first place) almost everything you read is intended to persuade you.

I recently read a piece on the online version of "The Journal" about Maynooth in their your neighbourhood series with the headline "Your guide to Maynooth: University town with loads of pubs and an electric history" The article had the following perspective on Maynooth —"Today, however, it is the non-denominational Maynooth University that dominates the town's affairs — almost doubling the local population during term-time, and bringing an influx of shoppers, eaters and (of course) drinkers. Maynooth is the commercial heart of north Kildare, with a couple of big spaces offering lots of retail options. The main street is still lively too, helped along by a generous complement of student bars. So what's the big draw? It's a lively town with plenty of heart just outside Dublin — many would say it has more going for it than other places on the commuter belt. It's also a pretty place with family-friendly housing, canal-sidewalks, and a main street that hasn't been hollowed out by retail parks" It is interesting to read how we are viewed from outside.

The big local issue that has come up in the past month is of course the proposal to go on public display that Kildare County Council create 60 car park spaces at the Harbour Field in the centre of the town. Conscious that such a proposal will attract different responses

depending on your own perspective, I am not going to state an opinion here. However, as a person who has had the pleasure of meeting Mr. David Naul Cain the person who donated the field to Kildare County Council for the use of by the people of Maynooth, I know that he had intended this land to be an amenity for the town. Whatever does that mean?

Going back to impressions of Maynooth, I congratulate the Maynooth Town Soccer Club under 16 boys team for undertaking the first big clean-up of Carton Avenue in 2018. Carton Avenue was also given to Kildare County Council for the use of the people of Maynooth and has been maintained by Carton House Hotel for a number of years as a contribution to the community. The Maynooth Town Soccer Club lads had to work hard on the day and while they plan other such initiatives where they live and go to school, they were shocked at the things they found in Carton Avenue. They are doing these tasks to help raise funds to buy a team kit so if you want to thank the lads why not make a donation to their fund. It is great to see such positive community activity.

Of course the big event in Maynooth in March is the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will take place on March 17th. This year the theme is *Medieval Maynooth* so why not dress up and get into the atmosphere. On your behalf, I would like to thank the organisers, particularly the staff from the Community Employment project who are working behind the scenes for many months under the leadership of Naoise O'Cearùil. There are new ideas and new bands this year – all we need is reasonable weather. So I have tried to inform you but have I also persuaded you that you should come along and enjoy the festivities.

Paul Croghan - Editor

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Sat 9.30am to 1pm

Maynooth Multiple Births

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

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purposebuilt facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com.

Contact Katherine Cooney
086 8205910

I.C.A.

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

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in the
Maynooth Community Space
(Tesco Shopping Centre)
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCC Office for more details

Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
(Maynooth)
Meeting Mondays
12 - 2pm in the Maynooth
Community Space

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth
New Members Welcome
Contact Ger: 0874133505

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
9.30am to 11.30pm
Maynooth Community Space Unit
11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every
Wednesday at 11am
at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries
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For further details contact
John Fleming - 087 2041334

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Everyone most welcome

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E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie
Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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Clues Across

- **1.** Deputation (10)
- **8.** Ineffective (7)
- 9. Western Rope (5)
- **10.** Aromatic Herb (4)
- **11.** Large Cat (4)
- **12.** Digit (3)
- **14.** Frightened (6)
- **15.** Mend (6)
- **18.** Knock (3)
- **20.** Golfer _ _ _, Norman (4)
- **21.** Late Comic _ _ _, Laurel (4)
- **23.** Foreign (5)
- **24.** Orange- yellow colour (7)
- **25.** Extraordinary (10)

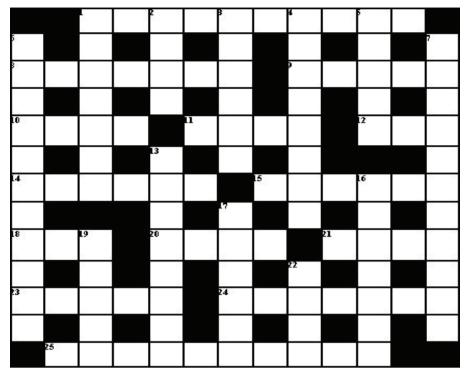


Solutions to Feb. Crossword No. 465

Across: 1. Strauss, 5. Brad, 9. Grumpy, 10. Oasis, 12. Inner, 13. Holster, 14. Cradle, 16. Bureau, 19. Pitcher, 21. Trash, 23. Idiom, 24. Tennis, 25. Eyed, 26. Preview.

Down: 2. Turin, 3. Admiral, 4. Scythe, 5. Rosette, 6. Distraught, 7. Foal, 8. Discipline, 9. Astaire, 17. Ustinov, 18. Crater, 19. Hump, 22. Arise.

March 2018 Crossword - No. 466



Special Prize Entries in Book Voucher Tuesday 20th

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

> The Maynooth Bookshop 68 Main Street, Maynooth

Entries in before: Tuesday 20th March 2018

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Address:		

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Clues Down

- **1.** Vessel for deepening waterways (7)
- 2. Onion like vegetable (4)
- 3. Idle chatter (6)
- **4.** Gifted (8)
- **5.** Beginning (5)
- **6.** Solidly built (11)
- **7.** Many seeded fruit (11)
- **13.** Former Tory MP _ _ _, Bottomley (8)
- **16.** Junior embassy official (7)
- **17.** Comment (6)
- **19.** Vincent _ _ _, US actor (5)
- **22.** Maggot (4)



Winner of Crossword No. 465 February

Margaret Houlihan Cowanstown Maynooth

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

<u>Collect prize from</u>
The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

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

Send completed puzzles to Maynooth Newsletter Unit 5 Tesco S/C Maynooth

Sudoku Challenge MARCH 2018

Entries must arrive to MCC CLG Office before: 20th March 2018

Congratulations to February Winner:

Alejandra Pomerol Kingsbry Maynooth

Collect prize from Newsletter Office

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

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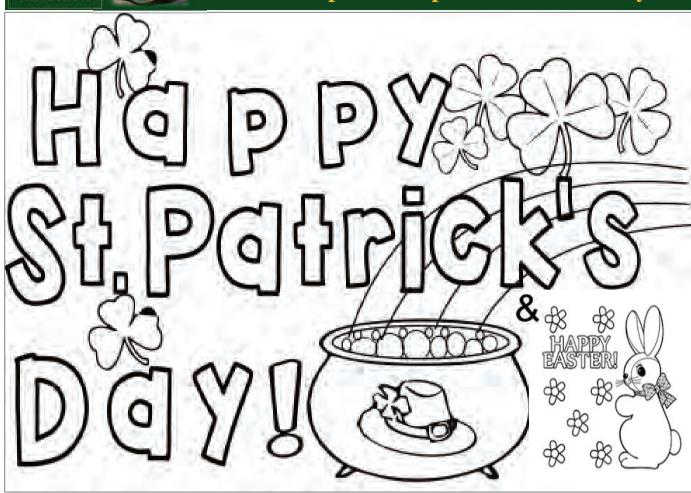
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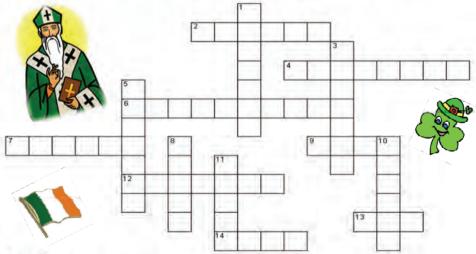
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Junior Puzzle Corner

St. Patrick's Day Crossword

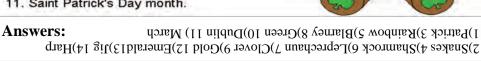


Across

- 2. Fable claims Saint Patrick drove these out of Ireland.
- 4. Three leafed clover and symbol of Ireland.
- 6. The Gaelic translation for this word is shoemaker.
- 7. Four leafed versions of these are considered lucky 9. Contents of a leprechaun's pot.
- 12. A colour of green and also a gemstone.
- 13. Irish dance
- 14. Traditional Irish musical instrument.

Down

- 1. Patron saint of Ireland.
- 3. Colorful arch in the sky.
- 5. People kiss this stone for luck.
- 8. Saint Patrick's Day colour. 10. Capital city of Ireland.
- 11. Saint Patrick's Day month.









31st Annual Galway Cycle

300 Cyclists to take to the road to help raise €120,000 for Friends of the Coombe. The 31st Annual Galway Cycle to take place as a tribute to the compassionate care given to bereaved parents and families

Up to 300 cyclists will take to the road on **Friday 6th April 2018** to pedal from Maynooth University to Galway in a bid to raise €120,000 for the charity Friends of the Coombe to enable it to help the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital develop hospice-style bereavement suites to create a family-friendly home away from home for bereaved parents.

Since it was first established in 1987 by a group of students at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, the annual Galway Cycle has covered more than 12,000 kms of road and raised in excess of €1.5 million for a host of children's charities.

This year's charity partnership was inspired by the story of baby Tom Fahey who died of an uncommon chromosomal abnormality when he was just 11 days old. And it was the compassionate care that baby Tom and his family received from the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital that moved Maynooth-based mum and dad Sarah and Terry Fahey to nominate the charity for this year's Galway Cycle partnership.

President of the Galway Cycle, sociology and geography student at Maynooth University, Ciara Keogh said that this year's cycle promises to be the biggest yet. "We are delighted to partner this year with Friends of the Coombe. Theirs is a project with a national reach that really touched the hearts of past cyclists, all of whom play a part in the annual charity nomination and voting process," she said.

"This year we are hoping to recruit up to 300 cyclists, 150 collectors and 100 additional volunteers who will form a support crew.

"The Galway Cycle is completely volunteer led and managed to ensure that costs are kept to an absolute minimum. We have set ourselves an ambitious fundraising target of €120,000 and hope that with the support of cyclists, friends, corporate sponsors and members of the general public we will be able to reach that goal by the time we leave Galway on Sunday 8th April."

Baby Tom's parents Sarah and Terry Fahey said it was an honour to be able to support Friends of the Coombe. "We will never forget the care Tom and we, as a family, received from the staff at The Coombe. They played such an important role in Tom's life. They cared for us and supported us. They shared our journey," she said.

"It is wonderful that we are able to come together again to share another journey, this time as a family of cyclists, in remembrance of all bereaved parents and families, and as a tribute to the compassionate care The Coombe provides to all families who experience the loss of a baby." Ailbhe Gilvarry, chairperson of Friends of the Coombe said that the charity is indebted to the Fahey family for nominating Friends of the Coombe for this partnership.

"This is an incredibly important project for Friends of the Coombe. The Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital was the first maternity hospital in Ireland to adopt the 'Hospice Friendly Hospitals' programme and we hope that the creation of a family-friendly home away from home will not only benefit bereaved families at The Coombe, but will also showcase nationally the highest possible standard of bereavement care."

The Galway Cycle will take place between Friday 6th April and Sunday 8th April and is open to anyone who would like to take part. Full information, including a pre-Galway Cycle training schedule and online registration, is available at www.galwaycycle.ie. As well as cyclists, the Galway Cycle is also encouraging people to register to help with a street collection in Galway on Saturday 7th April and to volunteer for a variety of roles throughout the Galway Cycle weekend. Those who would like to make a donation should visit www.galwaycycle.ie for more details.



A Little Maynooth History

BUREAU OF MILITARY HISTORY 1913 - 1921

STATEMENT BY WITNESS

DOCUMENT NO. 1761.

Stephen J. O'Reilly 16 O'Connell Avenue, Berkley Road, Dublin. Irish Volunteer and I.R.A. activities, 1913 — 1921. Attached to Transport Section, Dublin Brigade and G.H.Q.

I was sent to Maynooth about the end of 1918 or the beginning of 1919 to blow up the Town Hall there. I brought 30 lbs. of gelignite with me to Maynooth. I went by train and arrived there about three o'clock. I was to go and see Dónal Ó Buachalla, but when I went to see him he was out. There was a man in the shop who evidently knew or guessed who I was and brought me in. Donal Ó Buachalla arrived home at about six o'clock and we had a chat. I was told I could get as many men as I wanted for the job.

We came out about ten o'clock that night and went over to the Town Hall and forced the door open. Paddy Colgan was on that job. We got in, and I instructed a big hefty man to bore a hole in the centre main wall and to put some gelignite into it.

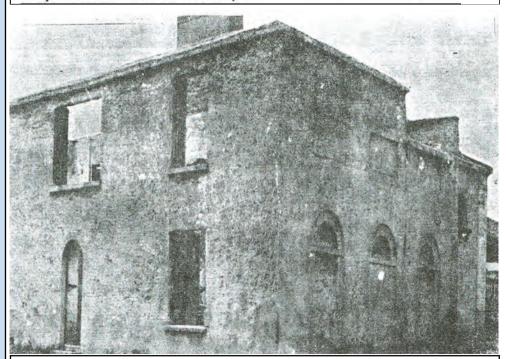
During that time a runner came in and informed me that there were two men outside having an argument. We went out and saw a post-man and some poor unfortunate civilian having an argument outside Pitt's public house, where they had come from. One of the men was just going to light his pipe; he lit a match and as soon as he did I put the revolver up in front of him, and match, pipe and all went. The two men cleared off, and I was pleased to find later on that they had been taken prisoner by our guards who were holding up the roads leading into the town.

The gelignite exploded but did very little damage to the wall. We then got some paraffin and we made short work of the building.

We came out when we found everything all right and we dismissed our men. We went over to Mr. Ó Buachalla's place where I enjoyed one of the best meals I ever had, after which I decided to go home. Mr. Ó Buachalla informed me that I would have to pass five police stations if I cycled, but that it would be dangerous to drive a motor car. He said he would provide me with either a motor car or a bicycle, and I told him I would prefer the bicycle.

I left Mr. Ó Buachalla at about three or four in the morning and I cycled straight into Dunboyne and from that into the Phoenix Park. I had a good rest in the Phoenix Park, as curfew was until six o'clock in the morning and there was no use in my trying to get through. At about a quarter to seven I came along the North Circular Road, down into Goldsmith Street and into O'Connell Avenue, which is off Goldsmith Street. I delivered the bicycle later on to O'Hanrahan's on the North Circular Road; I had arranged with Mr. Ó Buachalla to leave it there.

I went to Headquarters in the Plaza in Gardiner's Place that evening and reported that the job in Maynooth had been carried out satisfactorily.



"Ruins of the Town Hall Maynooth" following the IRA destruction.

St Patrick's Day Recipes

St Patrick's Day Warm Salad

Ingredients:

3 large potatoes, peel and dice into pieces

5 small sprigs of thyme

1 head of radicchio, separate and halve the leaves

A good handful of baby spinach, washed and trimmed 6oz/180g smoked salmon, in small strips

1 lemon, thinly sliced

A bunch of dill

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Olive oil

For the dressing:

125ml cream

2 tbsp Irish Stout

1 tsp whole grain mustard

2 tsp honey

½ tsp chopped thyme

1 tbsp chopped parsley

salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Heat a little oil in a roasting pan and add the potatoes and thyme. Roast for about 25 minutes or until golden tossing from time to time then season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Set aside

To make the dressing, pour all the ingredients except for the parsley into a small saucepan over a low heat, stir until all the ingredients has dissolved, add the parsley and check the seasoning. Keep warm.

Heat a large frying pan over a medium heat, add the olive oil followed by the radicchio leaves and toss lightly for about a minute or so until slightly wilted. Add the spinach and wilt for a further minute. Transfer to serving plates and add the roast potatoes. Spoon over some dressing and arrange the smoked salmon and lemon slices on top. Garnish with sprigs of dill and a sprinkle of freshly ground black pepper and serve immediately.

Chocolate Guinness Cake

Ingredients:

300g of butter plus extra for greasing

150ml Guinness

250g plain flour

2 tsp of baking soda

100g cocoa powder

375g caster sugar

3 large free-range eggs

1 tbsp vanilla extract

150ml sour cream

For the frostings:

200g good-quality white chocolate

125g butter, at room temperature

225g cream cheese

225g icing sugar, sifted

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Grease a 23cm /9 inch cake tin with a removable base and line with a disc of parchment paper. Melt the butter in a saucepan and then whisk in the cocoa powder and Guinness. Remove from the

In a large mixing bowl combine the flour, baking soda and sugar. Make a well with the back of a spoon and pour in the melted butter mixture along with the eggs, sour cream and vanilla extract. Pour into the prepared cake tin and place in the oven for 1 hour or until a skewer inserted comes out completely clean. When the cake is baking, make the cream cheese frosting.

To make the frosting, melt the chocolate in a bowl placed on top of a saucepan filled with a little water boiling over a low heat. Remove from the heat to cool for about 10 minutes. Place the butter and cream cheese in a bowl and beat until fluffy and combined. Mix through the melted white chocolate and then gradually sift and beat in the icing sugar until you have a smooth, spreadable mixture. To assemble the cake, place it on a cake stand and spread with frosting.









Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks. It's time to get busy preparing seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

If the soil is workable, put a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well rotted manure into your beds to prepare for the growing season ahead. You can also work in a general purpose fertiliser such as pelleted chicken manure or fish, blood and bone.

If you need to **move deciduous trees** or shrubs, now is the time to do it provided the soil is not frozen or waterlogged.

Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a **slow-release fertiliser** by lightly forking it into the soil surface.

Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as Gladiolus, Lilies and Ranunculi's into beds, borders and containers.

Plant out any forced flower bulbs in the garden, such as hyacinths and daffodils which have finished flowering indoors.

Plant **snowdrops** in the green to brighten up your winter garden next year.



Now is an ideal time to plant herbaceous perennials. Lift and divide established perennial plants now to improve their vigour and create new plants for your garden.

If any of your garden plants will need supporting this year, put the supports in now so the plants grow up through them. Adding supports afterwards is difficult and often looks unattractive.



Caring for Roses, Plant Bare Root Roses. Roses love a sunny place and a fertile, lime rich and permeable soil. For abundant flowering, they need lots of plant nutrition (and possible potash). Scatter granulated cow manure around the base of the rose in the winter and gently fork in some bone meal in the spring, or give them a good mulch of mixed organic manure. Feed them in July with

special rose fertiliser. Snip off overblown roses, back to the first five fingered leaf to encourage re-flowering. Almost all roses are perfectly hardy but it can only help to give them some frost protection. Earthing up around the base of the rose bush before the winter starts is a good idea. Spread it all out again in early spring. Standard rose bushes have their grafting point high in the stem so wrap this in straw and/or bubble wrap.

In the Fruit Garden plant apple trees, cherry trees and other fruit trees now in a sunny, sheltered spot. Continue to plant raspberry canes. Cut autumn



-fruiting raspberry canes to the ground to stimulate new canes, which will fruit in the autumn. Cut the tips of summer-fruiting raspberry canes that have grown beyond the top of their supports, cut just above a bud.

"The air is like a butterfly. With frail blue wings. The happy earth looks at the sky And sings."

You reap what you sow... this is a good one for more than the garden...but if you don't sow you don't reap.



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON OSCARS 2018 PREDICTIONS



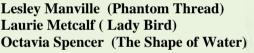
And the Oscar goes to....it's that time of year again folks. When the ladies and gentlemen of tinsel town don their very best frocks, suits, hairstyles to attend the biggest party of the year. The Academy Awards which rewards artistic achievement in the American film world turns 90 this year. The 2018 ceremony has been pushed forward and will take place in Hollywood in early March.

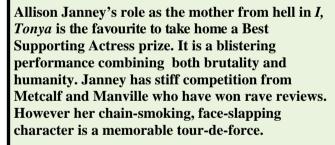


BEST SUPPORTING **ACTRESS**

Nominees:

Mary J. Blige (Mudbound) Allison Janney (I. Tonya) **Lesley Manville (Phantom Thread)** Laurie Metcalf (Lady Bird)





BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

Nominees:

Willem Dafoe (The Florida Project) **Woody Harrelson (Three Billboards** Outside Ebbing, Missouri) Richard Jenkins (The Shape of Water)

Christopher Plummer (All The Money in the World)

Sam Rockwell (Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri)

Sam Rockwell (a McDonagh film regular) looks the one to beat in the supporting actor category. He has already bagged awards at the Golden Globes and BAFTA for his superb performance as a racist cop in Three Billboards. Willem Dafoe (his third Oscar nomination) offers strong competition to Rockwell in The Florida Project. A riveting film, depicting people on the margins, which was inexplicably snubbed by the Academy.

Dafoe gives one of his best and most moving performances to date and could provide an upset on the night.

BEST ACTOR

Nominees:

Timothée Chalamet (Call Me By Your

Daniel-Day-Lewis (Phantom Thread) Daniel Kaluuya (Get Out) Gary Oldman (Darkest Hour)

Denzel Washington (Roman J. Israel, Esq.)

The clear favourite in the race for Best Actor is British actor, Gary Oldman. He turns in a careerbest performance and is almost unrecognisable as Winston Churchill in Darkest Hour. Oldman has won all the major pre-Oscar awards so far. Last month, the 59-year old actor denied Daniel-Dav-Lewis a final BAFTA before his mooted retirement. Gary Oldman has never won an Oscar. This could be his year. Although Timothée Chalamet could provide a potential upset on the night, with his breakthrough role of a love-sick teen in the brilliant Call Me By Your Name.

BEST ACTRESS

Nominees:

Sally Hawkins (The Shape of Water Frances McDormand (Three **Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri)**

Margot Robbie (I, Tonya) Saoirse Ronan (Lady Bird) **Meryl Streep (The Post)**

All eyes will be on our very own Saoirse Ronan come Oscar night. It is the young Irish actress's third Oscar nomination in the acting category. Her amazing, funny performance in the coming-of -age drama Lady Bird has already earned Ronan a Golden Globe. However, Frances McDormand as a raging, bereaved mother in Three Billboards is the hot favourite to take home the gold statuette at the ceremony. Her searing performance has resonated with cinema goers and critics alike.

BEST DIRECTOR

Nominees:

Paul Thomas Anderson (Phantom Thread) Guillermo del Toro (The Shape of

Greta Gerwig (Lady Bird) Christopher Nolan (Dunkirk) Jordan Peele (Get Out)

The directing category looks like a two-horse race

between Guillermo del Toro and Christopher Nolan for their respective movies. It's a mystery though how Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri earned 7 nominations (including Best Picture) but Martin McDonagh failed to get a nod for direction. First time nominee, Christopher Nolan's thrilling Dunkirk is pure cinema - a visual and technical feast for the eyes. Nonetheless, the momentum seems to be with the Mexican director Guillermo del Toro in the pre-Oscars award season. Most recently, he won Best Director at BAFTA for his fantasy romance film, The Shape of Water. Will he add an Oscar to his collection?

BEST PICTURE

Nominees:

Call Me By Your Name Darkest Hour Dunkirk **Get Out Lady Bird Phantom Thread**

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

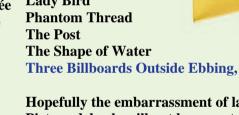
Hopefully the embarrassment of last year's Best Picture debacle will not be repeated this year! The Academy Awards is the oldest prize-giving ceremony in the entertainment world. Dating back to 1930.

Socially conscious films with a meaning are popular Best Picture contenders. Real life stories of incredible courage in the face of adversity always go down well with Academy voters. In the era of Weinstein scandals and the #TimesUp campaign, movies that are seen to empower women will be strong contenders for the Best Picture prize this year.

Director Guillermo del Toro leads the field with 13 nominations for his sumptuous homage to classic monster movies, The Shape of Water. Sally Hawkins's sublime performance as a mute cleaning lady is full of intelligence and energy. Francis McDormand as a mother seeking justice for her murdered child and taking on the establishment in Three Billboards could sway the voters in the film's favour. This is the strongest Best Picture category in years. Will the Academy reward innovation or play it safe as usual? Could there be a Best Picture surprise or upset? All will be revealed on 4th March.











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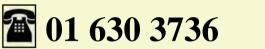
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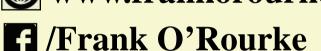




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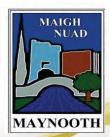
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MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 17th MARCH 2018 FÉILE LÁ FHÉILE PHÁDRAIG MHAIGH NUAD 17Ú MÁRTA 2018



As Maynooth recovered from the Beast from the East, nobody was expecting that St. Patrick's Day would be subject to even further snow showers. As unpredictable as the Irish weather is, we were forecasted snow! Early Saturday morning didn't look too well for the upcoming parade at 11am but however cold it was,



thankfully the snow and rain held off. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest community event in our town and massive crowds turned out once again to witness all of our local organisations and businesses take part.

The theme of this year's parade was "Medieval Maynooth", reflecting and celebrating Maynooth's role in Medieval Ireland and how it has shaped the town we know today. So many of the participants took the theme to heart and brought so much energy on the day. We were worried that the weather would mean a lot of people would not attend the parade but the town was packed and buzzing from Greenfield Shopping Centre to Tesco.

The parade was started by local entertainer Barry Smith aka Tony Savino and with a speech by Maynooth University Lecturer Dr. Eamon Darcy on Maynooth's role in Medieval Ireland. Paul Croghan expertly carried out his role as MC once again. After the IVVC Vintage Cars flew through the town, the ONE Colour Party, comprised of former Defence Forces Veterans introduced the parade into the Square, followed closely by the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band. There were 30 floats this year, each bringing something different and fun to entertain the crowds and as ever our local Fire Service closed off proceedings.

Large scale events like the parade require funding and we were fortunate to receive funding from Kildare County Council and sponsorship from local businesses; Thornton's Recycling, Brady's Bar and Lounge, Donatellos Restaurant, Picaderos Restaurant, Dr. John Merrick, Mulcahy Butchers, McMahons Bar and Lounge.

The parade is organised by a committee of Maynooth Community Council CLG with help from the staff on the Community Employment Scheme as part of their training. Their help and assistance was invaluable to the organising committee and a big thank you to everyone on the scheme and mostly to John Doogan, office supervisor, for his continuous support and guidance.

The day itself is extremely busy and there are numerous cogs to ensuring that the parade runs smoothly. It is the volunteers and stewards that help on the day that make life so much easier. Pat (P) Farrell prepares the town the morning of the

parade with barriers and safety precautions and his help is always appreciated. So too is that of this year's Stewards; Richard and Mary Farrell, Shay Corbally, Don Foley, Magz McDonnell, Rory O'Connor, Brian O'Neill, Daniel Keenan, Brian Crehan, Colm and Ger Uí Chearúil and Déirdre Ní Chearúil. Many thanks also to Willie Kiernan our sound man whom I'm sure any of you there on the day would have heard over the PA system, to Séamas Kennedy and Matty Callaghan for the steps, Dr. Eamon Darcy, Barry Smith, Paul Croghan, Tom McMullon, Maynooth Cycles, Inkjet World, The Gardaí, Kildare County Council and anybody who contributed to the day.



Picaderos Restaurant serving up Street Paella on St Patrick's Day

My thanks also to Manor Mills Shopping Centre for hosting the excellent Family Fun Day after the parade and allowing us to conduct the awards ceremony there. Finally I'd like to commend each and every person that took part in the parade from infants to older members of our community. Without you, there would be no parade and we hope that you had as much fun taking part as everybody else did seeing you all.

Until next year, Beirigí Bua!

Naoise Ó Cearúil - Parade Organiser

Community Person of the Year 2018

Josephine Moore (Pictured below with Naoise O' Cearúil)

Parade Winners 2018

Best Portrayal of Theme: The Glenroyal Hotel

Best Commercial Float: Dino Experience / Reptile Haven

Best School Float: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich

Environmental Awareness Award: Maynooth Tidy Towns & Zero Waste

Maynooth

Best Band: St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band **Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Perpetual Trophy:**

The Glenroyal Hotel

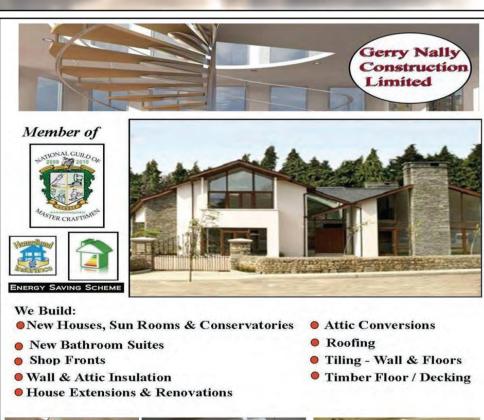
Best Shop Front Winners 2018

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(Parade Photo Gallery pages 16,17, 18 & 19)







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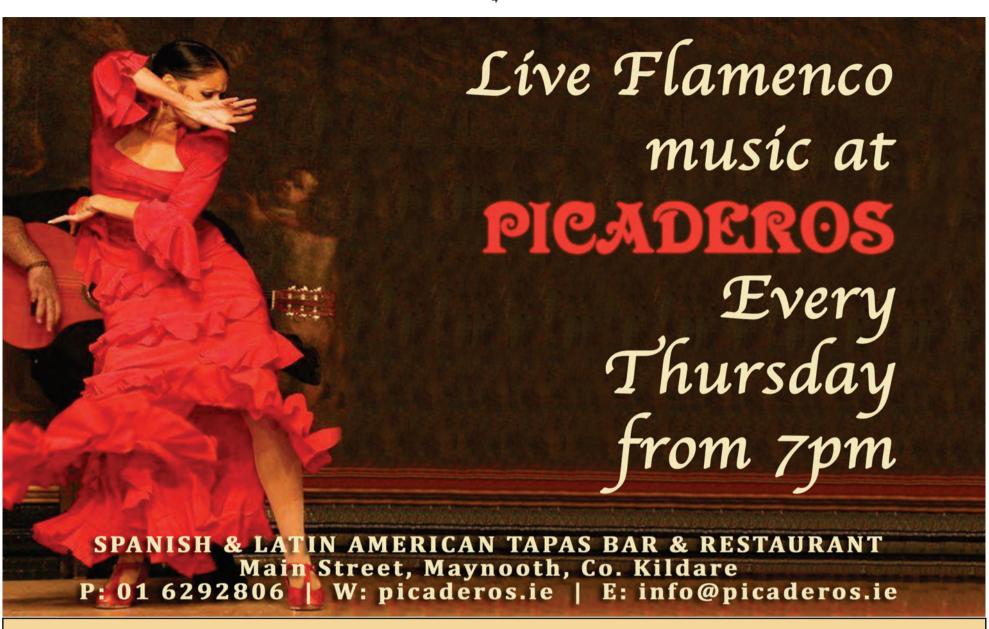


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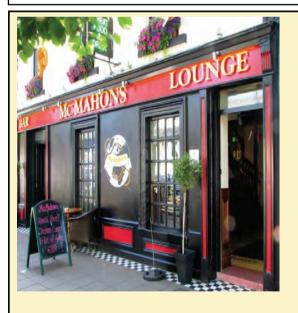


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Maynooth Labour News

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Town Renewal Plan Preparation Process

Cathal O'Meara, Landscape Architects have been awarded the contract by the Council to prepare a Maynooth Town Renewal Plan. There will be three Public Meetings over the 18 week time frame, up to August.

It will give members of the public an opportunity to make their views known on walks, trails, parks and open space. It will also be an ideal opportunity to make your views known on what amenities you want in The Harbour Field and on what improvements you would like for The Square.

Update on Progress on the North South Corridor from Straffan Road to Moyglare Hall in Maynooth

Residents will be aware that this major project for improvements for cyclists, pedestrians and vulnerable road users was approved over two years ago following a Public Consultation Process. The project was divided into six phases and funding was secured from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for five of the phases. The most recent being the approval of €400,000 from the NTA for Phase 5 for Mill Street, including the much needed pedestrian bridge to the west of the existing William Bridge (i.e. the Castle Side). The removal of the existing footpath from William Bridge will allow for the enhancement of the cycle lane at this location. The Mill Street/Moyglare Road/Kilcock Road junction is to be upgraded, giving a right turning lane for Moyglare Road traffic up the Kilcock Road.

The Council have allocated €1.2m for Phase 6 for the footpaths/Cycle Path from the Church up to the new schools at Moyglare Hall. The footpaths/Cycle path will be in place before the new schools open.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Action to be Taken on Parking on the Green Verges at Greenfield Drive:

Cllr. John McGinley's following motion was considered at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 March:

"That the Council examine what can be done to stop cars from parking on the green verge between the footpath and roadway at the start of Greenfield Drive, Maynooth"

John was given the following unsatisfactory response by the MD Engineer:

"The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirms that there are no plans to erect bollards at this section. This would be a suitable project for Local Property Tax (LPT) funding."

John has asked the MD Engineer to have another look at it to see what other steps would work rather than bollards.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for new Public Lighting to be **Installed in Maynooth Estates**

Cllr. John McGinley's following motion was considered at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 March:

When will the Council replace the existing inefficient sodium public lights in Rockfield Estate, Greenfield Estate and other estates in Maynooth with modern white light units?"

John was given the following reply by the Director of Services:

"Kildare County Council is awaiting the finalisation of a business case (including funding clarification) for a proposed National Public Lighting Upgrade Project, which will retrofit existing public lights to high efficiency LED lights. This project will ultimately significantly reduce

public lighting costs and reduce local authority carbon emissions."

Cllr. McGinley responded stating that he welcomed the report and as the policy of replacing all the counties existing public lights was adopted two years ago, following - Stagg a Motion from Cllr. McGinley, he would welcome if a start Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet was now made in replacing the lights.

The Director of Services stated that a National Plan was being developed for all counties and when this was finalised a proposal would go to Full Council for approval. It will cost over ⊕m to replace all of the public lights in County Kildare.

John asked that the lights in Rockfield and Greenfield Estates be prioritised as they have the poorest lights.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Noise Reduction Barriers to be Erected at the M4 Motorway

Cllr. John McGinley's following motion was considered at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 March:

"When will the council start installing noise reduction barriers (where they are necessary and effective) along the M4 Motorway between Leixlip and Kilcock? "

John was given the following reply by the Director of Services:

"Discussions are underway with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in relation to this issue with regard to design type, estimated costs etc"

Cllr. McGinley welcomed the report and that he was pleased to see that funding for barriers had been included in the three year Capital Programme. John asked that the pressure for the laying of low noise tarmacadum on the M4 be continued by the Director of Services

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Final Section of Laragh cul de sac to be Re-surfaced

Cllr. John McGinley's following motion was considered at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 March:

"That the forty metre potholed stretch of the Laragh cul-desac road be tarmacadamed. "

John was given the following reply by the Director of Services:

"The Maynooth Municipal District Engineer confirms that there are no plans to resurface this section of road but it would be a suitable project for Local Property Tax (LPT) or Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) funding.'

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that most of the cul de sac was tarmacadamed about two years ago using Central Council funds and that the remainder of the road should be surfaced using similar funding

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

The Council's Director of Services advised Cllr. John McGinley at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 March that the lights will be put in place, but, that the end March deadline will not be met. The target is now the end of

Re-Surfacing of Back Lanes Will Now Take Place in May/June 2018

As previously advised by Cllr. John McGinley, the Council agreed to resurface the back lanes at Leinster Cottages, Maynooth following completion of the pipe laying. Unfortunately, the pipe laying took longer than expected and the re-surfacing of the Lanes could not take place last

year as planned. The Council have now re-scheduled the re-surfacing work for May/June 2018

Further Allocation of 5 Gardaí to Kildare Division

Stagg has been advised by Human Resources at Garda Headquarters that an additional 5 Probationary Gardaí were assigned to the Kildare Division following their graduation last Friday March 16th.

The probationer Gardaí will take up their posts on Tuesday 3rd April and three have been assigned to Leixlip Garda Station and two have been assigned to Naas Garda Station

Welcoming the additional gardai, Mr. Stagg stated that the allocation of 5 Probationary Gardaí will bring Garda Numbers to 363 in the Kildare Division or a ratio of 1 garda for every 612 people in Kildare. The total number of Garda Recruits allocated to the Kildare Division since April 2015 is 87.

Mr. Stagg stated that we must keep the pressure on the Commissioner and the Policing Authority to continue to reduce the unacceptable historical imbalance that existed in the Kildare Division and a concerted campaign to attract in Gardaí from other divisions must be maintained.

New Bus Route Maynooth to Naas and **Blanchardstown Commenced on Monday March**

Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by the National Transport Authority to introduce a new Bus Route, Route 139, covering Naas, Sallins, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth, Leixlip, Clonee and Blanchardstown which began operating on Monday March 12th.

Mr. Stagg stated that there will be 9 services each way, 7 days a week, with departures from Naas Hospital at 7.15 am, 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, and 10-35 pm. Departure times from Blanchardstown are at the same

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 Maynooth Commuters who will now have a direct public transport link to Blanchardstown, and will give the people of Maynooth a direct link to Naas.

Stagg Welcomes Funding for Electrification of Maynooth Rail Line

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the inclusion of the Electrification of the Maynooth Rail Line in the National Development Plan 2018-2027, under the DART Expansion Programme. Mr. Stagg stated that under Budget 2018, when the 2015 Capital Plan was reviewed, progression of planning was all that was provided for the Electrification of the Maynooth

Now stated Mr. Stagg, the actual electrification of the Maynooth Rail Line has been included and this is to be welcomed by everybody.

In relation to the Electrification of the Maynooth Line, Mr. Stagg stated that we have a clear picture of the timeline for delivery. Design and Planning is being reactivated this year, with planning consent likely to be sought for the €300 Million project in 2020 and construction will hopefully start in 2021.

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Part-time work and social welfare payments Ouestion

I'm working part-time on a low wage. Do I qualify for any social welfare payments?

Answer

It depends on your personal circumstances. Many people work part-time before taking up full-time employment. If you are working part-time you can, in some cases, keep or apply for a partial social welfare payment, or you may qualify for additional supports.

If you work over 38 hours in a fortnight and you have children you may be able to claim Working Family Payment (WFP), formerly known as Family Income Supplement or FIS. WFP is a weekly tax-free payment for people on low pay.

You may be able to claim a jobseeker's payment for the days you are not working. You can work part-time for up to three days a week and claim a reduced Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance payment. You may qualify for the Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme if you were getting Jobseeker's Allowance and find part-time work for less than 24 hours per week.

However, one of the main conditions for getting a jobseeker's payment is that you must be available for work and actively seeking work. This means that you must continue to look for work on the days you are unemployed. You must also be unemployed for at least four days out of seven consecutive days.

If you return to work after a period of unemployment, you may qualify for the Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD) which aims to help families move from social welfare into employment. The BTWFD and WFP can be paid together and the BTWFD is not taken into account in the means test for WFP.

If you are parenting alone and getting a One-Parent Family Payment, you are allowed to earn a certain amount each week and keep your payment. In some cases, people getting disability payments can do some work and keep a social welfare payment.

Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Question

My partner and I have been unable to get a mortgage to buy our own home. Will we be eligible for the new Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan?

Answer

The new Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan provides mortgages to first-time buyers at reduced interest rates (2%–2.3%) to buy new or second-hand properties or to build a home. You can choose to fix the rates for the full term of the mortgage, so you have the same repayments for the whole time you are repaying the loan.

To qualify for a loan under the scheme:

- You must be a first-time buyer aged between 18 and 70 years of age
- Your income cannot be more than €50,000 (€75,000 for joint applicants)
- You must have a deposit of at least 10% of the purchase price of the property
- You must have evidence of two insufficient offers or refusals for a mortgage loan by two banks or building societies
- You must have a satisfactory credit rating
- The main applicant must have been in continuous employment (or self-employed) for at least two years

The property must not be over 175 square metres. If you are buying in Cork, Dublin, Galway, Kildare, Louth, Meath or Wicklow, the maximum market value of the property cannot be more than €320,000; in all other parts of the country, the value cannot exceed €250,000. You also need to show that you can afford the monthly repayments, which must be less than one-third of your monthly household income.

You can use the Home Loan Calculator on rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie to work out how much you can borrow.

The Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan is available nationwide from local authorities. You must make an appointment with your local authority to submit your application

form and supporting documents in person. You can also call the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan help desk at (051) 349 720 for more information.

Parental leave

Ouestion

What is parental leave? Can both parents take it?

Answer

Each parent of an eligible child may take up to 18 weeks of unpaid parental leave from work. Leave can be taken no later than the child's eighth birthday. However, if your child has a disability or a long-term illness, you can take parental leave up to their 16th birthday. If you adopt a child between the ages of six and eight, you can take leave for that child up to two years after the date of the adoption order. (Your contract of employment may also provide for an extended age limit.)

You can take 18 weeks of leave per child in one continuous period or in two separate blocks of a minimum of six weeks. If taken in two separate blocks, there must be a gap of at least 10 weeks between the two periods of leave per child. However, if your employer agrees, you can separate parental leave into periods of days or even hours.

Taking parental leave does not affect your other employment rights. Apart from the loss of pay and pension contributions, your position remains as if no parental leave had been taken. This means, for example, that while on parental leave you will continue to accumulate your annual leave entitlement. While you are on parental leave, a public holiday that falls on a day when you would normally be working is added to your period of leave.

When you return to work after taking parental leave, you can ask for a change in your work pattern or working hours for a set period. Your employer must consider your request, but is not obliged to grant it.

Both parents have an equal entitlement to 18 weeks' parental leave each. Unless you and your partner work for the same employer, this leave is non-transferable; you can only claim your own parental leave entitlement of up to 18 weeks per child. However, if you both work for the same employer and your employer agrees, you may transfer up to 14 weeks of your parental leave entitlement to each other.

Free cancer screening programmes Ouestion

My friend has been offered free screening for cancer. She says it's a national free screening programme. How can I take part?

Answer

The National Cancer Screening Service provides free screening programmes to help detect or prevent several types of cancer.

BowelScreen – The National Bowel Screening Programme aims to detect bowel cancer at an early stage in people who have no symptoms. It offers free screening every two years to men and women aged 60 to 69. If you are in this age group, you can ring BowelScreen on Freephone 1800 45 45 55 to check your details are on the register. If you are on the register, you will receive an invitation to take part in the BowelScreen programme.

CervicalCheck – The National Cervical Screening Programme tests women aged 25 to 60 for changes in the cells of the cervix. Early detection and treatment can prevent cervical cancer. If you are aged between 25 and 60 and have never had a CervicalCheck smear test, you can simply make an appointment with a GP practice or clinic registered with CervicalCheck. You can find one in your area by visiting cervicalcheck.ie or by calling Freephone 1800 45 45 55. A letter of invitation is not needed to make an appointment and attend for a first test.

BreastCheck – The National Breast Screening Programme invites women to a free mammogram (x-ray of the breast) every two years. The screening has been available to women aged 50 to 64 but is being gradually extended over the next few years to include all women aged 50 to 69. If you have not received an invitation you can check if you are registered by visiting breastcheck.ie or by calling Freephone 1800 45 45 55.

Screening can help prevent or detect cancer at an early stage in people who have no symptoms. If you have any specific concerns or symptoms you should visit your GP (family doctor).

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139 Route Launches Connection from Maynooth to Blanchardstown

I am delighted to see the new 139 route from Naas to Blanchardstown commence its journeys in March. The route will connect those living in Maynooth with Blanchardstown IT, and all the way across to Naas hospital, Clane, and Rathcoffey. I had met the National Transport Authority on a number of occasions to push for this new route. If you would like a copy of the timetable please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Additional measures needed to tackle teacher shortage

The Government need to increase their efforts in securing new teachers at primary and second level.

There are a number of significant hurdles which still have to be overcome. In particular, the high cost of postgraduate fees for teaching courses needs to be urgently addressed. There's little use in expanding the number of places available at postgraduate level if people simply cannot afford to pay for their degree.

I again reiterate the call for Minister Bruton to take a far more comprehensive approach to dealing with this issue. In January, Dáil Éireann endorsed a Fianna Fáil motion on the teacher shortage, which the Minister opposed. That motion listed a series of other actions that the Minister could take to tackle this issue. The piecemeal approach undertaken by Minister Bruton so far must be replaced with a more ambitious and wide-ranging strategy

Delays in Passport Office, Check your passport

The passport office is experiencing delays of up to 5 weeks in some cases. It is recommended if you have upcoming travel to check your passport urgently. The quickest way to get a new passport is to book an appointment to attend the passport office in person if you have proof of travel. Don't hesitate to contact my office for advice or assistance in obtaining your passport.

Extra Capacity Needed on Maynooth Trains

I have called on the Minister for Transport to deal with overcrowding on trains serving Maynooth train station. Almost daily I have met constituents who have to stand from the first stop in Grand Canal Dock until the Leixlip stops before getting a seat. It is imperative the Minister provides the funding for additional spaces on the trains serving Maynooth.

Record trolley figures are absolutely deplorable

This past month seen the highest figures for those waiting on trollies in our Hospitals. At one stage 714 people were waiting on trollies which is far from good enough. Not only are the figures themselves completely unacceptable, but the length of time that patients are being kept on trolleys is extremely worrying. I have heard reports of a 64 year old man having spent 109 hours on a trolley in Tallaght hospital - that's over four and a half days. This is surely some breach of human rights? The Minister for Health and the

HSE have completely failed people this winter. It is now the middle of March and the situation is actually getting worse.

It is critical that the capacity review, published earlier this year, is acted on as a matter of urgency. To have 714 people awaiting admission shows the distance we need to go before our health system is able to cope with the demands that are being put on it. A population that is getting progressively older means that these problems are not likely to go away soon and the Minister must act without delay.

Self Help Scheme Open for Applications

The self-help scheme ran by Kildare County Council is now open for applications. The objective of this scheme is to assist Local Authority tenants to carry out improvement works on their home. The Self Help grant can be used to replace defective windows and doors, defective kitchen units, heating systems, stoves or for other minor works. The closing date is April 10th 2018 to submit your application. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you require assistance.

NTA to Examine Second Motorway Interchange

The NTA has provided funding for a comprehensive survey of the M4 motorway and its current capacity levels. The study will include examining the provision of a second interchange for Maynooth. It is very welcome news that this situation is being examined as it is much needed to improve the serious traffic problems in the town.

Maynooth North South Corridor

As you will have seen works are progressing on the North South Corridor from the Glenroyal Hotel to the Garda Station. These works are due for completion soon and it is expected the next phase of works, from the Moyglare Road to the new school, will be completed by September 2018 in time for the new school year.

'Health Check' for Maynooth

Kildare County Council are to carry out a 'health check' of Maynooth. The Health Check is to provide a "stock-take" of the current economic, social, environmental and physical situation of the town in order to assess the vitality and viability of the town.

The assessment analyses the strengths and weaknesses of Maynooth and is based on a quantitative analysis of factors such as the range and quality of activities in the town, the mix of uses, accessibility to people living in the area and general amenity appearance and safety.

Key to the assessment is participation and input from the community and traders, as this essential input will inform the recommendations and actions for Maynooth. Stakeholders are welcome to send in their queries or concerns to Kildare County Council in advance of this check

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 26/2/18 to 22/3/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
18286	Kildare County Council	Lesley-Ann and Tom Barry also Florin Puiu and Florina Ciocan,	7 & 8 Meadowbrook Court, Maynooth, Co. Kil- dare.	16/03/2018
18255	Kildare County Council	Adrian and Michelle Guckian	102 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	12/03/2018
18235	Kildare County Council	Maynooth GAA	Maynooth GAA, Moyglare Road, Maynooth	08/03/2018
18209	Kildare County Council	Jerry and Carol Bradley,	7 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	05/03/2018
18201	Kildare County Council	Elementec Limited,	Maynooth DSU, Unit F8, Maynooth Business Campus, Straffan Road, Moneycooly, Maynooth, Co Kildare	27/02/2018
18195	Kildare County Council	Eddie and Anna Mitchell,	16 Parklands Lawns, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	26/02/2018



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Our speaker this month will be John Healy. John is a physiotherapist and he will talk to us about simple exercise to increase mobility and to stay healthy. Attendance is free of charge and there is plenty of parking available (www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie - phone 089 4933533).

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Orbital Route from Naas to Blanchardstown via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip starts on Monday, says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said he is delighted that the new bus service, which he has campaigned for, from Naas to Blanchardstown via Clane, Rathcoffey and Maynooth, commenced on Monday 12th March.

"It is going to service Blanchardstown IT and Naas Hospital, with nine services each way, seven days a week, with first departures at 07.15 and last departures at 22.35 and will be run for the NTA (National Transport Authority) by JJ Kavanagh & Sons."

"As I have said before, this service is an important public transport link, linking significant population centres such as Naas, Maynooth and Blanchardstown, connecting three hospital and two third level institutions."

"I am happy for the residents in all towns and villages along this route. Since getting elected, I have being campaigning for an improved public transport services for commuters in North Kildare and we are making progress. I will continue to make representations to have further improvements made. "concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke to meet Assistant Commissioner to press for Adequate Garda **Resources for Celbridge and North Kildare**

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, is set to meet with Assistant Garda Commissioner to seek adequate Garda resources for Celbridge and the North Kildare

"This week, I will be meeting with Assistant Commissioner Fanning and Chief Superintendent Brian Sutton and Superintendent Gerry Wall, to press for extra Garda resources."

"As our population in Celbridge and North Kildare grows, we need to ensure that we are securing matching Garda resources. As with Public Transport, Education and Health facilities, we need to provide adequate Garda numbers for Celbridge and the North Kildare area."

"I am delighted that the Assistant Commissioner Fanning will be attending the meeting and I will highlight the requirement for extra Garda numbers, as the number of Gardai in Celbridge and the general area are 40% less than in other parts of the country."

"There is a clear discrepancy in the number of Gardaí stationed in different counties around Ireland. In Kildare there is one Garda on site for every 649 people. The average number of Gardaí per county overall throughout is 443. Kildare has one of the lowest proportion of Gardaí per capita."

'Celbridge and the North Kildare area Garda numbers needs to be addressed by the Government and I will press for additional resources for Celbridge and in general." concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Additional Resources needed for Kildare and Lessons to be learnt following Storm Emma savs O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said that lessons can be learned in the aftermath of Storm Emma, as Kildare takes the hit.

'Kildare so far have experienced the brunt of Storm Emma. Great efforts have been made to minimize the effect of the storm and extraordinary commitment has been shown by so many.'

"We have seen that the Motorway network has been kept open to traffic, but the challenge for many residents in Celbridge, Maynooth, Straffan, Rathcoffey, Clane and Prosperous has been to get access to the motorway and key services."

"I understand that 18 Kildare County Council trucks, 30 tractor powered ploughs a

number of JCB's and other machines have been attempting to clear the regional roads Kildare County Council is inviting applications from council tenants for the 2018 Self and other strategic routes throughout Kildare and, as I have seen today, they are making progress."

> "Link roads between our North Kildare towns have been badly affected. Having seen at first hand today the power of community effort, in Clane, Maynooth and Kilcock, I believe that we can learn from these events. There has been a great collective effort, between state and voluntary organisations and our community to deal with the challenge head on."

> "It seems incredible only a kilometre from our motorway network, which has been kept open to traffic, we have blocked roads for a number of days. Kildare Co Council needs further supports and resources as it was so badly hit. We need to see how best we can address this issue for the future.

However, we cannot but acknowledge the great work of so many in minimising the impact of this extraordinary weather event." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

New Bus Route linking Maynooth, Celbridge and Tallaght to be considered says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has received confirmation that the National Transport Authority (NTA) it is examining the provision of a Bus service linking Maynooth, Celbridge and Tallaght

"The NTA has confirmed to me that it has commenced an examination of the possibility of providing a direct bus connection between Maynooth, Celbridge and Tallaght."

"Since getting elected, I have pressed the NTA to start considering the provision of orbital bus routes. I campaigned for the Naas to Blanchardstown route, linking Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip and I am delighted this is now in place from Monday last."

"Many residents in Celbridge and Maynooth need to travel to Tallaght for work, attend hospital or go to college. I welcome the NTA's commitment to consider this Bus route and I believe it will attract support."

"I will continue to engage with the NTA and Public Transport providers to ensure that we make further progress on this route and on all public transport services.' concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Government's failure on Apprenticeships needs to be addressed says O'Rourke

Fianna Fail's Local TD, Frank O'Rourke, has claimed that the Government's failure in the apprenticeship sector will jeopardise progress in most construction projects and will end the Government's hope of building 25,000 houses a year.

"During the downturn, countless tradespeople found themselves without work as sites downed tools. We need to promote the importance of apprenticeships and acknowledge the contribution of construction skills to our economy and encourage more people into the sector."

"While registrations for bricklaying apprenticeships increased by 34 to 121 in 2017. Plumbing by 224, bringing the total to 1,272, painting and decorating apprenticeships now stands at 85, more apprenticeships are needed. These figures are 58% behind the targets set in the Government's Action Plan to Expand Apprenticeships for 2017. The total number of apprenticeships are less than 50% of what they were 10 years ago."

"The current low take-up of apprenticeships in trades like bricklaying, plastering and tiling, is creating a massive skills shortage. I acknowledge the work of groups like the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland, the Construction Industry Federation and Engineers Ireland who have been encouraging people to enter construction courses and to return home from abroad for work.

However the Government needs to support the sector and reach the targets that its set for itself in this area."

"The Government needs to wakes up to the problem. A lack of apprentices will jeopardise progress in most construction projects and will affect the prospect of building 25,000 houses a year." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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The launch of the Exhibition, for invited guests, will take place on Friday 6th April at 8pm. Local artist John Fitzgerald, artist in residence at the Curragh Race Course, will open the event.

The Exhibition continues on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th, 12-5pm. We warmly invite all members of the local community and beyond to come along and enjoy the works on display over the two days. It is a free event. Artists from Maynooth, Celbridge, Kilcock and Enfield will have c. 75 works on display representing local scenes, still life, seascapes, landscapes, flora and fauna and much more.

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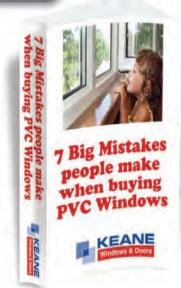
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Entries & Staging: 8.30am to 12 noon
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Pre-Entries and Enquiries to: Mary Cleary (087 9441229)

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Zero Waste Maynooth

St.Patrick's Day Parade

Zero Waste Maynooth were delighted to work with Maynooth Tidy Towns on a float for the St.Patrick's Day Parade. We decided to focus on plastic pollution while working around the parade theme of Medieval Maynooth. A boat which told the tale of two oceans



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was constructed out of repurposed materials (old election boards from Eve Larine, materials from Recreate, our garages and bins were used!). One side of the float showed a medieval boat sailing in clean waters. The other side showed a modern fishing vessel sailing in oceans filled with single use plastics. Blue Planet 2 has highlighted this issue and we hope our float will continue to encourage people to look at their own consumption of plastic and consider how they can reduce it.

The Second R – REDUCE!

Following on from our previous articles on the five Rs, which are the foundation of Zero Waste, this month the focus is on Reduce.

Reducing isn't just about not buying something, it is a way of thinking about your consumption – past, present and future. It can lead to a less

cluttered house, more money in your pocket and a calmer family life. So here are some steps to help you reduce:

- 1. Look at what you have previously purchased/ obtained – do you need all those kitchen gadgets/dvds/toys? Are they adding to your quality of life or driving you mad by constantly having to search through stuffed drawers and presses to find the one thing that you actually need?
- Pare down your belongings and keep what



you actually use! (If you are unsure or terrified to go the "cold turkey" route, place items you are unsure of in a box and put out of sight, if you don't use them within a certain time frame, you can rehome them

- 3. Rehome belongings one person's clutter is another person's gold! Donate to charity shops, check with friends – next month will focus on Reuse (use this month to sort through those belongings!!)
- 4. For present and future purchases, ask yourself some questions Do I really need this? Can I borrow it instead of buying? What have I that I

could use instead of buying new? Can I get this second hand? Think outside of the box!

5. If you are buying new, buy the best quality goods that you can afford. Cheap and cheerful can end up in landfill very quickly.

One very simple step in reducing your plastic consumption is to reduce your use of disposable takeaway coffee cups and water bottles. In Maynooth we are lucky to have eight wonderful cafes who are part of the Conscious Cup Campaign.

They are offering a discount to people who choose reusable cups over disposable!

Emma's Place(20c) Willow and Wild (20c) The Brewery (20c) L'Art du Chocolat (20c) Coffee Lounge (50c) Coffee Mill (50c) Beetroot (20c) Café Bon Bon (20c)

Going green isn't just for St Patrick's day!!











The theme for Maynooth Tidy Towns St Patrick's Day Parade float was Medieval and Modern, we linked up with Zero Waste Maynooth. (Our script for the St. Patrick's Day float is published below).

Many thanks to Annie Byrne, Edel Keane and Orla Matthews from Zero Waste Maynooth who designed the float, also thanks to John Kavanagh and his team for putting together the float. Haven Hire, Maynooth who supplied free of charge our trailer for the parade.

A big thank to Elizabeth Callaghan who supplied scones and tea/coffee to all volunteers before the parade. Thanks to all who walked with our float.

Later on St. Patrick's Day, Annie Byrne from Zero Waste Maynooth was



presented by Cllr.
Naoise O`Cearuil with
a trophy for the
Environmental
Awareness section of
the parade.

An Taisce's National Spring clean will be held Saturday 28th April, meet at the Courthouse Square @ 10am. Our target this year is to retain the National Tidy Towns Gold Medal which we won in 2017.



Annie Byrne from Zero Waste Maynooth receives a trophy for the Environmental Awareness section of the parade from Naoise Ó Cearúil. Centre: Mary Molloy, Maynooth Tidy Towns.

We will be starting back during April cleaning up and planting on Wednesday nights @ 7pm meet at Courthouse Square, on Saturdays meet

the Courthouse Square @ 10am and for Sunday morning clean ups meet at the Courthouse Square @ 7.45am. If you have an hour or two to spare we could do with your help.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns 087 3153189 See us on Facebook or Twitter



BE THE SOLUTION TO PLASTIC POLLUTION

On St. Patrick's Day - Maynooth Tidy Towns and Zero Waste Maynooth teamed up to bring you

"A Tale of Two Oceans"

Our float represented a fishing boat in two contrasting oceans, Medieval and Modern. Marine life in medieval times may have had to contend with natural predators but the ocean was not polluted, unlike our modern oceans, which are awash with plastic.

8 Million pieces of plastic are dumped in the sea each year. There are currently more than **FIVE TRILLION** pieces of plastic floating in our oceans weighing a staggering 250,000 tons – the same weight as 25,000 Dublin buses.

- ⇒ Ocean Conservancy says plastics are believed to threaten at least 600 different wildlife species.
- ⇒ One in three leatherback turtles, which often mistake plastic bags for edible jellyfish, have been found with plastic in their bellies.
- ⇒ There are concerns that more than a million birds and 100,000 sea mammals and turtles die every year from eating and getting tangled in plastic waste.
- ⇒ In February 2017, a dead whale beached on Norway's coast had 30 plastic bags in its stomach.

Our "on the go culture" and insatiable desire for bottled water and other beverages and our love affair with the ubiquitous single-use coffee cup and other single use plastics are having a detrimental effect on our environment, our marine life and the ecology of our oceans. Plastic litter is a blight on our landscape. We see it every day in our canal, rivers, hedgerows, and ditches.

We have to take action now to put a stop to this pollution. We have to reduce the amount of plastic that we use in our everyday lives.

Make a start today AND BE THE SOLUTION TO PLASTIC POLLUTION.

- \Rightarrow Get a reusable drinks bottle.
- ⇒ Support the Conscious Cup Campaign. Get a reusable cup for your takeaway coffee.
- ⇒ Minimise/Eliminate the purchase of products/vegetables wrapped in plastic.
- ⇒ Say no to the plastic straw and other plastic tableware.
- \Rightarrow Use a cloth bag when shopping.

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Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018 Photo Gallery



































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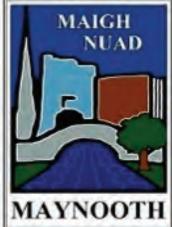














Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018 Photo Gallery (cont.)

































Congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2018 Maynooth Parade & those who were brave enough to endure the cold weather to support it.



Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018 Photo Gallery (cont.)



















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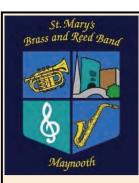
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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

As is the usual case March was a really busy month for the Band starting off with the Dunboyne St. Patrick's Parade on Sunday 11th March. For many years Dunboyne has held their parade on the nearest Sunday before St. Patrick's Day, we assume because it is so difficult to get bands on the 17th with

so many parades happening as we know that bands make a huge difference to any parade. We were blessed with a sunny day and the tuneful marches which we played attracted many "characters" in the parade and our Staff Major Daniel had the company of a beautiful "Dame" on stilts accompanying him for much of the parade.

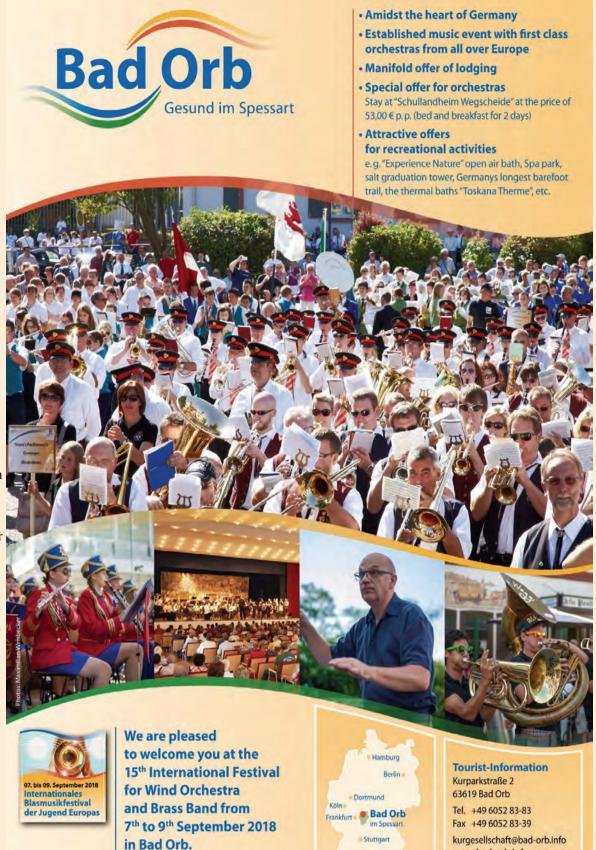
The parades on St. Patrick's Day was a totally different story with the Beast from the East making its appearance bringing very cold but thankfully mostly dry weather. The Band had ordered new fleece lined jackets, all paid for by the members, which arrived just in time for the parades and boy were we glad of them! Our march at the start of the Maynooth Parade was accompanied by flurries of snow which thankfully moved away as we lead the Parade off from Greenfield Shopping Centre at the usual punctual time of 11o'clock. We had intended having our very keen Junior Band members marching with us but the weather forecasted was not very inviting so unfortunately they missed out. Hopefully they will be marching in the ranks of the Senior Band next St. Patrick's Day.

After some soup and sandwiches to warm us up courtesy of Brady's in The Square we headed down to do a short stint for at the Family Day in Manor Mills Shopping Centre who so generously sponsored the Band on the day. Then it was off to Kilcock to lead their parade which started a little earlier this year due to some important rugby match happening across the water. Finally we made our way to Clane for their parade which we had not attended for a number of years but thankfully we survived but there were a lot of tired bodies at the end of a very long day.

The big event of 2018 for the Band is our trip to the Bad Orb International Music Festival near Frankfurt in Germany from the 7th to the 9th of September. We were selected to take part from over 200 applicants and we will be the only band from Ireland among the 34 participants. It is a wonderful opportunity for the band members to mix and play with so many bands of different nationalities as well as representing your town, county and country at an International event and we will be very proud indeed as our National Anthem is being played when each band is introduced to the large attendance.

The cost of the travel alone comes to over €10,000, the band members will be paying for their accommodation and meals, so we hope to arrange some fundraising activities between now and September to cover the costs but if anyone would like to contribute any amount towards the costs they can call 087 2537 906

or **email sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie** and we will be very pleased indeed to talk to you.



Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Best Shop Fronts 1st: The Maynooth Book Shop - 2nd: The Glass Doll - 3rd: NCBI Charity Shop







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For Written Answer on: 20/03/2018 - Question Number(s): 1008 Question Reference(s): 11790/18 - Department: Housing, Planning and Local Government

QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government if Fire Service resources are deemed adequate in County Kildare to cope with a major emergency; if a review will take place following the recent bad weather event; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

REPLY

Fire Services are provided by local authorities under the provisions of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 and 2003. In 2014, all local authorities undertook an appraisal of their current fire services arising from the publication of the "Keeping Communities Safe" policy document in 2013. This appraisal involved the local authorities undertaking an Area Risk Categorisation process which resulted in the fire risk grading in each fire station area being defined, with a matching fire service response capability bench-marked against the national response standards set out for the first time in Keeping Communities Safe. This process was subject to an external validation process which was reported and published by my Department in 2016 in a report titled "Local Delivery – National Consistency".

In relation to major emergencies, each local authority has a "Major Emergency Plan" in place which describes the hazard identification and risk assessment process undertaken by the local authority and the arrangements in place to mobilise the full resources of the local authority and to co-ordinate their activities with the other principal response agencies.

Arising from the recent spell of severe weather, each local authority will be reporting in due course to their Council members on their response activities over this period. Local authority reports will also be supplied to my Department where they will be considered and relevant information included in the national review report. It is the normal practice for my Department to compile a review report following an emergency event in order to identify points of success which may be consolidated and weaknesses which can be addressed, both at local and national level.

Recycling charges entirely counterproductive

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD has said the decision by Ireland's largest waste company Panda to introduce charges for recycling is a significant retrograde step which will have far reaching consequences for Ireland's overall environmental policy.

Deputy Murphy said it was likely that other waste providers would follow Panda in charging for recycling waste and this was bound to impact on how people dispose of their waste. She said huge steps had been taken by people to get used to a recycling regime but that progress was now in danger if charges are to be applied to recycling.

"It is entirely counterproductive to charge people to recycle. One of the key elements in changing people's behaviour around the sorting of waste has been the incentive to keep their bin charges down by maximising their recycling waste which was free to dispose of. If you change that scenario then you effectively remove the financial incentive for people to recycle and I fear that will have a significantly detrimental effect on people's recycling behaviour.

"We cannot underestimate the impact such a decision will have on other aspects of environmental policy and indeed even things like transport policy. We currently only have 5 landfill sites in Ireland and that number is set to reduce in future years. The only other option is the Dublin incinerator and over-reliance on this facility brings with it significant congestion issues and an over-reliance on the already congested Dublin road network. "If people's behaviour when disposing of their waste shifts to putting more waste in their black bins, where is that waste going to go? We will have to deal with it. That means the likelihood of waste trucks criss-crossing the country and the ensuing problems that brings. "The Social Democrats have called for a Waste Regulator. Currently the whole area is extremely weak on regulations and there is very little onus on waste companies with regards customer pricing among other things. Waste companies are free to take decisions such as the one today without any regulatory body assessing that decision and its impacts in the wider policy context."

Renters being priced out of Dublin into commuter counties – but services and infrastructure lag behind

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD said renters are being priced out of Dublin into commuter counties – but without proper infrastructure supports being put in place.

Deputy Murphy was commenting on today's figures from the Residential Tenancies Board which show that in the four counties of Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow, the average rent now exceeds €1,000 per month.

The Kildare North TD said:

"Skyrocketing rents in Dublin are clearly driving demand in neighbouring counties in a

way that is totally chaotic and unplanned. The chronic supply shortages and high prices in the capital are the root cause of the rent increases in the commuter counties of Kildare, Meath and Wicklow. There is growing pressure on these counties in terms of provision of schools and other public facilities and services including transport links.

"The government had an opportunity, in its much-hyped National Development Plan, to commit to one key piece of infrastructure that would be a game changer for commuters from these counties who work in Dublin. Yet the Dart Underground, a fully costed and planned project, was not given the go-ahead.

"It is unforgivable that the government would overlook this electrified railway line which would link commuters from Kildare and Wicklow into Dublin city and beyond. Dart Underground is the crucial missing piece that would give commuters to Dublin the joined-up network of rail and light rail that the capital so badly needs."

Social Democrats call for government to block sale of mortgages to vulture funds

The Social Democrats have called on the Minister for Finance to intervene to block the sale of Permanent TSB mortgages to unregulated vulture funds.

The party's co-leader Catherine Murphy TD said:

"This bank is 75 per cent owned by the State and the Minister for Finance must do what he can to protect homeowners by halting the sale of its loan book to unregulated and largely unaccountable private equity or hedge funds.

"It is wrong and unacceptable for the State as a major bank shareholder to stand by while Permanent TSB effectively outsources repossessions of people's homes. There is clearly a moral obligation to step in and prevent the sale of these 20,000 mortgages. Deputy Murphy added:

"The devastating impact on families of having their mortgages hived off to overseas funds cannot be underestimated. If emergency legislation is needed to fix this problem, then the Minister should bring this before the Dáil without delay. In the meantime, the funds should be instructed to give mortgage-holders the right to buy their loans for the same price that is being offered to the vulture funds.

"The official pandering of government to private funds runs against the interests of ordinary borrowers. Families stand to lose their homes as a result of this move and yet the government is allowing vulture funds to continue to maximise their take on rent and also get preferential treatment under our tax laws. The overly-generous tax treatment of these funds is an issue that I will be raising this at the Public Accounts Committee. It has led to a lot of worry and distress in the Kildare Area there are a lot of families very concerned about this that have contacted me recently."



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Straffan Road

Roadworks on the lower section of the Straffan Road, the new link with Leinster Street and the refurbishment of Leinster Street are nearing completion. The County Development Plan contains lofty sentiments of promoting cycling, reallocating road space to walking and cycling and a hierarchy of road users with pedestrians and cyclists at the top. The reality is that Kildare County Council has widened the Straffan Road to four lanes of motorised traffic but considers that cyclists do not warrant dedicated space into the town centre.

Minimum Passing Distance Legislation

Shane Ross, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, announced in the Dáil that the government would after all support the Minimum Passing Distance Legislation. The main opposition party Fianna Fáil had already announced their support for the measure and had tabled an amendment to the Road Traffic Act which is going through the Dáil. With the support of the two main parties, it is now virtually guaranteed to pass into legislation. The news of the announcement has been warmly welcomed by cyclist representatives and great credit is due to Phil Skelton of Staying *Alive at 1.5* who has worked tirelessly over the last number of years to see it enacted into Irish law.

Barrow Blueway

Kildare County Council recently granted planning permission for the development of the Barrow towpath as a Blueway/Greenway between Lowtown and Athy. Laois also granted planning permission for the section in County Laois but Carlow County Council rejected the planning application on the grounds of environmental impact after a vociferous *NIMBY* (Not in My Back Yard) campaign led by Olivia O'Leary.

College Green

Dublin City Council is engaging in further consultation on proposals for College Green Plaza. Due to competing demands for space in the city centre, hard decisions will be required on how to fairly allocate space between competing demands by pedestrians, cyclists, buses, taxis, trucks and cars. One thing is certain - private cars already have the lowest priority with highest priority going to space efficient modes of transport ie walking and cycling.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories from our readers

Smaointe - Cianbhá

Agus mé i mo mhac léinn in Ollscoil na Gaillimhe sa bhliain 1961, bhí mé ar lóistín i dteach ar Bhóthar an Chaisleáin Nua. In earrach na bliana sin bhí brionglóid agam gur fiú cuntas a thabhairt air, dar liom.

Sa bhrionglóid chonaic mé mo dheartháir sa bhaile i Roscomáin i gcró na mbó agus nathair nimhe ina sheilbh aige. Sórt peata a bhí ann agus ba chosúil go raibh an-chairdeas idir mo dheartháir agus é féin ón slí a bhí sé á láimhseáil agus á mholadh. Ba chosúil go raibh sé an-bhródúil as agus go raibh an-mhuinín aige as mar throdaí.

Agus é ag slíocadh ceann a pheata tháinig francach mór amach as poll sa chúinne agus rith ina threo le fonn troda air. Chuir mo dheartháir an nathair síos ar an urlár chun stop a chur leis an bhfrancach. Thosaigh an troid. Ar feadh tamaill cheapfá go mbeadh an bua ag an fhrancach agus an péire ag iomrascáil le chéile agus bhí sé ar tí an buille scoir a thabhairt nuair shaith an nathair a dhá ghoineog go domhain ann. Chúlaigh an francach beagáinín. Shín sé é féin go hárd mar a bheadh dealbh ann ar feadh tamaillín. Chrith sé agus thit sé síos, marbh. Thóg mo dheartháir an nathair, chuach sé faoina ascaill é agus as go brách leis!

An Domhnach ina dhiaidh sin tháinig an deartháir céanna agus a bhean ar chúirt chugam. Agus muid ag comhrá i bproinnteach éigin dúirt mo dheartháir liom go tobann go bhfuair sé sionnach cúpla oíche roimhe sin. «Conas sin», arsa mise. «Cad a tharla?» Mhínigh sé dom go raibh sé cráite leis an sionnach céanna. Bhíodh uan nó dhó imithe gach ré oíche.

An mhaidin seo chuaigh sé amach arís agus bhí uan nua-bheirthe marbh os a chomhair. Ní raibh sé chun cur suas leis a thuilleadh. Síos leis láithreach go dtí na gardaí síochána chun ceadúnas a fháil chun stricnín a chur. Ní raibh éinne i láthair. Fiú amháin i 1961! Bhí sé antógtha agus ní raibh sé réidh chun stopadh cé go raibh a fhios aige go maith go raibh sé ag briseadh an dlí. Cheannaigh sé an stricnín agus abhaile leis. Ní raibh mórán damáiste déanta don uan – greim tógtha as a chliathán agus an t-ae ag gobadh amach. Chuir sé cuid den stricnín faoi an ae agus chuaigh sé abhaile.

Amach leis an mhaidin dar gcionn agus bhí an sionnach sínte slat nó dhó ón uan! «Ce'n oíche a tharla é sin», arsa mise. «Oíche Dé Chéadaoin», ar seisean. B'shin oíche mo bhrionglóide. Bhí ionadh air nuair a d'inis mé mo scéal!

Gabriel Martin.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

As mentioned in last month's edition I should now be reporting on the wearing of the green in celebration of St. Patrick's weekend. It turned out to be more of a white weekend as the snow paid us a return visit and scuppered all our plans. In the interest of health and safety we had to cancel our tea-dance on Sunday March 18th. However between the "Beast from the East" and the arrival of its' "Offspring" we managed to hold our "Annual Collection" which raised €2,132. Many thanks to all who supported this event and indeed for all your support throughout the year.

We now look forward to our Easter Tea-Dance on Sunday 15th and I hope all our people have their bonnets at the ready. Before all that we will hold our AGM on Tuesday April 3rd at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. We would also welcome new members so why not come along and hear what we do or even tell us what you think.

Meanwhile our club continues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Geraldine Hall and all Senior Citizens in the area are welcome. Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the Farrell and Morahan families on the passing of Brian and Christopher.

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Hard work these Parades!!!
Well Done and Thank You to Naoise and the
Organising Committee.

Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil - Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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Future of the Harbour Field to be decided by the Public buggies have had to walk on the road and it is not good

At the March meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil tabled a motion that the future of the Harbour Field go to public consultation. There has been a proposal to put a car park into the Harbour Field and this is not to be confused with the new proposal. The proposed car park will go to public consultation and Ó Cearúil has urged all residents to oppose such a measure when details of the Part 8 are publicised.

Naoise's new proposal will see residents contribute to the future of the field through an engaging process. People will be able to highlight what they think would work, for example a public park, an astro turf pitch, a skate park etc.

Cathal O'Meara Architects have been tasked by Kildare County Council to conduct the framework for town centre renewal which will have workshops where residents can attend and give their local knowledge and opinion over the future of the Harbour Field and all open spaces in the town centre environs.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil commented by saying, "This is excellent news. I've been saying all along that the Harbour Field and indeed all the open spaces in Maynooth should be rejuvenated, but more importantly that if any change is to happen, that the people of Maynooth should decide on those changes."

The workshops and consultation is due to take place in Summer 2018 and Naoise has said that he will circulate all information when it becomes available.

New Footbridge in Maynooth gets Go-ahead and Funding

A new footbridge on Mill Street Maynooth has gotten the go ahead after years of campaigning by Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil. The matter was raised by the Maynooth based councillor once again at the March meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District.

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has long highlighted how the current bridge does not cater for the huge number of pedestrians crossing it every day. Commenting on the matter, he said "We have a situation where young children and all other pedestrians have had to walk on the road as there is not enough space on the footpath. I have seen first hand where women with buggies have had to walk on the road and it is not good enough and I'm afraid of any accidents happening. I've been looking for this footbridge for some time and I'm delighted for our town that it has gotten the go ahead".

Kildare County Council confirmed to the councillor that they had confirmation of funding the National Transport Authority of €410,000 to proceed with Phase 5 of the Maynooth North-South Corridor. They also confirmed that a detailed design of the phase will commence in summer 2018

Darren Smyth, General Manager of Manor Mills Shopping Centre commented that, "We have seen from the center's point of view that this is really needed. Not only for our shoppers but for the safety of all pedestrians in the town. Its been great to work with Naoise again on another project".

Ó Cearúil concluded by saying, "I only received confirmation on the day of the meeting that the funding had been secured and I will continue to press for improvements for the betterment of our town".

Side Lanes off Main Street to be resurfaced

Cllr. Ó Cearúil tabled a motion at the Maynooth MD for the side lanes off Main Street to be resurfaced. They have become hazardous and particularly dangerous after works by Irish Water. It has been confirmed to Naoise that these lanes will now be repaired and resurfaced.

Noise from the M4

There was considerable noise coming from the M4 a few weeks ago due to work being carried out by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). These works were to trim back trees along the motorway and to increase safety precautions. The works caused serious disruption to many living close to the motorway and Naoise contacted the TII for an answer and a solution to the problem. He was informed that these works had to occur in the evening due to safety risks but Ó Cearúil highlighted that no notice was given to residents. The TII has committed to be more informative to residents in the future. The issue of sound barriers was also raised and this is being explored along with trees off the motorway to act as sound barriers.

Parking outside Newtown Shopping Centre

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has looked for measures to stop cars from

illegally parking outside Newtown Shopping Centre. The Council are now replacing a bollard that was missing to combat the issue and have written to the Gardaí looking for their assistance in stopping this problem.

Speed Limit Reduction at Moneycooley

Naoise has asked that the speed limit at Moneycooley (behind the Business Campus) be reduced and this has now been referred to the Countywide Speed Limit Review Team.

Taking in charge of Castledawson Estate

The developer submitted a CCTV Survey of the storm and foul sewer late last year. Kildare County Council reviewed the footage and provided the developer a snag list of remedial works at the end of January 2018. The developer has not yet advised the Council that these works are completed. Cllr. Ó Cearúil continues to press for Castledawson to be taken in charge.

Ó Cearúil nominated to KCC Twinning Liaison Committee

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has been nominated to sit on the Council's twinning liaison committee. The committee oversees the work of local twinning committees and helps establish new links. Maynooth is twinned with Canet en Rousillon in France. Maynooth's twinning has had much success with tourism, sporting and educational links.

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018

Naoise was the parade organiser once again this year. This is his fourth time organising the parade and his report on the parade is available on the front of this publication.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Naoise bainteach le go leor imeachtaí i gcomhair Seachtain na Gaeilge. Mar Cathaoirleach ar Coiste na Gaeilge den Comhairle Contae, bhí sé gnóthach ar fud an Contae.

Representations

As always if you require any personal assistance or advise, please feel free to get in touchwith Naoise on (086) 728 0050 or cllrnaoise@gmail.com. All correspondence is confidential.

Editorial

The Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade is covered elsewhere in the Newsletter but I would like to congratulate the organising committee and the Community Employment Scheme staff and thank them for their hard work in organising yet another very successful Parade this year.

In the 2016 Census over eighteen hundred people in Maynooth were recorded as being fifty-five years or older. I is a fair assumption to make that a number of them have retired from full-time work and also for other reasons have time to enjoy life and choose what they want to do every day. While my own retirement is still many years away, friends tell me that Maynooth is a great place to live when you have time to enjoy yourself. The presence of Maynooth University is part of the options available with ongoing events that are open to the wider community. In April there is a week- long series of events to celebrate the Maynooth Experience at 20. Part of the University's 20th anniversary celebrations, the inaugural *Maynooth Week* will shine a spotlight on the staff, students, alumni and the community who embody the unique spirit of the University.

Just to mention two events. The launch of the North Kildare Biodiversity Group is open to staff, students and members of

public and will be followed by a Biodiversity Walk and Talk around the University campus grounds. The event takes place on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 11am in the Library Fover.

On the same day "The Future of Fake News" is a collaboration between Maynooth University and RTÉ Brainstorm which is a unique partnership between RTÉ and Irish third level institutions. This event will delve feet first into one of the most complex challenges to democracy in this modern, digital age: Fake News. A panel of experts delves into questions like: Are the media giants responding adequately to reassess their technologies, their business models, and their ethical responsibilities around the potential of their platforms to be exploited, and even weaponised. The event is open to the public and will be followed by a reception on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 17:30 in the Hamilton Seminar Room, Eolas Building. So if you have the time why not stay away from the computer and get out and enjoy the opportunities that living in Maynooth offer.

With spring finally here I want to mention another event that will get you out of the house in April as well as supporting a charity doing great work with families at an unexpected time of need. The Anam Cara 5K takes place in the grounds of St. Patrick's College on Sunday 22nd April at 11am. A statistic that shocked me is that in Ireland over 2,000

families experience the loss of a child each year. This event is in memory of Oisin Quigley a young person in Maynooth who lost his life in an accident. You can run, jog or walk on the day and the funds raised will support the work of Anam Cara who provide free services to families who experience bereavement following the loss of a child.

Maybe it is just my timing, but I happened to see two buses one going in each direction in Main Street Maynooth serving the new 139 bus route which started in March serving a route between Naas and the Blanchardstown Town Centre. It may take some time to develop a steady customer base but it is great that such a service has been introduced. Before this all routes pointed to Dublin and while I go there every day for those with the need of a service linking centre's in Kildare it is welcome. No doubt as the shopping and eating capital of North Kildare, Maynooth businesses will benefit from this new bus service. So if you exhaust all the options available in Maynooth to spend your free time you can always venture elsewhere on the 139 bus. Speaking about shopping can I welcome our new neighbours in Carton Park. Range opened for business at Easter bringing another reason to shop local in Maynooth. We look forward to working with them.

Paul Croghan - Editor

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Maynooth Multiple Births

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

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Contact Katherine Cooney
086 8205910

Bridge Club

I.C.A.

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

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in the
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New Members Welcome
Contact: MCC Office for more details

Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
(Maynooth)
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12 - 2pm in the Maynooth
Community Space

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in
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Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth
New Members Welcome
Contact Ger: 0874133505

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
9.30am to 11.30am

Maynooth Community Space Unit
11/12 Tesco SC

Carton Park, Maynooth

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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Dur speaker this month will be John Healy. John is a physiotherapist and he will talk to us about simple exercise to increase mobility and to stay healthy. Attendance is free of charge and there is plenty of parking available.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens

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Diary entries are published free of charge for all non-fee paying 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.

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The content of the Monthly Planner Diary is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups in advance

Clues Across

- 6. Home of the Hollywood stars (7,5)
- 8. White-ant (7)
- 9. Indiscretion (5)
- 10. Seepage (4)
- 12. Be restless (6)
- 14. Presented (5)
- 15. Former tennis star, _ _ _ Edberg (6)
- 16. Court order (4)
- 19. Hale _ _ _, US golfer (5)
- 21. Intoxicating drink (7
- 22. Donation (12)

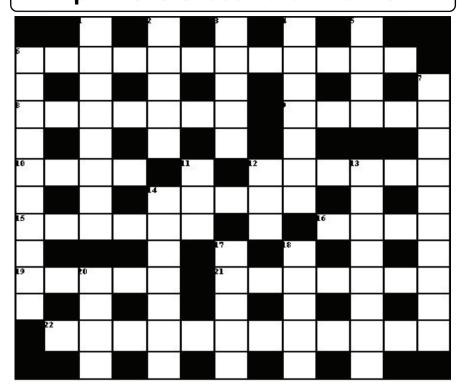


Solutions to March Crossword No. 466

Across: 1. Delegation, 8. Useless, 9. Lasso, 10. Sage, 11. Lion, 12. Toe, 14. Afraid, 15. Repair, 18. Tap, 20. Greg, 21. Stan, 23. Alien, 24. Apricot, 25. Remarkable.

Down: 1. Dredger, 2. Leek, 3. Gossip, 4. Talented, 5. Onset, 6. Substantial, 7. Pomegranate, 13. Virginia, 16. Attache, 17. Remark, 19. Price, 22. Grub.

April 2018 Crossword - No. 467



Clues Down

- 1. Pass (8)
- 2. Plait (5)
- 3. Bonnie _ _ _, singer (5)
- 4. Scoundrel (7)
- 5. Failure (4)
- 6. Large armoured vessel (10)
- 7. Athletic contest (10)
- 11. Racket (3)
- 12. Nourished (3)
- 13. George _ _ _, famous US composer (8)
- 14. Alf _ _ _, TV bigot (7)
- 17. Saying (5)
- 18. Reconnoitre (5)
- 20. Copse (4)



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Ann Burns Parson Lodge Maynooth

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Across

- 1 Chirp, Chirp
- 5 Squeak. Squeak
- 6 Roar!!!!
- Baaa, baaa
- 10 Meow, meow
- 11 Woof, woof 12 Cluck, cluck

Down

- 1 Buzz, buzz
- 2 Hee-haw, hee-haw
- 3 Neigh
- 4 Cock-a-doodle-doo
- 9 Hoot-hoot-scream 8 Oink, oink
- 11 Quack, quack
- 13 Mooo, moo



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downstairs and thought where else should I look? Could
be hiding in the? So I went off to
check but wasn't there. I looked under the
and to my delight there was
my am so happy.

The End



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



St. Patrick's Day in Maynooth will live on in memory for the arctic conditions it was held in, but the Craobh were busy with their program anyway – though this year it was thankfully all indoors!

To kick off proceedings, the branch joined Rita Doyle's dancers in Manor Mills for some combined tunes and playing, which was enjoyed by all spectators.

Despite tough competition from Twickenham, the branch then travelled to Maynooth Lodge who were, as every year, a fantastic audience to a memorable performance. Once this was complete, it was down to Maynooth GAA, where the program of music for this year's St Patrick's Day came to a conclusion.

Looking forward to April, the Ceardlann Earraigh event takes place as usual on the weekend before Easter. The weekend's program will kick off with a Launch Session in the Kildrought Lounge in Celbridge. Workshops will take place in Scoil na Mainistreach in Celbridge and will feature fantastic musicians such as Colm Murphy, Cormac Breatnach, Liam O'Connor, Ciarán Ó Maonaigh, Caitlín Nic Gabhann, Daithí Gormley, Conal Ó Gráda, Caoimhín Ó Fearghail & James Harvey.

As usual, the event will be rounded off by a Grand Concert in the Glenroyal on Sat 24th March from 8pm – look on the home page for details. Bígí anseo!

Easter and April

Looking forward to April, the Kildare Fleadh is running from 19th to 22nd April and is again being hosted by our neighbouring branch in Clane. Fleadh weekend is always good for sessions and a buzz around the town, so please attend for both the sessions and to look at the up-and-coming young performers. More details and events at http://kildarecomhaltas.ie/content/fleadh-events

Our class sessions are still going strong – they're one lesson in 4 and offer a great change

from the classroom environment, while being a super learning platform for collaborative playing. Lots of sessions still running too, both for our younger member and those not so young, who are doing us proud playing regularly in Brady's on a Sunday evening.



Rita Doyle School of Dance at Manor Mills with tunes from Seán, Riobárd, Seán and Katie.

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Fun Facts about Easter



- The idea of the Easter Bunny originated in Germany.
- Germans believed the Easter Bunny was a
 white hare that would leave colourful eggs for
 good girls and boys on Easter Morning.
- The girls and boys would wake up Easter morning and build nests out of sticks and leaves so the Easter Bunny would leave them the eggs. This is how the first Easter Hunts started.
- Original Easter baskets were made to look like nests now children receive colourful baskets filled with eggs and sweets from the Easter Bunny.
- The first edible Easter Bunnies were made in Germany in the early 1800s. They were made of pastry and sugar.
- The first chocolate egg was made in Germany in the 19th century.
- The world's biggest Easter egg was more than 34 feet tall. According to Guinness World Records, the chocolate egg weighed 15,873 pounds. It was made in Cortenuova, Italy.
- The first story of a rabbit (later named the "Easter Bunny") hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680.

Why Easter is different each year?

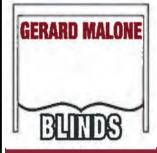
Have you ever wondered why Easter is celebrated at different times each year? Easter is a moveable feast which can fall anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th. Easter Sunday is celebrated following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (Spring) equinox, this formula was established at the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325).

We know that Easter must always occur on a Sunday, because Sunday was the day of Christ's Resurrection. The Last Supper was held on the Jewish Passover. This is traditionally held on the 15th day of Nisan, which begins on the night of a the paschal full moon.

Therefore Easter Sunday must be the Sunday after this. The church does not use the exact date of the paschal full moon but an approximation, because the paschal full moon can fall on different days in different time zones.

For calculation purposes, the full moon is always set at the 14th day of the lunar month, (the lunar month begins with the new moon). Likewise, the Church sets the date of the vernal equinox at March 21st even tough it can occur on March 20th. Both approximations allow the Church to set a universal date for Easter

The Western Christian Church uses the Gregorian calendar to calculate the date of Easter while the Eastern Orthodox uses the older Julian calendar, hence the different dates Easter is celebrated in each Church.



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Prawn Pad Thai

Ingredients: 200g rice noodles

2 cloves smoked garlic

Handful of coriander, leaves and stalks seperated

1/4 stick of lemon grass

1 red chilli

Olive oil

10 Dublin Bay Prawns shelled and de-veined

(ask your fishmonger)

10 baby spring onions

Zest and juice of 2 limes

100g bean sprouts

Handful of salted peanuts, chopped

Method:

Place the noodles in salted boiling water and cover for 5 minutes to soften. Chop the garlic, coriander, stalks, lemon grass and chilli, then fry in some oil for a minute over a medium heat. Add the prawns and spring onions and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes. Add the lime zest, juice and bean sprouts. Now add the noodles to the pan and stir well until heated through. Season wih sea salt to taste and serve sprinkled with the chopped peanuts and coriander leaves.

Crispy Duck Noodles Ingredients:

2 duck legs, fat trimmed off Sea salt

1 cinnamon stick

2 star anise

100 ml water Flat-leaf parsley to garnish

For the noodles

250g rice noodles

1 tbsp olive oil

2 cloves garlic, chopped

1 tsp peeled and grated fresh ginger

1 head of bok choic, sliced into rough pieces

3 tbsp sweet chilli sauce

2 tbsp low-salt soy sauce

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C/Gas 4. Place the duck legs in an oven proof tray and sprinkle with sea salt. Add the cinnamon stick and star anise to the tray and drizzle in the water. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Remove the duck from the oven, then remove the skin and pick off the meat in strips. Place the noodles in a heat proof bowl and cover them with the boiling water. Cover the bowl with cling film and allow to sit for 5 minutes. Add the oil to a frying pan over a medium to low heat and fry off the garlic, ginger and duck for 3 - 4 minutes, until crispy and golden. Add the bok choi and cook for another minute over a medium heat. Uncover the bowl of noodles and drain off the water. Toss the noodles into the pan and add the sweet chilli sauce and soy sauce. If needed add a small pinch of salt.

Goats Cheese Pizza Ingredients:

1 x 145g pizza base

½ tsp dried oregano

½ tbsp olive oil

1 small sweet potato, peeled and thinly sliced

4-5 asparagus spears, halved lengthways

1 red pepper, deseeded and chopped

1 small courgette, thinly sliced

2 tbsp tomato puree

50g goat's cheese

Seasoning

Method:

Make up the pizza dough according to the instructions, adding the oregano to the mix for added flavour. While the pizza base is rising on a baking sheet, toss the vegetables in the remaining olive oil and cook until they are lighty browned. Spread the tomato puree over the pizza base and top with all the vegetables. Sprinkle with goat's cheese and seasoning. Cook in the oven at 200°C/Gas 6 for 10 - 12 minutes, until the dough is crisp and the cheese is melting.

Serves:2











Serves:1



rees don't ask for much - soil, water, sunlight. Yet they provide a wealth of benefits: They improve the air you breathe, cut your energy bills with their shade, provide homes for wildlife, and add beauty and value to your house to boot. In fact, landscaping can add approximately 10 to 20 percent more value to a property - especially landscaping that includes mature trees. Commercial areas with trees also attract more customers (and they stay longer and spend more money). A well-chosen tree adds curb appeal and makes the home appear established within its environment.

Guard against grazers: As soft young growth appears, associated pests sniff it out, and rabbits and deer can destroy a crop as fast as it will grow. Grazers is a food-grade calcium solution which is sprayed onto the foliage and taken in by the plant. It then repels the destructive nibblers.



Cut smoke bush: The smoke bush, Cotinus, benefits from being cut back hard at this time of year. You will release a beautiful flush of colourful young foliage and shouldn't compromise the smoky aura of flowers that appear later in the year.

Toppling tomato: If you sowed tomatoes too early, they will be likely to topple when planted out. But all is not lost: when next potting on, plant them deeply, burying their stems into the fresh compost. They will put out extra roots straight from this stem, which shores them up.



Support work: Perennials look better if they are staked as they emerge, rather than trussed up later. Hazel twigs pushed into the ground and then bent over and tied together make a good structure, or buy pre-made ones I like Plant Belles domes.

Forget-me-nots do a wonderful job of covering all sorts of ills. But the wise thing to do is to pull up at least some once they have finished

flowering and before they set seed. If left unchecked they will shade out other growth. As soon as your soil reaches 6C you can start to sow direct outside. Salad leaves are a good candidate, and I fancy chard 'Pink Flamingo' this year. Its bright pink stalks will liven up salad if picked as baby leaves

If you have flowering bulbs in your lawn this is the time for patience: don't cut until their leaves have died down. Plant pots of little bulbs such as crocus into lawns as soon as they have died down for prettily bejewelled grass next spring. Give acid-loving shrubs a generous feed with acidic (ericaceous) fertiliser

What to do in the Vegetable Garden in April:

Sow cucumbers, pumpkins, sweetcorn, aubergines, tomatoes & peppers under glass. Sow Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, carrots, peas, beetroot, red and summer cabbage, leeks and turnips, outside. Mid April: April can be an exciting month in the garden. Temperatures should start to rise and light levels will increase as the days lengthen. All vegetable plants need light and warmth to grow well and for photosynthesis to take place. Photosynthesis is



the process where the plant makes its own food, usually in the leaves. So all the levels increase, and aided by a regular supply of water. The plants will feed and grow stronger and faster. April is therefore the month of sowing and planting, but care should still be taken to protect crops from frost, either by putting up cloches or covering beds with horticultural fleece or newspaper. Early April is not too late to start an asparagus bed. Make sure the ground is prepared ready for the arrival of the asparagus crowns as you will need to plant them shortly after they arrive. The crowns must not be allowed to dry out. Earth up first early potatoes and plant out second early and main crop varieties. Protect first early potato shoots against frost by earthing up as they break through the soil. Second earlies and main crop seed potatoes can now be planted. Chitting the seed potatoes beforehand may improve yields, but is not essential. You will also need to feed your hungry strawberries with a weak solution of tomato fertiliser which is high in potassium. Remember that feeding with a nitrogen rich feed will only encourage leaf

The glory of gardening:

Hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with the nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON CLASSIC EASTER MOVIES



Recently, the genre of religious dramas has been revisited by filmmakers. A new screen adaptation of the familiar *Mary Magdalene* story is doing the rounds in Irish cinemas. The well-trodden story of the woman of ill repute and her relationship with Jesus Christ has been given a new revisionist slant by director, which ties in nicely with the recent #TimesUp climate in Hollywood. Despite mixed reviews for the film, Rooney Mara is compelling in the central role of the most famous 'fallen woman' in biblical history.

In the 1950's, Hollywood specialised in grandiose panoramic, widescreen epics. This was the golden era of the big epic film in glorious technicolour. Huge sets, thousands of extras and no expense spared was the norm of the day. This contrasts sharply with the modern era where massive crowds or set pieces in movies are largely the result of CGI sleight of hand or technical wizardry. Some of the magic has inevitably been lost.



Ben Hur (1959)

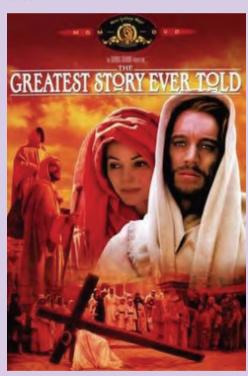
The 1950's biblical epic, Ben Hur was one of the most costly films ever made for its time. Directed by William Wyler, the 1959 movie was a remake of the 1926 silent film. It was the first movie to be crowned with 11 Oscars and its success ultimately saved MGM Studios from bankruptcy. Charlton Heston was not the first choice for the title role. Hollywood favourites Kirk Douglas, Burt Lancaster and Rock Hudson were also considered. However, with his brawn and athletic physique, Heston seemed tailor made for the role of the avenging Jew, Judah Ben Hur. Five years in the planning, it contained one of the most expensive action sequences ever committed to celluloid; the riveting chariot race sequence involving Heston's character and Roman baddie Messala, played by Irish actor, Stephen Boyd. There was a more recent screen adaptation of Ben Hur in 2016. Forget that inferior imitation and stick with the original classic.



The Greatest Story Ever Told (1965)

Numerous films and TV productions have recounted the most famous story of them all; the story of Jesus Christ. Jeffrey Hunter played the role of Jesus in the 1961 religious epic, King of Kings. In 1965 Swedish actor, Max Von Sydow took on the mantle of the most iconic figure in history. From the birth of Christ in a Bethlehem stable to his death and triumphant resurrection, the life of the Christ is given the all-star treatment. Producer and director, George Stevens had wanted to cast an unknown in the role of Jesus, to create authenticity. Many famous stars appeared in cameo roles. This wasn't a wholly successful idea as the 'spot the star' device serves to detract from the story being told. Even John Wayne pops up as a very un-Roman like centurion at the Crucification. The few lines he utters, 'Surely this was the son of Christ', raises some unintentional laughs.

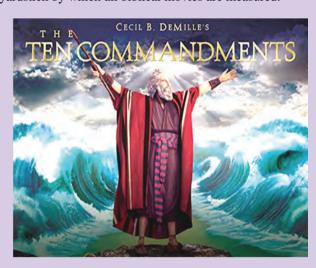
Still *The Greatest Story Ever Told* is a handsome epic and worth watching for Von Sydow's magnetic central performance.



The Ten Commandments (1956)

The Ten Commandments was blockbuster maestro Cecil B DeMille's final film, in the directorial seat. He was one of the few directors to make the successful transition from the silent film era to the talkies. Blockbusters were his forte. De Mille's classic sweeping and stunning epic depicts the life of the Hebrew liberator, Moses. Filmed on location in Egypt, it was a part remake of DeMille's 1923 silent film of the same name. The go-to actor for biblical epics, Charlton Heston is in towering form as the man who leads his people into Exodus, away from their Egyptian oppressors. Yul Brynner co-stars as Moses' half-brother and antagonist, Rameses. DeMille's film is a visual delight. It fairly bursts with colour, spectacle and amazing set pieces. This is epic on a grand scale. Despite its lengthy running time, The Ten Commandments is never boring. A special effects sequence showing the parting of the Red Sea worth checking out.

is one of the greatest ever filmed and is literally jaw-dropping. *The Ten Commandments* is amongst the most financially successful films ever made and consistently on the list of top-ten films in the epic genre. It remains the yardstick by which all biblical movies are measured.



EASTER MUSICALS

Easter Parade (1948)

A classic MGM musical, Easter Parade pairs two Hollywood legends together. Dancing genius Fred Astaire and singing sensation Judy Garland co-starred for the first and only time ever on screen. It proved a magical combination. They were compared to two thoroughbreds in their prime. Both actors were royalty in musical-comedy terms. Easter Parade displays their exceptional talents both individually and as a charismatic screen partnership. Irving Berlin (White Christmas, Annie Get Your Gun) was the most successful songwriter in American history. His score for Easter Parade is especially memorable. There are many show-stoppers with Astaire excelling in numbers like 'A Couple of Swells' and 'Steppin' Out with My Baby'. An older Astaire still proves capable of nimble footwork. Judy Garland provides emotional resonance and vulnerability in songs like 'It Only Happens When I Dance with You' and 'Better Luck Next Time'. The closing sequence at the Easter Parade is the undoubted highlight of the film. This evergreen classic is a delight from beginning to end. They certainly don't make them like this anymore. Treat yourself to a viewing this Easter season.

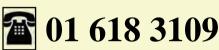
Jesus Christ Music Superstar (1973)

This Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice rock-opera collaboration was adapted for the big screen in 1973. The film included most of the original Broadway cast members. *Jesus Christ Superstar* portrays the last days of Jesus Christ (Tim Neely) from an embittered Judas Iscariot's (Carl Anderson) point of view. Despite some controversial alterations of the Christ story, director Norman Jewison draws a likeable lead performance from Tim Neely. Spectacular wide-screen photography and memorable, exuberant songs combine to make this biblical screen musical a thing of beauty, passion and dignity. Definitely worth checking out.



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ANAM CARA has ten active groups meeting regularly throughout the four provinces, hosts over 100 events annually, and in 2017 has given direct support to over 1,500 parents. All services are provided free of charge for parents following the death of a child. Anam Cara is very grateful to Gordana Quigley and our fundraisers in Maynooth for this latest initiative to raise funds for our work with bereaved mothers and fathers.

Runners, Joggers, Walkers please join us for this family fun morning and support our cause.

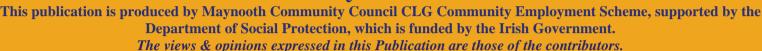
Refreshments, Prizes, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Music & Song T-shirts for the first 100 entries - Family entry €15 - Single entry €10

Anam Cara is an all-island organisation that supports bereaved parents. www.anamcara.ie





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FAI Intermediate Cup Final We are going to the Aviva 12th May 2018

Maynooth Town Football Club reaches a milestone in club history, as it's senior team Maynooth University Town meets Firhouse Clover in the FAI Intermediate Cup Final at the Aviva stadium on 12th May 2018. Established for intermediate football association teams outside the League of Ireland, the FAI Intermediate Cup is the second most prestigious national cup competition after the FAI Cup. It has a long history and tradition since the inaugural cup final in 1926 won by Drumcondra.

Maynooth University Town is a collaboration and partnership of Maynooth Town Football Club and Maynooth University, to raise the standards of club senior football and provide a pathway for young players at club and college to play at the highest level. It followed on foot of Maynooth Town Football Club's historic success in the Leinster Senior League Polikoff Cup final in 2014. Since then our MUTFC senior teams have been promoted in successive seasons, with the first team winning the Moore Cup in 2017 and qualifying for the FAI Senior Cup in 2018.

The partnership of club and college provides the opportunity for excellence in sport and education, while promoting the special relationship of university and town community. Established in 1969 Maynooth Town FC has 35 teams from schoolboys/girls to seniors, with over 400 playing members. So come and join us at the Aviva Stadium to support the Town and let's create history together!

Come on the Town! Gerry Folan - Chairman - Maynooth Town Football Club



Front row L/R: Stephen Mullins, Eoin Mc Dermott, Killian Duffy, Conor Mooney, Shane Harte, Jake Corrigan (Capt.) Daniel Burke & Dylan Kavanagh.
Back row L/R: Coly Maye, Malachy Tobin, Pouyan Farramand, Darragh Reynor, David Travers, David Sterio, Ciaran Whelan, Darragh Gannon, Conor Dunne & Youssef Balhout.

Panel Members not available for photo shoot: Gavin Kinsella, Tommy Illunga, Cian Hutchinson & Fionn Talbot

Maynooth Town Football Club Road To The Aviva



We started on the road to the Aviva Stadium in October wondering where it would end. Little did we know the road would go a long way before coming to a stop at the gates of the Aviva Stadium on the 12th May.

We opened our long campaign in Dublin against Hartstown/Huntstown. An emphatic 4-1 victory ensured an easy passage into the 2^{nd} Rd.

The second round draw pitted us against Mullingar Ath. away in Mullingar. Two goals by striker Tommy Illunga saw us run out convincing winners.

Our next confrontation was an away tie in Cork against the legendary Rockmount Utd. This name will be familiar to many. The legendary Roy Keane once plied his trade with "The Rock" before moving to a higher stage. This we knew, would be a stern test for our young inexperienced team.

The final result left the large expectant home crowd in a state of total shock. The shock of the round unfolded before their very eyes in total disbelief.

Town never let the home side settle and produced a performance of sheer class. Eoin McDermott and Youssef Balhout provided the goals.

The momentous journey home was topped off with a lively finish in Brady's

"Rock" had been winners in 1998/99, 2003/4 and 2007/08 with the runners up spot in 2002/03 and 2004/05 a formidable scalp to claim no doubt.

As fate would have it our next assignment would take us back to Cork. This time Blarney Utd., were the opposition trying to lower our colours.

In an enthralling contest we came out deserving winners in a two nil victory. Goals by David Travers, since side-lined with a broken ankle and captain Jake Corrigan ensured we returned to Brady's in fine fettle.

The Quarter final draw saw us get our first home game of the tournament. U.C.D. the opposition this time. The large crowd were treated to a cracking game with no let-up in the tempo. We ground out a hard fought two all draw. Goals by Eoin McDermot and Cillian Duffy ensured us of another chance to reach the Semi-Final. An early morning kick-off at Belfield saw us show our battling qualities. Despite going behind we fought back manfully and grabbed victory with goals from Dylan Kavanagh and Dara Reynor. Another home draw in the Semi-Final brought us face to face with Dublin Bus. Once again another large crowd witnessed a game of high quality.

Goals by Dara Gannon and Eoin McDermott booked our place in the Final on the 12th May. The first Kildare side to do so. Keep that day free and lend your support on the day.

We wish to thank Declan Kennedy of Brady's Bar & Lounge for his loyal sponsorship over many years.

Thanks also to Chef Dave Gannon for ensuring that we were well nourished before our long early morning trips to Cork.

Also thanks to Barton Travel for the comfy travel ensuring we were rested and ready for the tasks facing us.

We say a sincere thank you to the fans for supporting us along the way also. We are not finished yet!

Article written by Lenny Murphy

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With snow, rain, high winds and red alerts hopefully well and



truly behind us, we finally got a day of sunshine to sport our Easter Bonnets.
Our Easter Tea-Dance which we held on April 15th was a welcome diversion from the dismal days of February and March. While all our participants received a prize for their efforts, the



creation worn by Judy O'Sullivan was deemed the overall winner. (see photos) Well done to all who entered into the spirit

of the occasion and thank you to Marie Costigan who took on the onerous task of judging the whole proceedings.

Emmet Stagg and Angela Feeney joined us on the day to present the proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk which took place on February 18th. Many thanks to the Labour Party who organise this event each year and to all who give their support physically and fiscally on the day. The amount raised this year was €2,242, for which we are most grateful. We then enjoyed a lovely tea prepared by our committee and danced off the calories to the wonderful sound of "Footsteps". A big thank you to Pam & Gerry who supplied the cakes.

We held our AGM on April 3rd and there were no changes to the committee. The officers remain the same, which is a pity really, as we would like to see some new faces with fresh ideas. Well as the song says "maybe next year"

Our next tea-dance will take place on May 20th which will be our "Bealtaine" festival. This is the time of year when we celebrate art and innovation and, dare I say it, the beginning of Summer. So why not come along and display your handy work which can be painting, needlework, photography etc, whatever is your forte, we would love to see it. This occasion and all our tea-dances are open to all senior citizens wherever you live.

Finally, may I remind all our seniors in the Maynooth catchment area that our club is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster Street and transport is available. We also provide a bus for Saturday evening Mass. If you are someone who could benefit from this service you can contact me on 087 9002296.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.



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Work to Begin on Upgrading the Footpaths on Main Street, Maynooth

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley and others the Council are going to begin to repave the footpaths on Maynooth's Main Street. The initial phase will be the repaving of the footpath from O'Neills pub to Supermacs. The type of pavement surface material to be used has not yet been decided. Cllr. John McGinley has recommended that Limestone paving be used as it would match the Square and it would make sound economic sense as it has a longer lifetime than other materials. The Council want to go to tender in June so that the work can be completed outside of the school and student term.

Update on Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road Junction

The Council's Director of Services advised Cllr McGinley at the Maynooth MD meeting on 6 April that he expected contractors to be on site within two weeks to begin installing the much needed new traffic signals.

Amendment to Maynooth Local Area Plan to go on Public Display on 7 May

Amendment No. 1 to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) to facilitate the construction of the ring road from Blacklion to Celbridge Road will go on public display for six weeks from 7 May. The proposed new residential zoning will allow for the construction of 720-800 housing units. Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to do everything possible to speed up the construction of the other section of the much needed ring road from the Celbridge Road to the Straffan Road. The Director of Services assured Cllr. McGinley that they would do so.

Funds Allocated to Produce a Masterplan for the Amenity Lands Between Carton Avenue and the Boreen, Maynooth

The Council have allocated €0,000 for a Landscape Architecture Masterplan for Carton Avenue to be carried between September and December of this year. The Masterplan is for the Council owned lands between Carton Avenue and the Boreen. Over €400,000 has been allocated in the Council's Capital Programme for this landscaping.

Improvements to be Carried out to Maynooth Playground in September

The Council have allocated €30,000 for improvement works to be carried out on the Maynooth Playground in September. The work includes replacing the wetpour on the ground and replacing/cleaning the towers.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Changes to Cairn Homes Planning Application at Mariavilla

Councillors were given a presentation on the Cairns Homes proposal for Mariavilla at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 6 April.

This Planning Application has gone to An Board Pleanala, rather than the Council, as a result of a change in the Planning Laws by the Government last year.

Councillors' views will be attached to the Chief Executives Report to An Bord Pleanala. He has until the 14 May to submit his Report.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that his two big issues with the proposal were:

 The unsuitability of the Dunboyne Road, from Castlepark to the roundabout at Blacklion Road, for such an increase in traffic. John pointed out that it was extraordinary that the Council or An Bord Pleanala did not address this very serious issue during preconsultation. The two, 4 storey apartment blocks on the Dunboyne Road are completely out of character with other developments in the area.

The closing date for submissions from the general public is 23 April.

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Emmet Stagg will be making a detailed objection to An Bord Pleanala.

Cllr. John McGinley Demands that Progress be Made on the Taking in Charge of Meadowbrook and Castle Dawson housing estates

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 6 April:

"That a concentrated effort be made to take in charge Meadowbrook and Castle Dawson Estates in Maynooth, as it is now over two and half years since the public consultation process was completed."

Cllr. McGinley was given the following highly unsatisfactory reply by Council Officials:

"Meadowbrook Estate: The Building and Development Control Department are liaising with Irish Water in finalising the taking in charge process.

Castle Dawson Estate: The Building and Development Control Department are liaising with the developer of Newtown Hall to have the estate brought up to taking in charge standards. Kildare County Council has provided the developer with a snag list of remedial works to be completed. When Newtown Hall Estate is complete this will allow for both Newtown Hall Estate and Castle Dawson Estate to be taken in charge simultaneously through the usual process of liaising with Irish Water"

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that the Council have been liaising with Irish Water for the last two and a half years without any success and that it was time that a high level meeting between the Council and Irish Water takes place to try and solve the impasse. John stated that the meeting should be at Director Level.

Cllr. McGinley Asked that the Pot Holes from Greenfield Shopping Centre to the Greenfield Drive/Maynooth Park Junction be Repaired

Cllr. McGinley has sent the following e mail to the Maynooth MD Engineer:

"There is a very bad pot hole at the junction of Maynooth Park/Laurence Avenue. This area is prone to potholes and as I pointed out before it needs to be re-surfaced.

In the meantime, I would appreciate if the pot hole was repaired.

Also, potholes have reappeared at the junction of Maynooth Park/Greenfield Drive and the dishing of the footpath here, next to house 20 Greenfield Drive, has disintegrated."

Tenders Invited for New Maynooth Educate Together School - Stagg

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

The Minister has advised Mr. Stagg that Tenders have been invited for the New School and that the closing date for receipt of the Tenders is Wednesday 9th May.

Welcoming the invitation of tenders Mr. Stagg stated that the project remained in place to commence construction this summer and he again congratulated the Board of Management of the school on progressing the project to this stage.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to work commencing on the new 2 storey 16 classroom school.

Future Funding of Public Swimming Pools To Be Announced Shortly - Stagg

Emmet Stagg was again in contact with the Minister for Sport in relation to plans to reintroduce the Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme given the continuing unacceptable absence of a Public Swimming Pool in North Kildare.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that in relation to future funding of swimming pools the Department are currently finalising a review of National Sports Policy. The review includes a specific focus on how the Government should fund sports facilities including swimming pools in the years ahead and it is expected that the new sports policy will be published shortly, most likely in Quarter 2 of this year, following its consideration by Government within the next few weeks.

Mr. Stagg stated that there was a limited reopening of the Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme in early 2016, where 4 new swimming pools were approved. At the time Kildare Co. Council did indicate an expression of interest in a pool for Maynooth in partnership with Maynooth University. That application was deemed invalid because the council would not have had a chargeable title to the proposed facility.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that the New National Sports Policy must recognise the benefits of having Public Swimming Pools and he hoped that a new Local Authority Grant Scheme would be recommended so we could set about the task of securing funding for a Public Swimming Pool for North Kildare.

Tender Documents for New Maynooth Boys' NS Nearly Complete

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has again been in contact with the Minister for Education in relation to progressing the Tender Documents for the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that the Tender Documents and Stage 2 (b) Report were reviewed by the Department and a number of issues were identified as needing clarification by the Design Team. Revised Tender Documents and Stage 2 (b) Report were received in the Department and reviewed and the Design Team have been asked to address some minor issues.

Mr. Stagg stated that once these minor issues are addressed we can get the New School to Tender.

The New Maynooth Boys' NS stated Mr. Stagg was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st last 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.

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Back to Work Family Dividend

Ouestion

I am getting Jobseeker's Allowance and have just been offered a job. My husband looks after our two children at home. Can I get any social welfare assistance if I stop signing on and go back to work?

Answer

There is a scheme for people with children who stop claiming a jobseeker's payment, or a one-parent family payment, because they are in – or are taking up – work or self-employment. The scheme is called the Back to Work Family Dividend (BTWFD).

The BTWFD is a weekly payment for up to two years after you start work. For the first year in employment, you are paid the equivalent of any Increase for a Qualified Child that you were getting on your jobseeker's payment or one-parent family payment (up to a maximum of four children). You get half of that amount weekly for the second year.

To qualify, you must have at least one qualified child and have been getting one of the following payments: Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit (for at least 12 months), One-Parent Family Payment, or Jobseeker's Transitional payment. You and all members of your family (including your adult dependant) must sign off all primary social welfare payments.

The BTWFD can be paid with other social welfare payments including Working Family Payment (formerly called Family Income Supplement), Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, Child Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance and Rent Supplement.

You can get BTWFD for up to two years if you stay in employment. If you or your husband claim a primary social welfare payment within two years of you starting work, the BTWFD payment will stop. If you lose your job and claim a social welfare payment, the BTWFD stops. However, it may restart if you get a new job. You can get a maximum of two restarts per claim.

Renewing a passport

Question

I have a valid passport, but it will expire two weeks before I go on holiday. Will two weeks give me enough time to get a new one?

Answer

You don't have to wait until your passport expires to renew it. However, if you apply for a new passport before your current one expires, your new passport is valid from when you apply, rather than from when your previous passport expires.

The website of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, does in lists the current.

The website of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, dfa.ie, lists the current average processing times for different types of passport applications. The quickest way to renew your passport is by using the online application service. You can use this service to renew your passport if it expires any time in the next 12 months.

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

Online renewal isn't available for children's passports, so if you want to renew your family's passports together, you have to use Passport Express, the postal application service. There is an extra charge of ⊕.50 per application for using Passport Express. However, if you are renewing passports for the whole family you can use the 'Family Application' option for €16, where up to four passport applications can be sent in one envelope. Alternatively, you can renew your own passport online and use Passport Express to renew any passports for children.

Voting in a referendum

Question

How do I check if I can vote in the forthcoming referendum? If I'm not in Ireland on polling day, can I still vote?

Answer

To vote in a referendum, you must be an Irish citizen and be registered to vote. Every local authority is responsible for compiling and publishing a list of voters in its area. This is called the Register of Electors or the electoral register.

In general, Irish citizens living abroad cannot be entered on the Register of Electors and cannot vote in a referendum. The only exception to this is in the case of Irish officials on duty abroad (and their spouses) who may register on the postal voters list. If you are abroad on holiday on polling day, you cannot have a postal vote.

The current Register of Electors came into force on 15 February 2018. You can check if you are on the register at checktheregister.ie or at your local authority, Garda station, post office or public library.

If you are not on the register, you can apply to be added to the supplement to the register. You use Form RFA2, which is available online at checktheregister.ie or from your local authority, post office or public library. To be included in the supplement used at an election or referendum, your local authority must receive your application at least 15 days before polling day. Sundays, public holidays and Good Friday are not counted as days for this purpose.

Local authorities prepare a postal voters list as part of the electoral register. You can only apply for registration as a postal voter if you cannot vote at a polling station because of illness or disability, your occupation, being in prison, or if you are studying full-time in Ireland but away from the address where you are registered to vote.

You can apply to be added to the supplement to the postal voters list **up to 22 days** (**excluding Sundays and public holidays**) **before polling day in a referendum.** The application form for inclusion in the supplement to the postal voters list is available from your local authority or online at checktheregister.ie.

Applying for a student grant Question

I will be sitting my Leaving Certificate this year and plan to go to college in the autumn. How do I apply for a student grant?

Answer

Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) is Ireland's single national awarding authority for all higher and further education grants.

You apply to SUSI by completing an application form online. You must have an online account with SUSI before you can make your grant application. SUSI is accepting grant applications for the 2018–2019 academic year from early April 2018.

You can use SUSI's eligibility reckoner to see whether you meet the standard criteria to be considered eligible for student grant funding. You must meet the conditions of the student grant scheme. You must be an Irish, EU, EEA or Swiss national or have specific leave to remain in the State.

You must also have been ordinarily resident in Ireland or the EU for three of the last five years. Your family's means (in the previous tax year, 2017) are assessed and must be under the specified threshold. You must also be attending an approved course in an approved institution.

You must make sure that you provide complete and accurate information (date of birth, Personal Public Service Numbers (PPSNs) and bank details in particular) to avoid any delay to the processing of your application. You need to send hard copies of any supporting documentation to SUSI.

If you are refused a grant, or are approved a grant at a rate that you don't think applies to your situation, you can appeal the decision in writing to SUSI. You must appeal within 30 days of getting your decision.

Student grants are reviewed each year. If you had a grant in one academic year and are continuing your studies on the course in the following year, SUSI will be in contact with you in order to renew or re-assess your student grant for that next year.

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New School for Maynooth

I am cautiously welcoming news from the Minister for Education Richard Bruton TD that a new primary school is proposed in the Maynooth area. The school is estimated to be opened between 2019 and 2022, however no site or planning has been moved. The area is well served with excellent primary schools but the projected growth for the Town will show the need for additional school places. It is very concerning that renovation projects will be put on hold following the announcement. The Minister must reverse this element of the decision and allow both new builds and renovations to take place in tandem.

Government Must Act on Record Long Waiting Lists

The number of people waiting for an outpatient appointment in Ireland is the highest total ever recorded. More than 10% of the population is waiting for an outpatient consultation and a huge number of them are waiting a very long time for one. I am deeply concerned that following a slight improvement over the past six months in the number of inpatient/day case patients, the number waiting has once again exceeded the 80,000 mark.

Again a significant proportion is enduring lengthy waiting times. Some 13,787 have been waiting over a year. The fact is that there has been a complete lack of urgency in tackling this problem. The Waiting List Action Plan for 2018 was published just in April- a quarter of the year has already passed us by. While this plan did not necessarily extend to outpatients, the Minister for Health has pledged to publish one addressing outpatients 'shortly' but for the one in ten Irish people waiting for an appointment – shortly isn't quick enough.

New Pedestrian Bridge for Maynooth

A new pedestrian footbridge is to be built as part of the North South Corridor Scheme. The next section for the development will see works from Mill Street including a new bridge and improve cycle lanes. Kildare County Council will be drawing up the plans for display. €400,000 has been made available for this next section of the scheme. I want to credit my Fianna Fáil colleague and local Cllr.

Naoise Ó'Cearúil for his campaigning and work on making this a footbridge a reality for the town.

Government must redouble its effort to assist people living with cystic fibrosis

Ireland has made enormous strides in recent decades in improving the quality of life for those living with cystic fibrosis. Forty years ago, people living with cystic fibrosis were not expected to reach adulthood. Today there is a much different picture as average survival rates have risen by more than 70%, to 30 years. These improvements have been achieved by enhancing access to advanced medical treatments, the implementation of specialist treatment centres and the wider availability of advanced new drugs.

However, the Government must not get complacent. While major progress has been made down through the years, there is clearly scope to do much more to help improve the quality of life for those living with cystic fibrosis. The Programme for Government contains a commitment to build a dedicated cystic fibrosis centre at Beaumont Hospital. We are still waiting for the Government to deliver on this commitment. Furthermore, the commitment to put in place the necessary staff and resources at specialist treatment centres remains an outstanding issue. The Government needs to move to address these issues.

Community Employment Scheme Bill

I have met with a number of Community Employment groups in the constituency included some based in Maynooth. Having listened to their opinions on the current regime Fianna Fáil has introduced a Bill to bring changes to the system. The Bill will give a legal entitlement to a person to opt out from a Jobpath scheme to take part in a Community Employment Scheme, a Tús Scheme or a Rural Social Scheme, in circumstances where a place on any of these schemes becomes available. Minister Doherty must accept that a one-size fits all approach is not the most appropriate way to supporting those seeking new employment or training opportunities.

Maynooth Golf Society

Results of the first outing this year to Athy Golf Club 7th April 2018
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5th	Alan Clarke	41pts
F9	Dave Weafer	
В9	Marty Maguire	
NP	Niall Byrne	
2's	Mick Fahey, John Carroll	
60's	Sam Feeney	

Our next outing is to New Forest Golf Club on the 12th May. Visitor's and New members are always welcome. Please contact Niall on 0894906510 with any enquiries.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 22/3/18 to 17/4/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Application Date
18/316	Kildare Co. Co.	Paul Mooney	Kealstown, Ladychapel, Maynooth	26/03/2018
18/318	Kildare Co. Co.	Saffron Property Limited	Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	26/03/2018
18/355	Kildare Co. Co.	Boldnote Developments Ltd	r	
18/396	Kildare Co. Co.	Saffron Property Limited	Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth	10/04/2018
18/403	Kildare Co. Co.	Paul Mooney	Kealstown, Ladychapel, Maynooth	11/04/2018
18/413	Kildare Co. Co.	Southport New Homes Limited	Mariaville, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth	13/04/2018
18/423	Kildare Co. Co.	Coveglade	Corner of Main Street and Convent Lane, Maynooth	17/04/2018



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Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted no matter how impossible.

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Kilcock Gaa Club **Clg Cill Choca**



Kilcock GAA Club are hosting a 90s fancy dress event in aid of Kilcock Celtic Under 11s (Green) on Saturday May 12th from 8.30pm in Kilcock GAA. Tickets are €10. Text 086 3843512 or 085 7899495 for tickets.

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County Kildare Leader Partnership

The County Kildare Leader Partnership is currently looking for Kildare-based social enterprises to take part in the Kildare Social Enterprise Programme to help develop social enterprises in the county.

The programme, run by Clann Credo and the Irish Social Finance Centre, is designed to provide a wide range of skills necessary to set up and operate a social enterprise, including business planning, finance and funding, marketing and communications as well as measuring social impact. Examples of social enterprises include community centres, men's sheds, community crèches and community tourism projects.

The programme is free and will run from May to November (with a summer break for August) and will be mainly held in the evenings and on Saturdays. An information evening will be held in Athy on April 18th at 7.00pm in the Clanard Court Hotel. For more information and to register your interest in the Kildare Social Enterprise Programme contact Brian Kelly on 045-895450, or email frances@countykildarelp.ie

Construction of Endoscopy Unit at Naas hospital set to start in 2019 says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has received confirmation from the Health Service Executive (HSE) that construction of the new Endoscopy Unit will begin in 2019. "Earlier this month I put a question to the Minister for Health in relation to timeframe for the provision of an endoscopy suite at Naas hospital following the commitment in the national development plan 2019 to 2027."

"The HSE have confirmed to me that the construction of the new Endoscopy unit, physical medicine unit, physical therapy unit, oncology unit and day procedure at Naas General Hospital will commence in 2019."

"The project is included in the HSE's Capital Programme and planning permission I understand has already been granted for the project. The project will be completed by 2021."

"We need to develop the facilities at Naas General Hospital and I welcome this commitment." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke says FF to introduce Bill to protect CE and Tús Schemes

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, said that Fianna Fail is to introduce a Bill to prevent Jobpath from denying participants from taking up a place on a Community Employment (CE) Scheme, the Rural Social Scheme (RSS) or the Tús Scheme.

"In recent years, I met with both the former Minister for Social Protection, Leo Varadkar TD, and the current Minister for Employment and Social Protection Regina Doherty TD, and made strong representations to them, to have the CE and Tus schemes made more flexible."

"In effect, many people feel that they are being unfairly coerced into Jobpath and would prefer to take up a place on a CE, RSS or Tús scheme. In many instances, this would be more appropriate and suitable to the needs of both the community and the individual concerned. I also want to ensure that we facilitate older people on the scheme."

"People involved in Tus schemes in Clane, Donadea, Leixlip and Celbridge have met me to discuss the problem associated with the way the scheme was being administered and have requested that we change the rigid framework that is in place."

"The aim of the legislation which Fianna Fail is introducing is to give a legal entitlement to a person taking part in the JobPath activation programme to opt out of said programme in order to take part in a Community Employment Scheme, a Tús Scheme or a Rural Social Scheme, in circumstances where a place on any of these schemes becomes available."

"Fianna Fáil supports these schemes and recognise the tremendous benefit that they bring not only to participants but to the community at large." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Elevated Insurance costs must not become the norm for motorists says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to provide a renewed focus on reducing the cost of motor insurance further, as the average premiums are still €300 higher now than they were in 2014.

"I appreciate that recent CSO figures show that the cost of car insurance fell by approximately 12% over the last year, but the average annual cost of insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014."

"My concern is that this elevated motor insurance cost will become the norm. Since

getting elected, I have persistently raised the unacceptable rise in the cost of motor insurance. Last month, I pressed the Government to partner with other EU countries to fight the rising costs, and we received a deafening silence."

"While I appreciate that Brexit has become the most urgent matter for the Government at the moment, we must ensure that the Government does not lose sight of bread and butter issues such as motor insurance costs."

"The cost of insurance working group put forward a whole range of proposals to have the cost of insurance reduced and we need a quarterly update, and debate, on the implementation of these recommendations." Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

"The recently published National Development Plan, never mentioned the importance of tacking the rising cost of living expenses and addressing the cost of insurance is one key element of that. As I have said before, the modest benefits from the changes to the USC in the last two budgets has been taken from most workers by the increase in the cost of motor insurance." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

€300m Brexit loan scheme launched – but interest rate too high says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to review the interest rate that is set for the Brexit Loan Scheme, which came into effect on 28th of March last.

"A total of €300m is going to be available to eligible businesses with up to 499 employees, as loans valued up to €1.5m each at an interest rate of 4%. The loan scheme for Irish companies is to offset the potential negative impacts of Brexit. However, the 4% interest rate associated with the scheme is double that of other EU countries such as France and Germany. As I have said before in relation to mortgage interest, Ireland is at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to Interest rates."

"Specifically, this scheme is designed to assist SMEs with their short term working capital needs."

"I welcome the loan scheme. I have over the last year, continuously called on the Government to put forward schemes to assist Irish businesses dealing with the risks associated with Brexit. In particular, I want to assist Food companies, many of whom are based in Kildare, maintain their market share and develop their export potential in the context of the challenges presented by Brexit."

"Given the unique exposure of Irish Food companies to the UK market, 40 per cent of the €300 million scheme will be available to food businesses. This is welcome news, but an interest of 4% is too high and we need this reduced." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke, who is committed to raising the concerns of Kildare exporting businesses in the context of Brexit. €13.6 billion of agri-food was exported in 2017. The Scheme will be available from 31st March 2018 and will remain open until 31st March 2020.

Commercial Rates Relief needed for small businesses says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to address the concerns of small businesses in the forthcoming Commercial Rates Bill and provide relief for struggling small businesses. Deputy O'Rourke made the call after meeting with business people in Maynooth last weekend.

"Fianna Fáil put forward legislation last year to reform our commercial rate policy. We did this so that focus was brought to the issue and to accelerate the Governments plans to reform commercial rates framework."

"The government needs to cut commercial rates for hard pressed businesses, particularly small and medium sized business, to improve their competitiveness and encourage small businesses to continue operating in our towns and villages."

"We need a relief scheme for commercial rates for businesses that are struggling, in particular, in towns like Maynooth, Kilcock, Celbridge, Naas and Clane. Commercial rates in Kildare have increased over the last few years and we need to address these increased costs. I have raised this point in the Dail regularly."

"In addition, Fianna Fáil's Bill, published last year, proposed to reduce the impact of rates valuations on businesses by putting a cap on the rate increases themselves, and allowing businesses to spread their increased payments over a five year period, rather than frontloading it."

"Rather than hitting shops and businesses with additional costs, we should be encouraging more businesses into towns, like the ones in County Kildare. Working with my colleagues, I will ensure that the forthcoming Government Bill does just that." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2018, totalling €2,242, to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on Sunday April 15th at the Senior Citizens Easter Tea Dance at Maynooth GAA Club.

The Walk which was held on Sunday 18th February and is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch, is an annual event since 1979. The Walk was named in honour of Tony Smith who was treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch and whose idea it was to hold an annual event for our Senior Citizens when he passed away tragically at the young age of 33 in 1982.

We would like to thank everybody who took part, all those who sponsored our walkers and the Management of Carton House for allowing us to use Carton Estate for the Walk.

Zero Waste Maynooth

Natural Cleaning Product Workshop

Zero Waste Maynooth and Tidy Towns held their second event on Saturday, 25th March in the Community Space. Molly, from Bare Necessities Ireland, gave an entertaining and educational workshop on using natural products for cleaning. She mixed her recipes for cleaning products with real life cleaning stories. Modern marketing has strongly influenced how people clean promoting a different product for each task. Most of these products are dangerous to aquatic life and can aggravate certain conditions - especially skin and breathing conditions. Molly recommended the use of vinegar and bread soda for cleaning every room in the house. Roscommon County Council has a great resource on their website with great recipes for all homemade cleaning products. Check out roscommoncoco.ie under their environmental awareness and education heading.

The Third R!

We have been covering the foundations of zero waste for the previous months. These are the five Rs – refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. This month we are focusing on Reuse.

Reusing is a great way to save money and help the environment. By reusing products and materials already created, we are reducing the demand for new products, and thus the pollution and energy that manufacturing involves.

Here are some ideas on how you can reuse:

- Bring that reusable coffee cup, water bottle and shopping bag with you whenever you leave the house! Using a reusable coffee cup will get you a discount in eight fantastic cafes in Maynooth - Emma's Place (20c), Willow and Wild (20c), The Brewery (20c), L'Art du Chocolat (20c), Coffee Lounge (50c), Coffee Mill (50c), Beetroot (20c), Café Bon Bon (20c).
- Before you buy, consider if you can borrow or share an item- for example borrow a fascinator or bag for a wedding from a friend, share the tools with neighbours.



- Check out charity shops, vintage stores and online for "new to you" clothes (fast fashion is a huge source of pollution - check out The True Cost on
- Join Zero Waste Freecycle group on Facebook this is a group where people offer and ask for items for free. There is also a Freecycle Baby group.
- For baby/toddler clothes, check out flopsyshop.ie they buy and sell high quality preloved baby clothes.
- Get creative! When you need something, think creatively about what you already own and how you can repurpose it - old clothes could become cleaning cloths, jars can become storage containers/ penholders.

And if you are interested in learning how to reuse materials you are in luck!! Zero Waste Maynooth is holding their

next event - a Crafternoon on Saturday, 26th May from 2-4 in the Community Space.

It will be a workshop on how to repurpose fabric, paper and other bits and pieces to create decorations – think pillowcase bunting, card board changed into Harry Potter themed décor and loads more. Molly will also be present to answer any of your cleaning queries and sell you loose dried



~ ~ Crafternoon ~ ~ Saturday, 26th May **from 2-4 Maynooth Community**



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MAYNOOTH 10K + 5K MAY 20th 2018

The eighth annual Maynooth 10k and 5k was formally launched at Carton House on March 14th. The launch was attended by the new Director of Sales and Events at Carton House Carlo Boersma and Karen Moylan Senior Event Coordinator. MEC PTA, who organise the event in conjunction with Maynooth GAA, was represented by the chairperson Frances Bradley and the chair and vice-chair of the Maynooth 10k and 5k committee Una Phillips and Teresa Murray. Maynooth Education Campus was represented by school principals Johnny Nevin and Siobhan McCauley accompanied by students of Maynooth Education Campus.

This year's event will take place on Sunday 20th May at 10.30am, with both the 5k and 10k starting at the same time. The 10k starts in St, Patrick's college and the 5k at the Presentation Girls school with both passing through Carton House and finishing on Carton avenue. The 10k is known to be a well organised race with a fast, flat course and is popular with competitive runners. The 5k, now in its fourth year, continues to go from strength to strength and is a firm favourite for walkers and families.

The event is a fund-raiser for the development and upkeep of the multi-purpose playing fields, walking track and ancillary facilities at Mariaville on the Moyglare Road. The facilities are in regular use by the GAA, local schools and the community. This years funds will also go towards facilities in the new school campus which is well under way.

Enter on-line through www.maynooth10k.ie or in Maynooth Education Campus from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday May 19th and from 8am to 10am on the morning of the race Sunday May 20th. Entry fees are €0 for an individual or €40 for a family 2 adults and one or more children.

After the race, refreshments will be served at the school and will be followed by the prize-giving ceremony at 12 noon with excellent Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Ladies and Men in the 10K and 5K plus some spot prizes on the day.

The committee would like to thank St Patrick's College and Carton House for the use of their grounds, all our sponsors and volunteers without whom this event would not be possible." Maynooth

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Left to Right: Karen Moylan Senior Event Coordinator Carton House, Carlo Boersmsa Director of Sales and Events Carton House, Frances Bradley Chairperson MEC PTA, Teresa Murray vice-chairperson Maynooth 10k, Una Phillips Chairperson Maynooth 10k accompanied by students of Maynooth Education Campus launching the Maynooth 10k + 5k 2018.



Principals Johnny Nevin and Siobhan McCauley accompanied by students of Maynooth Education Campus launching the Maynooth 10k + 5k 2018 at Carton House Hotel.



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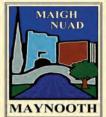
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Maynooth Tidy Towns annual collection will take place from Thursday 17th May to Sunday 20th May. Please give generously.

Maynooth Tidy Towns wish to thank Coonans Auctioneers Main St, and Eco Lodge Lime Tree Hall, Maynooth for their generous sponsorship of trees which were planted around Maynooth over the last few weekends.

Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers revamped the roundabout at Carton Park on Saturday 24th March.

We thank Gail Maher of Maynooth University who gave a very informative and interesting talk on flora and fauna in Carton Avenue on Monday 26th March to members of Maynooth Tidy Towns and the general public.



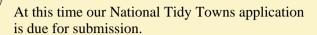
Thanks to all who recycled electrical goods and batteries on Saturday 24th March in the Tesco Car Park, the amount collected was 25 tonnes. A big thank you to the Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers who helped on the day.

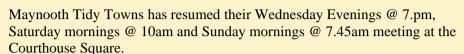
We had a Tidy Towns planning meeting on Wednesday 25th April to discuss this year's application and in relation to tidiness in estates. We would ask if all

residents and residents associations could consider adopting a space to keep tidy near their estate. Also that resident associations would keep Maynooth Tidy Towns informed of any new features on their estates.

Maynooth Tidy Towns had their annual spring clean-up on Saturday 28th April meeting at the Courthouse Square @ 10am.

Good luck to the organisers and participants in the Annual Maynooth 10K/5K which takes place on 20th May @ 10.30am.





Biodiversity week from 19th May to 27th May. Swifts in Maynooth, Walk and Talk, Monday 21st May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Meet at Maynooth University Library, Kilcock Road.

Biodiversity Walk Castletown House Thursday 24th May 2pm to 3.30pm

Maynooth University Biodiversity Day Friday 25th May 10am to 3pm

Wildlife Gardening talk by Irish Wildlife Trust, Thursday 31st May 2.30pm Maynooth Library. Please watch our Facebook page for events in Maynooth

When buying plants for your gardens or patio please insure they are BEE Friendly.

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Maynooth TidyTowns

Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual collection will take place

From: Thursday 17th May 2018
To: Sunday 20th May 2018



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Maynooth Hosts Kildare Community Games Basketball Finals



The Kildare finals in community games basketball took place on Saturday, 24th March, in Presentation Girls National School. Four teams took part: Maynooth, Sallins, Crookstown/Moone and Kilcock. The teams were made up of boys and girls, all aged under 11 years.

For most of the Maynooth team, this was their first taste of competitive basketball. The team performed well in all three games, but lost out in the end to Kilcock. The 13 players on the team all contributed in a very positive way.

The team was coached by Steph Poland, an American college coach with Maynooth Basketball Academy. Steph coaches basketball in primary schools in Maynooth, Straffan and Rathcoffey, while on a scholarship funded by Sports Changes Life in Maynooth University. Speaking afterwards, Steph said the children had learned a lot about the game of basketball and the meaning of being a good teammate.

'So many coaches talk about how they would pick a good teammate over a more talented player every day. Also, learning how to be a good teammate at a young age is not only important for sports, but for life because you are not always going to be the most talented person, but your work ethic and attitude is what can help take you far in life.'

Steph said she was honoured to coach the u11 team: 'I am so proud of them and I cannot wait to see their love for the game grow even more.'

Maynooth entered two other teams in community games basketball: an u13 boys team and an u13 girls team. All three teams will play in the Maynooth Festival of Basketball, which takes place on Saturday, 12th May, in Maynooth Post Primary School.

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

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Government must get to grips with affordable housing crisis by building on state land

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD today called on the government to get to grips with the chronic shortage of affordable homes and ensure that state land is used to provide both social and affordable housing.

Deputy Murphy made her comments as RTÉ reported that a government scheme to incentivise the construction of affordable homes has not paid out a single cent since its announcement in November 2015.

Deputy Murphy said:

"This report is just the latest confirmation of the abject failure of the government's efforts which relies on the market to deliver social and affordable housing. It is blatantly obvious that the market cannot deliver genuinely affordable homes. Recent reports of people queuing for days for a chance to buy homes off the plans show just how dysfunctional the housing market has become. "We need to see a much more aggressive and determined approach to tackling the housing emergency which is forcing people into continuing to pay rents which in many areas are skyrocketing. The government is not maximising the use of available land – both public and private – to deliver social housing and affordable housing to rent or buy at prices that people on average incomes can access. "The only certain way to deliver affordable housing faster is for the state to get building and develop public landbanks. There are more than 700 sites owned by local authorities and the Housing Agency, with a further 30 sites owned by state bodies."

State is failing growing numbers of homeless families

The Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy is seriously failing homeless families, Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD has said. Deputy Murphy was speaking after the release today of Department of Housing figures which show that the number of families living in emergency accommodation increased by 222 from January to February of this year. The figures show there were 9,807 homeless people in February including 1,739 families and 3,755 children.

Deputy Murphy said: "The Minister's assurances that tackling homelessness is a priority ring hollow when we see such a sharp and distressing increase in the number of children growing up in hotels.

"The Minister is seriously failing growing numbers of families who are living in entirely unsuitable accommodation including cramped hotel rooms and so-called 'family hubs' in industrial estates.

"Unless there are concerted efforts across all of Government to prioritise the housing crisis, we will continue to see homeless figures going in the same upwards direction.

"It's clearly extremely difficult for homeless parents and their children who are enduring the emotional stresses and practical difficulties of day to day life in emergency accommodation. But it is also downright unacceptable to people all across Ireland who rightly demand more from this Government."

Kildare Town and Village Health Checks



Cathal O'Meara Landscape Architects will be undertaking Town and Village Health Checks in 4 Towns/Villages in County Kildare over the coming months. These Health Checks will form the basis for providing recommendations for Town/Village renewal over the short, medium and long term. These Health Checks will be initially undertaken in the following locations: Clane, Kilcock, Prosperous and Maynooth

Members of the public and local community and voluntary groups are invited to participate in a collaborative process to create The Health Checks and associated Plans.

As described in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Outline, the Health Check process has a basis in retail planning. The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government issued both the Retail Planning Guidelines and the Retail Design Manual in April 2012 to promote a plan led approach to retail development. Planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála are now required to have regard to the guidelines in the performance of their functions under the Planning Acts.

Sustaining the viability and vitality of urban centers is a primary objective of the Retail Planning Guidelines. According to the guidelines, town vitality and viability effectively rely on four qualities; accessibility, attraction and amenity supported by action

The guidelines advocate that town centers undergo a periodic and consistently measured "health check" assessing the balance of the four qualities. An initial Health Check should form the baseline against which future Health Checks are measured to review performance. Health Checks in time series then provide a systematic assessment of strengths and weaknesses to inform Local Authority programmes and locally driven actions plans.

Initial meeting for Maynooth Town will be held in Maynooth PPS on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



Looks like it's going to be a busy year for the Band with quite a number of engagements already in our diary between now and the end of July. In between we will be working hard on preparing our pieces for our annual trip to the South of Ireland Band Championships in

Clonakilty and the music that has been sent to us by the organisers of the International Music Festival in Germany

that we will be attending in September.

This trip promises to be a fantastic experience for the Band members with 34 bands coming from Germany, Italy, Austria, Holland, Iceland, Switzerland, Wales and even Russia meeting together to play separately and as a group on the final day.



As we mentioned last month it will be an expensive undertaking so if anyone would like to contribute towards our travel costs we would be delighted if they could contact us at 087 2537 906 or email sec@stmarysbandmaynooth and we would be happy to talk to you.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories from our readers

Raised Bog Birdlife

Nowadays, many bird species that were once abundant in Ireland are rare or close to extinction, but reading a diary I kept while home on holidays from New York in June 1967 reveals a different situation. Here is an account of my visit back then to a North Roscommon raised bog.



As I draw near to evergreens surrounding a bog-side vegetable garden the abundance of bird life thrills me: a chorus of larks high overhead, pigeons cooing or rising with clapping sounds then gliding away on fixed wings, a black-headed gull hurrying silently past, the occasional double notes of a cuckoo, wrens and robins adding their contributions to the medley of birdsong. What a change from the noise of traffic!

Human voices break in on the avian symphony: 'Hello, Mick. It's a fair day.' 'Hello, John. It's fair all right, but there's going to be showers. The wind is from a bad direction.'

The voices subside into indistinct murmurs as, intent on getting a panoramic view of the bog, I head for the nearby hill. Linnets flit twittering away and a corncrake begins his rasping 'ache-ache' in a meadow. As I climb higher I can see the two men scattering turf sods in an area of trampled grass. Following a hoof-scored path, I make my way past a culleen of hazels and blackthorns. Long tail streaming, a magpie chuggs rapidly as it flies towards a whitethorn hedge. Above the culleen, I climb onto an earthen ring-fort, possibly dating from the Iron Age.

Up here the vista is impressive. In the distance another low, green hill runs east-west like the one I'm on; both are drumlins formed during the last Ice Age. The level stretch of variegated bog between them was once a lake, created about 10,000 years ago by the melting ice sheet. Over centuries the lake filled with partly decomposed vegetation, which eventually became peat, turning the lake into a fen. Plants such as bog cotton and sphagnum moss now made their appearance, gradually turning the fen into a raised bog.

A river flows along the south edge of the bog, probably as it did when the lake

Suddenly the culleen resounds with the strident calls of a grey crow; no wonder the Irish once regarded it as a manifestation of the Morrigan, goddess of battle! Further off, the 'caaak caaak' of curlews changes to musical, bubbling crescendos as they glide down to alight on the margins of the bog. To the southwest the silver gleam of a turlough contrasts with the emerald of surrounding fields. Now I must check the heather for grouse – are their white leg feathers a survival from ice age plumage?

Presently I'm walking through a cutaway area. At a place where their yellow blossoms light up green flags, a moorhen, white under-tail flashing, slips into a drain. I clamber to the bank above rectangular bog-holes where turf has recently been cut. Two teal explode from a drain, circle about then veer off. Meadow pipits take flight as I squelch through sedge and moss, past an area bright with bog-cotton, from which snipe rise, screeching. Presently I come to a patch of bilberries, the berries still green. A hare darts away, its hind feet throwing up showers of spray.

On reaching heather, I find here and there old grouse droppings. A single rhododendron with pinkish blossoms adorns a low hillock – did it grow from a windblown seed? Presently, I detect fresh grouse droppings and, almost at the same moment, a dark, reddish-brown bird explodes from the heather. I watch as, cackling loudly, the cock skims the bog, rapid wing beats alternating with short glides. Is he the sole survivor of a covey that flourished here? Some day I will have to write a story about this grouse.

A curlew taking flight nearby interrupts my thoughts. After patiently searching the area I find her grass-lined nest; filling it are four large, olive-green eggs with dark markings. In my younger days I would have taken a single egg for my collection, but not now. Maybe one-day curlews will be as rare as grouse? Noticing inky clouds gathering, I head for home before it rains.

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Get Ireland Cycling Strategy Meeting

On March 6th, Sport Ireland held a strategy meeting on Get Ireland Cycling. Although, organised by Sport Ireland, the meeting was about everyday cycling rather than cycling as a sport. It was attended by senior officials from Healthy Ireland and the Departments of Health and Transport along with Road Authorities, Local Sports Partnerships and members of An Garda Siochana which shows that cycling/bicycling is moving up the Irish political agenda.

The keynote speaker was Angela van der Kloof, a Dutch consultant who is familiar with Ireland and is a Cycling Expert with the Dutch Cycling Embassy. She said "....unless you have a coherent network of segregated cycle tracks/path criss-crossing urban areas you will not get more people cycling" and in relation to the lack of children cycling in Ireland, she emphasised that "Children are precious and must be protected from fast traffic". We would concur with these views. Maynooth needs a network of cycle facilities not a corridor.

World Bicycle Day - June 3rd

Bicycles continue to move up the political agenda worldwide also. The United Nations has declared June 3rd as International World Bicycle Day, by adopting a resolution to that effect on April 12th 2018, during the 72nd Regular Session of the UN General Assembly, in New York.

The resolution was adopted by a consensus of 193 member states. The declaration invites all Member States and relevant stakeholders to celebrate and promote awareness of the World Bicycle Day. The declaration encourages Member States to devote particular attention to the bicycle in cross-cutting development strategies and to include the bicycle in

P.G. Nerney

international, regional, national and local development policies and programmes. The European Cyclists' Federation (ECF) welcomed this resolution with the Secretary General Dr. Bernhard Ensink stating "Cycling is a source for social, economic and environmental benefits – and it is bringing people together. This UN declaration is an acknowledgment of the contribution of cycling to 12 of the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs)".

Climate Change

On the subject of sustainability, air pollution in Ireland is deteriorating at an alarming rate, according to the latest 'Air Pollutant Emissions' 2016 published by the EPA.

Nitrogen oxides, is one of a number of extremely dangerous classes of air pollutants, which exceeded EU safe limits in 2016. Transport (41%) and agriculture (29.6%) were the largest Irish sources. Health impacts of nitrogen oxides include diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma.

Meeting of Maynooth Planning Alliance

There was discussion about planning issues at the public meeting of the Maynooth Planning Alliance in April. Most of the discussions centred on traffic congestion with several drivers complaining about delays due to other people in cars. The elephant in the room (which was not mentioned) is that there are too many cars used too often and that new roads generate more traffic. All political parties, all governments since the 1990s and County Councils are in favour of sustainable and active modes of travel.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation



ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP (RCAG)

The Royal Canal Greenway Festival:

This takes place in the harbour area in Maynooth on Sunday 27th May from 12pm onwards. Kildare Animal Foundation (KAF) has now confirmed that they will attend and host a Fun Dog Show in the Harbour Field. Dogs of all ages, breeds and sizes are welcome. Remember that your dog will never forgive you if you do not enter her/him for competition. There will be water based sports and activities like kayaking, a barge and hopefully sailing dinghies. Would you like to practice your retail or promotional skills? You can hire a sales table (in the Scouts Hall) from us for €30.00 in advance. Phone us at 01-6877034 or (086) 8636249 as soon as possible. RCAG is running this festival to celebrate the coming of the "Greenway" to Maynooth. Other towns and villages in Ireland would love to be on a "Greenway", but can't, and it is Maynooth's good fortune.

The Summer Outing:

€38.00 will buy you a seat on our bus to Lough Neagh, a boat trip to Ram's Island, a guided tour there with soup and sandwiches, a four course meal in Dunleer on the way home and a great day out. The price can be reduced to €5.00 if we can fill the bus. The bus departs Maynooth at 8am sharp on Saturday 16th June. Contact the above phone numbers asap if you want to reserve a place. The prices €8 or €5 are "break even" for RCAG – in other words there is no profit element.

The Greenway:

Work continues on the Greenway. When completed, the Royal Canal Greenway will be the longest complete stretch of Greenway in Ireland at 146kms. At present there is 94kms of continuous cycle track from Fureys at Moyvalley to Clondra in Longford.

The Summer Solstice Walk from Ashtown on Thursday 21st June:

It is an easy walk and very sociable finishing off with summer refreshments and entertainment. It is free and it is a short hop from Maynooth to Ashtown on the train. Check out royalcanal.ie for more details.

World Canal Conference:

This takes place in Athlone from 10-12 September. RCAG will present a paper. This is a huge international event and was held is Syracuse New York in 2017.

"Honey-Bee" Hives:

Honey-Bee Hives are in full operation on the "Royal" at Blanchardstown. RCAG is looking at other Canal Sites if other producers are interested.

How do we survive?

Public Liability Insurance, Annual Auditors Charges and Annual Company Registration costs us €1,500 minimum every year. This is the basic cost of staying "barely alive" and is a problem with every voluntary group. We depend on Membership Subscriptions and this is why we want your continuing support. Check out our sites – *royalcanal.ie* or *royalcanalgreenway.ie*. We have applied to Kildare County Council for a 2018 Festival Grant for the Royal Canal Greenway Festival on the 27th May and are keeping our fingers crossed.

The AGM:

It was held on the 17th April and local members who were returned to office were Matt Kennedy (Chairman), Gerry Fitzpatrick (Membership Secretary) and Declan O'Connor (Communications Officer).

Editorial

The recent initiative to set up a CFR group in Maynooth is a very welcome development and should be strongly supported. Community First Responders (CFR groups) provide training in early cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators in the event of a cardiac arrests. About 5,000 people in Ireland die from sudden cardiac arrest each year – that's 13 lives lost every day. The Irish Heart Foundation's annual "Happy Hearts" fundraising day takes place on May 11th and the money raised helps to fund their educational and support work.

Last year the Irish Heart Foundation trained 80,000 volunteers in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) a procedure which involves pressing hard and fast on the centre of the person's chest and providing rescue breaths to help save their life. It is a simple, easily learned emergency procedure used when someone's breathing and heartbeat stop suddenly (cardiac arrest). When a person suffers a cardiac arrest and they don't receive prompt CPR their chance of survival decreases by 10 percent for every minute that nothing is done. If CPR is not reviving a patient a defibrillator can make a significant difference. There are 15 defibrillators in Maynooth and there is no doubt that some people will know how to use them. If you are a bystander when a person suffers a sudden cardiac arrest your assistance could make a major difference as early CPR can double if not triple their chance of survival.

Staying on the medical theme, an international team of researchers, led by Professor Paul Moynagh, Head of the Department of Biology and Director of the Human Health Research Institute at Maynooth University, has made a significant breakthrough in understanding inflammatory diseases such as sepsis, Crohn's disease, psoriasis and multiple sclerosis (MS), and identified a protein for potential therapeutic exploitation. The scientists have discovered a protein in the body that is a key driver of inflammation. The blockade of this protein suppresses inflammation and so may offer a new approach to treating inflammatory diseases. Inflammatory diseases are regarded as amongst some of

the most difficult to treat, with sepsis in particular posing a critical challenge to frontline health care professionals. According to research by the Health Service Executive (HSE) in 2016, sepsis occurs in only 3.4% of hospital cases but contributes to 25% of all hospital deaths. Let us hope that this research leads to new solutions to deal with this challenging medical issue.

The "Darkness into Light" is a major event in Maynooth which takes place on May 12th and if last year's event is anything to go by thousands are likely to turn out for it. "Darkness into Light" (DIL) is Pieta House's flagship annual fundraising and awareness event. It started with approximately 400 people in the now iconic yellow DIL T-shirts walking the 5km course in Dublin's Phoenix Park in 2009. This year, they estimate that will have roughly 180 DIL venues across Ireland and worldwide. Last year they had 180,000 people sharing the light and helping to promote suicide prevention and to tackle the stigma that leads people to the doors of Pieta House. Pieta House offers free counselling to those suffering from suicidal ideation, those who have been bereaved by suicide and people who are engaging in self-harm. So why not join the Maynooth event and support a very important service.

Planning issues have come to the fore again in Maynooth. As a founding member of the "Maynooth Planning Alliance" in the mid 1990s, the role of the group was to push for better planning for the town. Similar groups were formed in many other Kildare towns and villages and in adjoining counties because of the inevitable growth of Dublin. A key issue was that infrastructure always followed residential developments instead of being in place prior to new large residential developments. I am not involved in the new campaign in 2018 which faces many challenges not least changes in planning legislation and guidelines. It being May and after their exams, our Maynooth University student population leave us for the summer months. For those taking their final exams we wish them well in their future lives and trust that their years in Maynooth were both enjoyable and profitable in terms of their education.

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Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm

& 2pm to 5pm

Sat 9.30am to 1pm

Maynooth Multiple Births

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

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purposebuilt facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com.

Contact Katherine Cooney

086 8205910

I.C.A.

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

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in
The Glenroyal Hotel
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCC Office for more details

Arthritis Ireland

Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
(Maynooth)
Meeting Mondays
12 - 2pm in the Maynooth
Community Space

University of Third Age (U3A)

Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in
Maynooth Community Space
Unit 11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth
New Members Welcome
Contact Ger: 0874133505

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
9.30am to 11.30am
Maynooth Community Space Unit
11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every
Wednesday at 11am
at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries
Dunboyne Road Maynooth.
For further details contact
John Fleming - 087 2041334

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square

ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP

Join us at the next Alzheimer Cafe, Wednesday May 9th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. Our speaker this month will be Rena O'Hara. Rena is the Assistant Nursing Director of Ryevale. She will talk to us about identifying what types of support are needed.

Attendance is free of charge and there is plenty of parking available (www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie - phone 089 4933533).

Maynooth Community Church

1st Floor Manor Mills
(entrance next to Chill)
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Maynooth Senior Citizens

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.

Maynooth Festival of Basketball

Maynooth Festival of Basketball takes place on Saturday 12th May in Maynooth Post Primary School. All primary school children are welcome to attend.

Further information on Fb@maynoothbasketballacademy

ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

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.

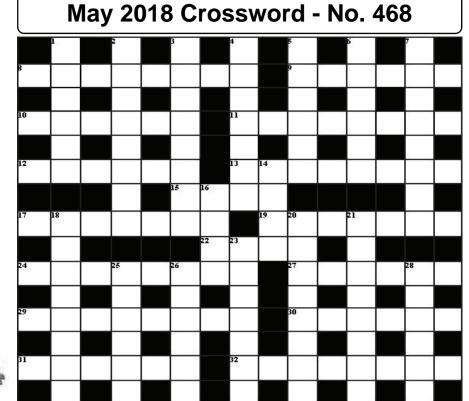
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Diary entries are published free of charge for all non-fee paying Community Groups.

The content of the Monthly Planner Diary is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups in advance

Clues Across

- 8. Express discontent (8)
- 9. Spain and Portugal (6)
- 10. Curved closed line (6)
- 11. Not derived or copied from anything else (8)
- **12.** Make a rush at (6)
- 13. In the direction of the Orient (8)
- 15. Titled Peer (4)
- 17. Milk substitute for babies (7)
- 19. Died by submersion (7)
- **22.** Hurry, surge (4)
- 24. Unable to relax or be still (8)
- 27. Once every 365 days (6)
- 29. Showing gratitude (8)
- 30. Sincere, upright (6)
- **31.** Progression through working life (6)
- **32.** Cutting implement (8)



Clues Down

- 1. Make smooth and glossy (6)
- 2. Crumpets can provide the full array of colours (8)
- 3. Goodbye and good luck (8)
- 4. Expose, unveil (7)
- 5. Musical half notes (6)
- 6. Critique, appraisal (6)
- 7. Differ, take issue (8)
- **14.** Appends (4)
- **16.** Implements of propulsion on water (4)
- 18. Operating cost (8)
- 20. Rich myth strangely recurs at regular intervals (8)
- 21. Flaw, failing (8)
- 23. Having no purpose (7)
- **25.** Took care of (6)
- 26. Exertion, elbow grease (6)
- ${\bf 28.\ Brightness\ from\ reflected\ light\ (6)}$

Solutions to Crossword No. 467

Across: 6. Beverley Hills,

- 8. Termite, 9. Lapse, 10. Leak,
- 12. Fidget,
- 14. Given, 15. Stefan, 16. Writ,
- 19. Irwin, 21. Alcohol,
- 22. Contribution.

Down: 1. Overtake, 2. Braid,

- 3. Tyler, 4. Villain, 5. Flop,
- 6. Battleship, 7. Pentathlon, 11. Din, 12. Fed, 13. Gershwin, 14. Garnett,
- 12. Fed, 15. Gershwill, 14. Garnett
- 17. Maxim, 18. Scout, 20. Wood.

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Congratulations to April Winner:

Peter Kiely Parson Lodge Maynooth

Collect prize from Newsletter Office

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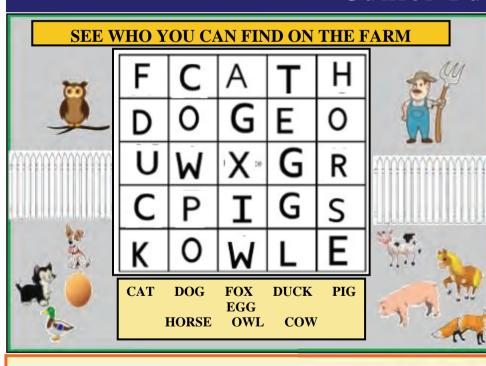
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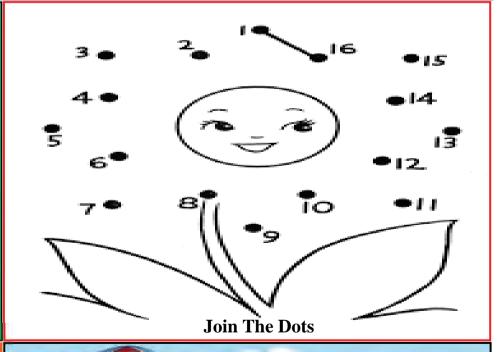
Last Month's Winner:
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The Drive
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Junior Puzzle Corner





Q: How do all the oceans say hello to each other? A:They wave!

Q: What did one wall say to the other wall? A: I'll meet you at the corner!

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

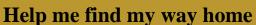
Q: What's did one tomato say to the other tomato?

A: You go ahead and I'll ketchup.

A: Gummy bear!







Castle Keep Art Group celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group celebrated its 20th anniversary with an extra special exhibition held in the Maynooth Post Primary School – Maynooth Education Campus on the weekend of the 6th April.

On display there were 74 works of art from 15 artists in the group. Local artist John Fitzgerald did the honours in opening the exhibition and gave an engaging and informative speech about his own journey into art, having spent 18 years in the auctioneering business. John, a past pupil of the school, for which he had great praise, is now the artist in residence at the Curragh Racecourse.

His work will be appearing in a BBC equine programme next year. He spoke of the importance of following one's dream and congratulated the Art Group on the variety of the works on the display and the different styles of painting within the group. He also complimented the group on their longevity and wished them well for the

future. Another special feature of the night our anniversary was cake which was created by local business Sugar Sisters. It was an amazing work of art in its own right.

Déaglán Ó Ceallaigh, chairman of the group, thanked those who helped to bring it all about – the secretary of the group, Maynooth Education Campus and KWETB for giving the Group the space to have our weekly "meet and paint" sessions and for the use of the hall, which is an ideal venue for the exhibition. We would like to thank Mr. Thomas Ashe, former principal of the School for his patronage of the Art Group. Maynooth University Library and Campus Services for their generosity and help with the set up exhibition boards. Thanks also to Inkjet who sponsored the photocopying of the catalogue. Déaglan expressed condolences on behalf of the Group to the family of Brian Farrell, who for many years looked after us during our exhibition weekends at the school.

There was a great turnout on the opening night and there was a rash of red dots by the end of the evening indicating sold works. A large number of visitors came on the Saturday and Sunday to view and again there were purchases. Thank you to all our loyal supporters over the years and to newer audiences who come and make the

exhibition so worthwhile for the members of the group. Congratulations to Ann-Marie Connolly who won the draw for a painting by Paul Byrne It turned out to be a great social gathering and community event which was enjoyed by one and all.



Ann-Marie Connolly, receiving her winning prize - a watercolour painting by Paul Byrne.



Unmasked by Déaglán Ó Ceallaigh



Canal Scene Kildare by Susan Carr



Tranquil Landscape by Susan Durack



Losing My Marbles by Sharon Dunne



Primary Colours Trio by Ania Stempel



Here's looking at you kid by Roberta Hines



Receding Hare by Eamon Burke



Blue Flowers by Geraldine Murray



In My Mind By Anne Mc Gloughlin



Flower Series (one of five) By Heather Ferguson



Raintown By Pete McCluskey



"Emma" was here by Emma Boyce



Sugar Sister (Amy Coyle) with anniversary cake creation



Artists Roberta Hines & Geraldine Murray



Déaglán, Susan & John Fitzgerald

Gardening for May 2018 The world's favourite season is the Spring, all things seem possible in May. Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun

After taking time to relax after Easter it's now time to carry on with the gardening. What's more, May is the month that kicks up a gear as vegetable and flower plants can be planted outdoors into their final growing, weather conditions allowing of course. It is also good to be able to start taking care of lawns to get that appearance we love so much! Now that the soil should start to warm up, with weeds sprouting, it's the perfect time for sowing seeds such as primrose, sweet william, cauliflower, spinach and radish. However, keep an eye on any weeds appearing as they will need taking in hand!

Hanging Baskets / Patio Containers

As long as your patio is sheltered or under cover, hanging baskets and containers can be planted up with fuchsias and tender perennials. Why not incorporate a slow release fertiliser and water storing crystals to reduce feeding and help water retention at the same time but remember not to place outside until end of May/ early June so that containers do not dry out watering can be stepped up on warm, breezy days. **Dwarf dahlias** can be potted up



into containers ready to provide colour from mid summer to early autumn. As pansy flowers wither remember to dead-head them to encourage further flowering. Should weather conditions still seem uncertain, take precautions to guard against frost especially at night by placing garden fleece over emerging crops such as potatoes, covering cold frames with either polythene or sacking, and young plants that are in the greenhouse can be covered with newspaper. Prevent weed seedlings becoming established by hoeing borders once a week. Any plants being delivered this month must be opened immediately, if not, the leaves will go yellow with rot setting in. Many plants are susceptible to attack by aphids and measures should be taken to bring this common pest under control. Vine weevil can sometimes cause quite a problem so it may be an idea to use a biological **nematode** simply mix into a solution and water plants when larvae are active (soil temperature should approximately be above 5°C/40°F). To keep control of slugs and snails, trap them under tiles or even grapefruit skins remembering to collect them up and disposing of them. There are also non-chemical traps available such as Slug Umbrellas – use pellets only sparingly.

<u>Vegetables to Sow in May</u> Root vegetables - Carrots, beetroot, swedes, and turnips can now safely be sown outdoors. Beetroot, whose seeds can be notoriously hit-and-miss to germinate, may need covering with cloches if the spring is poor and the soil is still cold and wet. Lettuces and other salad crops - Sow more lettuce, rocket, land cress, summer purslane, corn salad, and other salad leaves outdoors this month to ensure a steady supply. Sow under cover if the weather is still cold. Continue to sow main crop peas, mangetouts, and snap peas outdoors, protecting seedlings with



cloches or nets if necessary. Rhubarb: Transplant any young rhubarb plants you've grown indoors from seed. Leeks: May is usually the first month during which you can start transplanting or "dibbing in" your leeks.



help the fruit really flourish.

Herbs: - Sow further small batches of seed such as basil, coriander, chervil, dill, lovage, parsley, and sorrel. Young plants that are tender or half-hardy, such as basil, may still need protecting with cloches or covers.

Fruits in May Plant outdoors - Cape gooseberries, Cranberries, Strawberries. **Tomatoes** - In May, garden centres and nurseries are full of young tomato plants for sale. But don't be tempted until next month if there's still a risk of frost and you're unable to cover them at night. Home-made bottle cloches may be the answer if you're too impatient to wait. These antioxidant-packed Raspberries are perfect for summer fruit salads. They can be planted in the summer, but early spring yields the best tasting crops. The berries are prone to root rot, so they do best well in a

raised bed with rich soil that drains well. Manure or compost will

Whether in the flower garden or the vegetable garden, don't forget to stay on top of the weeds. Keep hoeing between the plants to keep the beds weed free; with the increased temperatures in early May, weeds can quickly take hold unless kept in check. Early May is your last chance to sow a new lawn from seed as we come into the summer months and the temperatures rise even further. Patio pots and containers with permanent planting should get some attention at this time of year. You have to remove the top couple of centimetres of soil and replace it with fresh compost.

Healthy Snacks For Exam Sudents

With The Junior and Leaving Cert. weeks away diet plays an important role during this stressful time. Some foods boost brain power and help calm exam nerves. The more of these you can include in the diet during the next few weeks the better examples are oily fish, eggs, greens, nuts, blackcurrants and wholegrain. Keeping hydrated with water will help stop your concentration from wavering. Healthy snacks are a smart way to build up energy that lasts for hours so we have put together some simpe recipes.

No Bake Exam Bars

Ingredients:

25g/1oz porridge oats 100g packet chocolate chips 2 tbsp cocoa, sieved

4 tbsp chia seeds

3 heaped tbsp linseeds

3 heaped tbsp sunflower seeds

1 tbsp of each pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds & poppy seeds

3 tbsp peanut butter

2 tsp vanilla extract

4 tbsp Water



Method:

Line a 7" or 1lb square tin with cling film, bringing it over the sides of the tin. Put the oats, chocolate chips, cocoa and chia seeds into a bowl and mix well. Next, add all the seeds and combine well.

Finally, add the peanut butter, vanilla extract and sufficient water to mix to a thick dough. Using your hands is the quickest way to bring the ingredients together. Press into the prepared tin. Put into the fridge to set.

Cut into squares of bars. Store in an airtight container.

Avocado-tastic Smoothie

Ingredients:

½ an avocado

¹/₄ of a pineapple, skin and core removed

A handful of baby spinach

350ml apple juice

Juice of ½ a lime

A tiny piece of fresh chilli (optional but recommended)



Method:

Blend the ingredients together.

Note: Avocados are rated as one of the top all rounders for brain function, packed with monounsaturated fat which improves blood supply to the brain, bringing oxygen and vital nutrients. A quarter to a half an avocado a day is enough to reap the benefits

Honey and Seed Flapjacks

Ingredients:

150ml honey or barley malt

250g regular or gluten-free rolled oats

160ml sunflower oil

60g flax meal/ground flax seeds/linseed meal

40g desiccated coconut

40g pumpkin seeds

40g sunflower seeds

40g sesame seeds

40g raisins

20g goji berries

A pinch of salt



Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4. Before you start, sit the jar of barley malt or honey in a bowl of hot water to heat it and make it more liquid. Meanwhile, put the oats into a large bowl with the oil and stir to coat.

Add all the remaining ingredients except the barley malt or honey and stir until everything is well mixed. Add the barley malt or honey and mix thoroughly. Roll the mixture out in a flapjack tin or on a flat baking tray to about 2.5cm thick. Bake for 25 minutes, then remove from the oven and leave to cool before cutting.



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE GLAXTON MOYIE TRIVIA QUIZ



- **1.** Who won his second Oscar in successive years for *Forrest Gump*?
- a. Jeff Bridges
- b. Ben Affleck
- c. Brad Pitt
- d. Tom Hanks



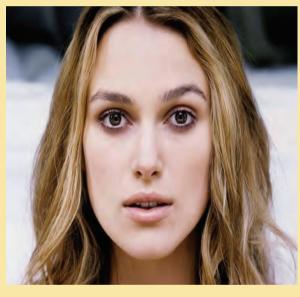
- 2. Who played Jack in *Titanic* (1987)?
- a) Matt Damon
- b) Robert Downey Jr.
- c) Leonardo Di Caprio
- d) Kevin Costner
- 3. Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head was an Oscar winner from which movie starring Robert Redford & Paul Newman?
- a) The Towering Inferno
- b) Out of Africa
- c) The Hustle
- d) Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid
- **4.** Which wartime classic starred Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman?
- a) The African Queen
- b) The Maltese Falcon
- c) Casablanca
- d) For Whom The Bell Tolls
- 5. Name The Film



- **6.** In which film did Jodie Foster play FBI agent Clarice Starling?
- a) Red Dragon
- b) Manhunter
- c) Silence of the Lambs
- d) Hannibal Rising



- 7. What colour were the original slippers in *The Wizard of Oz?*
- a) Blue
- b) Pink
- c) Purple
- d) Silver
- **8.** In Hitchcock's movie, *The Trouble With Harry*, what was the trouble?
- a) He was dead
- b) He was irritating
- c) He was a criminal
- d) He was missing
- 9. Name The Actress



- 10. What was Pierce Brosnan's first James Bond Movie?
- a) The World Is Not Enough
- b) Tomorrow Never Dies
- c) Die Another Day
- d) GoldenEye
- 11. What was the first film made in cinemascope?
- a) Ben Hur
- b) The Ten Commandments
- c) Spartacus
- d) The Robe
- **12.** Which American actor starred in the film *The Sixth Sense*?
- a) John Goodman
- b) William Hurt
- c) Bruce Willis
- d) William Dafoe



- 13. Quenten Tarantino had his directorial debut with what film?
- a) Pulp Fiction
- b) Django Unchained
- c) From Dusk Till Dawn
- d) Reservoir Dogs.
- **14.** In *The Pink Panther*, what did Peter Sellers use as an ink blotter?
- a) A dog
- b) A cat
- c) A bird
- d) A fish
- **15.** Alfred Hitchcock admitted to being terrified of what?
- a) Bats
- b) Spiders
- c) Policemen
- d) Mice
- 16. What was Spencer Tracy's last film role?
- a) The Old Man And The Sea
- b) Guess Who's Coming To Dinner
- c) Inherit The Wind
- d) Bad Day At Black Rock
- 17. Name The Actor



- **18.** After 50 years acting, who was given an honourary Oscar in 1985?
- a) Kirk Douglas
- b) Gregory Peck
- c) James Stewart
- d) Henry Fonda
- 19. Which actor died during the filming of Gladiator?
- a) Alan Rickman
- b) Oliver Reed
- c) Philip Seymour Hoffman
- d) Robin Williams



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Maynooth Boys continue preparations to represent Ireland in the U18 Olympic Handball European Championships in Austria in August 2018.

In our March edition we posted an article regarding this exciting event. A CAR BOOT SALE will take place on Sat. 2nd June 2018 in the Car The final selection has now been made and eight local boys have been Park for the Boys' National School in Maynooth from 8am – 12am. selected to represent Ireland in the Olympic Handball European Any contributions to help send our boys to Austria are very welcome. Championships in Austria. This is a fantastic achievement and Maynooth Please email fundingolympichandball@gmail.com for more number of months.

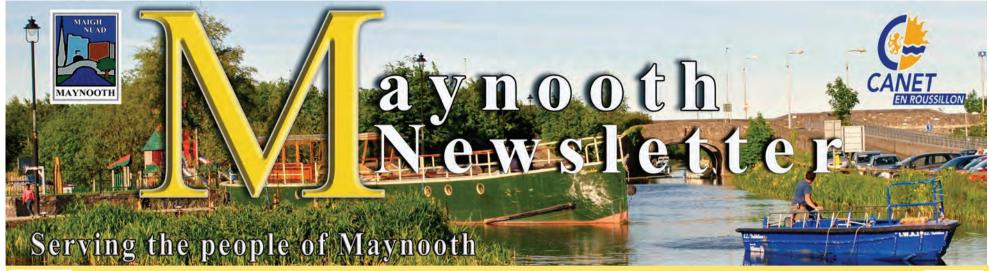
The U18 team took part in the IOHA (Irish Olympic Handball Krahn (hartmut@mgx.ie). Association) cup and U18 camp from 24th to 26th March 2018 in Gormanston Park. This was a very intensive training weekend and the boys learned many new skills. Irish coach Alexander Markovic was joined by Michal Hradil who is an expert Handball coach. His addition completes the Irish coaching team together with local Maynooth resident Hartmut Krahn who manages the team. Michal is a professional coach who is currently in charge of the HK AS Trencin (Slovakia) Women's team who play in the International League. Michal sees great potential from our young Irish players. The future for Olympic Handball in Ireland is looking bright.

Competing on the international stage will be a challenge for our boys as this is the first time that Ireland will take part in this event. The boys will be joined by seven Irish players living abroad who play to a high standard in European clubs. Boys from Germany, Sweden, Finland, England and Spain will join the team. These boys took park in the Gormanston camp which was an excellent opportunity to get to know their fellow team mates and gel as a team. There will be a further training camp in Slovakia in the run up to the championship.

Olympic Handball in Ireland has unfortunately very few resources so a Handball fundraiser has been set up by the Maynooth players.

can be very proud of our boys who have worked very hard over the last information. For further information on Handball in Maynooth please contact Olena Karpenko (olena.karpenko@gmail.com) or Hartmut







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Memorable day for Maynooth Town Football Club as senior first team Maynooth University Town made history by winning the FAI Intermediate Cup Final

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Maynooth University Town made sporting history in the Aviva Stadium on Saturday 12th May 2018 when they became the first Kildare side to win a national trophy as they came from a goal down to defeat Firhouse Clover in a dramatic FAI Intermediate Cup Final. Maynooth took time to settle into the match and the occasion but started to dominate 20 minutes into the game. Maynooth grew in confidence as the game progressed. With the game scoreless at the break it was a 60th minute substitution and a change to two up front that brought the break through for Firhouse Clover. The more attacking style proved key in the 75 minute. Carl Forsyth



Maynooth Captain Jake Corrigan with Mick Dempsey & Noel Dempsey

picked up the ball before tearing towards goal, firing the ball past the Maynooth keeper to put Firhouse Clover ahead.

With 15 minutes to go Maynooth were a goal down and three substitutions in five minutes was to change the course of Kildare sports history. With three minutes remaining of the six minutes of time added Darragh Reynor got on the end of a cross at the back post to give Maynooth a deserved equaliser. Just a minute into extra time substitute Tommy Llunga blasted a low ball past the Firhouse keeper to put Maynooth in front. Maynooth went two up when Youcef Belhout got on the end of a long ball on the edge of the Clover box before firing a low shot past the Firhouse keeper. Ilunga was again involved in Maynooth's forth showing great strength before delivering a cross for Gary Daly to strike from close range to put the result beyond doubt. (See Photo Gallery on Pages 16 & 17)

Firhouse Clover: Ian Molloy; Peter O'Donnell, Luke Walsh, Patrick Brophy (Sean Ray 97), Craig Farrelly (Dylan McGrath 94); Michael McLoughlin, Michael Doyle, Connor Byrne; (Gerry Bembrick 60); Carl Forsyth, Darren Forsyth (Nike Arevadze 78), Rory O'Connor (Adrien Rafferty 65).

Maynooth University Town: David Sterio (GK); Shane Harte (Tommy Ilunga 76), Jake Corrigan, Conor Mooney, Conor Dunne; Daragh Gannon, Daniel Burke (Youcef Belhout 80), Darragh Reynor, Eoin McDermott (Gavin Kinsella 80); Pouyan Farahmand (Eoin Donnellan 62), Cillian Duffy (Garry Daly 65).











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Zero Waste Maynooth The Final R – Rot!

In the previous months we have been covering the Rs that are the

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foundation of living zero waste. So far the Rs covered have been: <u>Refuse</u>, <u>Reduce</u>, <u>Reuse and Recycle</u>. By following the Rs in this order it (hopefully) means you have very little to rot!

Food waste is costly in financial and environmental terms. You pay for the food and then you pay for the disposal of the wasted food. For the environment wasted food means wasted resources – such as the water and land used to grow it. If this food ends up in landfill, a gas called methane is produced which is 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

One website which is a great resource in this area is **stopfoodwaste.ie.** The website is divided into different sections which makes it easy to use. Here is a taster of what you can find on the website.

Planning and shopping

- By planning ahead you can prevent a lot of food waste. It is often the special offer or BOGOF offer that end up in the bin.
- There are starling facts on the website- almost 50% of salad, almost 25% of fruit and veg and almost 20% of bread/bakery bought end up in the bin.
- They recommend that you record your food waste for a week. Note what you are throwing out and why. Use this knowledge to cut down on your waste.
- Make a food plan and use this to write your shopping list.
- Don't go shopping hungry!!!!

Storage and cooking

- Put new foods to the back of the cupboard.
- Hang your bananas away from the fruit bowl.
- Have a box in the fridge for those 'eat me soon' foods.
- Check your portion size, especially when cooking rice and pasta.

Composting

- There is a downloadable booklet called Stop Food Waste Composting Booklet available on the website. Well worth a read!
- The different ways of composting at home are discussed and there is a great Frequently Asked Question section.
- GrassCycling is recommended when you cut the lawn leave the clippings on the grass. This will save you a lot of time and effort!
- *All credit for the information in this article goes to the website stopfoodwaste.ie.

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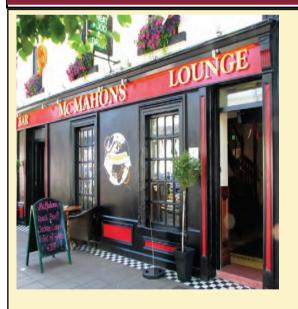
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Proposed Amendment to Maynooth Local Area Plan

The proposed Amendment to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) will now go on public display for 6 weeks from 2 June. The Amendment outlies the line of the new ring road from the Blacklion Road to the Celbridge Road and residential rezoning for 720 -800 houses is also proposed. The Maynooth MD Councillors will make their decision on the Amendment at their meeting on 7 October. The delay has been caused by the Consultants deciding on the location of bridge over the canal and railway line.

Update on the "Maynooth Town Health Check"

The first meeting was held on 10 May and by all accounts it

The next meeting is being held at 8 pm on 7 June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

This is an opportunity for the public to voice their objections to the crazy proposal of a car park at the Harbour Field. It is the nine Maynooth MD Councillors who will decide whether it goes ahead or not and at present only two Councillors are against the proposal, Cllr. O'Cearúil and Cllr. McGinley

It would be very helpful if the public also made their views known on what new features you would like at The Harbour Field. Cllr. McGinley has already asked that Capital Funding be made for:

- The Extension of the Playground to cater for children with disabilities.
- The Installation of modern exercise equipment for adults outside the playground.
- That picnic benches and seats be installed at suitable locations around the field.

The Council have already allocated 30,000 euro for the replacement of the wetpour on the ground of the playground and for replacing/cleaning the towers. The work is scheduled to take place in September.

Cllr. McGinley would also suggest that you make your views known on what you would like the re-vamped Square to look like. Cllr. McGinley has asked that cobble area be removed and replaced with limestone and that it be extended to the frontage of Bradys and the new Willow & Wild Café.

As Cllr. McGinley has already made known the Council are beginning to replace all of the footpaths along Main Street, starting with the path from O'Neills pub to Supermacs. It would be helpful if the public would make their views known on what should be done with the cycle path i.e. should it remain on the footpath or share the space with the Main Street

Maynooth Park Road to be Re-Surfaced

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have allocated 48,750 euro for restoration improvement work on the first 300m of the Maynooth Park

New Public Lighting to be Installed on the new footpath/cycle path at the bottom of the Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 4 May: "When will public lighting be installed on the new road at the bottom of the Harbour Field, between the Glenroyal junction and the Harbour area?"

John was given the following reply:

"It is expected that the units will arrive on site in May 2018 and the lights will be commissioned by the end of June 2018. The Maynooth MD Engineer also advised Cllr. McGinley that similar lights would be installed in Leinster Street.

Update on Flood Alleviation Measures in Maynooth Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 4 May: "What is the time frame for implementing the Office of Public Works (OPW) Eastern Catchment Flood Risk Assessments (CFRAMS) proposals for flood alleviation in Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply:

"The Office of Public Works (OPW) is launching the CFRAMs Flood Risk Management Plans on the 03 May 2018. Following this, each local authority will be required to adopt the plans. Once adopted, Kildare County Council will be able to apply for funding from the OPW to progress the schemes listed within the plans."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the proposed plans be brought before the Maynooth MD for consideration as agreed at the December meeting.

Update on Resurfacing and noise reduction measures on the M4 between Leixlip and Kilcock

The District Manager advised Cllr. McGinley that the Council were currently looking into acquiring additional resources to address these issues.

Update on Traffic Lights at Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth

The District Manager informed Cllr. McGinley that the developer was applying for a Road Opening Licence and it was hoped that work would commence over the next couple of the Outer Relief Road at Moyglare Hall Estate to Moygaddy weeks. He said that silent work is taking place in the background and that "we are getting there"

Update on Upgrade of Straffan Road M4 Interchange

The Director of Services reported to the MD meeting that the Regional Design Office are drawing up Project Apprasal Plans, in line with those agreed in the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan, for the upgrading of the inadequate M4 Junction on the Straffan Road. These Plans will be submitted to the Department for approval and funding.

Update on the new Footpaths, Cyclepath on Moygalre Road and the Improved Junction with the Kilcock Road.

The Director of Services advised the MD meeting on 4 May that there was a hold up in going to tender as the Patron of the Boys School had still not transferred the land to the Council to enable the work on the right turning lane up the Kilcock Road to be put in place.

Inadequacy of Dunboyne Road and Relief Roads in Maynooth Must be Dealt with - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has along with his colleagues Cllr. John McGinley and Maynooth Labour Local Area Representative Angela Feeney, lodged a submission with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the proposal by Cairn Homes to build 462 dwellings, student accommodation, a crèche, café, gym and retail unit on lands between the Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road in Mavnooth.

Mr. Stagg stated that this was a substantial proposal which would also provide a Link Road from the Moyglare Road to the Dunboyne Road, an objective in the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019.

In addition to concerns about 4 storey apartment buildings adjacent to the Dunboyne Road and a future connection from the Cairn Development at The Rise in Moyglare Hall Estate, the Dunboyne Road itself is inadequate to take the additional traffic that would arise from the proposal pending improvements and a number of Relief Roads around Maynooth need to be opened prior to any occupation of houses in the Cairn Homes Development.

Dealing with the Inadequacy of the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, Mr. Stagg stated there was no point in directing traffic from the new development onto the Dunboyne Road without removing the bad corner at the wood east of Pebble Hill House. A previous planning application on the Dunboyne Road itself was refused planning permission because of the

traffic hazards the development would create given the danger of the corner. The Cairn Homes proposal will put an additional 1,000 cars into the equation, which will exacerbate the danger along the Dunboyne Road, and Mr. Stagg stated that it is inconceivable that the Cairn Homes proposal could be allowed to proceed without a clear path being identified to resolve this issue.

In relation to Relief Roads around Maynooth, Mr. Stagg stated that these also required completion urgently particularly in light of the Cairn Homes proposal.

Mr. Stagg stated that funding has been provided for the construction of the Relief Road from the Leixlip Road to the Celbridge Road. A condition should be imposed preventing the occupation of any dwellings on the Cairn Homes site pending the completion and opening of this section of the Relief Road Network.

Mr. Stagg further stated that Kelston Properties have planning permission on the site that will complete the Relief Road from the Celbridge Road to the Straffan Road. Again a condition should be imposed preventing the occupation of any dwellings on the Cairn Homes site pending the completion and opening of this section of the Relief Road Network.

Finally Mr. Stagg stated that in relation to the completion of to the Dunboyne Road, the proposed construction of this road is currently subject to a Judicial Review. The completion of this road would give residents in the Moyglare Area another route to avoid Maynooth Main Street, rather than just the Link Street proposed by Cairn Homes.

The Maynooth Education Campus is also located on the link road into Moyglare Hall Estate, which will cater for 2,000 students. To take pressure off the Dunboyne Road arising from this proposal, it would seem prudent to again impose a condition preventing the occupation of any dwellings on the proposed site pending the completion of the new road linking Moyglare Hall to Moygaddy to the Dunboyne Road.

Other issues raised in the submission stated Mr. Stagg related to the proposed 4 storey apartment buildings adjacent to the Dunboyne Road and a future connection from the Cairn Homes site to The Rise, Moyglare Hall. Mr. Stagg stated that the proposed 4 storey apartment buildings which are adjacent to the Dunboyne Road and facing the proposed Link Street are out of character with the built environment along the Dunboyne Road.

The proposed 4 storey buildings will be an eye sore along what is a country road into the Town of Maynooth. They will be visually intrusive and are not appropriate in a residential area comprised primarily of families. HP6 of the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 restricts apartment developments generally to the University Campus and Town Centre

Locations or suitably located sites adjoining public transport connections. The site for the 4 storey apartments fits neither of these criteria and should therefore be rejected and replaced with 2 storey houses.

In relation to the future connection from the Cairn Homes site to The Rise, Moyglare Hall, Mr. Stagg stated that the proposal would be a traffic hazard, would injure the amenities of existing residents in the area, is not required, would increase traffic on a substandard road and requested An Bord Pleanala to include a condition stating that there should be no connection now or in the future.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that there exists a Housing Crisis in the Country at present but that it was important that new proposals for housing accommodate the real concerns of existing residents of areas and protect their amenity and not create serious traffic hazards.

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Seniors Alert Scheme Question

I am a pensioner and live with my daughter who works full-time. I am on my own a My partner and I are planning a holiday in Spain. How do we access public lot of the time and I'm worried about my safety. I would like to get a personal alarm healthcare services if one of us becomes ill when abroad?

Answer

The Seniors Alert Scheme gives support to provide and install monitored personal alarm systems to older people of limited means. The scheme aims to support older people to continue to live securely and independently in their homes. The scheme is available through local community, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations registered with Pobal, the non-profit company that administers the scheme.

The personal alarm is worn as a pendant around your neck or around your wrist like a watch and connects to a base unit in your home. When the alarm is activated, it automatically rings a helpline, which is open 24 hours a day, all year round. A helpline operator talks to you through the base unit and decides whether to alert a local volunteer responder or, if necessary, the emergency services.

The alarm monitoring service is free for the first year. After the first year, you pay an annual monitoring fee. Charges vary by provider and the type of alarm or pendant.

People aged 65 or over with limited means are eligible for the scheme. You must also be either living alone, living alone for most of the day, living with someone who also meets the eligibility criteria, or caring for someone else in your household. You must be able to benefit from the equipment being supplied and willing to maintain contact with the group administering the scheme. The equipment is supplied and installed for free, however you must return it to the registered group if no longer needed.

Contact the local group administering the scheme in your area to apply. Pobal publishes a list of all registered groups in the country on its website pobal.ie. You can also contact Pobal at (01) 511 7000 for details of your local group.

Carer's Support Grant Question

I'm a full-time carer and getting Carer's Allowance. Last year I got a Carer's Support Grant – will I get it again this year?

The Carer's Support Grant is an annual payment made to full-time carers. The payment for 2018 is €1,700. It is paid on the first Thursday of June each year.

If you are still getting a carer's payment on the first Thursday in June, the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) will pay the grant to you automatically, and you don't need to apply.

People getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit or Domiciliary Care Allowance are paid the grant automatically. Full-time carers who are not getting one of these payments need to apply to the DEASP (unless they got the grant last year, in which case the Department will contact them about this year's payment).

To qualify, you must be ordinarily resident in the State and caring for someone on a full-time basis for at least six months (including the first Thursday in June) and living with the person being cared for (or, if not, be contactable quickly by a direct system of communication, for example, telephone or alarm). The person you are caring for must not normally live in a hospital, convalescent home or similar establishment.

You won't qualify if you are working, studying or training for more than 15 hours a week, getting Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit or signing on for credits.

To apply, fill in one application form (form CSG1) for each person being cared for (a grant may be paid for each person). Forms are available on welfare.ie. You can apply for the 2018 grant until 31 December 2019.

European Health Insurance Card Question

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 travelling to or 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. You don't need the card 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 treatments and costs 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 (PPS number). You may also need to show proof that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland. If your EHIC has expired you can renew it online at ehic.ie. If your details have changed (for example, your address) you 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 EHIC (such as the costs of repatriation).

New General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Question

I have heard that new data protection rules are coming in. What are these rules and how will they affect me?

A new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force across the EU on 25 May 2018.

The GDPR strengthens your rights and gives you much more control over your personal data. It also introduces stricter measures for businesses and other organisations that collect, control and process your personal data.

Under the GDPR, personal data is data that relates to you or can identify you, either by itself or together with other available information. Examples of personal data include your name, phone number, bank details and medical history.

Under the GDPR you are entitled to:

- · Access the contact details of the organisation collecting your data
- See a copy of the data held about you
- · Have it amended or erased if it is incorrect
- · Move or transfer your data
- Object to the use of your data
- Information about how your data is being protected

The GDPR also imposes more obligations on organisations that control and process your data. These organisations must design data collection systems that meet specified requirements, collect only the data that is absolutely necessary for their purposes, keep records of the processing activities under their responsibility, keep data secure and report any data breaches.

Find out more on dataprotection.ie and gdprandyou.ie.

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Fianna Fáil welcomes pending legislation on Rainy Day Fund

Fianna Fáil was the first party back in 2015 to propose the establishment of a Rainy Day Fund. We did so because it makes sense to have resources put aside which can be deployed when the economic cycle takes an inevitable turn for the worst at some point in the future. We have to ensure that when difficult times come again, the first decision the government of the day does not have to make is to raise taxes or cut spending on vital public services.

The establishment of a Rainy Day Fund was negotiated into the Confidence and Supply Agreement by Fianna Fáil and, in the Summer Economic Statement in June 2016, the Government committed to the establishment of such a fund. The idea has been endorsed by the European Commission, the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council and recently by the International Monetary Fund.

I, and my colleagues in Fianna Fáil, have consistently made the point that we live in a very uncertain world and, as a small open economy, we are particularly vulnerable to global economic changes that are beyond our control. Establishing a Rainy Day Fund is the responsible thing to do when the economic tailwinds are positive.

There are substantial risks lurking out there and we need to be prepared for all eventualities. Brexit is chief among them but we also face the risk of a trade war between Europe and the United States and a move towards protectionism. The European Central Bank will soon begin to unwind their quantitative easing program which will push bond yields higher and there is also a risk our corporation tax base will be eroded.

It is vital now that this Fund is designed in a manner that dovetails with the fiscal rules in a workable manner. We have already made proposals in this regard and will engage constructively when the legislation is introduced in the Oireachtas.

The Rainy Day Fund is a key part of the Confidence and Supply Agreement and as we move towards Budget 2019, Fianna Fáil will be seeking progress on the objectives set out in that Agreement to ensure this Budget 2019 is a progressive one that moves us towards a fairer Ireland

New Pedestrian Bridge for Maynooth

A new pedestrian footbridge is to be built as part of the North South Corridor Scheme. The next section for the development will see works from Mill Street including a new bridge and improve cycle lanes. Kildare County Council will be drawing up the plans for display. €400,000 has been made available for this next section of the scheme. I want to credit my Fianna Fáil colleague and local Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil for his campaigning and work on making this a footbridge a reality for the town.

Irish insurance market must be open to free and fair competition

The insurance market in Ireland must be open to free and fair competition with new entrants able to compete in the Irish market on a level playing field with existing market players.

Recently, it was reported on RTÉ that the investigation by the European Commission into motor insurance in Ireland is focusing on allegations that the industry has created obstacles for new players to enter the Irish market. This is deeply troubling given the massive insurance premium hikes Irish consumers have faced in recent times.

It appears to be the case that Insurance Ireland – the representative body of the existing insurers in the market – controls two key databases called 'Insurance Link' and 'Integrated Information Data Service' (IIDS) which contain information on, for example, claims history, no-claims discounts and penalty points. The information provided on the shared members' IIDS database is facilitated by an arrangement with the Department of Transport.

It seems self-evident to me that an insurance firm seeking to enter the Irish market without full access to these databases is at a significant competitive disadvantage. In such a scenario, it is operating blind. It is also deeply concerning that, in order to become a member of Insurance Ireland, a new entrant must be nominated by an existing member. These databases should not be controlled by the industry which has a vested interest in insulating those already in the market from further competition.

In recent years, we know all about the consequences of a dysfunctional insurance market. Motorists, businesses, charities, schools, and sporting and community groups all end up paying more for insurance. The cost of insurance has now become a major issue across our economy.

The Minister for Finance has acknowledged there are, in relation to access to the IIDS database, some 'membership criteria for new entrants' and 'this is something I have no control over'. The Minister needs to do better than this. Irish consumers shouldn't have to wait for a European Commission investigation to create a level playing field in the Irish insurance market.

Government must redouble its effort to assist people living with cystic fibrosis

Ireland has made enormous strides in recent decades in improving the quality of life for those living with cystic fibrosis. Forty years ago, people living with cystic fibrosis were not expected to reach adulthood. Today there is a much different picture as average survival rates have risen by more than 70%, to 30 years. These improvements have been achieved by enhancing access to advanced medical treatments, the implementation of specialist treatment centres and the wider availability of advanced new drugs. However, the Government must not get complacent. While major progress has been made down through the years, there is clearly scope to do much more to help improve the quality of life for those living with cystic fibrosis. The Programme for Government contains a commitment to build a dedicated cystic fibrosis centre at Beaumont Hospital. We are still waiting for the Government to deliver on this commitment. Furthermore, the commitment to put in place the necessary staff and resources at specialist treatment centres remains an outstanding issue. The Government needs to move to address these issues.

Community Employment Scheme Bill

I have met with a number of Community Employment groups in the constituency included some based in Maynooth. Having listened to their opinions on the current regime Fianna Fáil has introduced a Bill to bring changes to the system. The Bill will give a legal entitlement to a person to opt out from a Jobpath scheme to take part in a Community Employment Scheme, a Tús Scheme or a Rural Social Scheme, in circumstances where a place on any of these schemes becomes available. Minister Doherty must accept that a one-size fits all approach is not the most appropriate way to supporting those seeking new employment or training opportunities.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 17/4/18 to 25/5/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Applic. Date
18452	Kildare County Council	Keith McKenna,	33 Rockfield Park, Maynooth, County Kildare, W23 V6T8	23/04/2018
18456	Kildare County Council	James Moffit	Laragh Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/04/2018
18458	Kildare County Council	Bart Glebe Holdings Unlimited Company	27 Templewood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/04/2018
18492	Kildare County Council	Coveglade	Corner of Main Street and Convent Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	27/04/2018
18503	Kildare County Council	Peter and Barbara Gillen	36 The Lawn, Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	02/05/2018
18519	Kildare County Council	Lyons Vincent & Roisin	28 TempleWood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	03/05/2018
18545	Kildare County Council	Andrew Brown	41 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/05/2018
18552	Kildare County Council	Ann Marie Delaney	19 Parklands Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	14/05/2018



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Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and favour will be granted no matter how impossible.

Thanksgiving for favour received.

Never known to fail P.M.C.

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Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken Heart where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine.

Say this prayer for three days, Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail Thanksgiving for favour received. R.D

Kildare Public Participation Network Town & Village Health Checks Dates & Venues

Workshop 2 – Town and Village Health Checks:

Cathal O'Meara Landscape Architects are currently undertaking Town Health Checks for Kildare County Council with the help of Kildare Public Participation Network in Clane, Kilcock, Prosperous and Maynooth.

The purpose of these Health Checks will form the basis for providing recommendations for Town renewal over the short, medium and long term. As part of this process a workshop has already been held in each town to examine the range of issues the community have identified.

A second workshop will be held in each location to present the findings of research and to solicit the community priorities on potential projects for each town. Members of the public are invited to attend the workshop for their town and to contribute their views.

Dates and locations for these workshops are Town, Date, Time, Venue:

Clane - Wednesday 30th May 8pm Parish Hall

Kilcock - Thursday 31st May 7.30pm Scouts Hall

Maynooth -Thursday 07th June 8pm Glenroyal Hotel

Prosperous - Wed 13th June 8pm St. Farnans PPS

As described in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme Outline, the Health Check process has a basis in retail planning. The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government issued both the Retail Planning Guidelines and the Retail Design Manual in April 2012 to promote a plan led approach to retail development.

Planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála are now required to have regard to the guidelines in the performance of their functions under the Planning Acts. Sustaining the viability and vitality of urban centres is a primary objective of the Retail Planning Guidelines.

According to the guidelines, town vitality and viability effectively rely on four qualities; accessibility, attraction and amenity supported by action. The guidelines advocate that town centers undergo a periodic and consistently measured "health check" assessing the balance of the four qualities.

An initial Health Check should form the baseline against which future Health Checks are measured to review performance. Health Checks in time series then provide a systematic assessment of strengths and weaknesses to inform Local Authority programmes and locally driven actions plans

June Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone For further information contact:

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The library will be closed for the June bank holiday from Friday 1st June at 5pm to Tuesday 5th June at 1pm.

Children's author visit – closed for schools

Friday 15th June, 10.30 – 11.15am

Irish author Amanda Keogh will talk to primary school children about her book 'TJ and his wheelable chair'.

Illustration Workshops with Tarsila Krüse – closed for schools

Tuesday 19th June, 11.30 - 12.30

Join award-winning children's book illustrator Tarsila Krüse on an illustrated journey, discovering how a story becomes an illustrated book, learning how to draw characters from basic shapes and creating your own story!

Suitable For Ages 7+

Create your own BFG character with Sarah Tully

Thursday 21st June, 3.30 – 4.30

Create your own BFG character using Air Dough Clay.

Suitable for 5-8 years

Booking essential.

Mindfully me workshop – closed for schools

Thursday 21st June, 1.45 - 2.30pm

Louise Shanagher will read from her 'Mindfully me' series, Ireland's first mindfulness series for children and will help children learn to use their breath to calm and relax their busy minds. She will chat about how important it is to believe in ourselves and learn some magic words to help us feel happy and relaxed.

Bróga nua le Áine Ní Shuilleabháin workshop – closed for schools

Thursday 21st June, 11.30 – 12.30pm

Áine will assist children, parents, grandparents, and childminders in exploring the simple rhymes and games in her book Bróga Nua. Participants will be encouraged to take part in action rhymes, simple games, and sing songs in Irish, e.g. Ring-a-Ring-a-Rósaí, Aon Dó, Muc is Bó etc. Fun will be had by all!

Please see Maynooth Library for a full list of Events for the month of June

Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

Contact Details: Dail Office: 01 6183109 - Mobile: 087 2555257 - e-mail: frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie - 🛐 /Frank O'Rourke Clinics: Monday in the Glenroyal Hotel - Constituency Office: Main Street Celbridge.

Changes to Jobpath welcomed says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the proposed changes to Jobpath, announced by the Government, and which Deputy O'Rourke campaigned actively for over the last 18

"The changes announced by the Government today will facilitate access to Community Employment (CE) and Tús schemes for long-term unemployed jobseekers that are engaging in JobPath. The proposed changes will come into effect from 1st of June

"Fianna Fail recently announced that it was bringing forward a Bill, the Social Welfare (Community Employment) Bill 2018, to give a legal entitlement to a person taking part in the JobPath activation programme to opt out of Jobpath in order to take part in a Community Employment Scheme, a Tús Scheme or a Rural Social Scheme." Stated Deputy O'Rourke who worked with his colleagues in the Parliamentary Party and the party's spokesperson on Social Welfare.

"In recent years, I met with both the former Minister for Social Protection, Leo Varadkar TD, and the current Minister for Employment and Social Protection Regina Doherty TD, and made strong representations to them, to have the CE and Tus schemes made more flexible. A CE or Tús scheme is in many instances more appropriate and suitable to the needs of the individual and the community."

"People involved in Tus schemes in Clane, Donadea, Leixlip and Celbridge have met me to discuss the problem associated with the way the scheme was being administered and requested that we change the rigid framework that is currently place. I am delighted that we have made progress."

"I will continue to champion the CE and Tús schemes and I look forward to the changes being made to Jobpath to ensure the these schemes are available for community gain." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke

O'Rourke calls for changes to medical card application process

- Process must be more considerate for patients with cancer, terminal illness or chronic conditions -

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has called on the Minister for Health Simon Harris to direct the HSE to make changes to the application process for medical cards.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after raising the issue in the Dáil with Minister of State Jim Daly. He pointed out that the current application process is mired with difficulties and is a painful experience for those already suffering with serious medical conditions.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "The reality for people who are suffering from cancer or chronic and long-term illness is extremely difficult. These people have a lot of things going on in their lives; they are trying to deal with their illness and trying to live life while dealing with other issues outside of their control. The painful process of making an application for a medical card is absolutely horrific. It is adding serious unnecessary hardship to an already extremely stressful situation.

"The HSE insists that there is an emergency application process for those suffering with serious illnesses but in reality this process isn't working. The process is slow and cumbersome and fraught with unnecessary hurdles. It should be made easier for people who are suffering from cancer or chronic and other long-term illness to access a medical card without going through this horrific process.

"The Programme for Government commits to a humane approach to discretionary medical cards for patients undergoing cancer treatment. The guidelines used to award discretionary cards for patients undergoing cancer treatment must be more lenient. It's deeply unsettling for a cancer patient to receive a letter bluntly informing them that they application has been denied. These people are going through a serious trauma in their lives and deserve support from the State.

"The Government needs to review the medical card application process for patients with cancer, terminal illness or chronic conditions. The current approach clearly isn't working.

4% increase in Housing Adaptation Grants for Older people not enough says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that the

Kildare Co Co is not enough to cater for the increased number of older people in our community.

€2.4m has been allocated to Kildare Co Co by the Government for housing adaptation grants and Kildare Co Co will add a further €600,000 to the budget."

"While an increase is welcome, we need more resources for Housing Adaptation Grants. I continue to raise the requirement for increased funding for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with Disabilities. By 2041, there will be 1.4m people living in Ireland over 65 years of age, nearly three time todays numbers.'

"Under the Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes, Grants of up to €30,000 are available for an adaptation for people with disabilities, up to \clubsuit ,000 for housing aid for older people and up to €6,000 for mobility aids." Stated Deputy O'Rourke

"Apart from improving the quality of life for people and facilitating people to continue the independent living in their own homes, there are other benefits from the Government's expenditure on Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes. These include; a stimulus package for small local construction companies, more local employment and increased business for local building material suppliers, all either improve the Government tax take or reduce social welfare payments. In addition, it is clear that it costs the state less to facilitate older people living in their home rather than in residential care. concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

North Kildare Recycling Centre progressing in right direction says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil T. D, Frank O'Rourke, has said that progress is being made in the provision of a Civic Amenity Centre for North Kildare at the identified site at Junction 6 on the M4 with planning permission now likely to be sought this summer for the facility.

According to Deputy O'Rourke, such a facility is badly needed in North Kildare:-

"I have had a number of meetings, with the Minister Denis Naughton, his department officials and Kildare County Council's Director of Services, Joe Boland to make progress with this project. In recent days there was a positive meeting with Kildare County Council and the Minister's Department. The estimated cost is likely to be in the region of €m. In my view, we need to agree the funding model and secure funds from the Government for this project".

The Deputy has committed to continue engaging with both the Council and Minister's office to progress and deliver this much needed facility.

It is expected that a further meeting between the Minister and Council officials will take place shortly.

Government's failure on Apprenticeships needs to be addressed says O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil's Local TD, Frank O'Rourke, has claimed that the Government's failure in the apprenticeship sector will jeopardise progress in most construction projects, including housing

During the downturn, countless tradespeople found themselves without work as sites downed tools. We need to promote the importance of apprenticeships and acknowledge the contribution of construction skills to our economy and encourage more people into the sector, by supporting apprenticeships.'

"Registrations for bricklaying apprenticeships increased by 34 to 121 in 2017, Plumbing by 224, bringing the total to 1,272, painting and decorating apprenticeships now stands at 85. However, more apprenticeships are needed and we need to ensure that apprentices finish their apprenticeships."

"The most recent apprenticeships figures show that we are 58% behind the targets set in the Government's Action Plan for Apprenticeships. The total number of apprenticeships are less than 50% of what they were 10 years ago."

"The current low take-up of apprenticeships in trades like bricklaying, plastering and tiling, is creating a massive skills shortage and will lead to increased costs of delivering houses. The Government needs to support the sector and encourage more apprenticeships, by providing grants or supplementary income for those in apprenticeships."

"A lack of apprentices will jeopardise progress in most reported 4% increase in funding for Housing Adaptation Grants to construction projects and the Government needs to focus on providing more supports for apprentices."concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

EU Single Market for mortgages is the way forward says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government press for the formation of a European Single Market for mortgages as Ireland's mortgage rates continue to be significantly higher than the average EU mortgage rate.

"The average standard variable rate for a mortgage in Ireland is currently 3.26%. This is nearly 1.5% higher than the average Eurozone rate which stands at 1.83%.

"In my view the Government have let down Irish customers as recent reports indicate that Irish first-time buyers will pay up to €61.641 more in interest costs over the lifetime of their mortgages than anywhere else in Europe."

"For example, an Irish borrower with a mortgage of €200,000 is paying around €250 per month more than they would be paying in the average Euro area country." Stated Deputy O'Rourke. "When we take this in conjunction with the Tracker mortgage scandal, where over 33,700 customers were put on variable mortgage rates as opposed to the more competitive tracker rates." "We have been campaigning for mortgage holders, and particularly those in mortgage arrears, for some time now. Since I got elected last year, I have worked with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to keep a focus on their concerns. All of the instruments available to the Government and the Central Bank must now be used to ensure that Irish mortgage holders receive fair treatment when compared to other EU countries."

"As I have said in the Dail, mortgage rates in Ireland remain dramatically out of line with EU norms and must be addressed. The higher mortgage rates here are taking money out of our local economy and adding to the bank profits. We need a EU approach to securing better rates in Ireland." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke who has previously called for a similar approach in relation the provision of motor insurance in Ireland.

Government is failing children living with disabilities -O'Rourke

- Delays in accessing assessment of need adversely impacting on children -

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has criticised the Government for failing to deliver on its commitment for children living with disabilities.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after raising a special Dáil debate on the issue and highlighting the growing delays children are experiencing in accessing vital assessment of need for services such as occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and physiotherapy.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "The Government has said that it is increasing investment in services for children living with disabilities but we aren't seeing this investment on the ground. The reality is that children aren't experiencing an increase in services. Rather they are actually finding it increasingly difficult to access the services they need to live a full and active life. "Children living with disabilities are experiencing an unacceptable delay in accessing an assessment of need. This needs to be carried out before a care plan can be implemented to deliver the services that children living with disabilities need. The delay in giving children access to an assessment of need is inevitably having a knock on delay in assigning the disability services that they need.

"Many children are forced to wait between 18 and 24 months between their assessment of need and the implementation of their care plan. This is particularly damaging for children as all the medical evidence highlights that a delay in intervention has a lasting negative impact on their lives. It's vital that appropriate supports are put in place as early as possible.

"Furthermore, there is also a delay in providing the follow up review of the care plan of a child's need. This should be carried out within 2 years of the care plan being put in place. However this isn't happening and children are missing out on the support services that they need as a result of this.

'The Government needs to stop paying lip-service to children living with disabilities. We simply aren't seeing the level of services needed on the ground to help support children living with disabilities. There are delays in accessing occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and respite care services are non-existent. This is inexcusable."

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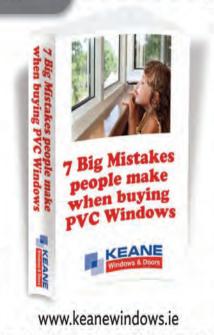
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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

The Band were delighted to be invited to be a part of the ceremonies for the official opening of the new Parish Centre by the Archbishop of Dublin Dr Dermot Martin.

At the time of writing this special event has not taken place but the band will no doubt add to the occasion and we have included in our programme hymns that have not been heard for many years and will bring many of the older generation back to the days of the Corpus Christi Processions.

June promises to be a busy month for the band with the Naas GAA blitz on Saturday 16th and participation in the Marching Band Festival in Clane GAA on 30th. Along with all of that we are busy rehearsing for our annual visit to the South of Ireland Band Championship in Clonakilty on Saturday 7th July so fingers crossed for a good performance.

The really big event of 2018 for the Band is our trip to the Bad Orb International Music Festival near Frankfurt in Germany from the 7th to the 9th of September. We were selected to take part from over 200 applicants and we will be the only band from Ireland among

the 34 participants.

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It is a wonderful opportunity for the band members to mix and play with so many bands of different nationalities as well as representing our town, county and Country at an International event and we will be very proud indeed as our National Anthem is being played when each band is introduced to the large attendance.

The cost of the travel alone comes to over €10,000, the band members will be paying for their accommodation and meals, so we hope to arrange some fundraising activities between now and September to cover the costs but if anyone would like to contribute any amount, no matter how small, please feel free to call 087 2537 906 or email sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie and we will be very pleased indeed to talk to you.

Don't forget that the band rehearses every Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45 to 9.45 and we welcome musicians of all standards to come and join us or email sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie if you need any information on the band.



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

Another bumper year has run its course for Craobh Mhaigh Nuad, and April and May were, as always, jam packed with activities.

The year was wrapped up in Maynooth GAA Club with an end of year session on Wed 17th May. We've been holding the junior sessions up in the GAA on the last Sunday of each month, at 6 o'clock, so thanks to all at the club for being so accommodating throughout the whole year.

The culmination of the year's activities is the Fleadh Chill Dara, which was held again this year in Clane. Several hundred musicians from all over Kildare came together to flaunt their talents for the panel of judges who travelled from all over the country to adjudicate and provide valuable feedback. The events kicked off with concerts, dancing, recitals and sessions from Thursday through Sunday, bringing branch members from Maynooth, Leixlip, Kilteel, Kilcock and the home branch of Clane. Thanks to the Kildare County Board C.C.E. and Clane Branch C.C.E. for their sterling organisation!

This year saw further development in the branch's participation – it's great to see the students grow in confidence and competence each year. The competition is a tough environment – playing in front of a full classroom and an eagle-eyed judge, so a buala bos to all competitors for going through the experience!

The team that lined out for Maynooth this year was as follows: Dara Ni Dhochartaigh-Madrigal - Fidil

Róisín Howley - Fidil, duet, Ceilí Band and Singing

Conor McNerney - Bosca Ceoil, Guitar, Ceilí Band, Whistle & Piano Seán Ó Catháin - Bosca Ceoil, Whistle, Comhrá Gaeilge and trio

Roibard Ó Murchú – Bosca Ceoil James McEntire - Bosca Ceoil & Singing

Tom Ó Catháin - Bosca Ceoil, Ceilí Band (and trio)

Shane McInerney - Bosca Ceoil & Piano

Olivia Cannon - Flute Aoife McNerney - Whistle, Concertina

& Piano Aoife O'Rourke - Whistle Katie Ní Cearúil - Whistle & Ceilí

Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin - Whistle, Comhrá Gaeilge & Bodhrán

Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl - Whistle, Ceilí Band & duet

Emma Bennet - Whistle & duet Caoimhe Walsh - Whistle, duet & Bodhrán

Caoimhe Howley - Concertina, Ceilí Band and trio

Cillian Ó Fhearaíl - Guitar Oisín McEntire - Bodhrán

Matthew Meehan - Bodhrán & Ceilí Band

Niamh O'Farrell - Bodhrán Emma Ó Catháin - Comhrá Gaeilge Rois Connolly - Fidil & Ceilí Band Déaglan Ó Conchúbhair – Miscellaneous Instruments

Kieran Hensey, Tara Rafferty and Amelia De'Ora

Well done to all above who performed with distinction and did themselves proud. Winning in the competition is not

parents and teachers and are shown here, complete apart from Jimmy Cahill. Reynolds, Ellen Godley, Jason McGuinness. Front Row: Aimee Farrell Courtney, Seán Tracey, Lauren Tracey and Karen Tracey.

The 2018 teachers played for Backrow, from left; Caoimhe



Craobh Mhaigh Nuad's first entry at Ceilí Band, finishing second in Kildare and qualifying for the Leinster's in Carlow.

the be all and end all of the branch but preparing for, and performing in the Fleadh, is something from which the students learn an enormous amount – and hopefully have a lot of fun along the way. We'll have the full roll of honours in next month's edition, but for now maith sibh go léir! The winners and second placed competitors will go along to the Leinster Fleadh in July, which is being held in Muine Bheag, Carlow from 8th - 15th July for what promises to be a most memorable Fleadh Cheoil Laighean 2017. While classes come to a close for the summer, there are lots of chances for enjoying the tunes including the Fleadh Laighean in Carlow and our many sessions running around the town and many





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workshops and summer-schools taking place across the country.

It being year end, we wanted to extend our thanks to all who have given us their support and assistance throughout the year. It is great to see the kids being brought to the classes each Wednesday and we're delighted to see both our junior and adult sessions growing in popularity and competence.

Thanks to our hugely dedicated teachers, who are so generous with their time and talents – have a great summer. We look forward to working with most of you again next term. We wish the best of luck to those of you who are moving on to further education or into the workforce. Registration for the 2018/2019 Comhaltas year will take place on Wednesday 5th September in Maynooth Post Primary School and remember we cater for all ages and all levels of musical ability. We would love to see new members trying their hand at an instrument from Sept; you are never too old to start out on a musical journey and we can promise you lots of fun and fulfilment along the way. Keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances.

http://www.facebook.com/ccemaighnuad - http://twitter.com/CCEMaighNuad Derek Carroll, PRO, Committee Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



5K runforoisin raises €4,000

On Sunday morning 22nd April, a larger than expected number of runners, joggers and walkers took part in the Anam Cara 5K 'runforOisin' held in the grounds of St Patrick's College Maynooth. Over 200 had registered online and the same again registered on the day. On a nearly dry day the community of Maynooth turned out to show their support for Gordana Quigley and her family and to contribute to the cause of Anam Cara.

Gordana's son Oisin drowned on 23rd February 2016 while successfully rescuing a friend. The intense grief resulting from such a loss is something that can only be understood by people who have experienced it. Anam Cara provides safe and comfortable settings where

bereaved parents can be among others who understand and care.

The forecasted heavy rain fell over night, but by 9am, breaks in the clouds appeared as did Oisin's friends who volunteered to help with the preparations; putting up the signage, marking out the course, getting the registration room ready etc. Other friends from sporting teams took part in the 5k in their club jerseys. During registration there was face painting and a magician to entertain the children. The Maynooth Gospel Choir sang, followed by the warm up with the ladies from Zumba. The 5k coincided with what would have been Oisin's 16th birthday and to mark the occasion 100 balloons were released. A minute's silence was held

before the off and Gordana rang the bell to start the 5k. Goodie bags, fruit and water were handed out at the finish line. Tea, coffee and biscuits were served in Loftus Hall during the raffle of prizes.

Anam Cara and Gordana expressed their thanks to: St Patrick's College Maynooth, Mr Brendan Ashe, College Catering, Maynooth Gardaí, Maynooth Newsletter, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Mr Gerry Quinn, Ms Marie Kiernan, Mr William Kiernan (Sound Engineer), Maynooth Post Primary School staff, parents and students, Inkjet World, Supervalu,

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Maynooth Pastoral Centre Official Opening

Article by Paul Croghan - Photos by Ann McGarry

The new Parish of Maynooth Pastoral Centre was officially opened by Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin on Saturday May 19th. The new centre had been in the planning for a number of years and such centres are now common in large parishes in the Dublin Diocese. The Archbishop acknowledged the significant work by a large number of people to deliver this new facility. He made particular reference to the leadership of the former Parish Priest, Fr. Liam Rigney in getting the project started. He noted that the current Parish Priest, Canon Frank McEvoy is lucky to have

taken over from Fr. Rigney when the centre was almost completed.

The Archbishop said that the new centre marked a new chapter in the Parish of Maynooth and that it would be a key facility to support the work of the priests and laity. In particular he hoped that it would serve as a centre to strengthen the involvement of women in the parish. Those taking part in the ceremony included a section of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and representatives from the Maynooth Scouts both of which greatly added to the event. Fr. Rigney was also welcomed back to Maynooth for this special occasion.



Canon Frank McEvoy welcomes Archbishop Martin to Maynooth.



Archbishop Martin speaking at the official opening of the Pastoral Centre.



St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band performing outside the new Parish Pastoral Centre.



Thanks to all who contributed to our annual collection in May. We very much appreciate the work that was put in by our collectors.

Our very comprehensive National Tidy Towns entry has been submitted.



Thanks to Mary Jennings for completing the National Tidy Towns application for 2018.

April 28th Maynooth Tidy Towns had our National Spring clean-up day with 35 volunteers collecting 3 trailer loads of litter from all over Maynooth. Welcome refreshments supplied by The Glenroyal Hotel and water supplied by Supervalu. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

A Safety training evening was held in the Glenroyal Hotel during April and all who attended found it very useful. Also volunteers are given a copy of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Safety statement.

New 90lt wheelie bins have been bought by Maynooth Tidy Towns as a result of our Safety training.

I was delighted once again to write an article about our Gold Medal and the work that Maynooth Tidy Towns are involved in for the 10K Times.

Congratulations to all concerned in Maynooth Town FC on winning the Cup Silliot Hill Civic Amenity Centre is hosting a free household hazardous waste day on Wednesday 13th of

June. Details on what can be brought are attached. Please note that normally there is a charge for these items so only household hazardous waste (and waste electrical items- these

are always free to recycle) will be free on the day- all other waste will incur a

Silliot Hill is open 8am to 3.45pm- with last vehicles in by 3.30pm.

Please see our Facebook page for information about feeding the Ducks and Swans.

Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as judging starts in June until the end of August.

If you wish to volunteer please contact us on 087-3153189 or on Facebook/Twitter

Richard Farrell PRO

Maynooth Tidy Towns







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Contact fundraising@gluais.org for tickets or to support the event with spot prizes/ donations for the goodie bags.



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



BIKEWEEK 2018

This year Bikeweek runs from 9th to 17th June and once again Maynooth Cycling Campaign has organised a number of events to mark the occasion. On June 10th our historic cycle is the **Tour of the Dead** - visiting a number of the historic graveyards surrounding Maynooth. On Sunday 17th, the **Family Cycle** will be to Kilcock on the new Royal Canal Greenway. Both events start at 2:30pm from Maynooth Harbour. Wednesday 13th June is **Bike to Work/Bike to School Day** and we urge everyone to get on two wheels or even three. Tuesday 12th June is a special occasion as we will be showing the Kildare film premiere of **WHY WE CYCLE** in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8:00pm (see below).

WHY WE CYCLE - KILDARE FILM PREMIERE

To the Dutch, cycling is as normal as breathing. They don't think about it, they just do it. The documentary 'Why we cycle' features professionals from a variety of disciplines and ordinary cyclists. The film reveals some obvious as well as hidden effects of cycling on people, society and communities and shows the potential transformation of prioritising people over cars. It presents a vision for a healthy and active town which Maynooth could emulate and complements the ongoing Maynooth Health Checks.

KILDARE CYCLING OFFICER

Kildare County Council is in the process of employing a new road safety/cycling officer. The post requires the successful candidate to be able to drive - but not to be able to cycle which says a lot about the position of cycling in the Council.

I BIKE DUBLIN

Cyclists are angry in Ireland and in other countries - not just with increasing fatalities but also with poor quality infrastructure and lack of enforcement of parking legislation. I BIKE DUBLIN was set up to take direct action to protect cyclists. They do this simply by standing along the white line at the edge of the cycle lane to stop encroachment by cars. Prominent locations where they have taken this action in Dublin include St. Andrews Street in Dublin city centre and Ranelagh and follows similar protests in the UK, the USA and France.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change hasn't gone away you know! We were reminded of this recently when the former head of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Energy warned that failure to achieve targets in the period up to 2020 are "a ticking exchequer time bomb". Furthermore, at a recent Irish wind energy conference, it was pointed out that if Ireland fails to meet climate change targets, the choice will be between multimillion euro fines or sending taxpayers' money abroad to purchase emissions and/or renewables rights from 2020.

WORLD BICYCLE DAY 3rd JUNE

Finally, don't forget that the 3rd June has been nominated by the UN as World Bicycle Day. So celebrate the occasion by getting out for a spin.

This is against a backdrop of even more authorities realising that additional cars in urban areas is bad. Last month, Los Angeles decided against adding lanes to a freeway, an unexpected move in a city that has mistakenly thought for years that more lanes mean fewer traffic jams. Despite expenditure of \$1.6 billion on the expansion of Interstate 405 in Los Angeles and \$2.8 billion on expansion of Interstate 10 in Houston to 26 lanes, the difference in travel times has been marginal. In Germany, the highest court <u>ruled</u> that diesel cars could be banned from city centres to clean up the air. Meanwhile in Ireland, a decision by councillors in South East Dublin against a quietway show that Ireland is once again lagging behind.

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

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

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

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Social Democrats delighted that Bill to help working families one step closer to becoming law

A Social Democrats' private members' bill; The Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017 will be coming to Report & Final stages on 15th June 2018. Both the Report Stage and the Final Stage will be dealt with on the Dáil on the 15th June.

The bill which enables working parents to spend more time caring for their children went to Committee stage in the Dáil on Wednesday 16th May 2018.

The Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017 allows parents to take a total of six months (26 weeks) unpaid leave from their jobs without their employment rights being affected. This is an increase on the current maximum of four months (18 weeks) of unpaid parental leave per child – the minimum allowable under EU law

The government and main opposition parties have shown their support for the Bill – and the Social Democrats are confident it will pass through the Houses of the Oireachtas before the summer recess.

The party's co-leader Róisín Shortall TD said:

"This Bill is about giving parents the option of taking more unpaid time off work to care for their children, if that suits them and makes economic sense.

"For parents with pre-school children in particular, unpaid parental leave might be a more economical alternative to paying for formal childcare. Childcare costs can prove a huge barrier for women to return to the workforce – in some cases, women return simply to keep their job rather than gaining any extra income.

"Only a handful of private members' bills have actually made it into law, and we are very hopeful that our proposals to help working families will very soon be among these."

The Social Democrats' spokesperson on Children, Councillor Jennifer Whitmore, added:

"For employers who are keen to retain women workers, our proposals offer increased flexibility around work schedules. That could make the difference between mothers staying in their jobs as productive members of the workforce, or quitting out of exhaustion and stress.

"Parents can spread the 26 weeks of unpaid leave out over the years while their children are in primary school. They can use it to cover mid-terms or school summer holidays or simply maximise time with their children in their first year. This reform is about improving work-life balance for parents, encouraging women to remain in the workforce and helping reduce childcare costs."

The Social Democrats will tabled an amendment during the committee hearing to raise the qualifying age from 8 to 12. This reflects the age recommended last year by the European Commission and, if accepted, will mean many more parents will qualify.

Ireland's laws on parental leave derive almost entirely from EU legislation. While we are allowed to go beyond these, Ireland has adopted a leave period just above the minimum number of weeks set down under EU law.

The Social Democrats are committed to the introduction of paid parental leave, and proposed such a move in each of our alternative Budget proposals for Budgets 2016, 2017 & 2018. Under Dáil rules, opposition parties are prevented from proposing Bills where there is a cost to the State. This is why we have focused on unpaid parental leave in this Bill.

Ireland is well behind other countries when it comes to parental leave. Many countries allow parents four sets of leave – maternity, paternity, parental, and childcare/carers.

According to the European Commission, the average duration of combined maternity and parental leave among Member States is 97.8 weeks. In Ireland the maximum for a woman is only 60 and it's only 20 for a man. We are delighted that our Bill is now one step closer to becoming law."

Urgent need to agree homeless definition so problem can be counted and tackled

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD has said there is an urgent need for an agreed definition of what constitutes homelessness so that the current confusion and spin over the March homelessness figures is brought to an end.

Deputy Murphy said:

"It is a total insult to families living in different types of temporary and emergency accommodation for the Housing Minister to be publicly questioning and undermining the homeless figure counts from local authorities.

"The Minister is sowing confusion with his claim this week that 600 people were mis-categorised by local authorities as homeless. It increasingly looks like he is trying to massage the homelessness figures to protect his own political reputation by keeping the figures for March below the 10,000 mark.

"If we can't accurately measure a problem, then there is no way we can hope to tackle it and to hold the government accountable for addressing it. Instead of undermining local authorities, the Minister needs to work with them and with voluntary organisations to agree a robust and practical definition of what constitutes homelessness."



Maynooth Golf Society Sam Feeney's Presidents Prize New Forest Golf Club 12.05.2018

Results from our recent outing to New Forest Club on Saturday 12th May for Sam Feeney's Presidents Prize. The day was kindly sponsored by Sam Feeney. We had beautiful weather on the day with no rain. The course was in excellent condition and provided a tough test for all who played. The prize giving took place that evening in Mc Mahon's Bar and complimentary finger food was kindly supplied by the manager Sean.

1st	John Carroll	35pts - B9
2nd	James Keegan	40pts - DNQ
3rd	Liam Farrelly	35pts - B9
4th	Tommy Campbell	34pts
5th	Gerry Mc Ternan	32pts

F9 Dermot Myles B9 Danny Finnan Over 60 Mick Fahey NP Sean Farrelly

2's Dave Weafer, Paul Farrelly

Thank you to all who took part.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

We celebrated "Bealtaine" on May 20th in our usual festive way. Bealtaine, as you probably know, is Irish for May but lesser known is the folklore that surrounds Mayday in Ireland, most of which dates from the 19th century. These beliefs give an insight into the mind set of an earlier, more rural Ireland where the spirit world and superstition prevailed. Mayday corresponds with the Irish festival of La Bealtaine, which heralded the beginning of Summer. The name appears to derive from the old Irish words "Bel taine" meaning "bright fire". As the name suggests, bonfires played an important part in the activities and were often lit on prominent landmarks such as the Hill of Uisneach in Co. Westmeath and the Hill of Tara in Co. Meath. A common tradition involved driving a herd of cows between two bonfires in the belief that this would purify the herd. It was also deemed unlucky to give away salt, fire or water on Mayday as the luck and profits of a farm went with these gifts. A more recent custom was to erect a May bush, usually of Hawthorn, which would bring good luck to the farm or household. These days however, we prefer to celebrate "Bealtaine" through art and creativity. An estimated 120,000 people now take part in the "Bealtaine festival" each year, making it one of Ireland's biggest art festivals. The Bealtaine festival was established in 1996 by Age & Opportunity and is delivered by hundreds of organisations, such as ours, around the country.

Again this year Susan Durack very kindly joined us on the day with an excellent display of her own art work and that of her colleagues in the Castle Keep Art Group. While all of our Seniors received a prize for their work, Bill Donovan our visitor from Inchicore took the overall prize for his wood turning. After a lovely tea we danced the rest of the evening away to the wonderful music of Harmony. Many thanks to Pam Flood who always adds to the "goodies" of the afternoon.

If there is anyone out there with time on their hands or have retired and were thinking of taking up a new past time, why not give painting a try. Susan has offered her time to guide us through and who knows we might have a new Van Gough in our midst. There be no charge for this service, so if you are interested, you can contact me on 087 9002296 or email <jo@greenvilla.eu or drop into our club in the Geraldine Hall, on Leinster Street any Tuesday or Thursday morning.

Our next tea-dance will take place on June 17th and anyone interested in travelling on our summer outing on July 29th should have their names with us by then.

Finally may I express our sincere sympathy to Roisín and all the Purcell family on Tom's passing. He provided help and security at our sale of work for many years and latterly attended and enjoyed all our events. Tom will be missed by all who knew him.

Suaimhneas agus Siochain Dó.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson



Writers' Corner - Short Stories from our Readers

The Father of Australia by Cheryl Leak

On arriving in Sydney last year, the first thing we did was to take a city sightseeing bus in order to view its main attractions. We were told to meet our guide at Archibald Fountain in Hyde Park. Arriving early, we had time to explore and saw a statue of a Lachlan Macquarie, who looked striking in his military uniform. As the tour commenced, we saw so many places that were called Macquarie that we wondered who he was.

Born in 1762 into the MacQuarrie clan on the island of Ulva in the Inner Hebrides, Lachlan's mother was a daughter of a Maclaine chieftain, who owned a castle on the Isle of Mull. He left school at the age of fourteen, volunteered for the army and took part on the British side in the American War of Independence. Rising up the ranks, he served in the West Indies and India. During this period he married a West Indian heiress, Jane Jarvis, whose father was Chief Justice of Antigua. The ceremony took place in Bombay in 1793, but, unfortunately, Jane died of tuberculosis three years later. Deeply depressed, he returned to London in 1807, became Commander of the 73rd Regiment of Foot and married his cousin, Elizabeth Henrietta Campbell, whom he had met on a visit to the Isle of Mull, in the same year.

The newly married couple left Portsmouth in 1809, after Macquarie had been appointed Governor of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land. His regiment accompanied them. Until now, naval officers had usually been appointed as governors but this time a military man was replacing Captain William Bligh of mutiny on the Bounty fame. Because Bligh had banned his officers from controlling the rum trade, there was an insurrection by the New South Wales Corps, which left the colony under military rule. Aided by his regiment, Macquarie quickly restored lawful government and, whilst continuing to act as Governor, was promoted in 1813 to Major General.

New South Wales, which the British government considered a penal colony, was on the verge of famine caused by a

severe drought and the drinking water of the Tank Stream was contaminated. Macquarie began a programme of public works construction and town planning, the street grid of modern central Sydney being based on his ideas. One of the major streets, Mulgrave Street, was renamed in 1810 Elizabeth Street after his second wife. Macquarie Street was Macquarie formally adopted the name Australia for the designed as a ceremonial thoroughfare leading from the harbour to the vast expanses of The Domain, site of the Governor's mansion. Hyde Park Barracks and St. James' Church, where the convicts attended services, were built at the street's southern end.

Land from The Domain was used for a hospital, the only major one in New South Wales at that time. Britain was reluctant to provide funds for this, so convict labour was used and the granting of monopolies to import rum covered costs. It was completed in 1816, its verandahs being inspired During this time, manufacturing was encouraged and the by the colonial architecture Macquarie had seen in India. and was known as the 'Rum Hospital'. The hospital's northern wing has now become the present Parliament House of New South Wales, while the southern wing became the Mint. Today's Mint, however, is in the capital,

Although a protective wall had been constructed around The Domain's Government House, other parts of the grounds, such as Hyde Park were, from 1810, to be used for the inhabitants' amusement and for the troops' field exercises. The Royal Botanic Gardens were opened to the public in

Macquarie insisted that emancipated convicts (those whose sentences had expired or who had been given pardons) should be treated as social equals. He was aware of the young colony's shortage of a skilled workforce, so a convicted forger became colonial architect, a naval mutineer was made colonial surgeon and a man transported for the theft of cloth became a Justice of the Peace.

Central to Macquarie's administration was his concern for public morality. He expected ex-convicts to live reformed lives, requiring regular church attendance and formal Christian marriages. He launched the Bible Society, Sunday

Schools and reduced the number of taverns. 'The Exclusives', however, who included free settlers and military officers, shunned the emancipists and refused to attend their functions.

continent, insisted that traffic kept to the left-hand side of the road and established its first bank, the Bank of New South Wales. In1812, due to a lack of coinage, he purchased 40,000 Spanish dollar coins. William Henshall, a convicted forger, cut their centres out and counter-stamped them, thus making the coins useless outside the colony. The central plug, known as a 'dump', was worth fifteen pence, the rim, known as a 'holey dollar', became a five-shilling

wool industry expanded. In 1813, Macquarie authorized the successful crossing of the Blue Mountains by Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson, leading to the discovery of the interior's great plains, and he established Australia's first inland city, Bathurst.

Macquarie also organized the Native Institution, a school for Aboriginal children, as well as Orders of Merit and old generals' uniforms for deserving chiefs. When they showed signs of ungrateful hostility, punitive measures, including massacres, were taken to quell Aboriginal resistance to the new settlers' invasion of their lands. It is hardly surprising that Macquarie's statue, which we had admired, was defaced last August by Aboriginal protestors.

The cost of Macquarie's improvements had brought him into conflict with the British Government and the free settlers were annoyed over the equal treatment given to emancipists. Discouraged, Macquarie eventually resigned, returned to Scotland in 1822, and died in London in 1824. He was buried on the Isle of Mull in a mausoleum, which also holds the remains of Elizabeth and their children, Lachlan and Jane, the latter dying in infancy. It is maintained by the National Trust of Australia and is inscribed with the words "The Father of Australia"

Smaointe

"Tagaigí chugam, sibhse uile a bhfuil saothar agus tromualach oraibh, agus tabharfaidh mé faoiseamh daoibh. Tógaigí oraibh mo chuing agus tagaigí ar scoil chugamsa, mar táim ceansa uiríseal ó chroí, agus gheobhaidh sibh faoiseamh do bhur n-anamacha; óir tá mo chuing so-iompair agus m'ualach éadtrom". Matha 12, 28-30.

A Chríostaithe, an gcreideann sibh sna focail sin? Fiú amháin sibhse a bhfuil de dhualgas oraibh iad a chraobhscoileadh? Nó b'fhéidir nach raibh Íosa ach ag cur i gcéill?

Gabriel Martin

Donaghmore (Grange William) Cemetery Maynooth **Annual Mass 2018**

This year's Annual Mass will be held on June 30th at 5 o'clock in the evening. Fr. John Nevin M.H.M will say the Mass and bless the graves as he has done for the last 34 years

Airlie Stud has kindly facilitated the event by opening the gates and allowing access to pedestrians and motor vehicles on the day.

We note that Kildare County Council support the maintenance of Donaghmore

People with connections with the cemetery or simply interested in this ancient site are welcome to attend to graves in advance and prepare the site for the event

James Byrne, Chairman Peter Nevin, Secretary Donaghmore Cemetery Maintenance Committee.



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The Maynooth Planning Alliance is standalone group of like-minded residents who have come together to discuss the common interest of:

Planning and infrastructure within our town.

We have formed a Committee who will represent the Community with issues they have around the town and bring them to council level.

Our new Group will aim to protect, nurture and assist with openness and transparency, in the preservation and betterment of our beautiful town for all those who live, work and study in it.

Following our public meeting on April 17th 2018 and emails we have received, we have compiled a 7 page document with the concerns raised.

(This document is available in full on our

www.maynoothplanningalliance.com)

The following topics have been highlighted.

- Traffic Management
- Childcare & Schools
- Construction of a Community Centre
- Opening of a Swimming Pool
- A new fit for purpose Health Centre (24/7)
- A full time Garda Station
- The future appropriate development of the Harbour Field
- The accessibility our footpaths

We have given this document to O'Meara Landscape Architects who are currently carrying out The Health Check on Maynooth. The next Health Check Meeting is in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday the 7th of June at 8pm. This workshop is open to all residents of Maynooth. So feel free to pop along.

We are still in the process of meeting with Public Representatives and so far we have had meetings with Cllr John Mc Ginley, Cllr Teresa Murray, Cllr Naoise O Cearuil & 3 Representatives from NUIM.

We heard you loud and clear Maynooth Residents and we are working hard to get answers to all your questions and issues. Maynooth is a fantastic place to live and we want to nurture it and make it better!

ICA Maynooth

Our Maynooth ICA Guild have been very active and enjoying themselves over the past few months. After the snowy start, which is now thankfully behind us, and with summer beginning to emerge, work and activities are in full swing again, with members working on Our annual AGM for all ICA Guilds across Ireland will be held in their numerous crafts including sewing, knitting, embroidery and cross-stich. There were even a number of cute teddy bears made quite recently!

Over the past number of months, we had some interesting speakers at some of our meetings who provided us with information on topics such as arthritis, life coaching and Indian culture. Additionally, we participated in fun activities during the year, such as bowling, dancing, Go For Life exercise and pitch-putt, which all provided our members with great entertainment.

Last January, we were involved with the Simon Community, where we filled Dignity Bags, to be distributed to the homeless in Dublin. The bags comprised of socks, scarves, hats, gloves and toiletries to accommodate people's everyday needs. This is an annual event, which we are involved in and we are delighted to be able to help again this year.

This April, some of our members visited An Grianán in Termonfeckin, during Hand Craft week, where they enjoyed learning never know who you might meet and what you might new crafts including Florentine embroidery, hand appliqué,

parchment pictures amongst others.

While there, we also had the opportunity to meet friends from other ICA groups, all over Ireland.

Upcoming Events

Athlone at the end of May and any member who wishes to attend is welcome to do so. Guilds from all over Kildare will also be invited to take part in another special week in An Grianán in June of this year. During "Kildare Week", members will be able to develop their craft skills further and maybe even learn something new.

On 27th May, during "The Royal Canal Greenway Festival", our hall will be open to the public, where our handcrafts will be on display and we will be providing tea and goodies to anyone who would like to pay us a visit. The Maynooth Guild will also take place in the Maynooth Summer Festival in July where we will display and sell some of our crafts to the general public.

So, if you interested in developing your own craft skills, why not come along and join us. We meet every Monday night from 8pm onwards in our ICA hall, which is located nest to the Harbour Field in the town.

We would be delighted to have you join us and you

Editorial

"I am tomorrow, or some future day, what I establish today. I am today what I established yesterday or some previous day" is a quote from James Joyce that reminds us that as humans we continue to evolve from learning. It being June, James Joyce is remembered in a special way on Bloomsday on which the events of his novel "Ulysses" which is set on 16 June 1904 are relived. Joyce made no significant references to Maynooth in his writings except of course the "Maynooth Catechism" which was referenced in Joyce's "Dubliners". One such reference was in the story "A Painful Case" about a Mr. Duffy who keeps a copy of the Maynooth Catechism in his lodgings along with Wordsworth and Nietzsche. Maynooth University now holds "The Joyce collection" which consists of books, offprints and related material which was acquired by the University Library in 2015.

While there are few references to Maynooth in his writings, it was likely that he was a regular visitor to the village bearing in mind that he attended Clongowes College between 1888 and 1891. It was likely that Joyce travelled by connecting with the train service from Maynooth. Maynooth, was first served by rail when the Midland Great Western Railway opened their main line from Broadstone, Dublin, to Maynooth in June 1848, so we celebrate one hundred and seventy years this month since the first trains served the town. However it has not been a continuous service as Maynooth Station was actually closed in 1947. The service we know to-day was built up from a slow beginnings in 1981. It was only in 2000, that the single line section from Maynooth to Clonsilla was re-doubled having been singled by the Great Southern Railway in 1931. Unfortunately the original station built in 1848 was demolished in 1983 and the current modern building was put in place in 2005.

Maynooth is one of the top ten busiest train stations in Ireland and the reason for this is unlike most other stations where there are mainly outwards journeys in the morning and evening return journeys, Maynooth has large numbers of departures and arrivals at both ends of the day. The usage of the train service by students and staff of Maynooth University is the main reason for the demand opposite to the commuter needs from the town. As the town further develops with no real potential to create commuter parking, a new railway station to the west of Maynooth could well make sense and it would also shorten the distance for students walking to the train from the Maynooth University campus as well as having the land to create more commuter car parking. With the large number of people using Maynooth Train Station it has become a place where people go to meet people. During the recent referendum to Repeal the 8th Amendment there were canvassers for both sides regularly at the station both mornings and evenings. In line with the national trend Maynooth had a high turn-out to vote and the constituency voted 73.55% in favour of repeal.

I have to acknowledge the many friends that I had the pleasure of meeting again when I was helping out with the Maynooth Tidy Towns annual collection. It is only at times like that when I get to meet so many people and can catch up as we all live very busy lives. There is no doubt that the efforts of the tidy town's members and supporters is appreciated so much by the wider community. As well as donating money so many people took the time to thank the group for their great work. I even had one young man come after me after I had finished a collection to make a donation. For me that speaks volumes about the reputation of Maynooth Tidy Towns. I wonder what James Joyce would say about them if he was around to-day? Of course Joyce used to refer to his native city as "Dear Dirty Dublin"

Paul Croghan - Editor

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086 8205910

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Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

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Maynooth Community Space Unit
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Carton Park, Maynooth

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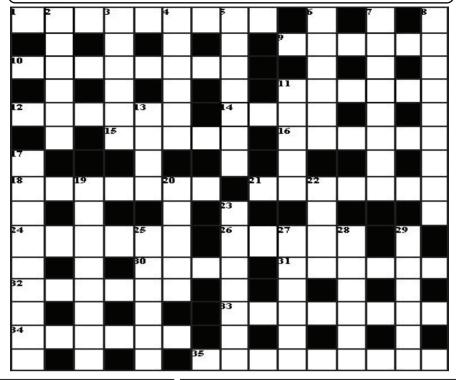
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Clues Across

- 1. Imagined to be true (9)
- 9. Daughter of Uranus and Gaia (6)
- 10. Be like or similar to (8)
- 11. Globe, orb (6)
- 12. Injure the reputation of (6)
- 14, Printed characters (4)
- 15. Holy Book (5)
- 16. Fills with apprehension (6)
- 18. People killed, hurt, or abused (7)
- **21.** One more (7)
- 24. Express discontent (6)
- 26. Existed or dwelt (5)
- 30. Killer whale (4)
- **31. Source, root (6)**
- **32.** Animals (6)
- 33. Busy or inhabited (8)
- **34.** Supping (6)
- 35. Head of state has a red instep (9)

June 2018 Crossword - No. 469



Clues Down

- **2.** Not smooth (6)
- 3. Building assembled from premanufactured parts, in short (6)
- 4. Spider's filaments (6)
- 5. Chose by poll (7)
- 6. Place of worship (6)
- 7. Systematic seeking after knowledge (8)
- 8. Indispensable, essential (9)
- 11. It pains one to be there (5)
- 13. Very short skirt (4)
- 17. One and all (9)
- 19. Commissioned officers (8)
- 20. Irishman diarist (5)
- 22. Ended (4)
- 23. Taste (7)
- 25. Observing or taking down (6)
- 27. Sounds of people (6)
- 28. Went down momentarily (6)
- 29. One pig for the bird (6)

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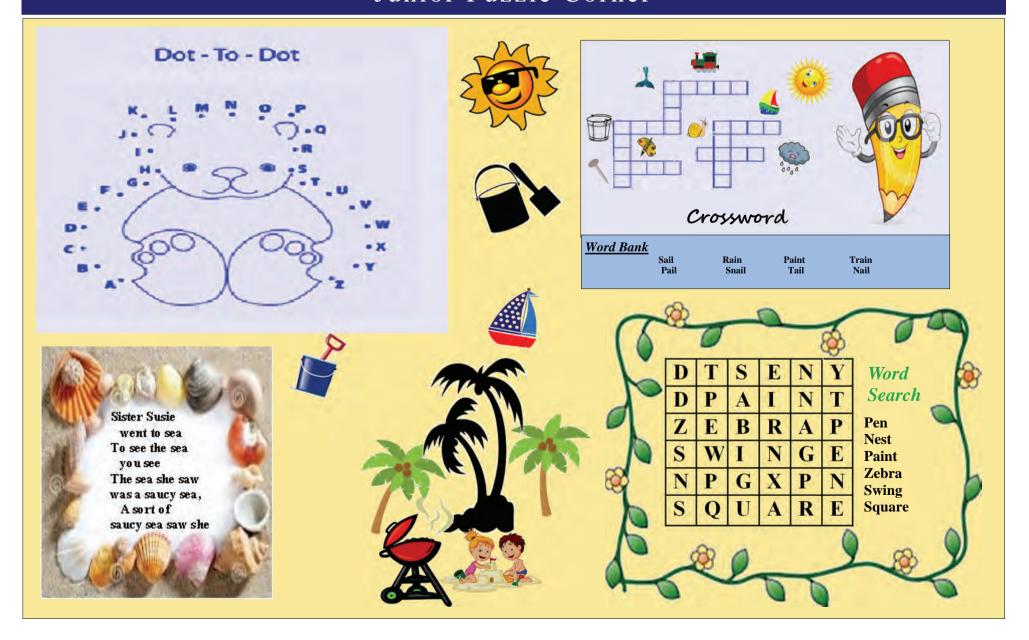
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f you haven't started your **vegetable garden**, it's not too late. But do it this week. You'll want to skip early season plants like peas, but certainly put in tomatoes, squash, green beans, carrots, peppers, melons, onions, and even lettuce (which will do best given a little shade during the afternoon). Be certain to water new seeds and plants well when Mother Nature leaves us dry. Mulching between rows saves moisture and discourages weeds. Keep mulch away from the stems of plants. Remember weeds are your enemy, not just a nuisance. They suck up water and nutrients, steal the sunlight and crowd the plants you want to grow. Pull and hoe while they are young and small.

Not including the barren winter season, the gardening year is broken up into three seasons: spring, summer and Autumn. Each season has its own collection of vegetable varieties that grow best during its particular weather. Although many cool weather-loving vegetables are planted in early spring for harvesting before the heat of summer arrives, some of them should not be planted until June i.e. carrots, beans,



parsnips and late cabbage these vegetables will grow during the heat of summer, but mature during cooler Autumn weather, which will make them more flavourful and also more suitable for winter storage.

June says goodbye to Spring flowers that die off when it get's warm. No worries though



because in June we say hello to Summer! June is also the month when we should give ourselves a congratulatory pat on the back, followed by an even firmer rap on the knuckles. The pat on the back is for the plants now flowering as a result of the seed that we managed to sow this time last year. These include the bronze-pink spires of the perennial foxglove, Digitalis

'Polka dot Pippa', a flower to fall in love with after seeing it in the Chelsea Flower Show's great pavilion. Also the lines of scarlet, pink and sooty-purple sweet William whose whiskery flower buds have just opened, releasing their spicy perfume into the warm summer air. Or the Iceland poppy, *Papaver nudicaule*, whose crumpled, scented, golden flowers are the result of the seed I scattered generously around the garden last summer. Plus the very last of the fiery-coloured biennial wallflowers blooming since April, and the dainty perennial columbines in bloom since May, whose tiny, shiny, black seed I also sprinkled about the place last summer. And finally, the aforementioned Dame's rocket, or *Hesperis matronalis*, a short-lived, easy-to-grow, bee-friendly perennial whose pretty white/mauve/lilac flowers I've long loved for their old-fashioned prettiness, the intensity of their perfume. The rap on the knuckles is for all those plants that I forgot to sow last June.

Just one packet of lupin seeds would have given me 50 or more plants of what's turned out to be this year's must-have flowering perennial. That might have been the ultramarine -blue lupin, 'The Governor', stunning when grown in combination with silver foliage

It's official – summer is here! And hopefully June brings long sunny days, allowing us to reap the benefits of our spring preparations with our gardens and an abundance of lush growth and bright colours. But as we gardeners know, there is always something to be done, even in the most well-tended gardens. For those of you who need a helping hand,

here's a list of garden jobs for early June. Over in the beds and borders, water is a vital part of your garden maintenance. Particular attention should be given to anything newly planted as it is imperative that they do not dry out while they are settling in. Older or existing shrubs and plants can have a layer of mulch applied



around the base to help retain moisture as the temperatures rise – this also adds nutrients to the soil in the plant's root area. As fresh growth emerges in the summer garden, slugs and snails are at their happiest. They are at their most active in the early evenings and hide away during the heat of the day in areas of garden debris. Keep leaf drop and debris to a minimum and if you notice any clumps of eggs in the soil (clusters of small clear beads), these should be broken up with a hoe or spade. Watering in the morning to ensure bedding areas are drier in the evenings is another way to disrupt their environment. Circling the young plants with sharp/rough top dressings of bark, perlite, sand or gravel impedes their progress across the soil.

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Barbecue Recipes

BBQ burrito bowl

Ingredients:

400ml water

140g brown rice

100g cherry tomatoes

2 x corn on the cob

2 tbsp vegetable oil 1 tsp ground cumin

½ tsp ground oregano

½ tsp paprika

2 garlic cloves, crushed

1 courgette, chopped into bite-size chunks

1 green pepper, deseeded and cut into bite-size chunks

300g chicken fillets, chopped into bite-size pieces

Salt and black pepper

Sour cream

Method:

Put the water in a saucepan and bring it to the boil. Stir in the rice, then reduce the heat and add a lid. Simmer for 15-20 minutes. Meanwhile, heat a barbecue to a medium-high heat. Thread the courgette, tomatoes and green peppers onto skewers. Brush half of the oil over the vegetables and the corn on the cob. Stir together the cumin, oregano, paprika, garlic and the remaining oil in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper and add the chicken pieces, tossing to coat. Thread onto skewers and place onto the barbecue with the vegetable skewers and corn. Cook for 7-9 minutes, turning to char on all sides. Divide the rice among serving bowls and remove everything from the barbecue. Use a sharp knife to carefully cut the kernels of corn off the cob. Arrange the chicken and vegetables over the rice and drizzle lightly with sour cream to serve. ***********

Feta and chilli parcels with Greek salad

Ingredients:

Olive oil, for greasing and drizzling

2 green chillis, finely sliced

2 x 200g blocks barrel-aged feta, drained

Freshly ground black pepper

For the salad:

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

½ garlic clove, crushed

1 tsp dried oregano

1 small red onion, finely sliced

1 cucumber

4 ripe tomaotes

A large handful of Kalamata olives, pitted

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the barbecue for direct grilling. Lightly oil a large sheet of foil, scatter over the sliced chillis and lay the feta on top. Drizzle with a little more oil and top with a few twists of pepper. Seal the foil into a parcel and lay on the grill. Cook for 15 minutes, turning occasionally. Meanwhile, whisk together the oil, vinegar, garlic and oregano in a large bowl, add the onion and set aside while you prepare the rest of the salad. Roughly peel the cucumber, halve lengthways and scoop out the seeds with a teaspoon. Roughly chop and add to the bowl. Quarter the tomatoes, remove the tough cores and roughly chop, then add to the bowl. Add the olives, toss to combine and season to taste. Unwrap the feta and serve with the salad and bread.

Pork ribs with quick barbecue sauce

Ingredients:

1kg Pork ribs

Quick barbecue sauce

4 tbsp tomato ketchup

1 tbsp honey

1 tbsp wine vinegar

1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Dash of tabasco

Salt & pepper

Mehtod:

Parboil ribs before barbecuing, this will reduce the fat and ensure that they are fully cooked. Cook the ribs for 6-7 mins on each side. Brush a little sauce over the ribs before the end of the cooking time.



Serves:4



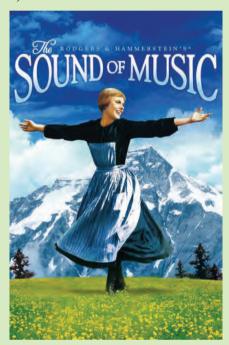


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The Sound of Music (1965)

The Sound of Music is based on the memoir of Austrian Governess, Maria Von Trapp. The Story of the Trapp Family Singers was published in 1949 and became one of the best-loved books in America. In 1959, the memoir became a Broadway stage musical called The Sound of Music with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein. The cast album was number one on Billboard's best-selling albums chart for 16 weeks in 1960. In 1965, the musical came to the big screen with Julie Andrews in the leading role of the young novice who becomes governess to the seven children of naval officer and widower, Captain Von Trapp (played by Christopher Plummer).



These unlikely plot ingredients became a sure-fire hit in the hands of director Robert Wise. Critical response to the film was mixed at the time. However, **The Sound of Music** with its combination of singing nuns, cute children and Nazis quickly became a winning formula, taking the world by storm. By 1966, the musical had become the highest-grossing film of all time. It went on to win five Oscars including Best Director and Best Picture. For millions of viewers, **The Sound of Music** combines a captivating love story with memorable songs (*My Favourite Things, Do-Re-Mi*) and picturesque scenery. Salzburg was the ideal setting for this Austrian tale. Julie Andrews is a powerhouse of energy whether climbing mountains or singing and dancing in scenic gardens throughout Salzburg. Over 50 years old, **The Sound of Music** is still as popular today as it was back in 1965.

My Fair Lady (1964)

My Fair Lady is probably one of the most popular musicals of all time. It started life as a play called **Pygmalion** by George Bernard Shaw. The familiar story revolves around a Cockney flower-seller in Covent Garden in London, called Eliza Doolittle. She is taken under the wing of the arrogant Professor Henry Higgins who makes a bet that he can turn Eliza into a lady. Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews starred in both the Broadway and London stage productions of My Fair Lady. The creative team of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe (Gigi, Camelot, Paint Your Wagon) penned the memorable tunes for the show. The 1956 Broadway musical was a critical and popular success. It had the longest run of any show on Broadway up to that point. Harrison made the transition from stage to the movie version of My Fair Lady in 1964. However, his stage co-star, Julie Andrews, did not join him and was replaced by the more bankable Audrey Hepburn on screen. This gamble paid off.



Hepburn's elfin, gamine charm (in contrast to the rather haughty, cold Harrison) gave the film its heart and soul. Although she had sung in **Breakfast at Tiffany's**, Hepburn's singing voice was dubbed by Marni Nixon, who could hit the higher registers. Audrey Hepburn dazzles throughout and her big numbers (Wouldn't It Be Loverly, I Could Have Danced All Night) are real showstoppers. The musical is packed with great numbers like Get Me to The Church on Time and The Rain in Spain. The film won eight Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Actor (Rex Harrison) and Best Director (George Cukor). My Fair Lady has frequently been called the perfect musical and it is certainly an enduring classic for all times.

Mamma Mia (1998)

Mamma Mia is based on the songs of the hugely popular singing group ABBA. The show hit the London stage in 1999 and was an instant hit with audiences. The musical opened on Broadway in 2001 and has been seen in several countries throughout the world. A big screen version of Mamma Mia hit cinemas in 2008. It was notable for an all-singing, dancing Meryl Streep. Amanda Seyfried (the only true singer in the movie) plays the daughter of Streep, in search of her real father. Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stelland Skarsgard are the jigsaws to that puzzle. The film Mamma Mia received mixed reviews from critics but was a huge success with cinema-goers worldwide.

Mamma Mia is a hugely entertaining piece of cinema escapism. It has the abundant joy, fun and energy of the original stage show in spades. Meryl Streep is amazing as the single mother with secrets on a Greek Island. She aces every musical number she has to perform in the movie. Ms Streep is a natural for musical comedy.

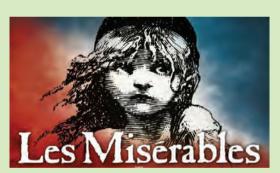


Unfortunately, the same can't be said about her romantic interest in the film, Pierce Brosnan. His voice is quite painful to listen to as he proceeds to mangle every song he's given! Critics showed no mercy calling Brosnan alternatively, "a water buffalo" or "a wounded raccoon" Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgard fared only marginally better.

Despite these hiccups, Mamma Mia succeeds through its sheer verve, exuberance and sparkle. Comic support comes in the shape of Julie Walters as one of Streep's scatty friends. Her scenes with Skarsgard are priceless and worth the price of admission alone. Of course, Abba's numbers are the real drawing power of this movie. They carry you along on a wave of sequinned bell-bottoms enthusiasm! All the smash hits are there – Dancing Queen, Chiquitita, SOS, Thank You for The Music, Waterloo. A sequel, Here We Go Again, is due out this summer.

Les Misérables (2012)

Adapting a stage musical to the big screen is a risky proposition. Musicals can have their own special brand of magic that feels inseparably tied to the stage format. While some screen musicals can be an improvement on the original, others can come across as overly theatrical, awkward or camp (Phantom of the Opera). Les Misérables is one of the most successful musicals of the modern era. Based on the French novel by Victor Hugo, it was adapted for the London stage in 1985. Les Misérables is officially the longest-running musical in the West End. In 2012, Tom Hooper directed the big screen adaptation of Alain Boubil and Claude-Michel Schonberg's revolutionary musical. It boasted an all-star cast including Hugh Jackman (in the leading role of the convict-on-the-run, Jean-Valjean), Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway and Eddie Redmayne.



Les Misérables, the movie was generally well received by critics. The live singing aspect of the movie was heavily promoted before the film's release. Hugh Jackman leads with authority, and his singing voice is pleasant and up-to-the-mark for most of the lengthy running time. Anne Hathaway's moving performance as the wretched seamstress, Fantine, is one of the reasons to see this film. Her powerful rendition of the musical's most popular ballad *I Dreamed A Dream* was a standout. For her efforts, the actress won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.

The live singing factor was not wholly successful though. It had the counterproductive effect of showing up the actors who couldn't sing. Russell Crowe is a case in point. He was badly miscast in the pivotal role of Javert, the ruthless policeman hunting Jean Valjean throughout the film. Crowe seemed restricted and stiff in his role and his singing voice left a lot to be desired. On stage, Javert is usually one of the most striking characters with some stunning songs to sing. Russell Crowe was a big disappointment as Javert. Eddie Redmayne has more success as the young idealistic revolutionary, Marius. He brings some pathos and depth to his performance. Les Misérables, the movie, never surpasses the stage version but it does have its highlights along the way.

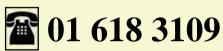
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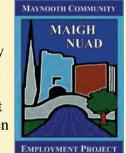
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Editorial

"Maynooth Community Employment Project" (formerly MCC clg) is the new name for community development in Maynooth and starts a new phase after a review carried out over the past year following the appointment of new management. A new three year contract has been signed with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection which guarantees the jobs and services



provided to the community and local businesses. Mark Twain said that "success is a journey not a destination. It requires constant effort, vigilance and re-evaluation" His words reflect the history of community development in Maynooth and in particular the history of the many community employment initiatives in the town that can be traced back almost forty years.

The Community Employment (CE) programme is designed to help people who are long-term unemployed (or otherwise disadvantaged) to get back to work by offering part-time and temporary placements in jobs based within local communities. After the placement, participants are encouraged to seek permanent jobs elsewhere, based on the experience and new skills they have gained while on a Community Employment project. Partial Funding for the project is provided by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection supporting the local Community Employment Sponsoring Committee who also have to raise funding through the activities of the project to cover many of the operational costs. The flip side of this partnership is the advantages for the local community. In the case of Maynooth, the Community Employment project office is deliberately based in the heart of the town at Carton Park next to Maynooth Post Office. Located here since 2008, it serves as a major community resource centre. From here the project staff supports a large number of individuals and community groups with key activities being the publication of the monthly "Maynooth Newsletter" as well as a number of key annual events such as the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade and an Annual Festival.

The Community Employment project has two other centres in the town with staff maintaining and enhancing the Maynooth Harbour area next to Maynooth Train Station as well as maintaining the Maynooth Town Football Club Grounds. The staff also manage the day to day operation of the Maynooth Community Space which is a Community Centre available

to not-for-profit community groups to use. The Maynooth Community Space is operated under a partnership arrangement between Maynooth Community Employment Project and Kildare County Council and provided by Tesco Ireland.

The Community Employment Sponsoring Committee was required to establish itself as a legal entity back in 2001 and at that stage a separate structure was put in place which assumed full legal and financial responsibility for the staff and project activities. A further development took place in 2014 when the project merged with the Maynooth Environmental Group which added the responsibility for Maynooth Harbour and Maynooth Town Soccer Club creating a single Community Employment scheme. A number of other groups have also indicated that they would like to join the project and the Sponsoring Committee are considering these requests.

Sherry Anderson the Canadian Curler said that "volunteers don't get paid because they're useless, but because they are priceless" Maynooth Community Employment Project is managed by five voluntary Directors who were appointed by the members of the company. They come from a broad range backgrounds bringing all the necessary skills to support a successful project. The Directors with the involvement of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection undertook a full review of operations and as in all previous reviews over the thirty five years of the project it was confirmed that the project is run to the highest possible standards.

As mentioned before the Community Employment Sponsoring Committee have to raise funds to cover operating costs and this annual amount is typically close to €25,000. Such funds could not be found without the valuable support that is received from local businesses in Maynooth through their support of the "Maynooth Newsletter" as well as the St. Patrick's Day Parade as these two activities are critical funding streams for Maynooth Community Employment Project.

Thanks to the continued collaboration between the Community Employment Sponsoring Committee and the local community support together with Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection, valuable employment and community services are delivered in Maynooth. Of course none of this would be possible without the hard working and dedicated staff on the scheme. For me a quote from David Bowie best summaries everyone involved "what I like to do is try to make a difference with the work I do."

Paul Croghan - Editor

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Maynooth GAA Golf Classic

On the 14th June 2018 Maynooth GAA held its annual golf classic fundraiser at Carton House, Co. Kildare.

Carton House new owners, under General Manager Mr Bill Sinclair, the club's main sponsor, have embraced the fantastic relationship between both organisations and provided the Montgomerie Course, excellent food and some prizes for the 188 golfers that took part on the day. Congratulations to Mark Farragher and his grounds keeping team who had the course in fantastic shape.

The organising committee which consists of Mark O'Riordan, Michael Byrden, Seán Hensey and Conor Martin were bowled over by the level of support and generosity from Carton House, Toyota Longmile (Our Corporate Sponsor), local business, corporate business and the club members who all very kindly donated through either tee time, tee box, pitch side and prize sponsorship.

Mark said we can't thank people enough in all categories above for getting behind this event every year. It's growing from strength to strength and this year has beaten all expectations. We are on target to make €22,000 for the club which will go towards the final stages of our Pitch Development Phase at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth.

Toyota Longmile under local man Patrick Ryan (Sales Director) showcased a wide range of their cars on the day and also put up a 181 Toyota C-HR on the signature 17th hole for their hole-in-one competition. Unfortunately nobody got lucky on the day and could not take advantage of this amazing prize.

The format was a four ball stableford two to score on each hole. The winning team Arena Capital with an incredible score of 91 points took away €400 worth of vouchers for La Brasserie and Carton House golf shirts. A list of prize winners is shown below:-

1st - 91pts - Team Arena Capital - €400 worth of vouchers for La Brasserie, 1 Fagans Lane, Maynooth and Carton House golf shirts

2nd - 90pts - Team Tara Financial - €400 worth of vouchers for Picaderos / Oak Alley Cocktail Bar / Donatellos / Bistro 53 on Main Street, Maynooth.

3rd - 88pts - Team - Synchro - 4 Ball for Carton House

4th - 87pts - P & N Coyne Ltd - Umbrella / Carton House Golf Towel / Golf Balls

Nearest the pin 7th - Declan Gallagher - Beko Microwave & Carton House Golf Hat

Nearest the pin 17th - Darren Harrington - Beko Microwave & Carton House Golf Hat

Longest Drive - 8th - Niall Murphy - Beko Microwave & Carton House Golf Hat

Longest Drive - 18th - Sean Flanagan - Beko Microwave & Carton House Golf Hat

Best female golfer - Kate Gallagher - 2 Bord Gais Theatre Tickets

The committee would like to thank everyone for their contribution and look forward to seeing you all again next year. All enquiries re this event please contact golf@maynoothgaa.com

Photo 1 - Team Mark O'Riordan (Top Left)
Photo 2 - Aiden Minnock Teeing Off (Top Right)
Photo 3 - Team Coonan Auctioneers
Photo 4 - Aidan Flood with Mark's sons Seán & Darragh
Photo 5 - Team Peter Gillen













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Maynooth All Star Basketball Camp takes place in August



Maynooth will host an All Star Basketball Camp in Maynooth Post Primary School over four days from the 7th to 10th August. The camp is organised by Maynooth Basketball Academy, a community initiative to promote under-age basketball.

The camp was launched by Steph Poland, the US college basketball player who has spent the last year coaching in local schools and academies. Steph said that for younger children, a camp is an ideal setting to learn the fundamentals of basketball. 'Basketball

camps are a fun event and a great way to make new friends.'

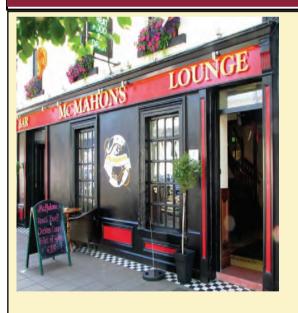
The director of the camp is Mike Toolin. Mike is assistant coach with the Irish men's under 18 basketball team. Mike said that the camp has a strong line-up of coaches who are very experienced in working with children.

'For older children, who play in clubs or schools, the camp will challenge them to become better players and athletes. It's a great way to prepare for the upcoming basketball season.'

There are two camps daily. Children between 6 and 11 years attend in the morning, while older children (12-17 years) are catered for in the afternoon. The camps are mixed between boys and girls.

The cost of the camp is set at an affordable €0. This includes a camp t-shirt. Bookings can be made online at eventmaster.ie

Further information on the basketball camp can be found on Facebook @MaynoothBasketballAcademy or email maynoothbasketball@outlook.com .



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Proposed Amendment to Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

The proposed Amendment to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) will go on public display for 6 weeks from Monday 18 June. The Amendment outlines the line of the new ring road from the Blacklion Road/Leixlip Road to the Celbridge Road and new residential re-zoning for 720 -800 houses is also proposed. The Maynooth MD Councillors will make their decision on the Amendment at their meeting on 7 October.

The proposals can be viewed in the Public Library or on the Council's Web Site. There will be a drop-in public information session in the Glenroyal Hotel on 3 July from 2pm – 7.30pm. Any submissions must be with the Council before 30 July.

Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for the Reconstruction of the Harbour Field Wall and for the Relocation of the Turnstile

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated funding for the re-building of the Harbour Field wall at the Straffan Road side and for the re-location of the turnstile. The re-location of the turnstile has already taken place and the wall will be re-built in the Autumn using the stonework that has been lying for some time at the other side of the Harbour Field.

Cllr. McGinley Submits a Motion to the Maynooth MD to Prevent a Car Park Being Constructed on the Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 6 July:

"That on foot of the Vote at the Maynooth Health Check Meeting on Thursday June 7th, that The Harbour Field, Maynooth be developed as a Public Space/Park and that there shall be no Car Park at The Harbour Field, Maynooth, that the Council now states categorically that The Harbour Field, Maynooth, shall not be used for a Car Park under any circumstances.'

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Public Lighting to be Installed on the Canal Walk from Bond Bridge to the Harbour

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 6 July:

"When will public lighting be installed on the canal walk between Bond Bridge and The Harbour, Maynooth, now that the necessary infrastructure is in place?'

Update on the Meadowbrook link Road/Straffan Road Traffic Lights

Cllr. McGinley has been advised by the Council's Director of Services that work on the installation of the new traffic lights at this junction will begin on 1 July and it is expected to take 4/6 weeks to complete.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Implementation of Flood Relief Measures in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 1 June:

"That the Office of Public Works (OPW) proposals for flood alleviation in Maynooth be presented to the Maynooth Municipal District for consideration."

John got the following reply from Council Officials:

"A presentation will be given to full council regarding Flood Risk Management Plans at the June monthly meeting on 25 June 2018"

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was very disappointing that a presentation is not being made to the MD members as agreed last December. He said that discussion at the Full Council on the plans for Maynooth would be limited because the county is being covered and because of the large numbers of members on the Full Council.

The Director of Services said that a presentation would be made to the July MD Meeting if necessary.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Safety Measures at Celbridge Road Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 6 July:

"Can a safety railing be put on the narrow section of footpath, opposite Maxol on the Celbridge Road at the Railpark side?"

Stagg Seeks Design Changes to Mill Street Apartment Proposal

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg and his colleagues Cllr. John McGinley and Local Labour Area Representative Angela Feeney have lodged a submission with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the proposal to build 135 apartments in

three blocks on Mill Street, Maynooth, adjoining St. Mary's Catholic Church, with a view to seeking changes in the design to ensure the proposal reflects the unique architectural character of Maynooth Town.

Mr. Stagg stated that the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 is very clear that the unique character of Maynooth as a University Town steeped in history and heritage must be protected. The site of the proposal for 135 apartments is stated Mr. Stagg zoned Town Centre and the primary objective of this zoning is the protection and enhancement of the special character of Maynooth Town Centre.

The proposal as it stands stated Mr. Stagg is not acceptable and requires modification from a visual point of view.

To reflect the existing historic character of the Town, from a visual point of view Mr. Stagg and his colleagues have suggested the following changes to the development.

- (1) To take the blunt and bare look off the apartment blocks, pitched roofs should be provided on each of the three blocks. The previous planning permission on this site (05/2420) included pitched roofs on the blocks of apartments.
- (2) To reflect the unique character of Maynooth Town Centre, the Blocks facing onto Mill Street, shall be finished with a mixture of cut stone, plaster/dashing. Modern materials should not be used, and neither shall stone cladding be used as it has been on the ugly Manor Mills Development.
- (3) At the Corner of the Blocks, Stone Quoins shall be incorporated to give a defined edge to the buildings.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he hoped An Bord Pleanala would take on board Labour's concerns in relation to the proposal as we do not want a repeat of the disastrous Manor Mills development in Maynooth.

Retendering for Maynooth Education Campus Must be Expedited - Stagg

With the disappointing news that Sammon Contracting Ireland Limited has been placed into Liquidation, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has stated that the retendering process for the Maynooth Education Campus must be expedited to ensure that the project is completed as near as possible to the original completion date of May, 2019.

Mr. Stagg stated that the liquidation was dreadful news for the 200 employees of the Company and for the various sub-contractors working with the Sammon Group. Through no fault of their own or of CEO Miceál Sammon they had been brought down by the Carillion Group in the UK. The Sammon Group were one of the premier construction firms in the Country and the liquidation is a devastating blow.

The Maynooth Education Campus is the largest ever school building project undertaken in the State which will see two 1,000 pupil secondary schools and a Shared Sports Facility built on the Moyglare Road in Maynooth. The completion of the project will now have to go for retendering and this should be expedited to ensure there is no great slippage in the completion time.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would contact the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to the retendering process and how we can complete this most important Education Campus in Maynooth.

9 Additional Gardaí Allocated to Kildare Division - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been advised by Human Resources at Garda Headquarters that an additional 9 Probationary Gardaí will be assigned to the Kildare Division following their graduation on Friday 15th June.

The probationer Gardaí will take up their posts in early July and two have been assigned to Leixlip Garda Station, 3 have been assigned to Kildare Garda Station and four have been assigned to Naas Garda Station

Welcoming the additional gardai, Mr. Stagg stated that the allocation of 9 Probationary Gardaí will bring Garda Numbers to 374 in the Kildare Division or a ratio of 1 garda for every 594 people in Kildare. The total number of Garda Recruits allocated to the Kildare Division since April 2015 is 96.

Mr. Stagg stated that we must keep the pressure on the Commissioner and the Policing Authority to continue to reduce the unacceptable historical imbalance that existed in the Kildare Division and a concerted campaign to attract in Gardaí from other divisions must be maintained.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that we are finally seeing dividends in our campaign on Garda Numbers but we must keep up the pressure and ensure that the demands of the people of Kildare are met by an increased strength Garda Force.

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Irish Passport Card Question

I am 18 and flying to Spain for a holiday this summer. Can I use a passport card when of your birth certificate, or other evidence of your age, before employing you. travelling to Spain, and how do I apply for one?

Answer

The Irish passport card is a credit-card sized Irish passport. You can use it for travel within the European Union, the European Economic Area (which includes Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and Switzerland. So, you will be able to use it when going to Spain this summer.

You must be aged 18 or over to apply for a passport card. You must also hold a valid Irish passport that is not due to expire in the next 3 months. The personal details you provide when applying must be exactly the same as those on your passport book.

The passport card is valid for a maximum of 5 years or until your passport book expires, whichever period is shorter.

If you plan to use your passport card when travelling, you must use the passport card number when checking in online.

The passport card costs €5. If you are applying from outside Ireland, there is an additional delivery cost of €5.

You can apply for a passport card online on dfa.ie. When making the application you need:

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- A valid email address
- A debit card or credit card

When you submit your application online, you are issued with an 11-digit application number. You can track your application's progress on the Department's website using the application number.

Young workers

Question

I am 17 years old and I have just finished school. I would like to get a part-time job over the summer. Are there restrictions on the number of hours I can work and will I get the minimum wage?

Answer

The maximum working week for young people aged 16 and 17 is 40 hours, and you cannot work more than 8 hours a day. If you work for more than one employer, your combined daily or weekly hours of work cannot be more than this maximum.

Usually, you are only permitted to work between 6am and 10pm, but in licenced premises (pubs and restaurants) you are legally allowed to work until 11pm at weekends and during school holidays.

The national minimum wage for an experienced adult is currently €.55 per hour. People aged under 18 are only entitled to up to 70% of the experienced adult rate This is €6.69 per hour. Your employer is free to pay you more than the minimum wage if they wish, but they are not required to do so by law. Free Television for the package.

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You must get a payslip from your employer. A payslip is a statement in writing from the employer that shows your total pay before tax and details of deductions from your pay.

If you get tips from customers there is nothing in law to state you are automatically entitled to these tips. However, the law does not require you to hand these tips to your employer either. Instead, it depends on the custom and practice in your workplace.

These rules are set out in the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996. Your employer must give you the official summary of the Act, along with other details of your terms of employment, within one month of your start date.

All employers with employees under 18 must display the official summary of the Act somewhere visible where it can be easily read. Your employer must also see a copy of your birth certificate, or other evidence of your age, before employing you.

Home Renovation Incentive Scheme

Ouestion

My partner and I own our home and want to extend it this year. Would we qualify for a tax credit for the work, and if so, how do we apply?

Answer

The Home Renovation Incentive (HRI) scheme lets homeowners, landlords and local authority tenants claim tax relief on the cost of repairs, renovations or improvement works carried out on their main home or rental property.

To qualify for the HRI, you must be paying income tax and be up to date with your Local Property Tax (LPT). The work must be carried out by a contractor who is registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and is tax-compliant.

Any repair, renovation or improvement work subject to VAT at 13.5% qualifies for the scheme, so your proposed extension would be covered. Work that is subject to VAT at 23% (such as architect's fees) is not covered. Neither are items such as furniture, white goods or carpets.

The HRI is paid as a tax credit at 13.5% of the cost, effectively reducing the rate of VAT on qualifying work to zero. The qualifying work must cost at least €4,405 before VAT at 13.5% (€5,000 including VAT). The credit can be claimed up to a maximum of €30,000 (before VAT) of the total cost of works. The work must be carried out and paid for before 31 December 2018. However, this can be extended if you need planning permission. If this is the case, planning permission must be in place by 31 December 2018. You will then have until 31 March 2019 to complete the work.

To apply for the HRI, your contractor(s) must enter details of the work and payments on the HRI online system on revenue.ie. You should access the system to check that these details have been entered correctly. You claim the credit after the end of the tax year in which you have the work done. In general, the tax credit is applied over the two years following the year in which the work is carried out and paid for.

Household Benefits Package

Ouestion

I'm in my 70s and live alone. Is it there any support available to help me with my household running costs?

Answer

The Household Benefits Package may help with the costs of running your household. The package is available to everyone aged over 70 and to some people under 70. It is paid by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP).

The package includes an electricity or gas allowance and a Free Television Licence. The electricity or gas allowance pays €35 per month (€1.15 per day) towards the cost of either your electricity or gas supply (you cannot get an allowance for both). It is paid to your bank or post office account or as a credit on your bill. You can get the Free Television Licence from the next renewal date of your licence after you qualify for the package.

Only one person in a household can qualify for the package. You must be living in the State all year round, and you will need to show that you are the registered gas or electricity consumer, for example, by providing a utility bill.

People aged between 66 and 70 may also qualify if they are getting a qualifying payment, such as the State Pension. If they are not getting a qualifying payment, they must satisfy a means test. You qualify if you are getting Carer's Allowance and providing full-time care to a person you are living with. You may also qualify if you are getting certain social welfare payments and living alone or living with certain people, for example, a qualified adult or child or with someone who would qualify for the allowance in their own right.

To apply, use form HB1 (pdf) from welfare.ie. The form is also available from your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office or from your nearest Citizens Information Service

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My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise Ó'Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or your organisation with.

Greenway Moves to Next Stage

Local Councillors recently passed the required planning for the Greenway to progress from Maynooth all the way to Fingal county boundary at Confey. This 8.5km stretch is the latest stretch due to be completed and is currently being designed. Tenders for this work are due out later this year. The Greenway has proved to be a great success in Kildare North and it's great to see extra work being done from Maynooth towards Dublin.

Passport Office Delays Causing Trouble for Those Booked to Travel

Many constituents have contacted my office with great concern over delays in their passport applications yet the Government do not seem to be doing anything to alleviate this problem. What is being lost in this whole debacle is that Irish citizens have a legal right to a passport to allow them travel, and that they are paying for that privilege.

The target time for first time passport applicants and those seeking to replace a lost, stolen or damaged passport through the An Post Passport Express is 20 days but the reality is far from this. The actual turnaround time is 35+ working days – a full three working weeks behind target.

As we head into the peak holiday season, there will be an additional surge in the number of people applying for a passport. Citizens expect that getting a passport approved and printed can take a relatively short period of time, but waiting longer than seven weeks is simply unacceptable.

The summer holiday season, like clockwork, happens every 12 months. It shouldn't come as a surprise to the Government. There should have been a better plan put in place to address increasing application volumes.

This is not a free service to citizens. Passports cost €80 each – that is a significant cost for citizens and should, I believe, require a more efficient response from the Passport Office.

The Tánaiste needs to get his head out of the sand, look at the entire passport service, and

find ways of speeding up the delivery of this very important service for citizens. One suggestion may be to open a second passport printing unit to alleviate demand during peak periods.

Proposed Amendments to the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019

There are a number of amendments to the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019. While many of these amendments are to do with rezoning of lands and technical in nature proposed plans can be viewed in the Glenroyal Hotel on Tuesday July 3rd from 15.00 to 19.30. Residents are also invited to submit their observations on these plans to Kildare County Council on or before July 30th.

Children Waiting 18 Months for Outpatient Consultation Soars Over 10,000

The number of children waiting over 18 months for an outpatient consultation has broken the 10,000 threshold. The latest figures for May reveal that the list has soared to 10,295 – up from 833 in May 2016. That's twelvefold increase in two years.

An analysis of the latest waiting figures published by the National Treatment Purchase Fund for May shows that overall some 54,308 children are waiting for an appointment - 17,308 of them for more than a year and 10,295 for over 18 months.

The three children's hospitals in Dublin account for about 80% of the total number of children on the waiting list, but they also account for almost 99% of the children waiting more than 18 months for an appointment. Temple Street has seen a sixteen fold increase in the number of children waiting over a year and a half to see a doctor in the past 2 years, with Crumlin recording only a marginally smaller rise.

I have said it before but it cannot be emphasised enough – these unacceptably long waiting times have a significant impact on outcomes and on the stress and anxiety levels of the children themselves.

Eighteen months can seem like an infinite amount of time to a child, and having to wait that long to see a doctor in a hospital is like a cloud hanging over their head.

I understand that a draft Outpatient Action Plan for 2018 has been presented to Minister Harris. The fact that an action plan for 2018 is still in draft form in the middle of June is appalling. He must publish it now as a matter of urgency and priority should be given to the 10,000 children waiting since November 2016.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 2/5/18 to 19/6/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority Applicant Name		Development Address	Applic. Date
18/519	Kildare County Council	Lyons Vincent & Roisin	28 TempleWood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	03/05/2018
18/611	Kildare County Council	Kelston Properties Limited	Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	23/05/2018
18/648	Kildare County Council	Martin Smith	No. 19 The Lawn, Moyglare Hall, Maynooth, Co Kildare	31/05/2018
18/656	Kildare County Council	Ann Marie Delaney	19 Parklands Close Maynooth Co Kildare	01/06/2018
18/672	Kildare County Council	Paul & Mary Mahon	7 Silken Vale Maynooth Co Kildare	05/06/2018
18/679	Kildare County Council	Saffron Property Limited	29 TempleWood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/06/2018
18/301775	Kildare County Council	Ladas Property Company	Adjoining and to the rear of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mill Street, Maynooth, Co Kildare	06/06/2018
18/712	Kildare County Council	Susan & Feargal Barton	Pebble Hill, Maynooth, Co Kildare	15/06/2018



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The Fourth of July

The 4th of July is a very important celebration in America. It is celebrated with fireworks and parties. It is known as



Independence Day because it was on July 4th 1776,

that members of the Second Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. Due to the strong relationship America has with countries throughout the world, the holiday is now celebrated worldwide, Ireland is no exception. Last year the town of New Ross in Co. Wexford held its first Irish America Day. For New Ross, the connection is very strong. Patrick Kennedy and Bridget Murphy, John F. Kennedy's great-grandparents emigrated from New Ross. Celebrations will be held throughout the country. The National Concert Hall is hosting a 4th of July celebration with Diane Reeves "Queen of American Song". U.S. Ambassador Dan Rooney and his wife Mrs. Patricia Rooney will host an Irish American Flag Football Classic at their Residence in the Phoenix Park in Dublin. Over 2000 guests are expected to attend the Independence Day celebrations. Team rosters for the game will include embassy diplomats and Marines, local Gaelic football, rugby and soccer players. Croke Park has constructed an American Football field which includes bleachers, American football posts and giant television screens for live coverage and playbacks. Intel and Hewlett Packard have brought a lot of Americans to our community and to those and all our American readers we wish them a Happy 4th of

Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

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O'Rourke presses for Local Property Tax (LPT) relief - as review planned in Support Returning Irish emigrants says O'Rourke light of increased property valuations

Government not to increase the net Local Property Tax (LPT) on families, as emigrants so that they can smoothly reintegrate back into our society. property valuation has increased since the introduction of the LPT in 2013.

"Local Property Tax (LPT) rates have been frozen since 2013, but in the meantime, house prices have increased substantially. This means that property taxes could rise substantially in 2020 when houses are revalued again, unless fairness is adopted by the Government."

"The local property tax was reluctantly accepted by the people and it was introduced gradually. However as property valuation increases, homeowners need to be protected from severe hikes in their LPT." stated Deputy O'Rourke.

example, someone now paying €405 a year could face a rise to €675 or even €765 in Kildare. This will be unacceptable."

"The property tax makes no allowance for fixed income households, for families that "The 'Economic Report on Addressing the Challenges Faced by Returning Irish have significant outlays such as childcare or motor insurance. We must not add to the Emigrants' was published in March. The Government must honour its commitment rising costs by increasing the net LPT paid by householders. This I know to be a real concern for many Kildare home owners."

"I have met with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath, who has been to the forefront of ensuring the mortgage holders have been treated fairly. We are determined to ensure that fairness is also applied when the LPT comes up for review." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke urges Education Minister to take swift action to resolve School **Buildings for Maynooth delays**

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has urged the Minister for Education, Richard Bruton TD, to come up with a solution for Maynooth Education Campus, which is now at a standstill, due to the contractor being put into liquidation.

Sammon Contracting Ireland Limited has been placed in receivership, with the result that all building works have ground to a halt. The two schools affected, Maynooth Post Primary School and Maynooth Community College, are extremely disappointed at this turn of events.

"I have asked the Minister to engage with all the stakeholders involved - the Board of Management, the principal and teachers and parents - and to communicate updates as they arise."

"I have also asked the Minister to confirm what measures are in place for the retendering process, and what steps are being taken to expedite this tendering process as efficiently as possible, to ensure continuity of the project."

"It is critical that construction of these two permanent school buildings in Maynooth be continued at the earliest, and I will continue to liaise with the Minister for Education & Skills, and with his Department Officials for a positive outcome" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Cost of Living rises as Government sits on the fence says O'Rourke -Ireland's competitiveness reduces

Fianna Fáil's Deputy Finance Spokesperson, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that the Government has not done enough to stop the rising cost of living as Ireland's reduced competitiveness is having a negative impact on the cost of doing business in Ireland.

"The cost of Insurance, rising childcare costs, rising rents, rising costs of fuel, gas, health insurance, and other day-to-day living expenses, are all putting pressure on families. For instance, electricity costs are going up by over 6%, and gas by over 12%. These increases will lead to an increase of nearly €150 for some customers."

"Irish consumer prices in 2017 were 24% above the EU average. Irish Mortgage Rates are higher than the EU average. The average standard variable rate for a mortgage in Ireland is currently 3.26%. This is nearly 1.5% higher than the average Eurozone rate which stands at 1.83%" stated Deputy O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to put in place Fianna Fail's Deputy Finance Spokesperson, Frank O'Rourke T.D, has pressed the a cross-departmental strategic action plan to encourage and facilitate returning "Over the last ten years, hundreds of thousands of Irish citizens had to leave our country to find employment abroad out of necessity, and not out of choice."

> "As our economy improves, we must encourage and facility returning emigrants. We should have a strategy, which has a cross department approach, to enable returning emigrants smoothly reintegrate back into our society and economy. Today, there are disproportionate and unnecessary administrative burdens affecting Irish emigrants wanting to return to live in Ireland."

"Last year, the Central Statistics Office estimates that 27,400 Irish emigrants returned to Ireland. I know from my clinics that emigrants making a return to Ireland There has been a 70 per cent-plus rise in house prices nationally since 2013. For encounter barriers and challenges including; Costly car insurance, access to education for their children, in particular third level, finding employment, and of course finding accommodation."

to implement the recommendations outlined in this report."

"The part time initiative 'Back to Business' launched last October is aimed at assisting returning emigrants to start or develop businesses. This has the potential to encourage many back home, but it is just one such measure and more needs to be

"We need a cross-departmental strategic response to be put in place to support those willing and eager to return back to Ireland. As Ireland had little opportunities to offer people during the recession, the least we owe our returning emigrants is to make the transition home as seamless as possible."

"From an economic and competitiveness point of view, as we see this week, the country needs the skills that returning Irish emigrants are bringing back home and we must do more to assist them return," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Kildare TD welcomes additional 40 new Special Needs Assistants for schools in the county

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke has welcomed the additional 44 Special Needs Assistant (SNA) posts to be appointed this year in Kildare, as part of 800 additional special needs assistants nationally.

Deputy O'Rourke has campaigned for increased resources for special needs education over the last number of years.

He said "44 new Special Needs Assistants will be appointed this year to Kildare schools. This brings the total number of SNA posts in Kildare to 629 for the academic year 2018/2019. This is welcome news and it was an issue that I raised coming up to Budget 2018.

We must ensure that children with special educational needs are fully supported so that pupils can participate fully in our schools. Since I entered public life, parents of children with special needs have been in regular contact with me seeking supports, particularly in the educational area. "

Deputy O'Rourke said that he held a public meeting to ensure that Special Needs Education would be captured in the policy frame-work and given priority in Budget negotiations.

"We have a growing population in Kildare. This leads to an increased demands for education, both in terms of teachers and school buildings. Special Needs Education is a priority for our party and for me personally. I will continue to fight to ensure that Kildare receives its fair share of the Education resources and that it's growing population is captured when these resources are being allocated, " concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Top Food Safety Tips for Barbecues

Ensure your friends and neighbours go home with memories of a good time, not a tummy bug to remember you by. To make the most of your barbecue, here are some top food safety tips.

Before you start grilling

If this is your first time barbecuing this year, give your barbecue grill a thorough clean by scrubbing the metal rack with a suitable oven cleaner or a damp brush dipped in bicarbonate of soda. Remember to rinse it thoroughly with warm, soapy water afterwards.

Keep your cool

Food is away from your fridge for a longer period of time when cooking and eating outdoors which can lead to germs multiplying quickly. Keep perishable goods like salads and coleslaw in your fridge until you need them.

Before you start cooking

- Make sure frozen food is fully thawed (preferably in the fridge on the bottom shelf; which may take overnight) before you start cooking them.
- Keep foods you plan to cook properly chilled in the fridge or a cool box until needed.
- Light your barbecue well in advance for charcoal barbecues, the flames should have died down before you start cooking.

Handle with care

- Wash your hands before and after handling food.
- Remember to keep raw meat separate from cooked meat and salads.
- Always use separate utensils for handling raw and cooked meat when cooking.
- Never put cooked food on a dish that has been used for raw meat or poultry (unless it has been thoroughly washed in between.)
- Keep food covered whenever possible.

How to know its cooked

The big issue when barbecuing is making sure your food has been cooked thoroughly, all the way through. The outside may look cooked (and in some cases burnt), the inside can still be raw. When cooking meat that is minced or skewered such as burgers, sausages, kebabs and poultry make sure to turn it regularly and to move it around the barbecue to ensure it is cooked evenly on both sides then run this test:

- Is it piping hot all the way through?
- Is there no pink meat left?
- Do the juices run clear?

Steaks or whole meat joints of beef or lamb can be served rare as long as they are cooked on the outside as any harmful bacteria will be on the outside only, and not in the centre.

Mind the marinade

If you use marinade with your barbecue, make sure any marinade used on raw meat is not then used as a sauce to coat vegetables or cooked meat as it will contain raw meat bacteria! If you want to use marinate as a sauce, be sure to cook it in a sauce pan and bring it to a rolling boil before serving it.

Using leftovers

If you have any leftovers from your barbecue, these should not be left outside where they could be in the sun and where insects and animals could get them. As with all leftovers, cover these foods and allow them to cool down in a cool place (your kitchen) before refrigerating within two hours of cooking and use within three days. If you're reheating leftovers, reheat them only once until pipping hot but if in doubt throw them out.

Essential items

These non-food items are indispensable for a safe barbecue:

- Food thermometer.
- Coolers: one for beverages and one for raw meats.
- Ice or frozen gel packs for coolers.
- Jug of water, soap and paper towels for washing hands.
- Enough plates and utensils to keep raw and cooked food separate.
- Foil or other wrap for leftovers.





 Sports and exercise burn excess energy. Family walks or cycles are great exercise.



 Use a calendar. Kids still need structure in the summer. Why not make a wall planner and let them decorate it.



- Measuring and Baking = Practical Maths. Look up some kid friendly recipes and let your child follow the plan. Sneaky learning that tastes good!



 Make sure they are bored. Yes, being bored occasionally is ok. Kids become more creative when they have to entertain themselves, so leave free time in calendar.



- Read. Encourage them to read lots over the holidays. If they find it hard to read alone quietly then let them read to siblings or even the dog.



 Resources. Look up resources in your local community. See what camps and festivals are on and add them to the summer calendar.





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Newsletter

Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 17th July 2018



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Michael Dempsey, one of the longest serving members of the Band, as most people are aware has being going through a particularly

difficult time health wise over the past year or two and unfortunately is no longer able to play with the Band. He has held the positions of chairman and secretary for many years and has done trojan work to keep Maynooth Band going and in recognition of that, the Band Committee have elected Michael to the position of President and the Band recently presented him with a Certificate which he can hang on the wall of his home to remind him of that great honour.

The picture alongside shows the Certificate being presented to Michael by Chairman Paddy Boyd and we hope it will bring back many happy memories to Michael every time that he looks at it.



July each year heralds the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty and numbers in the Intermediate Section have increased dramatically in recent years and we will be competing for honours against 15 other bands. Clonakilty is all about putting on an entertaining performance for the usually large audience and it will be our first time to compete under our new conductor Jon Clifford. We have chosen four varied pieces with the emphasis on entertainment and we will be doing our best to keep the flag flying for Maynooth on the day, win lose or draw.

The big event of 2018 for the Band is our trip to the Bad

Orb International Music Festival near Frankfurt in Germany from the 7th to the 9th of September.

We were selected to take part from over 200 applicants and we will be the only band from Ireland among the 34 participants from all over Europe. The cost of the travel alone comes to over €10,000, the band members will be



paying for their accommodation and meals, but our recent appeal to the businesses in the town has made some inroads in to that figure and we are indeed very grateful for their support.

However should anyone like to contribute ANY amount towards the costs they can call 087 2537 906 or email sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie and we will indeed be pleased to talk to you



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad

The 2017/2018 year has wound to its conclusion, thereby chalking up 6 full years of teaching and musical development in Maynooth. It was great to observe the kids playing at the end of term party and also popping up along the Banks of the Royal Canal at the Harbour Festival. Push for Porter were set up and provided fantastic entertainment, but unfortunately the weather intervened, and proceedings came to a rather damp end before the team got to fully strut their stuff.



Push for Porter and some branch members at the canal before rain intervened.

Fleadh Laighean awaits those who qualified from the Fleadh Chill Dara. This year Muine Bheag between the Barrow and the Blackstairs in Carlow is the venue for a week of celebration of all that is good in Irish Culture. From our experience of hosting the Fleadh in 2015 Maynooth are well aware of the demands placed on the local committee there, so we wish them well in the coming weeks. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for any duties at the competitions or stewarding will be gratefully received!

As co-hosts, the annual Bagenalstown Summer Madness festival in conjunction with Barrow Tourism Association will include a week of activities for all the family including swimming and fishing competitions, vintage funfair, puppet shows, canoeing, history and biodiversity talks and lots more family fun. This will be in addition to the usual selection of outdoor and indoor events, Workshops, Trad sessions in the pubs, Singing, Dancing, Aifreann Tradisiunta, Tours, promotion of Irish Language events, Open air Gig – Rig and most importantly the Leinster Fleadh competitions where competitors from the 12 counties of Leinster will compete for the All-Ireland Fleadh, held in Drogheda in August.

We look forward to you following us up to Carlow in July – we'd like to introduce you to some of our competitors. Our placed competitors in the Kildare Fleadh, most of whom are going on to the Leinsters are as follows:

Musician

Aoife McNerney Caoimhe Howley Conor McNerney Déaglán Ó Conchúbhair

Emma Bennet Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin Kioron Hansay

Keelin Ni Mhuireasair Kieran Hensey Matthew Meehan Niall Howard Riobard ó Mhurchú Roish Connolly Róisín Howley

Sean Ó Catháin Shane McNerney Shane McNerney Tom Ó Catháin Róisín Howley,

Sean Ó Catháin, Caoimhe Howley and Niamh Ní Fhearaíl

Shane, Matt, Kirstin, Katie, Aoife, Roisín, Dara, Tom, Rois and Caoimhe Tom Ó Catháin, Róisín Howley,

Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl

Competition

Whistle (12-15) Consairtín U12

Piano U12

Miscellaneous O18 & Storytelling

Feadóg Mór U12

Bodhrán (12-15), Comhrá Gaeilge (12-15)

Bosca Ceoil U9 Bodhrán (12-15) Bosca Ceoil (12-15) Bosca Ceoil U12 Feadóg Mór U12

Amhranaíocht O18, Amhranaíocht (12-15), U15 Fidil, Comhrá Gaeilge (12-15)

Bosca Ceoil U12 Bosca Ceoil U18 Bosca Ceoil (15-18) Bosca Ceoil (12-15)

Caoimhe Howley Ceol Beirte (12-15)

Ceol Trír U12

Bannaí Céilí (12-15)

Ceol Trír 12-15



The Ceilí Band debuted in the U15 competition and will head to Carlow having finished second in Kildare.

Registration for the 2018/2019 Comhaltas year will take place in early September.

As always, we'd love to see new members trying their hand at an instrument from September; you are never too old to start out on a musical journey, we can promise you lots of craic along the way. Keep a close eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances.

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Derek Carroll, PRO, Committee Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



Sean Ó Catháin pictured with the silverware from his U12 Bosca Cheoil title.



Veteran Squeezer Riobard looking cool with his Hohner. Riobard will compete in the U12 Leinster Competition

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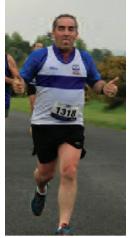




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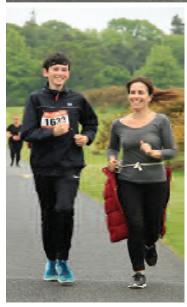






















Maynooth 10k 2018 Photo Gallery (2)































ROYAL CANAL AMIENITY GROUP (RCAG)

THE ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY FESTIVAL.

This was the Royal Canal Amenity Group's (RCAG) inaugural Festival in order to highlight the Canal, the Greenway and the benefits it could bring to a canal side Kildare Community. The Fun Dog Show, the Canal Barge trips and the Kayak demonstrations were very popular events.

Against all weather predictions, rain fell for about 30 minutes, but nonetheless the comments from attendees was positive. Maynooth ICA displayed crafts, and Art was on display in the Geraldine (Scouts) Hall.





Some novelty events included Beekeeping, and vintage 'High Nelly' bicycles. RCAG acknowledges the financial support received from Kildare County Council which made it possible to host this Festival.

We distributed copies of Kildare County Council's excellent "towpath trails "Canal Booklet to the many callers to the RCAG information stand.





"High Nelly" Bicycle

RCAG had its biennial bus trip to Rams Island in Lough Neagh on Saturday 16th June, setting off at 8.15 from Maynooth via Ashtown on a beautiful Barton's bus.

A group of 54 took the Trip to the largest Island in Lough Neagh, where we were the guests of the River Bann & Lough Neagh Association. The weather was excellent. The trip concluded with a very tasty meal in the Valley Inn, Dunleer, Co. Louth, and back in Maynooth at 10 pm. Our thanks to Peter Brady, our Barton's driver on the day. It was a revelation to see the conservation work on the Island all done by volunteers.





Zero Waste Maynooth

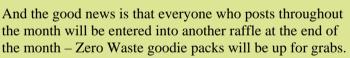
Plastic Free July was set up in Australia in 2011 and has grown from a handful of participants to millions of people participating across the world. The aim of Plastic Free July is to encourage people to reduce their consumption of single use plastic by asking them to "choose to refuse". The top four single use plastic items are bags, straws, coffee cups and bottles. The challenge of refusing these for a month will hopefully encourage people to reduce their overall consumption of plastic and help them build new habits into their lives such as carrying a reusable coffee cup and bottle with them.

By registering on the website, plasticfreejuly.org, you are adding your voice to millions of others to show that you are willing to do your bit to reduce plastic pollution. You will receive emails throughout the month giving you tips and encouragement. There is a Pesky Plastic Quiz to help you narrow down where your plastics come from and an Action picker to help you decide on your challenge for the month.

Zero Waste Maynooth is joining in the action by asking people to make a public pledge on our Facebook page (Zero Waste Maynooth Area) stating what challenge you are going to take on for the month. It could be to refuse to use disposable coffee cups for the month or to cut down on plastic wrapped snacks. Everyone who makes their public pledge by Saturday, 7th July will be entered in a raffle with a chance to win a Keep Cup (kindly sponsored by Conscious Cup Campaign).

We want people to keep posting updates throughout the month – the good, the bad and the plastic mishaps. One person's daily win could be the encouragement

that someone else badly needs. We aren't looking for plastic free perfection, but hopefully the month will help everyone make progress in reducing their plastic consumption.





Throughout July, Zero Waste Maynooth will be posting ideas of plastic free meals in which all ingredients will be purchased in local shops. Our aim is to show people what is easily achievable in the local area without having to go to specialist shops or spend lots of extra time.

There will be a meetup mid-July to discuss how we can help make Maynooth a more plastic free place to live. Several towns around the country are making the change and it would be great if Maynooth could be a leader in Kildare. It will also be a chance to share stories of how the plastic free challenge is going. Keep an eye on Facebook for details!



Tip One for Plastic Free July:

Bring your reusable cup to the following cafes and get a discount: Emma's Place (20c), Willow and Wild (20c), The Brewery (20c), L'Art du Chocolat (20c), Coffee Lounge (50c), Coffee Mill (50c), Beetroot (20c), Café Bon Bon (20c).

Save the environment and some cash!









Our sympathy to Ger and John Kavanagh on the death of Ger's mother Pauline. Also our sympathy to Liz Callaghan on the death of her brother Jimmy Fay.

Regular walkers and visitors to Carton Avenue will have noticed that this year the grass is being cut differently, this is to allow wild flowers to develop and to feed the bees and butterflies and this part of our biodiversity programme. Once again we thank Carton House for cutting the grass on this wonderful amenity for Maynooth.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Walk and Talk with Gail Maher in MU. Gail identified numerous native Irish plants including the Orchid in the meadow outside the Callan Building, North Campus. We also got to see a Ladybird which are very rare.

At the time of writing we are hoping some of you will be able to attend the next event on the 20th June with Jim Carolan called The Bug Hunt.

Over the past number of weeks our teams on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings have been clearing and cleaning out the planting areas in various locations around Maynooth in preparation for new season planting.

This planting happened on Saturday the 2^{nd} of June a number volunteers of Maynooth Tidy Towns planted and watered hundreds of flowers the majority of which are bee and butterfly friendly.

After all the planting was done a

surprise celebration was held for Mattie Callaghan who turned 70 in May on Saturday 2nd June with a cake and tea/coffee. Mattie thanked all for their support over the years.

Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as judging commenced mid- June and will continue until the end of August

If you wish to volunteer please contact us on 087 -3153189 or on Facebook/Twitter

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Bikeweek 2018

The Tour of the Dead to historic graveyards around Maynooth took place on a day with almost perfect weather and we had a lovely cycle to Laraghbryan, Ladychapel and Taghadoe. We were delighted to have the opportunity to show the film Why We Cycle about the Dutch cycling culture and appreciated the attendance of Maynooth MD councillors Padraig McEvoy (Ind), Teresa Murray (Ind) and Tim Durkan (FG) but the general attendance was disappointing. On Bike to Work Day, we gave out chocolates to cyclists on their way to work. We were also involved in organising prizes for a number of the Maynooth primary schools. Some had taken part in a Biodiversity Visit to the Royal Canal with Karen Moore. Presentation Girls school deserves special mention for the way that the school was decorated with fantastic paintings and drawings for Bikeweek. The second weekend saw the Family Cycle to Kilcock with nearly 40 cyclists, young and old, cycling along the Royal Canal Greenway. At Kilcock the children, some young and some not so young, were rewarded with an ice cream. So that was Bikeweek 2018. Roll on next year!

Statement on Cycling from Garda Assistant Commissioner

A less enjoyable aspect of Bikeweek was the disappointing comments on cyclists and cycling from Assistant Commissioner David Sheahan of the Garda National Roads Policing Division. In a statement, he described cycling as a 'pastime' and went on to state that cyclists should have brakes, tyres and chain. For everyday cyclists, cycling is not a pastime - it is a mode of transport and it is doubtful that many cyclists take a bike out without tyres or a chain! The Assistant Commissioner also stated that cyclists should never cycle more than two abreast which demonstrates an ignorance of the Road Traffic legislation as it is not illegal to cycle three abreast. If a senior Garda officer has such a distorted view of cycling, it is hardly surprising that the Gardaí fail to prosecute drivers who park on cycle lanes and who endanger cyclists.

Royal Canal Greenway/EuroVelo Route 2

On 2nd July, Shane Ross, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport will be coming to Maynooth to open a section of the Royal Canal/Eurovelo Route 2 between Maynooth and the Westmeath border - another piece of the jig-saw puzzle between Moscow and Galway. Cyclists will then be able to cycle all the way from Maynooth to Athlone. You can find out progress on the rest of the route at http://www.eurovelo.com/en/eurovelos/eurovelo-2.

On the same day, the Glenroyal Hotel will host a Capacity Building Workshop to explore the opportunities in developing trails on and along the Royal Canal. It promises to be a bright future for north Kildare.

Climate Change

Another report pointed out the failure of government to live up to Irish commitments on reduction of greenhouse gases. In a ranking of EU countries' ambition and progress in fighting climate change by Climate Action Network (CAN), Ireland was ranked 27th out of 28.

Niamh Garvey, head of policy and advocacy with Trócaire (which is a member of CAN), commented "This report reaffirms what we know, that political leadership is urgently needed to turn Ireland's record around on climate change".

Vulnerable Road Users and Anti-Cyclist Bias

The vulnerability of pedestrians and cyclists on Irish roads and the 'normality' of road fatalities was once again demonstrated. In a recent week, nine people were killed including three pedestrians, two of which were hit and run collisions. On The Journal twitter account, eight news reports about the fatal crashes generated 65 comments. However, one article on cyclists generated 272 comments.

Kildare Gardai on Two Wheels

Hopefully, it wasn't just the good weather, but a member of the Gardaí has been recently seen cycling around Maynooth which is welcomed by Maynooth Cycling Campaign. It is proposed that more Gardai will be taking to the streets across Kildare on bike patrol.

Finally Good News on Infrastructure

Finally some good news on cycling infrastructure but not in Kildare. Due to increasing congestion in Dublin City, the National Transport Authority has announced major plans to improve bus services and at the same time to introduce the next generation network of cycling facilities in the capital. In time, this will lead to higher quality cycle infrastructure in Kildare - hopefully sooner rather than later.

And more good news - after their original design met with scathing criticism, consultants for Dublin City have redesigned the Clontarf-Amiens cycle corridor and the revised scheme has been warmly welcomed by cyclist representatives.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.





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Social Democrats Call on Taoiseach to Formally Invite UN Special Rapportuer on Adequate Housing to Ireland

Social Democrats Co-Leader Catherine Murphy has called on Taoiseach Leo Varadkar to extend an official State invitation to the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing Leilani Farha. Ms Farha visited Ireland this week on an academic visit rather than an official State visit. She explained that without being here in an official capacity she is not permitted to issue specific recommendations regarding the current housing crisis. Deputy Murphy said that Ms Farha had pointed to specific international examples of things that are working well and said it would be useful for Ireland to work with her with a view to adopting similar approaches. In response the Taoiseach said he was open to the idea of inviting Ms Farha and would speak to Housing Minister Eoghan Murphy on it.

Speaking during Leaders Questions in the Dáil Catherine Murphy said that Government's current housing strategy was almost entirely reliant on a private market-led approach and is designed to put the State at arms distance from responsibility. She said the continued refusal of the State to provide either a constitutional or a legislative right to housing was a failure of the State to protect the human rights of citizens.

Deputy Murphy said:

"Eighty one countries internationally have adopted a right to housing approach. There appears to be a misunderstanding regarding the concept of what a right to housing means. It does not mean that every person can demand a house; rather it means that the State is obliged to ensure that it produces housing strategies which ensure the availability of housing that is affordable and accessible to all."

"Extending an official invite to the UN Special Rapporteur Leilani Farha would show a willingness on the part of this Government to meaningfully address the escalating housing emergency in this country. Her work has proven to have produced positive results in countries that were experiencing similar housing issues to Ireland and while she is in office we should use the opportunity to avail of such practical expertise."

Sammon liquidation must not delay important Maynooth post primary schools projects

In the wake of the liquidation of Sammon construction, Social Democrats coleader Catherine Murphy TD has demanded that Minister for Education and Skills Richard Bruton prioritise the completion of the Maynooth Post Primary Schools projects.

Catherine Murphy, Kildare North TD said:

"It is absolutely vital that any delays to the Maynooth Post Primary project are kept to an absolute minimum. This critically important project for Maynooth and North Kildare cannot be allowed to be jeopardised by the collapse of the UK construction company Carillion and the subsequent liquidation of Sammon Contracting.

"The domino effect of schools' projects being halted has impacted far too greatly not only in North Kildare but across Ireland and the education of young people is being hindered because of contractual arrangements between the Department and these private companies and that is unacceptable.

"The Department have a duty to ensure adequate facilities are provided to communities to educate our youngsters. Minister Bruton needs to ensure that the Dutch Infrastructure Fund appoint a new contractor as soon as possible to avoid any undue delays in delivering vital school buildings which communities are relying on."

A recent parliamentary reply to me indicates that 3,102 people in Maynooth are signing on the live register with a further 4,685 people in Newbridge also signing on. While these numbers are quite staggering I also believe they are in fact understated. In my office we have spoken to a lot of people about their experience with JobPath – the Department's so-called job activation scheme. Once registered on JobPath a person is taken off the live register even if they are not in actual employment. A separate reply to me confirms that there are 59,495 people nationwide on the JobPath scheme. There are also other schemes such as SpringBoard and participation on these also removes a person from the live-register and therefore does not count them as unemployed even if they are not actually in employment.

In addition to this, there are a huge number of people who are under-employed - i.e. in minimal hour part-time employment but who are not entitled to a payment because other family members are working and therefore the means test criteria ensures they are not eligible for a payment in their own right.

While there is a lot of talk from Government about an economy that is now reaching full employment, I question how we can be near full employment when we have not only almost 8,000 people in Maynooth and Newbridge on the live register, but also an understating of the figures based on manipulation of how they are counted. We need to have an honest conversation about what employment actually looks like and what the real levels of employment are nationwide and what full employment actually looks like.



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

It is now the middle of Summer but as I write, the weather does not reflect this. Hopefully by the time you read this article the Sun will have returned. We can but hope.

We held our mid-summer Tea-Dance on June 17th and danced the evening away to the enjoyable music of Brian McDermott, ably assisted by his son James. Our next Tea-Dance will take place on Sunday July 15th, and this will be our last Tea-Dance before the Summer recess. Our final event before we take a break will be our Summer outing. Those wishing to travel with us should have their names in by July 3rd. I take this opportunity to thank Barton Transport who sponsor the coaches on the day, and Martin Donnelly and his colleagues in the GAA club who facilitate our Tea-Dances throughout the year. Our morning club will close on Tuesday July 31st and will reopen on Tuesday Sept 4th.

Don't forget, as I mentioned last month, if there are retired people out there who would like to take up painting, just let me know. Susan is waiting to take up the challenge. Have a think during the Summer and we will see you all in September. In the meantime may I wish you all a very pleasant holiday wherever you are.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to Tony Muldowney on the passing of his brother Timothy and to Brigid Tierney on the passing of her husband Des. We wish them both solace and comfort at this very sad time.

Suaimhneas agus Siochain Doibh.

Josephine Moore.

Chairperson.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories from our Readers

THE ORIGINAL CUBICLE HAD A STANDING DESK. WHAT HAPPENED?

The original cubicle had a standing desk, a private space and slotted together like lego.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CUBICLE?

Before the cubicle, clerical workers sat at small desks in straight rows, often facing the same way. It was a factory production line that produced nothing but paper. It was a classroom without a teacher. Those further up the food chain usually had their own office. The management – usually men – were at the top while the secretarial pool – usually women – were at the bottom.



Action Office series 1

Inventor Robert Propst called the U.S. office "a wasteland" in 1960. "It saps vitality, blocks talent, frustrates accomplishment. It is the daily scene of unfulfilled intentions and failed effort." Cubicles were actually interior designers' attempt to put some soul back IN! Once released, Propst's "Action Office" received rave reviews from both designers and the popular press. It had a huge desk, a space for making phone calls, a vertical filing system, and partitions, so workers could have privacy. The desk could be set at varying heights so people could stand while they worked.

Robert Propst certainly was way ahead of his time. He even invented a prototype napping pad, an inch and a quarter thick and two feet wide (3cm by 60cm), that could be hung up for storage. "Seeing these designs," Industrial Design wrote, "one wonders why office workers have put up with their incompatible, unproductive, uncomfortable environment for so long."

WHEN THE ACTION OFFICE WAS RELEASED IN 1968, IT FLOPPED.

What Propst had failed to take into account was economics. The follow-up to the Action Office (the Action Office 2!) was the cubicle we're more used to.

PROPST CALLED THEM "MONOLITHIC INSANITY", "HELLHOLES", "EGG-CARTON GEOMETRY" AND "BARREN, RAT-HOLE PLACES".

Goodbye adjustable desk, hello cheap "workspace solution".

Propst's original angles clipped together at an angle of 120 degrees, allowing workers to choose between privacy and open communication. Managers demanded dividers of 90 degrees, allowing an army of micro-office after micro-office to stretch on and on and on... Businesses found it incredibly useful for cramming people into smaller spaces. A bonus was that the Action Office partitions could be treated as furniture, not walls, putting them in a more generous tax bracket. (Today companies can depreciate office furniture in seven years, whereas permanent structures—that is, offices with walls—are assigned a 39.5-year rate.)

"The dark side of this is that not all organizations are intelligent and progressive," Propst said two years before he died. "Lots are run by crass people who can take the same kind of equipment and create hellholes. They make little bitty cubicles and stuff people in them. Barren, rathole places...I never had any illusions that this was a perfect world."

Chairs and desks are now more adjustable, but the basic layout of many North American offices hasn't changed much in 100 years.

If cubicle dwellers feel the walls closing in on them, they aren't wrong. The average cubicle dropped between 25 and 50 percent in size during the mid-1980s and mid-1990s.

By 2006, half of Americans were complaining that their cubicle was smaller than their home bathroom.

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Smaointe

Is é traidisiún na Críostaíochta ná sula dtarlaíonn tada domsa tá gaol idir mé agus grá agus cúram neamhdhomhanda, neamhstairiúil, síoraí, ar a dtugtar Dia. Agus más amhlaidh atá, ceangailte i dtús báire leis an gcomhacht a chruthaigh sinn agus a choimeádann ann sinn, nach ionann cás don iomlán againn, gach duine againn níos cóngaraí do Dhia ná dá chéile.

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Ní oileán mé agus ní féidir liom a shamhlú gur mar phointe aonarach le smacht ar gach pointe aonarach eile, á stiúrú agus á gclárú a bhím ag déileáil leis an domhan. Feictear mé, agus déantar teagmháil liom, ach roimhe seo go léir tá an teagmháil le Dia mar bhunús le gach rud.

(Saoraistriú ó leabhar le Rowan Williams: "Being Human".)

Gabriel Martin.

Home Security Tips During The Holidays



It is that time of year when there is a mass exodus of people heading off on their summer holidays. Whether they plan to go home or abroad, the issue is the same: their house/apartment will be unoccupied and is therefore a target for opportunistic thieves.

Heading on your summer holiday is a happy time, and so the idea of coming home to a home that has been burgled is an unsettling thought but there are ways you can prevent this from happening.

Here are some helpful tips to ensure your home is kept secure whilst you enjoy your summer holiday.

Tips for Securing your Unoccupied Home

•A home that looks obviously unoccupied is an easy target. Fully drawn curtains are one usual give away of this so best to either leave them open or get a neighbour to pull them occasionally while you are away. Timer lighting will also help to put off potential break-ins and they are relatively inexpensive to install too.

•With the advent of social media and the popularity of updating your profile to alert your friends that you are in sunnier climes, the danger is that an alert burglar will pick up on your social media updates and use this knowledge to know that your home is a good target. No matter how tempting it is, don't 'advertise' your holiday plans. Wait until you get home to post the pictures!

•It sounds obvious but double check that all windows and doors are securely locked. Research shows that unlocked doors and windows are the primary way thieves access homes.

•If labelling luggage, include your name, telephone number, email address and destination but leave your home address off. If your luggage goes astray and into the wrong hands, then they won't have your home address details so there will be no burglary fears.

If you manage to cover all the tips above, you should be able to travel and enjoy your holiday, safe in the knowledge that your home is secure until you return.

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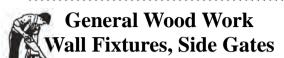
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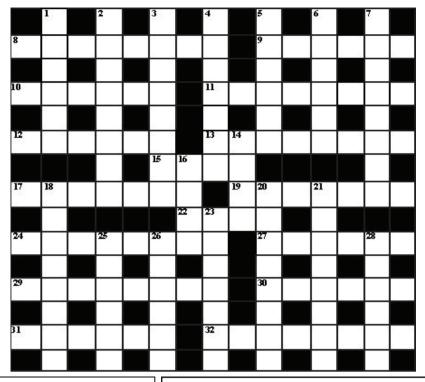
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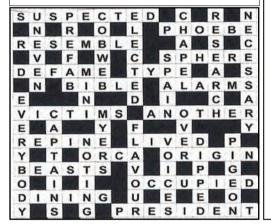
- 8. Exquisitely fine, easily damaged (8)
- 9. Note acknowledging a source of information (6)
- 10. Holiday spot (6)
- 11. Exhaustive, complete (8)
- **12. Closer (6)**
- 13. Gathering congregation (8)
- 15. Not in action or at work (4)
- 17. Study of words and sentences (7)
- 19. Servers at tables (7)
- 22. Orient (4)
- 24. Small migratory birds (8)
- 27. Frequently visited places, hangouts (6)
- 29. Three-sided figure (8)
- **30. Director of publication (6)**
- 31. Go or come back (6)
- 32. Distorting, turning (8)





- 1. Strict, stark (6)
- 2. Unit of mass (8)
- 3. These organisms are in bait race (8)
- 4. Near the middle (7)
- 5. Reflections of sound (6)
- 6. Change for the better (6)
- 7. Denoting one (8)
- 14. Does needlework (4)
- 16. Made lines on a surface (4)
- 18. Offered something for a service or achievement (8)
- 20. Fit and active (8)
- 21. Holidaymakers (8)
- 23. Facets, views (7)
- 25. Old units of distance (6)
- 26. Body parts and musical instrument (6)
- 28. Sharp-pointed tips on stems (6)

Solutions to Crossword No 469



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Congratulations to June Winner:

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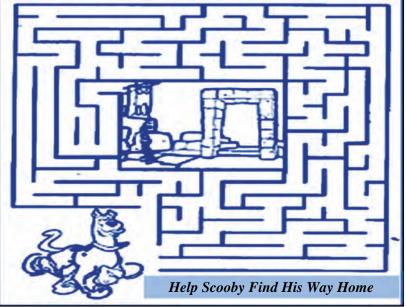
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Short Story

A Town Mouse and a Country Mouse

A Town Mouse and a Country Mouse were friends. The Country Mouse one day invited his friend to come and see him at his home in the fields. The Town Mouse came and they sat down to a dinner of barleycorns and roots the latter of which had a distinctly earthy flavour.

The flavour was not much to the taste of the guest and presently he broke out with "My poor dear friend, you live here no better than the ants. Now, you should just see how I fare! My larder is a regular horn of plenty. You must come and stay with me and I promise you shall live on the fat of the land."

So when he returned to town he took the Country Mouse with him and showed him into a larder containing flour and oatmeal and figs and honey and dates.

The Country Mouse had never seen anything like it and sat down to enjoy the luxuries his friend provided. But before they had well begun, the door of the larder opened and some one came in. The two Mice scampered off and hid themselves in a narrow and exceedingly uncomfortable hole.

Presently, when all was quiet, they ventured out again. But some one else came in, and off they scuttled again. This was too much for the visitor.

"Good bye," said he, "I'm off. You live in the lap of luxury, I can see, but you are surrounded by dangers whereas at home I can enjoy my simple dinner of roots and corn in peace."



Maynooth Town Football Club soccer blitz enjoyed by 220 children

The Annual Maynooth Town Football Club soccer blitz took place on the weekend of the 16th and 17th June at the Club grounds on the Rathcoffey/Newtown Road. Open to members and non-members alike, this is one of the biggest sporting events in the Maynooth soccer calendar and showcases the talent that exists in Maynooth and surrounding areas at underage level. The blitz provides younger players with an opportunity to try soccer

in a fun environment and gives other players an opportunity to play with and get to know players that they don't usually play with. Following registration, players were allocated across 3 different age groups: (1) U12 Boys & U13 Girls & Older on Saturday afternoon (2) U10-U11 Boys & U11-U12 Girls on Sunday afternoon and (3) Younger Players on Sunday morning. Some of the senior players from the Men's team that won the FAI Intermediate Cup in May 2018 also brought the Cup down to the Club on Saturday afternoon.

The teams were mixed and players were allocated so that the teams were as even as possible. Older players returned to the blitz on Sunday to act as coaches and mentors for the younger teams - this is something the older players enjoy doing and it gives them an appreciation of what is involved in coaching a team. Over the course of the weekend, over 220 players played 76 games of football and scored 266 goals. The standard of football was very high with a lot of skill on show. The players played with great determination and in a fantastic spirit of sportsmanship. Spain, Brazil and Denmark were the winners of the three World Cup tournaments beating Germany, Iceland & Argentina in the finals.

A word of thanks to Alan O'Regan from Gatehouse Catering who provided a BBQ with hot food during the two days and to Sean Donovan and Britvic who provided fruit, sweets and soft drinks for every player. A number of local businesses were also very generous in providing a range of generous prizes for the raffle. Thank you to the players who coached & guided younger teams on Sunday and to the coaches who refereed matches over the weekend.

The attached photos are a selection of the teams that took part and highlight some of the action.





















MTFC Annual Summer Blitz Raffle of 16th and 17th June - and co 1 Night B&B for 2 people sharing & Dinner for Two Alan O'Regar Brendan Tyrrell Facial (1 Hour) Voucher PICADEROS OCCASIONS Professional Hairdrye Gift Bag Cut & Style Jeroen Lunch for Two John Meerick Family Pass Una Phillips 4 trish dancing lessons Cobus Billy O'Toole Wash & Blowdry Lynn Ryan 4 passes Maura Caffrey Voucher

We would like to thank Sean Donovan and Britvic Ireland for providing drinks, fruit & treats for goodie bags for the players

Maynooth Town Football Club provides boys and girls in Maynooth and surrounding areas the opportunity to play underage soccer. The club has 27 underage Boys teams ranging from Under 8 to Under 18, 6 underage Girls teams from Under 9 to Under 14 and 3 Senior Mens teams. Founded in 1969, Maynooth Town Football Club will celebrate it's 50th anniversary in 2019. Maynooth Town are running summer camps from 2nd to 6th July and from 6th to 10thAugust. If you are interested in finding out more about playing soccer in Maynooth, please contact the Club Secretary Miriam Murphy at miriammtfc@outlook.com.

Summer Recipes

Deep-fried Baby Lemon Calamari

Ingredients:

500g baby calamari, cleaned 50g 'oo' Italian flour or plain flour (rice flour also works) 1tsp freshly ground cumin seeds Zest of 1 lemon, very finely grated Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Groundnut oil, for deep-frying

2tsp dried oregano

2 quartered lemons, to serve

Sliced red and green chillies to serve (optional)

Chopped fresh coriander, to serve (optional)

Method:

Slice the calamari into thin rings. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, ground cumin seeds, lemon zest, and a little salt and pepper.

Heat the oil to 180°C/350°F in a medium non-stick saucepan. Toss the calamari in the flour and cumin mixture and shake away any excess.

Deep-fry in batches for around 4 minutes until lightly browned and tender. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain the excess oil on paper towels. Sprinkle the calamari with the oregano. Add a squeeze of lemon juice and a sprinkle of chilli, if desired, and serve scattered with coriander leaves.

Chicken Caesar Salad With Sourdough Croutons

Ingredients:

Meat from half a roast chicken, in bite-size chunks

2 heads romaine lettuce

100g parmesan cheese, grated

½ loaf sourdough bread for croutons, sliced and cubed

50ml extra virgin olive oil

Caesar dressing:

2 anchovies, chopped small

2 egg yolks

1 clove garlic, crushed

2tbs lemon juice

½tsp English mustard powder

1tbs Worcestershire sauce

½tbs Tabasco sauce

175ml sunflower oil

50ml extra virgin olive oil

50ml cold water

Method:

Make the dressing by combining the anchovies, egg yolks, garlic, lemon juice, mustard powder, Worcestershire and Tabasco sauces in a bowl. Whisk together with a hand whisk and then gradually add the sunflower and olive oils, a drop at a time to begin with, until all the oil has emulsified. Add the water at the end to thin the consistency. Season to taste.

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Wash and dry the lettuce. Tear into manageable pieces. Toss the cubes of sourdough in olive oil and place on a baking tray. Cook in the oven until golden and crunchy, about 10 minutes.

In a bowl, place the lettuce leaves, chicken, half the croutons and half the parmesan. Add about one-third of the dressing and toss. Arrange the salad on plates and top with the remaining croutons and grated cheese. The leftover dressing will keep in the fridge for a few days.

Chocolate Strawberry Slice

Ingredients:

180g dark chocolate

180g cashew butter

225g strawberries

Method:

Break the chocolate up and add it to a saucepan on

medium heat with the cashew butter. Let it all melt together slowly. When its melted use a fork to whisk it well until smooth - try to get rid of any lumps of cashew butter. Set it aside to cool a little, while you slice the strawberries into halves and quarters. Add the strawberries to the saucepan and fold them in gently. Line an 8in baking tray with parchment paper. Spread the mixture out evenly in the tin. Pop in the freezer to set for about 2 hours. Then slice into squares. Store in the freezer.





Serves: 1 - 2





If only July were more predictable in the garden. It doesn't matter how wet the spring was, rain can become very elusive in July. And warmer zones are actually passing out of prime growing conditions into the lethargy of the dog days-the hottest period of the year (reckoned in antiquity from the heliacal rising of Sirius, the Dog Star). So there's no definitive list of gardening chores for the July garden. Gardeners just have to play it by ear. Most importantly, keep a close eye on pests and disease, then sit back and enjoy your garden and all the efforts you put in earlier in the year to get it where it is now.

July is an **excellent month for bees** and as you probably know already, they are essential for beautiful and productive growth in the garden. Planting colourful and fragrant flowers in your garden will attract them.



Make sure the Birds have enough water during the dry spells. Keep young plants watered during the Summer, not forgetting plants that are growing in containers. Continue deadheading flowers as they fade and prune all your shrubs that flowered in early Summer. Take semi-ripe cuttings from shrubs and trim conifer hedges and take cuttings from them. Now is the time to Summer prune Wisteria and divide bearded Irises. Layer and take cuttings of **Carnations** and disbud **Dahlias** to get larger blooms. Plant Autumn flowering bulbs, transplant seedlings of biennials (plant that takes two years to complete its biological life circle) sown earlier. Water vegetables regularly, lift new potatoes,



onions and garlic and pinch out runner beans when they reach the top of their canes. You also need to pinth out outdoor tomatoes when four trusses have formed. Pick raspberries and currents and harvest herbs. Keep greenhouses well ventilated and damp down regularly.

In July there is plenty to harvest from your garden and hopefully you are at home to enjoy the feast. You will have broad beans, dwarf french beans, runner beans, cabbage, courgettes, kohlrabi, lettuce, scallions, peas, early potatoes, radish, spinach, chard and turnips.

You can still sow lettuce, scallions, kohlrabi, turnip, radish, Chinese cabbage and Florence fennel. It's also a good time to start sowing all the oriental salads again as they are now less prone to bolting.

Gardening should be fun, but there is no such thing as totally labour free gardening. Growing plants necessarily involves some work but this can be reduced to a minimum if the right approach is taken. Plants want to live but too many people fuss over them unnecessarily. Not only do they make extra work for themselves but they also harm their plants in the process and even kill them with kindness. For example, many plants succumb each year through the use of too much fertiliser or too much water. Growth of trees and shrubs is often checked for decades by too deep planting...



Last but not least, weeds are an absolute pain this time of year. No getting away from it. If you have followed our advice in previous months, you will have kept the weed issue to a minimum by hoeing, hoeing them out as they spring up. But those weeds which have escaped your eagle eye will now be happily shooting up and going to seed to



preserve their survival for next year. How dare they?! Damage limitation measures now required - get out there and get cracking to remove them before the seeds scatter everywhere and settle themselves into the soil, ready to pop up and blight your life again next year. All that work that you put in earlier in the year will finally start to show.

Now it's time to enjoy it! If you have a vegetable garden you'll probably find that by the end of the month you'll have some gorgeous home-grown goodies to eat. Plus, your flowers will be starting to bloom and a beautiful display will be on show. So, you'll be spending as much of your spare time as possible out there - barbecues, family time, and a good bit of relaxation are all on the cards.

You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt



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"People disappear all the time. Many of the lost will be found....Disappearances, after all, have explanations....Usually"

- Outlander

Outlander is one of RTE's best kept secrets. Despite being in its third year of broadcast on RTE2, it is shamefully lacking in promotion. A scheduling slot after midnight is decidedly not viewer-friendly. In fact, most Irish people have never heard of it. So here's the deal. Outlander is one of the most under-rated shows in Ireland and the UK, despite having a massive global fan base to rival the likes of Game of Thrones and The Walking Dead. It boasts one of the best screen couples ever, whose incredible love, bond, loyalty and sacrifice, transcends space and time itself. Outlander began its life as a series of books by Diana Gabaldon in the 1990s.



Diana Gabaldon

American academic, Diana Gabaldon decided to try her hand at writing a novel. Purely for fun, for 'practice, just to learn how'. Gabaldon happened to see an old TV episode of Doctor Who and was fascinated by the Doctor's companion. A tall Scottish Highlander from the 1740s called Jamie McCrimmon. The image of the young man in the kilt, struck a chord with Diana. An idea for a historical, time-travelling, fantasy romance was born. The initial title for Gabaldon's debut novel was Cross Stitch. Her American publishers changed it to **Outlander** for wider appeal. Diana has, to date, produced eight novels in the Outlander series. She is currently writing her ninth story. Her novels has been phenomenally successful in several countries and consistently on bestseller lists.

Outlander TV Series

Sing Me a Song....

A 16-part TV series based on Gabaldon's first novel was commissioned by Sony Pictures in collaboration with Starz in 2013. Ronald D Moore (Battlestar Galactica, Star Trek) came on board as the show's developer and producer. An intriguing premise, Outlander follows the adventures of an English WW2 army combat nurse, who finds herself hurtled back in time to the Scotland of 1743. Claire Randall encounters the young, dashing Highlander Jamie Fraser, and soon becomes embroiled in intrigue, danger, romance and the Jacobite uprisings. Despite American financial backing and production teams, Outlander is primarily filmed in the U.K. with a

predominately British cast. What sets it apart from the rest is its unique blend of fantasy, mysticism, sci-fi, action, history and a strong, passionate central love story.



Another quirky feature of the show is its use of Scots-Gaelic language and a beautiful, haunting soundtrack by American composer Bear McCreary. The use of Scottish instrumentation and folk music make for a striking score. Fiddles, bagpipes, accordions and bodhrans all feature heavily. 'The Skye Boat Song' heard over the opening credits is especially memorable and sets the atmosphere for each episode. You won't stop humming it!

Production Values

Outlander is steeped in history. While this is a fantasy series, its also very much a historical drama set in a turbulent period. You get a real sense of being immersed in the times. This is helped in no small measure by its stunning production values. Outlander really is gorgeous to look at. On a par with Game of Thrones. The show is filmed with the glorious, sweeping and endless landscapes of the Scottish Highlands as a backdrop. Exquisite tartans, beautiful costumes and lush scenery draws you into the magical world of Outlander.



The whole series is a virtual love-letter to the Scottish tourist industry. Fans worldwide make pilgrimages to Outlander filming locations on an annual basis. Castles, Standing Stones sites, Stately Homes, and the historical battlefield of Culloden have become favourites haunts of fans of the show.

Jamie Fraser (Sam Heughan)

"King of Men"

Diana Gabaldon's swoon-worthy, kilt-wearing character, Jamie Fraser is possibly the main reason to watch Outlander. Her tall, copper haired, blue-eyed Highlander warrior, in love with a fiery, time-travelling

"Sassenach", has been capturing the hearts of female book readers for nearly thirty years now. The charismatic Scot boasts a highly developed sense of humour, strong social intelligence and a fierce sense of duty. When Scottish actor Sam Heughan was first cast in this

pivotal role, Gabaldon enthused, "That man is a Scot to the bone and Jamie Fraser to the heart". She had found her Jamie Fraser incarnate!



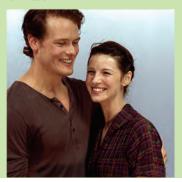
This is a breakthrough role for the relatively unknown Heughan. The handsome actor does a terrific job of bringing the romantic, intelligent and brave Highlander to vibrant life. His expressive face and sexy Scottish accent is a definite highlight of the Outlander experience. The only quibble being the muting of his character's disarming sense of humour in this production. Heughan is also not best served by the writers at times, with some of his best scenes ending up on the cutting room floor.

Claire Fraser (Caitriona Balfe)

"I'm not the meek and obedient type"

The search to find the actress to play Gabaldon's timetravelling nurse (Claire Randall Fraser) was akin to the search for Scarlett O'Hara in Gone with the Wind. When former Irish model/actress Caitriona Balfe stepped in to the Outlander audition room in 2013, the production found their feisty Englishwoman heroine. Her 'chemistry test' with Sam Heughan was off-the-charts in its intensity. As the first person narrator of **Outlander**, the character of Claire has a stubborn aversion to taking orders and a sharp tongue that gets her into trouble a lot! She's also compassionate and a woman clearly ahead of both the time periods she inhabits. There is much fun to be had in her modern 'smart-ass' comments to the dinosaur kilted Highlanders from the 18th century.

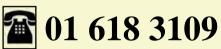
Caitriona Balfe has received widespread critical acclaim for her leading performance in **Outlander.** The elegant actress has scooped up several **BAFTA** and **IFTA** awards. It helps that Balfe is such an engaging actress who brings many layers of depth to her role. She makes Claire a spirited, funny, principled and heroic match to Heughan's magnetic Jamie Fraser.





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Ideas on how to conserve water at home and in work

As the warm weather continues, the demands on water supplies is outstripping supply across the country. Every small thing you do to save water in your home and business will benefit our community. Here are some simple things you can do as part of your daily routine at home and at work to help conserve water. Every effort you make at home or work **will** help

In the Bathroom

Choose to have a shower rather than a bath - Showers only use half the amount of water.

Have a shorter shower - An average shower uses 10 litres of water per minute, so taking a shorter shower will save water **When brushing your teeth or shaving,** turn off the tap and save

up to six litres of water per minute.

Let the "yellow mellow" - Toilet flusing is one of the biggest water users in most homes. Consider only flusing the toilet when you need to. Adding a toilet cistern bag to your cistern will reduce the amount of water used in every flush.

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In the Kitchen



Run your washing machine and dishwasher with full loads. This saves water and money on energy bills. When buying water-consuming appliances, it's a good idea to check the energy efficiency label to make sure you are buying the most energy efficient appliance you can.

Place a basin in the sink for washing dishes by hand or collecting the water you use to rinse fruit or vegetables, which can then be used for watering plants. **Keep a jug of water in the fridge** instead of running the cold tap, which can waste 10 litres per day of water.

Choose the correct pot or pan size for cooking and remember to use the lid on a pot or pan when cooking to reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation, meaning you don't have to keep adding water in.



In the Garden

Use a rose head watering can instead of a hose to water your plants to save water and aim for the root, not the leaves.

Water your plants in the early morning or late evening to avoid scorching your plants and unnecessary evaporation.

Use a bucket and sponge to wash your car - Using a hose to wash your car uses more water in one hour than the average family uses in a day.

Use a water butt to harvest rainwater from gutters - Collect rainwater to use in your garden instead of using drinking water from the tap.

Add layers of plant material, like bark or straw, to the soil in your garden to

help keep the sun off so that it can retain more water for your plants and you can save on water.

Water Leaks in the Home

Checking for and repairing leaks around your home could save up to 19,000 litres of water a year. Repairing leaks can also help to prevent issues like reduced water pressure or water supply disruptions potentially affecting your home. Here are some simple checks that you can carry out in your home to determine if there are any internal plumbing issues causing leaks:

Check the toilet

Is there a constant sound of water running from any of the toilet cisterns in your home? Check for a stream of water running inside the toilet bowl or place a piece of toilet paper on the inside back of the toilet bowl and see if it absorbs water.

Check the water storage tank

Can you hear the water storage tank (usually located in the attic) refilling when water-consuming appliances are not in use or a toilet has not been recently flushed? It's useful to carry out this check at night when it's quiet. You can also check for signs of water coming from overflow pipes leading from the water storage tank, usually seen on the external wall on the side of your home.

Check all taps

Check all your household and external garden taps for drips. A dripping tap can waste over 1,500 litres of water per year (which is enough water to fill 20 bathtubs) and can be repaired by simply replacing the washer.



Tips from Irish Water further information please visit www.water.ie

What a difference a few months and a bit of good weather makes. !! Photo below left shows the Meadowbrook Stream late in 2017 after a sustained period of heavy rainfall and on the right is the same culvert of the Meadowbrook stream after the recent dry spell.





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MAYNOOTH HANDBALL

Training heats up for Maynooth Boys preparing to represent Ireland in the U18 Olympic Handball European Championships in Austria in August 2018.

In our March and May editions we posted articles regarding this exciting event. Now the event is almost upon us and the boys have shifted into top gear in preparation. The last weekend in June saw the arrival of their international team mates and coaches for an intensive three day training camp which took place in Maynooth University Sports Hall. In the sweltering heat the boys worked on their ball skills and fitness. They will be well acclimatised for the heat in Austria.

The boys made the most of their time with their international team mates for some team building activities. Despite the limited opportunity to train together fully as a team there is a fantastic sense of unity among these young men and they will undoubtedly do Ireland proud on the court in Austria. Head Coach Alexander Markovic says the event was a great success. 'The boys were exhausted but very happy with their progress', he said. 'Now they just have to remain focused and continue with their fitness training.'

When asked what he thinks his team can achieve at the championships Team Captain Ciaran says "As it's the first time Ireland is being represented at the M18 level, I think a good goal is to be competitive in all our matches." Of course, competing on the international stage will be a challenge for our boys as this is the first time that Ireland will take part in this event. Their international teammates are all Irish players living abroad who play to a high standard in European clubs. Boys from Germany, Sweden, Finland, England and Spain will join the team.

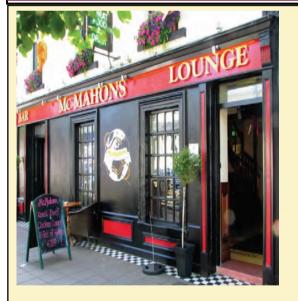
For the final preparations before the tournament the boys will travel to Slovakia in early August where they will take part in an intensive training camp with their Slovakian Coaches, Alexander Markovic and Michal Hradil. Alexander lives in Ireland and is heavily involved in Olympic Handball here while Michal is the top level Coach based in Slovakia.

The team were very grateful to receive some sponsorship from local businesses, including Life Credit Union Maynooth, Clonfert Maynooth Equestrian Centre and SAP Landscapes.

Any further contributions to help send our boys to Austria are very welcome. Please email fundingolympichandball@gmail.com for more information.

The championship takes place from the 10th to the 18th of August and can be followed live via www.championship2018.at





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The Harbour Field Has Been Saved

The following Motion which Cllr. John McGinley had on the Agenda for the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) meeting on 6 July was passed unanimously by the seven Councillors who were present:

"That on foot of the vote at the Maynooth Health Check Meeting on Thursday 7 June, that The Harbour Field, Maynooth be developed as a public space/park and that there shall be no car park at The Harbour Field, Maynooth, that the council now states categorically that The Harbour Field, Maynooth shall not be used for a car park under any circumstances."

The Council MD Engineer gave the following completely unacceptable Report:

"At the previous Maynooth Municipal District meeting discussions committed the executive to public consultation rather than a specific development solution. A form of non statutory public consultation has now taken place, and there are no plans to pursue any category of development in the Harbour Field in the immediate future.'

Cllr. McGinley stated the following:

"By putting in the words "in the immediate future", the Engineers report ignores what was decided by the people at the Health Check meeting. This Report gives no comfort to the people of Maynooth as the threat of a car park in the Harbour Field is still there in the medium to long term. You would wonder what is the value of the Health Check Meetings when the views of the public can be discarded by the Council Officials in such a manner.

I propose the adoption of my motion in order to rule out the possibility of a car park in the Harbour Field now or in the future and to honour the decision made by the public at the Health Check Meetings"

Council officials argued against a vote being taken but Cllr. John McGinley forced the Motion to a vote which was passed unanimously by the 7 Councillors present.

74 Additional Car Parking Spaces for **Maynooth Train Station**

Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Chief Executive of Iarnrod Eireann with a view to providing additional car parking spaces at Maynooth Train Station. The Chief Executive has now advised Emmet that 74 additional car parking spaces will be provided at Maynooth Train Station and that funding was now in place from the National Transport Authority to prepare the Tender Documents and procure a contractor to carry out the work. An additional 38 Car Parking Spaces are being provided south of the rail line and the existing northern car park is being expanded to accommodate an additional 36 car park spaces. The Chief Executive further advised Emmet that it is proposed to commence construction in the final quarter of 2018 and complete the work in early 2019.

Welcoming the provision of the additional car parking Emmet Stagg stated that the existing car park at the Train Station was full at 7-30 am. Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to the commencement of the work on the additional Car Parking.

Cllr. McGinley Demands that the Small Traffic Island on the Straffan Road, after the Glenroval Junction, to be Removed

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 6 July:

"That the new small centre island at the entrance to Manor Court on the Straffan Road, Maynooth be removed in order Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for Repairs to improve traffic flow."

Council Officials responded as follows:

"The requirement for this traffic island was derived from a road safety audit carried out as part of Phase 4 of the North South Corridor. The council acknowledges that it is causing congestion and delays at the Straffan Road traffic lights at peak time and will refer the issue to the Road Safety Auditor for consideration.'

Cllr. McGinley stated that apart from causing traffic to build up unnecessarily it is also a danger to pedestrians and motorists and needs to be removed without any further

Cllr. McGinley Asks for Public Lights to be **Installed Along the Canal from Bond Bridge** to The Harbour

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 6 July:

"When will public lighting be installed on the canal walk between Bond Bridge and The Harbour, Maynooth, now that the necessary infrastructure is in place?"

Council Officials responded as follows:

The council is awaiting an erection date from Airtricity. The MD Engineer further advised Cllr. McGinley that the lights would be the same as the new lights recently installed on the new road at the Harbour Field and at Leinster Street.

Cllr. McGinley Looks for Safety Improvements at the Junction of Celbridge Road/Straffan Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth Municipal District (MD) at their meeting on 6 July:

"Can a safety railing be put on the narrow section of footpath, opposite Maxol on the Celbridge Road at the Rail Park side?

Council Officials responded as follows:

"The erection of railings at footpath edges is no longer recommended as an appropriate design solution to improve safety. Footpath widening or road narrowing is a preferred approach.

Cllr. McGinley stated that the footpath is about two feet wide at this location and that if it is not possible to widen the footpath or narrow the road then a railing has to be put there in the interest of public safety.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Additional Capital **Funding for The Harbour Field**

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission to the Parks Department of the Council:

"In addition to the Items already on the Capital Programme I would like the following added:

- The Extension of the Maynooth Playground to cater for children with disabilities
- The Installation of modern exercise equipment for adults, outside the playground.
- That picnic benches and seats be installed at suitable locations around the Harbour Field."

Tenders Sought for the Surfacing of the Back Lanes, off Main Street, and Maynooth Park

The MD Engineer advised Cllr. McGinley at the MD meeting on 6 July that the Council would be going to tender for this work on week ending 13 July.

to Footpaths at Greenfield Drive

Cllr. McGinley allocated funds for badly needed

improvements to the footpaths at the first section of Greenfield Drive and the work has now been carried out.

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

The Council Director advised Cllr. McGinley at the MD meeting on 6 July that work was ready to begin on these new traffic lights.

Stagg Astonished at Bord Pleanala Go-Ahead for Cairn Homes Proposal without Road **Infrastructure Conditions**

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has expressed his astonishment at the decision by An Bord Pleanala on the 3rd July to grant planning permission to Cairn Homes for the development of lands between the Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road in Maynooth, without dealing with the inadequacy of Road Infrastructure in the area by way of conditions.

The development is quite substantial with 462 dwellings, 106 units of student accommodation with 483 bedspaces, a creche, café, gym and retail unit, link road between the Moyglare and Dunboyne Road and a Riverside Park along the Lyreen River.

At no stage was the development of housing objected to but we had asked that a number of serious deficiencies in the Road Network around Maynooth would be dealt with prior to the occupation of any houses. The most serious deficiency is the Dunboyne Road itself where traffic from this development will be directed towards a very bad corner east of Pebble Hill House.

This was an issue with a previous application on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth for just over 100 houses three years ago, but now An Bord Pleanala seem to think that all of this development and the traffic generated by it can safely traverse this most dangerous corner and failed to impose a condition requiring the straightening out of the corner prior to the occupation of any houses. We had also sought a condition requiring the completion of the Maynooth Eastern Relief Road between the Leixlip

Road and the Celbridge Road, and its further leg between

the Celbridge Road and the Straffan Road, prior to the occupation of any dwellings in the development. Again An Bord Pleanala remained silent on this issue. Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that An Bord Pleanala ignored all submissions by Public Representatives, Residents Associations and

Individual Residents, in deciding to push this development through, and he was at a loss to understand the reasoning. It is a poor day for planning in Maynooth.

Public Input into BusConnects Proposals Vital

With the Publication on July 2nd by the National Transport Authority of their proposals for the redesign of the Dublin Area Bus Network, BusConnects, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that it was vital that Dublin Bus Commuters made their views known on the proposals when the Public Consultation commences on Monday 16th July until Friday 14th September.

The proposals stated Mr. Stagg are wide ranging in relation to Dublin Bus Services covering Maynooth and include the

The 66 Bus Service from Maynooth will be replaced with a Route C3 Service from Maynooth to Dublin every 25 minutes during the day, but every 10 minutes at peak time.

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The service thankfully will no longer have to go through Chapelizod and will instead use the Chapelizod Bypass.

The 67 Service will no longer serve Maynooth. At peak hours between 7am and 9 am there will be 12 services on the new Route C3 Service from Maynooth to the City Centre compared to 9 at present between the 66 and 67 routes.

A New Bus Service will be introduced from the Moyglare Road in Maynooth serving Celbridge, Hazelhatch, Newcastle, Citywest and Tallaght. This service would operate every 30 minutes. Commuters from the Moyglare Road in Maynooth can access the new C3 Service in Maynooth Village and won't have to pay a second fare as one fare will cover 90 minutes of bus/train/Luas trips.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that Dublin Bus Commuters should make their

views known on the proposals during the Public Consultation as they are the service users who require a fast and reliable Public Bus Transport Service.

Preferred Contractor Chosen for New Maynooth Educate Together School - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to progressing the construction of the New Maynooth Educate Together School on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

The Minister has advised Mr. Stagg that all tenders received have been reviewed and that a Letter of Intent for the project issued to the Preferred Tenderer on 29th June. The Minister further advised that the Letter of Acceptance appointing a contractor is expected to issue before the end of September at the latest.

Welcoming the continuing progress with this new school

Mr. Stagg stated that the Letter of Intent is the final step before the award of the Contract and requires the Preferred Tenderer to confirm Tax Clearance details, details of Professional Indemnity Insurance, Public Liability Insurance, Employers Liability Insurance and a Health and Safety Declaration.

Once the preferred tenderer responds the Letter of Acceptance can issue and the contract will be awarded. The project remained in place to commence construction within the next number of months and Mr. Stagg again congratulated the Board of Management of the school on progressing the project to this stage.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to work commencing on the new 2 storey 16 classroom school.

Tips from the National Consumer Agency on Grocery Shopping

Shop around



Our Grocery Price Surveys have shown that the best way to get the best prices is through shopping around and spreading your spend across a few of different stores. Small local shops may offer convenience for consumers, which is great, but you may find prices are that little bit higher to pay for that local convenience.

On the other hand, savings you might hope to make on a trip to an out-oftown discount store should be balanced against the cost of getting there and back.

You can also check the larger shops' websites or use online comparison sites to check prices before you go shopping.

Check the unit price

Always check the unit price of what you are buying to work out the best value for you. Buying another size (sometimes even the smaller size) may represent better value overall.

Some items are usually cheaper when bought in bulk, but this only makes sense, value-wise, if you're going to use it up before it goes off.

Some items, such as vegetables, can work out more expensive when bought pre-packed than if you buy them by weight from the "loose" vegetable section.

Make fresh meals from scratch and buy in season

Take-away, frozen, pre-packed or ready-meals can work out a lot more expensive than making fresh meals yourself. Meals made from scratch are generally healthier too.

If you don't have time to cook every day, make several meals at the one time and freeze them.

Buying raw, whole fruit and vegetables can be a lot cheaper than buying prepared ones, as you are paying for someone else to do the washing and chopping for you. Fruit and vegetables can be more expensive when bought out of season and are usually imported.

Buying seasonal fruit and vegetables means you get the best quality, locally produced food at a lower price, and you help support Irish

producers. To find out what is in season, visit Bord Bia's Best in Season website

Buy only what you need

Don't buy too much of items that may go off.

Plan meals and make a shopping list of what you need.

Keep an eye on "use by" and "best before" dates on food packaging even after you've bought it. If it looks like you're not going to use it before that date, freeze it for use at a later date.

Buy discounted items and look for special offers. Keep an eye out for discounted fresh food – it might be near its use-by date, but you might be able to freeze it.

Most supermarkets and many local shops advertise their special offers in the media, on their website and in flyers dropped through your door. These can help you compare deals across a number of shops in your area, choose what to buy and where, before you even leave the house.

Don't be a brand slave

You don't have to stick with the same brand of particular products Ask yourself whether your usual brand offers you good value. The best-known brands can be the most expensive, but this does not necessarily mean that they are "better" than others. You might make savings by choosing a less well-known brand or own-brand product.

Use coupons wisely

Coupons can save you money - but don't buy products you don't need just because you have a coupon.

You can find coupons on the back of receipts from most of the major supermarkets and on lots of websites.

Earn with loyalty cards

Never let a loyalty card scheme make the decision on where to shop for you – they can be useful but they should never become the only reason to shop somewhere.

Some supermarkets allow you to accumulate points, which give you money-off vouchers for the same store, or you can often swap the points for vouchers for restaurants, days out or hotel breaks.

Be aware that the store collects your personal data and shopping details and may use it for marketing and research purposes.



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Maynooth Health Centre set for refurbishment works Maynooth Health Centre is set for refurbishing works in

the coming year. I had raised this matter with the Minister for Health in the Dáil after a number of constituents had raised this with me in my Maynooth Advice Office just off the Main Street.

I am delighted to confirm that the Health Centre in Maynooth is set for refurbishment works. I understand windows, lights, and flooring are all set to be replaced as well as upgrading of equipment in the clinical rooms. It is welcome to finally see some investment into health services in the Health Centre. I will continue to work with the HSE locally and ensure pressure is put on the Minister to see funding delivered for this project.

Waiting Lists continue to grow in Emergency **Departments**

Figures provided to Fianna Fáil Health recently revealed that 7,164 people over the age of 75 were forced to wait more than 24 hours in Emergency Departments across the country. The figures cover the period between January and May this year.

The first five months of this year saw some of the worst ever overcrowding in our hospitals. New daily records were set and by the end of May overcrowding as measured by the INMO was 17% ahead of the same period in 2017.

With that background it will come as no surprise that so many over 75s have had to spend over a day waiting in our EDs. However, the numbers themselves are truly shocking - this number of patients could fill the Mater Hospital 12 times over. This is a disgraceful situation and must be viewed as borderline elder abuse.

It's also yet another target being missed by the HSE as the service plan for 2018 requires that no patient over 75 should be waiting more than 24 hours in an Emergency Department.

In his response to our question the Minister for Health said Maynooth Constituency Office that 'over 89.4% of patients over 75s presenting in EDs

nationally met this target' as if this was a positive achievement. The fact is that what really is a ludicrously low bar has been missed yet again. It's simply shameful that old and vulnerable people should have to put up with such conditions.

Drone Legislation must be progressed in light of recent wild fires and An Post advances

I introduced my Bill to regulate the usage of drones two years ago. Since then we have seen drones aiding rescue workers in saving lives during search and rescue operations and giving a wider view of gorse fires as firefighters tackle recent blazes in the Wicklow and Dublin mountains.

Recently An Post made its first delivery via a drone. This was something I pitched to the then incoming An Post Chairman Dermot Divilly at a Communications Committee hearing. Almost two years to the day of that hearing drone deliveries in Ireland are a reality.

Drones present many interesting opportunities for both personal and commercial use. For example, they can be a useful aid for farmers who are looking to monitor crop growth and check for the presence of pests. They can also be used for recreational purposes, such as taking aerial photographs of scenic areas or hobby flying.

At the same time, drones can present certain difficulties, and we are hearing an increased number of reports of drones causing problems for manned aircraft or infringing on people's privacy. Some people have noticed drones seemingly surveying their farms and equipment. Given the prevalence of burglary in rural areas, it's easy to see why this is threatening.

It is clear drones can be of immense benefit. They have showcased this benefit in recent weeks but legislation and a framework on their use is required. I am calling on the Government to work with the Bill to see it through the legislative process.

My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's

Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise Ó'Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or your organisation with.

Passport Office Delays Causing Trouble for Those **Booked to Travel**

Many constituents have contacted my office with great concern over delays in their passport applications yet the Government do not seem to be doing anything to alleviate this problem. What is being lost in this whole debacle is that Irish citizens have a legal right to a passport to allow them travel, and that they are paying for that privilege.

The target time for first time passport applicants and those seeking to replace a lost, stolen or damaged passport through the An Post Passport Express is 20 days but the reality is far from this. The actual turnaround time is 35+ working days – a full three working weeks behind target.

As we head into the peak holiday season, there will be an additional surge in the number of people applying for a passport. Citizens expect that getting a passport approved and printed can take a relatively short period of time, but waiting longer than seven weeks is simply unacceptable.

The summer holiday season, like clockwork, happens every 12 months. It shouldn't come as a surprise to the Government. There should have been a better plan put in place to address increasing application volumes. This is not a free service to citizens. Passports cost €80 each – that is a significant cost for citizens and should, I believe, require a more efficient response from the Passport Office.

The Tánaiste needs to get his head out of the sand, look at the entire passport service, and find ways of speeding up the delivery of this very important service for citizens. One suggestion may be to open a second passport printing unit to alleviate demand during peak periods.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area From 19/6/18 to 10/7/18 - information from Kildare County Council Website

App. Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	Applic. Date
18/741	Kildare County Council	Patrick Fallon	Ballycurraghan, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	21/06/2018
18/743	Kildare County Council	Clare Magrane	Laragh, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	21/06/2018
18/749	Kildare County Council	Andrew and Arlene Boland	33 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/06/2018
18/761	Kildare County Council	Kelston Properties Limited	Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	25/06/2018
18/762	Kildare County Council	Kelston Properties Limited	Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	25/06/2018
18/766	Kildare County Council	David and Sandra Doherty	35 Moyglare Village Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	27/06/2018
18/806	Kildare County Council	Michael and Sally Berns	Clonagh, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	05/07/2018
18/812	Kildare County Council	Austin Brady	1 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	06/07/2018



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Donaghmore Cemetery A walk on the pathways of time through Maynooth's history

As part of Heritage week, Maynooth Local History Group have organised a walk and talk from the Royal Canal Harbour in Maynooth to Donaghmore Cemetery. Donaghmore is one of the oldest inhabited sites in North Kildare, with it's Ogham stone dating from the 6th century. The walk will discuss aspects and traces of history and the many links with the past at Donaghmore itself.

"The applause of listening senates to command, The threats of pain and ruin to despise, To scatter plenty o'er a smiling land, And read their history in a nation's eyes." Gray's Elegy

All are welcome to join us on the walk. We meet at 6.30 p.m. on August 22nd at the Royal Canal Harbour and walk through the mists of time and that of Maynooth's heritage

Note the event is supported by Kildare County Council Heritage Department



NOVENA

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

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

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

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, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and prayer & favour, will be granted no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail

Thanksgiving for favour received

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Requirement for substantial rental deposits is keeping people homeless - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has called on the Housing Minister to review the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme to ensure that the requirement for a rental deposit does not prevent homeless people from accessing accommodation. Deputy O'Rourke raised the issue in the Dáil with Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy earlier today. He pointed out that most landlords require people on the Housing Assistance Payment to pay up to one months rent and deposit prior to taking out a lease.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "The requirement for homeless people to make a substantial upfront payment for a deposit is prohibitive and goes against the purpose of the HAP Scheme. Homeless people do not have access to the finance needed to pay these deposits, which often can amount to €1,000 or more. The end result is that many homeless people are forced to remain without adequate accommodation. "I raised this issue in the Dáil with the Housing Minister and highlighted the need for additional measures to be put in place to ensure this barrier to accessing accommodation is removed. Homeless people need assistance by the Government and Local Authorities to ensure that they can access adequate accommodation.

"Minister Murphy confirmed to me that a new 'Place Finder' unit will be established by Kildare County Council to assist homeless people in meeting these rental deposit requirements. I have been assured that this service will become operational from next Monday, June 25th. The council needs to ensure that homeless people are aware that this assistance is available when looking for accommodation under the HAP Scheme. "I have also raised concerns surrounding the Department of Housing's definition of homelessness. I am dealing with families and individuals who sleep on different couches every night.

They are couch-surfing and do not have a place they can call home but are still being told that they are not regarded as homeless because there is a roof over their head. I'm concerned that these people will remain without assistance as they are technically not classed as homeless. "The Minister did agree that there is ambiguity surrounding the definition of homelessness and the situation differs from county to county. This simply isn't acceptable and the Government needs to get its act together to ensure that all homeless people get the assistance they need to find adequate accommodation."

Reduced Mortgage rates from Ulster Bank a major breakthrough says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD and Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, Frank O'Rourke, has described Ulster Bank's decision to cut its 2 year fixed mortgage interest rate to a market best of 2.3% as a major breakthrough for consumers and a validation of the strategy pursued by Fianna Fail over the last number of years. "Ulster Bank have announced that they are lowering their 2 year fixed rate mortgage interest rate to 2.3%. Over the last two years, I have raised the importance of bringing fairness to the mortgage rates in Ireland and this move by the bank is a recognition that their rates to-date were not fair."

"The average standard variable rate for a mortgage in Ireland is currently around 3.2%. This is nearly 1.5% higher than the average Eurozone rate which stands at 1.8%. This means that a borrower with a mortgage of €200,000 is paying around €250 per month more than they would be paying in the average Euro area."

"There is little point in reducing the USC and PAYE taxes if the cost of living expenses are going up by a multiple of the reduced taxes. Let's continue to focus on reducing the cost of living for people, such as mortgage rates and motor insurance rates and allow more money into the local economy and reduce the pressure on wage inflation." "Ulster Bank's move is hugely significant and proves the point that Fianna Fáil, and myself, have been consistently making; Irish banks have been ripping off mortgage holders. Other banks operating in Ireland must now follow Ulster Bank's move."

"Mortgage holders should not tolerate paying more than they need to, or that is fair to pay. We are entitled to be treated like

other EU citizens when it comes to mortgage rates and I will continue working with my colleagues, in particular our party's Finance spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to achieve better interest rates for all Irish consumers and lower the cost of living." concluded O'Rourke

Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance 2018

Applications are now open for the Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance 2018. This payment helps families meet the costs of uniforms for children attending school in September. Forms are available from my Constituency Office on Main Street, Celbridge, or please phone the office on 01 630 3736, and a form can be posted to you. The closing date for applications is 30 September 2018. More details can be found on the Department of Social Protections website.

$\begin{tabular}{ll} Ireland slips out of EU Top 10 for inward investment says \\ O'Rourke-as renewed focus on competitiveness is needed. \\ \end{tabular}$

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O Rourke, has again highlighted the fact that rising cost of living is affecting our competitiveness and is now affecting our ability to attract Foreign Direct investment.

"As I have said before, Ireland is losing its competitiveness. Our cost of living expenses, including insurance, mortgage rates, rents and childcare, are the highest in the EU." "We have high motor and business insurance costs, and the Government progress on the implementation of the recommendations on the Motor Insurance Working Group has been slow to say the least."

"We have the highest variable mortgage rates in the EU. This week we learned for example, that Permanent TSB's Standard Variable Rate (SVR) of 4.5% for existing customers is ridiculously high. It is in stark contrast to the bank's blended cost of funds of just 0.46%." "Exiting customers on a variable rate are paying €60 per month more that a new customer on a 2.95% fixed rate, with a mortgage of €300,000. This is a difference of €3000 per year."

"The average standard variable rate for a mortgage in Ireland is currently 3.26%. This is nearly 1.5% higher than the average Eurozone rate which stands at 1.83%. Earlier this year, I called on the Government to press for the formation of a European Single Market for mortgages" "Day in day out, business owners and workers alike are crying out for action from the Government on the issue of the rising costs of living. If we had normal insurance and mortgage costs, there would be less wage inflation pressure and more money available for the local economy."

"Ireland has fallen out of the Top 10 EU countries for foreign direct investment (FDI). This is a warning sign. Attracting FDI has been a key success factor in our economy with over 200,000 people employed directly or indirectly for these companies. Kildare is home to some of the most successful multinationals.

"In 2017, 37% of the State's Corporate Tax receipts were paid by 10 companies. These 10 companies contributed €3.43 billion to the Exchequer and to the funding of much needed public services"

"Foreign Direct Investment has always had the core objective of creating jobs in this country. Sustainable taxes come from having quality, long term employment and a key component of this is to ensure that we are competitive." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke who has tabled a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Business on what action the Government is taking to improve the country's competitiveness.

Opening of Maynooth Harbour Cycle Link

Congrats to all the stakeholders involved in completing this project which was officially opened on Monday July 2nd by Minister Shane Ross. This will be a great facility and amenity for tourists and people living in the community to enjoy. It provides a very safe cycling and walking route. Well done to Kildare County Council management, staff and the area office for overseeing the delivery of this project which was supported by the Department of Tourism and Sport together with the NTA.

FF Bill will deter people from making fraudulent insurance claims – O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, says a new Bill being brought forward by his party should lead to reduced insurance costs, as it will clamp down on fraudulent insurance claims. "Fraudulent insurance claims have been a contributory factor in the rising insurance costs, which people in Kildare and across the country have been hit with in recent years."

"The average premiums today are still €300 higher now that they were in 2014. Constituents regularly raise the high cost of motor and business insurances with me at my weekly clinics." stated Deputy O'Rourke

"Our Bill, the Civil Liability and Courts (Amendment) Bill 2018, is the latest measure from our party aimed at tackling spiralling insurance costs. I have raised the high cost of insurance with the Government on many occasions and have offered a number of proposals which the Government should have pursued. The Government has not given focus to this issue and it is affecting the cost of living for many people.' "The majority of insurance claimants are genuine. However, there is an underlying issue with fraudulent claims, which is driving up the cost of insurance for motorists, businesses, community groups and individuals. We need to address this issue and our Bill is designed to make would-be false claimants think twice about making a claim. If passed, the bill would direct a court to refer the matter to the Director of Public Prosecutions where a case is deemed to be a fraudulent action." 'This proposal was captured in the report published by the Cost of Insurance Working Group earlier this year. Reducing insurance costs has been a key priority for me and our party and we must make better progress in reducing the cost of insurance and bring rates more in line with EU norms rates." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Psychology support services in Maynooth remain under resourced - O'Rourke

- HSE confirms Maynooth services are unable to cope with demand -

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has criticised the Government for continuing to under-resource health services in Maynooth. Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after receiving confirmation from the HSE that Maynooth Primary Care area remains an area of unmet need for child psychology services. This is despite previous commitments made by the Government to ensure all areas would be allocated adequate primary care child psychology services.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "I have been raising serious concerns regarding the availability of child psychology services in Kildare for a number of years now. I am dealing with a number of cases where parents are unable to secure appointments for their children to see a psychologist. The problem is particularly acute in Maynooth as there simply aren't enough resources in place to meet demand.

"I have raised this matter directly with Ministers' Jim Daly and Catherine Byrne. Our mental health services are at crisis point yet the Government seems incapable of recognising this. We simply haven't seen the level of investment necessary to ensure all children are given adequate support services promptly when they suffer a mental health crisis. This isn't good enough in this day and age.

"I am alarmed at the response I have received from the HSE on this issue. The Primary Care team have informed me that Maynooth remains an area of unmet need for psychology services. There doesn't seem to be any serious plan in place to address this problem. The Government simply haven't provided the leadership necessary to bring about the reform needed to make our mental health services fit for purpose.

"All the available evidence highlights that early intervention is key for helping children who are experiencing mental health issues. However this intervention simply isn't available for children in many parts of Ireland, including Maynooth. This has a knock on impact on children as they progress in life. "The Government needs to recognise the enormous strain that our mental health services are under. No child should have to suffer just because they happen to live in an area which is under resourced when it comes to psychology services," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth

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

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

Help with school costs

Question

My four-year-old son is starting primary school in September. My only income is my One-Parent Family Payment and €120 from a part-time job. I don't get any maintenance and I'm worried about the extra costs involved in sending my son to school. What help can I get?

Answer

As you are getting a social welfare payment, you may be entitled to the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) which can help with back-to-school expenses. Your weekly income must be below a certain level. You are currently getting a One-Parent Family Payment of €29.80 (including a child payment) and earning €120. Your weekly income of €349.80 is below the income limit of €425.10 for a lone parent with one child so you qualify for BSCFA.

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection pays BSCFA automatically in many cases. If you haven't received a letter from the Department by mid-July, you need to apply by 30 September 2018.

In 2018, the payment is €125 for a qualified child aged 4–11.

Application forms are available on welfare.ie, or from your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. You can also request a form by texting 'Form BTSCFA' followed by your name and address to 51909 or by emailing the Department at BSCFA@welfare.ie.

The Department of Education and Skills runs a School Books Grant Scheme which is available to State-funded schools to help with the cost of school books. Some schools run a Textbook Rental Scheme or can help with the cost of buying textbooks. You should contact the principal of your son's school to find out if any of these options are available.

Noisy Neighbours

Question

Our neighbours often have noisy parties that keep us awake at night. We don't really want to call the Gardaí – what else can we do?

Answer

Noise nuisance can be a frustrating problem, especially if your family's sleep is disturbed. You should first talk to your neighbours about the noise and explain how it is affecting your family. Keep a note of these discussions. You could also keep a noise diary, noting the type of noise, time, date, duration and its effects on your family.

If this doesn't work, you can write to your neighbours, giving details of the noise and how it is disturbing you. You may suggest to them that you will take legal action if the noise continues. Keep copies of your communication with them.

If your neighbours are private tenants, they are not allowed to engage in anti-social behaviour – this includes persistent noise that interrupts the peace of other homes. You can complain directly to the landlord if you do not get a satisfactory response from the tenants. You can also complain to the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) if the landlord does not deal with the problem. (The landlord must be registered with the Residential Tenancies Board).

Tenants of local authority housing must also avoid any nuisance (including noise) to other people in the neighbourhood. If the noise persists, the tenants are in breach of their tenancy agreement and the local authority can take steps to enforce the terms of the agreement.

If the noise continues to be a problem, you could check if there are mediation services available in your area to help you resolve the dispute. You can also file a complaint in the District Court. At least seven days before the date for the hearing of your case, you must serve notice on your neighbours, using the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 - noise form of notice. If the court finds in your favour, it can order your neighbours to take measures to prevent or limit the noise.

Telephone Support Allowance Question

I am a pensioner living alone. I used to get an allowance towards my telephone bill, but it stopped a few years ago. I heard it might be coming back – is this true?

Answer

The allowance you used to get was the Telephone Allowance, which was a monthly payment towards your mobile phone or landline and was part of the Household Benefits Package. This payment was discontinued in January 2014. What you may have heard about is the new Telephone Support Allowance (TSA). The TSA is a weekly payment from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) which aims to help with the cost of communications and/or home alert systems for people who live alone and have limited means.

To qualify for the TSA, you must be getting both the Living Alone Increase and the Fuel Allowance along with another social welfare payment such as the State Pension. Since the week of 4 June 2018, the TSA has been paid automatically to people who qualify. There is no application form and you do not need to contact the DEASP to apply.

The TSA is a payment of \bigcirc .50 a week. It is paid in addition to your weekly social welfare payment.

If you believe you should qualify for the TSA but have not been getting it since 4 June, contact the DEASP section that pays your main pension or benefit. You can find these contact details on welfare.ie.

Further information about the TSA is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Apprenticeships

Question

My daughter is leaving school and she is thinking about doing an apprenticeship. How can she qualify for an apprenticeship and how much are apprentices paid?

Answei

An apprenticeship is the recognised way that people are trained in a craft trade or profession. It involves both training on-the-job with an employer and training off-the-job in an education centre.

To be eligible for an apprenticeship, your daughter must be at least 16 and should have at least a grade D in five subjects in the Junior Cert. However, some employers may only take on an apprentice with higher qualifications or may have other requirements. If your daughter doesn't have the required qualifications, she might still be able to do an apprenticeship – she should check with her local Education and Training Board (ETB).

Traditional craft apprenticeships include construction, electrical engineering and motor sectors. For example, there are apprenticeships in carpentry, plumbing, car mechanics and electrical trades. This type of apprenticeship usually lasts for four years. Your daughter should contact the apprenticeship section of her local ETB.

New occupational apprenticeships are being developed in Information and Communications Technology (ICT), medical technology, insurance, finance, accountancy, logistics and hospitality. These apprenticeships last between two and four years. For these, your daughter should apply to the industry lead for the apprenticeship she is interested in. She can also contact the apprenticeship section of her local ETB for information.

While your daughter is training on-the-job, her employer will pay her a recommended apprenticeship wage. If she is training in certain sectors, SOLAS pays a weekly allowance equal to that wage while she is training off-the-job. In all other sectors, her off-the-job payments will depend on her employer, although SOLAS will contribute to travel and accommodation costs.

Your daughter can find a full list of apprenticeships on apprenticeship.ie.



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Newsletter

Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 21st August 2018

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



Last month we paid our annual visit to the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty. While we were not in the prizes we acquitted ourselves well, improved our position on last year and had a really nice time. Hopefully we will do the same next year.

The big event of 2018 for the Band is our trip to the Bad Orb International Music Festival near Frankfurt in Germany from the 7th to the 9th of September. We were selected to take part from over 200 applicants and we will be the only band from Ireland among the 34 participants from all over Europe. The cost of the travel including instruments alone comes to over €10,000, the

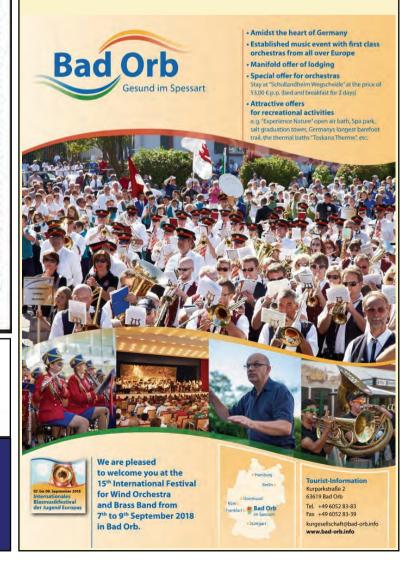


At the Music Festival in Bad Orb in Germany last year left Festival Director Peter Egold & Janina

band members will be paying for their accommodation and meals.

Our recent appeal to the businesses in the town has been a tremendous success and we are indeed most grateful for all donations received to date. However we still have another small way to go to reach our target so should anyone like to contribute ANY amount towards the costs they can call **087 2537 906 or email sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie** and we will indeed be pleased to talk to you.

The Band will be giving a recital of all of the music we will be playing in Germany outside Brady's in the Square at 7.30 on Saturday 1st September which will coincide with the World Amateur Golf Championships being held in Carton House between the 25th August and 9th September so hopefully we will have a large audience on the night.



Free family fun things to do this August

Maynooth Castle



Maynooth Castle, a ruined 13th century castle which was built at the junction of two streams and became the home of the Fitzgerald family before its expansion by Sir John Fitzgerald in the 15th century. The Fitzgeralds would later become the Earls of Kildare; Maynooth Castle was known as one of the largest and richest Earls' houses in Ireland.

Today, the atmospheric castle lies in ruins - only the ruins of the keep and the main entrance gateway on the southern side remain. Restoration work on the castle was undertaken by the Office of Public Works in 2000 in order to develop it into an Irish Heritage Site. An exhibition on the history of Maynooth Castle and the Fitzgerald family is on display at the on-site visitor centre.

Summer opening hours: Open daily until late September from 10am until 6pm. The last tour is at 4.30pm.

National Botonic Gardens of Ireland - Glasnevin, Dublin 11.



National Botonic Gardens are an oasis of calm and beauty where their aim is to make it a place where leisure, recreation and education are all compatible for the enjoyment of their visitors. A premier scientific institution, the gardens also contain the National Herbarium and several historic wrought iron glasshouses.

Summer opening hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm. Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays 10am to 6pm.

Upcoming free events for children but booking is essential. Children's Workshop: Budding Botanists - Flower Pressing

Kids can join the experts on an expedition through the Gardens identifying and collecting suitable plants for pressing before constructing their very own flower press.

Date: Thursday 9th August and 23rd August. Time: 11am - 12pm Booking essential. Suitable for ages 6 years and up. Phone (01) 8040319/8570909

Pond dipping

A fun event exploring the weird and wonderful diversity of insects and mini beasts living in and around the pond at the Botanic Gardens. Learn how to identify the amazing creatures you have captured. The workshop is suitable for children aged 8 years and upwards.

Date: Saturday 11th August. Time 11am to 12:30pm. Booking essential.

Spot a deer at the Phoneix Park



The Park is home to a large amount of wildlife, including a large herd of deer. Pack your bikes and scooters and enjoy some of the many cycling trails around the park while you see if you can spot a deer. There are playgrounds and tearooms at the Visitors Centre. Admission to the Visitors Centre exhibition is free, and visitors can enjoy a historical

interpretation of the park from 3500BC, including the history of Áras an Uachtaráin. Every Sunday morning free children's workshop on nature awareness, history and heritage and arts take place, suitable for ages 6 - 12 years between 11am - 12pm.

Donadea Forest Park



Donadea Castle and estate was the old home of the Aylmer family up until 1935 when the last member of the family Ms. Caroline died. It is a National Heritage Area. There are many historical features including the remains of the castle and walled gardens, St. Peter's church, an ice house and boat house. Another feature of the Park is the 9/11 Memorial, a scaled

replica of the twin towers carved in limestone. The small lake is brimming with ducks, water hens and has a beautiful display of water lilies in the summer. There are three looped walking trails in the forest which caters for all abilities. It has three permanent orienteering courses, short (1.8km), medium (3.4km) and long (4.7km). Café is open all year round and there are plenty of picnic spots throughout the Park.

Parking fee is €5 per day. (Coins only .50c, €1 and €2 accepted)
Car park is open from 7am to 9pm April to September and 8am to 5pm October to March.

National Heritage Week

National Heritage Week 2018 will run from August 18th - 26th. Many of the events that take place are free. To find out more visit www.heritageweek.ie

Kildare Farm Foods



Kildare Farm Foods is a wonderful day out for all the family. Entry to this third generation, family run farm is **FREE** and it provides a family friendly, buggy and wheelchair accessible destination. Visitors to Kildare Farm Foods will see a wide variety of animals, such as; Alpacas, Ostriches, Sheep, Cows, Black Swans,

Turkeys and Guinea Fowl, in a natural and relaxed setting. The shop at Kildare Farm Foods offers a wide variety of fresh farm produce. The farm operates from their own purpose built premises comprising of production facilities, fresh and frozen storage so shoppers can be sure of the freshest possible products, they've just come across in the yard! This brilliant amenity, right on Kildare Town's doorstep also includes:

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Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturday 9am to 3pm

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Castletown House



Castletown House is Ireland's largest Palladian house and has 120 acres of surrounding Parkland, ideal for walks. There are guided tours of the house with workshops on Sundays for children and summer music recitals on Sunday afternoons, and free childrens tours throughout school holidays.

Castletown House and Parklands, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. W23 V9H3 General Enquiries - 01 6288252 - Website: www.castletown.ie The first Wednesday of every month a number of Heritage Ireland Sites have FREE admission, why not take advantage and visit.

The Country House and the Great War Exhibition

Location: The Russell Library and JPII Library, Maynooth University

Dates: 1 August - 28 September (Russell Library),

1 October - 11 November (JPII Library)

Opening times: Russell Library: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Russell Library closed Tuesdays and Fridays (August to September)

The exhibition will move to the JPII Library from October Opening times: JPII Library: Monday - Thursday 8am -12 midnight: Friday 8am-6.30pm, Sat-Sun 10am-5pm

Event details: The Country House and the Great War Exhibition is a collaboration between the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE), Maynooth University Library, and the OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre (OMARC). This exhibition, to mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, presents a perspective of the Great War from inside the Irish Country House. In doing so, this exhibition will utilise material from more than ten aristocratic families and display previously unseen material from the archives of Ballindoolin House, Co. Kildare and Airfield, Dundrum.

All are welcome to view this exhibition which will be on display in the Russell Library from 1 August until 28 September, and on display in Maynooth University Library from the 1 October until 11 November.

Admission Free



William Upton Tyrrell

All this Information is given in good faith. Readers are advised to check with all venues prior to planning any visits. Enjoy your trips.



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



My My July! – What a roaster this year, it will indeed live long in the memories of all in a scorched Maynooth. Normally July is a quieter period for the branch, but our adult members were still flying in their regular session, which was held outside Brady's in a sun-drenched square... evoking memories of Fleadh Laighean July 2014.

Apart from the numerous summer workshops underway, the provincial fleadhs form the mainstay of the calendar each July. This year Muine Bheag in Carlow did a magnificent job of hosting the event, combining the competitions with a showcase of local Carlow culture....both the Carlow rising in the GAA and hurling combing with the music to make a memorable July for the Scallion Aters (I have to confess I heard this moniker for the first time when researching this article, but it'll stick with me!).

North Kildare's branches were all represented with our own branches strong showing, a tribute to the dedication of our students and the team at the craobh. Well done to all competitors listed below – the Leinsters are a serious step up in level and ye're a credit to have made it on from county level.

Musician	Competition
Aoife McNerney	Whistle (12-15)
Caoimhe Howley	Consairtín U12
Conor McNerney	Piano U12
Déaglán Ó Conchúbhair	Miscellaneous O18 & Storytelling
Emma Bennet	Feadóg Mór U12
Keelin Ní Mhuireasáin	Bodhrán (12-15), Comhrá Gaeilge (12-15)
Kieran Hensey	Bosca Ceoil U9
Matthew Meehan	Bodhrán (12-15)
Niall Howard	Bosca Ceoil (12-15)
Riobard ó Mhurchú	Bosca Ceoil U12
Roish Connolly	Feadóg Mór U12
Róisín Howley	Amhranaíocht O18, Amhranaíocht (12-15), U15 Fidil, Comhrá Gaeilge (12-15)
Sean Ó Catháin	Bosca Ceoil U12
Shane McNerney	Bosca Ceoil U18
Shane McNerney	Bosca Ceoil (15-18)
Tom Ó Catháin	Bosca Ceoil (12-15)
Musicians	Competition
Róisín Howley, Caoimhe Howley	Ceol Beirte (12-15)
Sean Ó Catháin, Caoimhe Howley and Niamh Ní Fhearaíl	Ceol Trír U12
Shane, Matt, Kirstin, Katie, Aoife, Roisín, Dara, Tom, Rois and Caoimhe	Bannaí Céilí (12-15)
Tom Ó Catháin, Róisín Howley, Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl	Ceol Trír 12-15

The Fleadh represents an opportunity for those who want to hone their skills and test them in the white-hot environment of competition under the scrutiny of judges. It is by no means the sole raison d'etre of our branch

however and we are a broad church of musical talents and ambitions. Each note of our wonderful music strummed, blown, sung or squeezed in Maynooth represents something to be treasured, so if whether you consider yourself Super 8's, or Junior C, World Cup or FIFA '18, have a think whether you like to join us on our journey through our fabulous traditional music.

We welcome all to join in what we do – young or old.

As usual, keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances. And remember, wear sunscreen.

http://www.facebook.com/ccemaighnuad http://twitter.com/CCEMaighNuad Derek Carroll, PRO, Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



The Howley sisters –
Caoimhe and Róisín were
again brilliant across a
range of competition from
Concertina, Fiddle, through
to singing as Bearla agus
Tradisiúntach



It was
#MuineBheagOrNow
here for Keelin, so
well done on a great
outing in Kildare and
Carlow.



Congratulations to Emma Bennet on her strong showing in Kildare and at the Leinsters in the U12 Flute Competition



Our Céilí Band looking super smart before competing in Muine Bheag. Back Row: Tom, Matthew, Kirstin, Róisín. Front Row: Caoimhe, Dara, Roish, Aoife and Shane



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Zero Waste Maynooth

Summer is the season of weddings, races and BBQs. Automatically the mind turns to the big question- "What will I wear?" The answer is usually found by dashing to the nearest shopping centre where hours are spent searching for the perfect outfit. But this answer doesn't just hurt your pocket – it has a negative impact on the environment. **Fast fashion is the second**

dirtiest industry in the world, second only to oil.

Stores now have new stock coming in weekly, encouraging consumers to shop more regularly. It is possible to buy a top for a fiver, a whole outfit for €20. The quality is often poor and clothes lose their shape after one or two washes. Now a new attitude towards clothes has become the norm. Instead of minding and repairing clothes, people think "it only cost me €4, I'll bin it and get another one". But this attitude is very damaging to the environment and the people involved in the industry.

Some of the negative environmental effects are*:

- The pesticides used in cotton farming it consumes 10 percent of all agricultural chemicals and 25 percent of insecticides used worldwide. Small scale farmers can get sick as they don't have the adequate knowledge or equipment to handle the pesticides correctly.
- The toxic dyes used in manufacturing many clothing manufacturers dump the chemicals used for dying clothes into rivers without any treatment.
- The amount of waste created by discarded clothing clothing that was only worn once or twice is often dumped. These clothes are made of nylon and polyester which are not biodegradable. They release methane in landfills. When sold to developing nations they ruin local textile industries.
- <u>Microfibers in the water</u> when clothes made of polyester (and other man made fibres) are washed they release tiny threads which make their way into the waterways.
- <u>Pollution from shipping clothes</u> often clothes are made in one country, the
 raw materials are shipped in from a different country and then the finished
 clothes are shipped to a different country for sale. All this shipping results in
 greenhouse gas emissions. Noise pollution is also interfering with marine
 animals which use sound for orientation, communication and feeding.

The human cost of fast fashion is shocking. Garment workers work in unsafe conditions for very low wages. They have very little job security and are frequently mistreated. In 2013 the collapse of Rana Plaza (an eight storey clothing factory) in Dhaka in Bangladesh resulted in the deaths of more than 1,100 people.



But we have a choice and we can decide to move away from fast fashion. Every time you spend (or don't spend) your money you are voting for the type of world you want. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 1. **Shop your own wardrobe** have a good rummage in your wardrobe. You might discover some clothes you had forgotten. Get a friend to come over to cast a new eye on your wardrobe they might combine old favourites in a new way.
- 2. Check with your friends and family before buying a fascinator/bag/accessory that will only be used once send a text around asking friends if they have one you could borrow. You could even set up a watsapp group especially for this purpose to make borrowing easier and encourage others to follow your lead.
- 3. **Buying pre-loved or vintage** is a great way to reduce your impact and also ensure that no one else has the same outfit as you! Maynooth is lucky to have some great options. The Glass Doll stocks vintage clothes and accessories and they are happy to offer you advice on how to style an item of clothing. There are also three fantastic charity shops two St Vincent de Pauls and a NCBL.

The issues involved in fast fashion have only been very briefly touched upon in this article. To find out more on the fashion industry watch the documentary "The True Cost" on Netflix or read "Overdressed" by Elizabeth Cline or "To Die For" by Lucy Siegle. Many initiatives can be found online that focus on the different issues involved – for example

fashionrevolution.org, Greenpeace Detox campaign, Clean Clothes Campaign

*https://www.ecowatch.com/fast-fashion-is-the-second-dirtiest-industry-in-the-world-next-to-big-1882083445.html

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<u>Town</u>

Vs

Leeds A.F.C.

(Cork)

Venue: North Campus Astro

K.O. 5pm Sat. 11th August



connections on this route.



will help provide much needed food for our Bumblebee and other pollinating insects as well as creating a beautiful colourful garden. Learn more about All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 in which Maynooth Tidy Towns are involved. For more information see www.pollinators.ie

Lots of information this month, our volunteers have been very active on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday all over Maynooth, watering and litter picking.

Shane Ross TD., Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport opened the Maynooth link of the Dublin to Galway Greenway/Cycle and walking route.

Many of the speakers commented on the valuable work that Maynooth Tidy Towns perform on behalf of the community. We look forward to further

Heritage Week is on from 18th August to 26th August and the theme is "Make a connection". Further information on our Facebook.

We have many wonderful walks around Maynooth and would be obliged if you have a dog to keep it on a leash and also clean up after the dog and dispose of dog waste in the nearest bin.

Our pollinating insects are in decline. One third of our 99 bee species are at risk of extinction. By choosing pollen-rich flowers for your garden, you









Once again when buying plants think Bee-Friendly/Butterfly Friendly as this is part of our Pollinating plan for Maynooth this year.

At our recent committee meeting in July we had a cake to celebrate a special birthday for Olive Kerrigan. (Photo Opposite)



Judging in the National Tidy Towns is ongoing until the end of August. We ask all Residents Associations and businesses to make a special effort to keep their areas tidy.

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Maynooth Greenway Project Progress

In a recent parliamentary reply to me regarding the progress of the Confey to Maynooth Greenway, the Minister Shane Ross has confirmed that planning permission for the extension was granted in 2017 for a total distance of 9km. Kildare County Council have appointed consultants and it is expected that the project will have a detailed design and tender with a contractor hopefully appointed by the end of 2018. With funding in place from the National Transport Authority it is likely that construction will begin in early 2019.

Maynooth Post-Primary School

I recently asked the Minister for Education to update me on the arrangements being put in place to deal with the delay in delivering the new buildings following the collapse of Carillion Construction and the subsequent liquidation of Sammon Construction who had the contract to complete the school. I asked the Minister to outline the process underway and the expected delivery date for the new school. In response, the Minister confirmed that his Department is working with the Patron and the design team to appoint a new contractor. There is currently a tender process underway with a deadline date of July 23rd 2018. There is also a process underway to outline the extent of the remaining works to be completed. According to the Minister's reply the hope is to have a new contractor back on site by the end of March 2019 with an expected completion date of June 2020.

Local Property Tax Review Underway

I recently made a substantial submission to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government for use in its current process to review the methodology used to determine local authority funding

baselines in order to ensure that the distribution model is fair. Currently 20% of Local Property Tax collected in Kildare is spent in other counties and some of the LPT collected in Kildare is being used as a replacement for Government grants and this leaves the county cash-starved. I have spent many years researching issues surrounding Local Government Funding and my submission focused on the mechanisms of how the funding streams operate and are distributed. The results of my analysis point to a significant inequity in the system which ensures that many rapidly developing, often urban, areas, such as Maynooth and the wider North Kildare area, lose out to more rural communities. The submission also takes the view that the current system cannot legitimately be deemed a Local Property Tax when substantial portions of the amounts people pay are redirected to other areas.

I am regularly approached by people who legitimately ask "what am I getting for the Local Property Tax I pay?" In reality the answer is, very little. The way the funding model is currently designed means that many areas that have experienced significant population growth in recent years have not seen services keep pace with demand and as a result they are significantly disadvantaged when compared to more rural areas. There is an inherent unfairness that is built into the system and unless significant changes are made which take account of population changes, demographics and current needs, then Local Property Tax cannot legitimately continue to be referred to as a 'Local' Property Tax. The review is due to be completed by the end of August and my submission is seeking to ensure that areas like Kildare get their fair share of resources.

Submission Deadline for Proposed Amendments to the Maynooth Local Area Plan

The Maynooth Local Area Plan which was agreed back in 2013 and was due to run until 2019 has recently been subject to proposed changes. The proposed changes would mean that 32 hectares of land would be rezoned for housing purposes. It also provides that the Eastern Relief Road would run along the Blacklion/Railpark area and link the Leixlip road with the Celbridge road. This new road would bridge the railway and the Royal Canal. The funding to build this road is dependent on the opening up of lands for housing. Obviously there are some issues that arise in this regard not least that there are clusters of schools close to where the new road would join with the Celbridge road therefore schoolchildren and their needs must be factored in to the new road design.

Practical issues also arise; for example there is little scope to physically alter the junction between Celbridge road and Straffan road which may likely produce congestion here.

There is also a proposal to insert pedestrian and cycle links into Railpark, Parklands, and Rockfield. These estates were built as cul-de-sac estates and the residents are understandably objecting to plans for the proposed neighbouring new developments to have pedestrian and cycle links between the new and existing estates when residents correctly feel that their estates were not designed with this in mind and therefore it has the potential to cause significant issues.

Large scale additional zoning must also take account of new needs for example schools, transport and community facilities which need to be provided in parallel with any new housing developments.

Editorial

While the long summer with no rain will remain in our minds as the memory of summer 2018, perhaps in future years we might be faced with the alternative of a wet dull weather and we would wish for a repeat of this year. It has been really strange meeting people who are wishing for our more normal weather patterns. One wonders if they are gone forever. I recently had my first cycle in Maynooth since moving here 29 years ago and having thoroughly enjoyed it, I recommend that if you have a bicycle you should try the new Maynooth Harbour Cycle link which was officially opened by Mr. Shane Ross T.D, Minister for Transport on July 2nd.

As you will know by now that one of the key roles of publishing the "Maynooth Newsletter" is to record the social history of the town so in July the reinterment of the Presentation Sisters from their burial ground beside Charter House to Laraghbryan Cemetery in Maynooth raised a lot of concerns from people in the town. Earlier this year we lost Hilda Dunne who worked tirelessly to prevent the sisters being moved. Of course like the wider community we do not know the reasons why the current Presentation Sisters decided to move their deceased members from their resting place. It would be useful to know why this was necessary and if we knew the reasons the

decision might be viewed in a different light.

While reinterment is rare in Ireland there are strict conditions applied in each case requiring the presence of a number of experts and other authorities. The remains of the sisters were removed individually and reburied in new coffins in Laraghbryan Cemetery. There are close to fifty remains removed which were initially buried in the convent graveyard between 1828 and 1983. A full list of the graves was compiled by Henry Flynn in 2012. The Presentation Sisters have a long connection with Maynooth dating back to 1823. The development of the convent was closely connected with the key influencers in the town. St. Patrick's College staff were initially involved in bringing the sisters to Maynooth to ensure that a Catholic education would be available to young girls in Maynooth with the foundation stone for the school being laid by the Duke of Leinster in 1826.

Later In 1828, an Industrial School was opened at the request of the Duchess. Here, the children made clothing – straw hats and surplices, frocks and shirts, bonnets and bibs. For their work, they were paid and got their meals. The Duchess was the chief patron. She paid the schools for embroidered garments, boating hats etc. for herself and other ladies. In 1841, the Industrial School was closed. A Laundry was built in 1887 to accommodate the College by washing Paul Croghan - Editor

the laundry of the clerical students. In 1911 it was gutted by fire and a new laundry was built. It resumed activities in 1912 on a better site with extensive drying grounds and with modern machinery. It eventually became a public laundry, taking in laundry from other Institutions and from Prince Rainier and Princess Grace and movie star, Julie Andrews, who stayed in Carton House. In 1986, the Laundry closed. So like in many other towns in Ireland the Presentation convents served many functions and were key economic and educational institutions and dealt with many of the social issues of the time in their local communities.

August is a great month and for most of us is one of the best months of the year. In Maynooth, watch out for the National Heritage Week (18th August – 26th August) events as some of these are not available other months of the year. Remember that 2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage so there will be other events throughout the rest of 2018 as well. Finally, there was more good news for Maynooth Community Employment Project last month. As publishers of the "Maynooth Newsletter" they have been formally awarded "Charitable Status" by the Charities Regulator. This is an important development and the benefits of which will be detailed in future issues of this publication.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Memories -Visit of John Paul II to Maynooth

As planning is under way for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland in August we look back to the last Papal visit. Pope John Paul II visited Ireland in 1979. He visited St Patrick's College in Maynooth where 80,000 people came for the visit. Pope John Paul II was made Pope at the age of 58. His home was in Krakow, Poland. He visited 52 countries during his term as Pope. He had one brother who was also a priest.

Pope John Paul II served as Pope and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 to 2005.

He is called Saint John Paul the Great by some Catholics. (Wikipedia)

Photos courtesy of Mrs Margaret Bean (Maynooth)



Photo taken in St Patrick's College during the Papal visit Monday 1st October 1979



Monsignor Michael Olden President of St Patrick's College during the Papal visit.



Pope John Paul II with Cardinal Ó Fiaich at St Patrick's College during the Papal visit.

Anxious over Leaving Cert results?

Pressure

More and more young people are starting to experience anxiety and with the Leaving Cert results this month this anxiety can be at an all time high. The stress of studying sitting up until all hours trying to retain huge pieces of information, the pressure of points and if they will get "enough" to go to their number one choice college, or course. The pressure of friends, of teachers, of parents, of society, all becomes too much for many, panic and anxiety starts to become part of everyday life.

<u>Anxiety</u>

A lot of anxiety comes from our need to control. And I don't mean that we are all "control freaks", what I mean is that we want to excel, we want to succeed, we want to be perfect, we want to "fix" everything! There is hardly any room for error in today's society; if we make a mistake we internally beat ourselves to a pulp. We did not succeed, we were not perfect, we didn't fix anything, in fact we failed.

And the internal message we then carry is that we are failures. That's a lot to contend with at the age of 16/17/18. If you have done the very best you can in your exams, and

I'm a Failure

Often this internal message "I am a failure" is hard to quieten down, creeping up every now and then, when we make a mistake or when we embarrass ourselves over something, of course most times we don't sit there saying "I'm a failure" but that's the message our sub-conscious tells us as it flicks back to another time where you didn't succeed, or you weren't perfect, or you didn't fix anything. Your sub-conscious will then say "Aha! I have proof here that you are in actual fact a failure, let me remind you..." and over the years your sub-conscious will store all your failings up in a little filing cabinet ready to be used at any time you feel you did something "wrong".

But you are not a failure. The exam was a failure. You have succeeded before and you will again, so be careful not to turn one incident into a global statement about yourself

you didn't get the points you thought or you don't get offered the college place that you hoped, it is not a failure, you are not a failure, it is only a set-back. The Leaving Cert is only one path to further education. There are so many other options, and so many interesting courses, it honestly surprises me why there is such a big emphasis on the Leaving Cert now. Many students may not know what they even want to do with their lives at 16/17/18, there is absolutely nothing wrong with this! It's completely normal, in fact most grown adults still don't know what they want to do in their lives, so don't put pressure on yourself to know right now. The opposite of anxiety is letting things be. Or letting go of control. Give yourself some space and time to figure out your next move. And remember, be nice to yourself.

Article provided by Avenue Counselling, Maynooth www.avenuecounsellingpsychotherapy.com

Smaointe

D'imigh sé as an áit sin agus tháinig sé ina dhúiche féin, agus lean a chuid deisceabal é. Agus ar an tsabóid thosaigh sé ag teagasc sa tsionagóg, agus ghabh iontas mórán dár chuala é; agus deiridís: ''Cá bhfuair sé seo an méid sin? Agus cén eagna í seo a tugadh dó agus na míorúiltí móra seo a dhéantar trína lámha? Nach é seo an saor adhmaid, mac Mhuire agus bráthair Shéamais agus Iósaef agus Iúdáis agus Shíomóin? Agus nach bhfuil a shiúracha anseo inár measc?'' Agus ghlac siad scannal ann. Marcas, 6,1-3.

Cé gur léir dóibh gur tugadh "eagna" iontach dó agus gur deineadh "míorúiltí móra "trína łámha", de bhrí gur "cheap" siad go raibh aithne acu ar Íosa agus a shliocht, ní raibh creideamh dá laghad acu ann - shéan muintir a dhúiche féin é, shéan a ghaolta féin é agus shéan fiú amháin muintir a theaghlaigh féin é. Nach iontach ar fad mar a dhéanaimid iarracht daoine tréitheacha gar dúinn a scriosadh! An é nach féidir linn glacadh leis gur dúshlán iad dár mórtas féin agus go gcuireann siad iachall orainn a admháil go raibh dul amú orainn inár gcuid smaoinimh? Céim síos sa tsochaí? Maith an rud é gur thuig Íosa cad a bhí ar siúl ag a lucht cáinte agus nár chaill sé a mhisneach! "Is é seo mo Mhac muirneach dár thug mé gnaoi; éistigí leis." Marcas, 9, 7. Comhairle maith!

Article provided by Gabriel Martin

Sustainable Energy Community

A Maynooth community Sustainable Energy Community has been formed under the umbrella of the Maynooth Community Council. The SEC is a member of a network of over 100 similar community groups around the country supported by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

The purpose of the SEC is to set up a group of people in the community who can support homeowners, businesses and community groups to identify the best targets for energy improvement in the community, plan, apply for the grant measures and complete the improvements. The focus for the community SEC include:

- Retrofit and improvement of community buildings.
- Plans to improve high energy using businesses.
- Identify fuel poor homes, or older housing stock with poor energy performance for retrofit and upgrade.

We are looking for members to support the activities of the group. If you are interested please contact Peter Hamilton at email: peterrham6@gmail.com or (087)2316308. We will hold an introductory meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel 8pm Thursday August 16th

Abstract - A festschrift for Anthony Coughlan: essays on sovereignty & democracy

To mark the tenth centenary of the first Lisbon Treaty referendum on 12 June 2008, when a majority of the Irish electorate voted against its ratification, the editors have brought forward this festschrift - a collection of scholarly essays by prominent contributors - to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution to society and academia of Anthony 'Tony' Coughlan.

Coughlan has been Ireland's foremost intellectual activist on European Union affairs. Over the last half-century, no one has done more to question the E.U.'s unaccountable elite as they siphon off power from elected national parliaments in order to create a centralised united states of Europe, and an E.U.-NATO army. He has articulated the case for a Europe of independent and cooperating nation states. Statesmanlike, as

secretary of the National Platform, he continues to call our politicians, institutions and media to democratic account and professional accuracy.

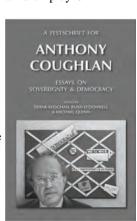
The eighteen contributors to the publication, drawn from across Irish and European society, have all been associated in some way with Tony's work and have given generously of their time and talents. Their thoughtful and wide-ranging essays encompass the concerns of a lifetime of activism, and though some may not agree with all of the stances taken by Tony in relation to the European Union, all fulsomely recognise the value and significance of his contribution to political debate in this country.

The publication's principal features include: Eighteen thoughtful and challenging essays A front cover portrait of Tony that captures his intellectual bearing and personal warmth by one of Ireland's most lauded artists, Robert Ballagh Pages: xviii, 160 Unique photos, some dating back to Tony's time in England, 1958-61. Top quality publishing craftsmanship by CRM

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Aided by Tony's position as an Associate Professor Emeritus at T.C.D., the T.C.D. Association and Trust awarded a grant towards some of the costs incurred in printing this

Edited by: Frank Keoghan, Ruan O'Donnell & Michael Quinn





ANOTHER KILDARE CYCLING FATALITY

Another cycling fatality has occurred in Kildare with the recent death of 16 year old Shane Duggan near Oughterard. Our thoughts are with his family at this tragic time.

It is a matter of anger to cyclists that even before a fatal accident investigation has been completed, some journalists continue to report such events as "a bike/cyclist colliding with a car". To give them their due, the Leinster Leader correctly reported it as the cyclist being "involved in a collision with a car". It is only a minor point but the former subtly suggests that the cyclist is at fault whereas the latter is more even-handed. The description of collisions also fails to refer to the car driver as if he or she is not a party to the collision. Even more insensitively, reports regularly state that "the driver of the car was unhurt" which is hardly news in the case of a collision between a car and a cyclist.

CYCLE FACILITIES MAIN STREET

Work on removing the off-road cycle facilities on Main Street is due to begin in August. At the time of the Part 8 Public Consultation, a number of the councillors expressed

concerned at the impact on children cycling to Presentation Girls School and on cyclists accessing premises on Main Street. The Council has dismissed their views and propose that cyclists "share the road". Unfortunately, most people refuse to cycle on roads with traffic levels in excess of 2000 vehicles per day. As Main Street has about 10 times this volume of traffic and there is less space for cycling on the road with so much motorised vehicles, many cyclists will continue to cycle off road. This dual system approach to cycle facilities - with "timid" cyclists off road and "brave" cyclists on road - is common in the UK. However, the penny hasn't dropped yet that providing low quality UK cycling facilities will result in UK levels of cycling. The view of Maynooth Cycling Campaign is that as the existing cycle facilities are substandard and not continuous, Kildare County Council should upgrade rather than remove

MINISTER OPENS MAYNOOTH "CYCLE' LINK

On 2nd July, Shane Ross, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport came to Kildare to open the "Maynooth Harbour Cycle Link". After the opening ceremony, some of us had the opportunity for a short discussion with him. We raised the issues of increased funding, MPDL (Minimum Passing Distance Legislation) and compulsory use of cycle lanes. The Minister felt that cyclists didn't appreciate the efforts he has been making on our behalf and stated that the 10% funding for cycling was a non-runner but at least he is aware of our goal (#allocate4cycling). He also informed us

that the legislation on the compulsory use of cycle lanes had not yet been prepared.

The section of the Royal Canal between Maynooth and Athlone is now largely complete except for two short stretches in Kildare which will be completed before the end of 2018 and the final stretch in County Meath which will be completed in the spring of 2019. This will form part of the Euro-Velo Capitals Route (EV2) which runs all the way from Moscow to Dublin, a distance of some 5,500km.

There were few bicycles at the opening - most belonged to Cyclist.ie members. A bicycle did appear for the ribbon cutting ceremony but quickly disappeared afterwards. Despite the lovely weather, the official party did not see fit to actually walk or cycle the greenway. Once again a case of "Do As I Say And Not As I Do".

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

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





Maynooth Castle - A forgotten gem in our midst Lots of people, both locals and visitors, walk past the gates of the Castle during the summer months and never think of coming in to enjoy the grounds and have a read of the fascinating bilingual exhibition (English/Irish) on the history of the Anglo-Normans and the FitzGerald family, better known as the Geraldines. Those brave adventurers who do, however, venture in are rewarded with an exciting tale of master builders, professional knights, and strategic thinkers who changed the face of Gaelic Ireland from the end of the 12th century to the present day. This is a story of conquest and integration, migration and settlement bringing new skills, language and ideas into not just the "arts" of war but also building technology, and in later centuries knowledge of the Renaissance, Italian architecture, etc.

As a recent addition to the tour guiding staff at Maynooth Castle I never cease to admire the dedication and passion of my colleagues for the history of the Castle and its former inhabitants, the FitzGeralds of Kildare. They, (and now I too), love to tell visitors about the defensive features of the Castle, the Great Hall and the library, the Great Earl and

the Siege of Silken Thomas, Sir Richard Boyle and even Lady Emily Lennox who married into the FitzGeralds and lived in Carton and Leinster House.

We hear some wonderful stories from older people who as young children and teenagers played in the Castle grounds before it was re-opened to the public as an OPW historic site in 2001. It's lovely to see lots of young families coming access for wheelchairs and strollers into the exhibition into the grounds and enjoying the tranquility and shade of the tall trees, which include limes and yew trees. This summer, the heat wave seemed to intensify the beautiful scent of the lime trees in particular and we've had to put out 2018) if you are around and would like to experience our dishes of water for the birds, rabbits and squirrels who inhabit the grounds. Lots of people came in to the Keep to enjoy the coolness of the undercroft and the smaller children loved colouring in pictures of manor ladies, knights, horses and dragons.

The OPW guiding team at the Castle: Alan, Catherine, Mary, Joe and Moira look forward to welcoming you to the Moira Devery, Castle whenever you can spare some time, whether it's a few minutes or an hour. We welcome visitors from all over

the world and offer the tour in English and German and the plan is for Irish to follow in due course. We are open for four months from approximately the end of May to the 26th of September seven days a week.

Admission is free and guided tours are available on demand and not at set times. Last tour at 4:30pm. We have through the ground-level back door.

Nota Bene: Drop in during Heritage Week (August 18-26 normal or specialist tours e.g. on Medieval Medicine and Diseases, or a mini tour in Irish.

And don't miss our colouring competitions for children or our local musicians from Push for Porter, who will be playing a session on Saturday August 18th from around 2pm. All welcome. Tá fáilte romhaibh go léir, a chairde. Check our Facebook page for more details

OPW Guide, Maynooth Castle

Bizarre anti-distraction devices??

If you're having trouble focusing this Summer, check out the isolator helmet - the crazy anti-distraction device from 1925. As publisher of over 50 science magazines, Hugo Gernsback had a lot of be distracted from. A ringing telephone or a doorbell, Gernsback complained, was enough to stop the flow of thought. But 50% of the time, he



concluded, we are our own disturbers. "The greatest difficulty that the human mind has to contend with is lack of concentration, mainly due to outside influences." And he didn't have social media to contend with.

Meet the isolator helmet, the nightmare offspring of a Dr. Who Dalek and old-school diving helmet. The first version of his isolator helmet was made of wood, lined with cork inside and out, and finally covered with felt. It shut out about 75 percent of all noise. In a later design, an air space was included (and wood excluded) that helped shut out 90-

95 percent of surrounding noise. To stop those wandering eyes, note the two white lines scratched on the glass

This makes it almost impossible to see anything except a sheet of paper in front of the wearer. One drawback was that if the helmet was used alone for more than fifteen minutes at a time, the wearer would become drowsy! For that reason, Gernsback introduced a small oxygen tank, attached to the helmet. Apparently, this increases



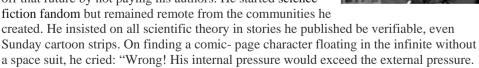
the respiration and enlivens the writer considerably!

The Man Inside The Isolator Helmet

Gernsback had more nicknames than Trump. He was "The Father of Science Fiction", "The Barnum of the Space Age" and (more Trumpian here) "Hugo the Rat".

He created the term "Science Fiction", then wanted us to use the jarring "scientifiction".

He made many people fall in love with the future, then kicked off that future by not paying his authors. He started science fiction fandom but remained remote from the communities he



His eyes would pop out! His belly would swell out! He would blow up!" To H. P. Lovecraft, he was simply "Hugo the Rat". And no wonder – Gernsback gave himself a six-figure salary as head of Gernsback Publications while Lovecraft earned a fifth of a cent per word. His own biographer Gary Westfahl believes it's reasonable to assume that Gernsback was "an undiagnosed Aspergian".

Of all Gernsback's inventions, including the walkie-talkie, tv glasses (with tiny ariel) and submersible ferris wheel, the Isolator is the one that shouts autism.

We would never create something as blatantly ridiculous as the Isolator Helmet these

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& 2pm to 5pm

Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

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

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Contact Ger: 0874133505

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Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club will close for Summer Holidays from Tuesday 31st July and will reopen Tuesday 4th September. Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

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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

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Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in
The Glenroyal Hotel
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Currently on
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Returning on Thursday
6th Sept 18

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Summer Social - Wednesday August 8th 7-9pm Please join us at our annual Alzheimer Cafe Summer Social, Wednesday August 8th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip. There will be plenty of refreshments, song and dance, and a chance to find out more about the café. Attendance is free of charge and there is plenty of parking available (www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie phone 089 4933533).

DIARY ENTRIES

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@maynoothcep.com Phone: 01-6285922

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purposebuilt facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com.

Contact Katherine Cooney

086 8205910

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(Maynooth)
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12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community
Space
Closed for Month of August
Reopening Monday 3 September 2108

Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every
Wednesday at 11am
at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries
Dunboyne Road Maynooth.
For further details contact
John Fleming - 087 2041334

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Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

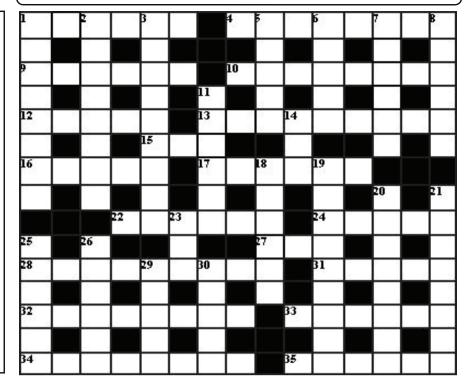
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Clues Across

- 1. Impressive displays (6)
- 4. Sharp spasms of pain (8)
- 9. Without equal (6)
- 10. A flower, I swear it (8)
- 12. Carrying out action (5)
- 13. Flapping, hesitating (9)
- 15. Lacking self-confidence (3)
- 16. "She walks in beauty, like the"
 Byron (5)
- 17. Walked lamely (6)
- 22. Jail (6)
- 24. Blunder, slip (5)
- 27. Portion of a circle (3)
- 28. Putting tags on (9)
- 31. Leaping amphibians (5)
- 32. International boundary (8)
- 33. Observe, perceive (6)
- 34. Unexpectedly, abruptly (8)
- 35. Agreement (6)

August 2018 Crossword - No. 471



Name:

Clues Down

- 1. Plentiful, ample (8)
- 2. Protective barriers (8)
- 3. Child, minor (9)
- 5. Contaminate (5)
- 6. Lord, sir or doctor, say (5)
- 7. Showing extreme courage (6)
- 8. Describes thick and poorly groomed hair (6)
- 11. Episodes of pastoral or romantic charm (6)
- romantic charm (6) 14. This joint is trendy (3)
- 18. Handle, run (6)
- 19. Particles with a negative charge (9)
- 20. Co-ordinate, set up (8)
- 21. Look for valuable minerals (8)
- 23. Not in good health (3)
- 25. Steep faces of rock (6)
- 26. Overseas (6)
- 29. Metric unit of capacity (5)
- 30. something that one hopes to attain (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 470



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Rosemary Crowley Moyglare Abbey Maynooth

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Congratulations to July Winner:

Patrick O'Donoghue Kingsbry Maynooth

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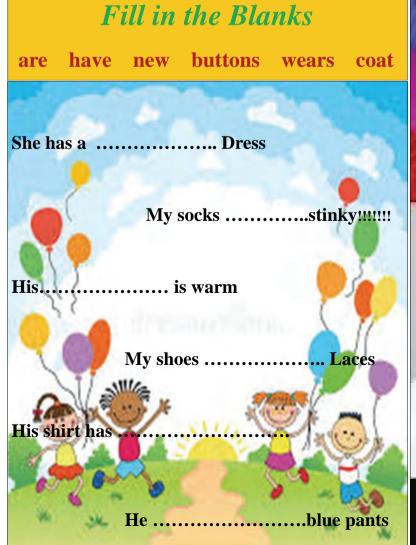
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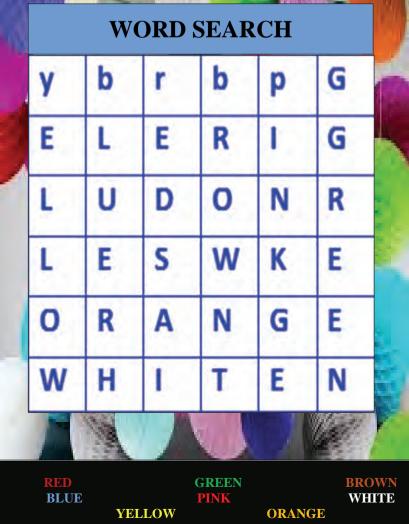
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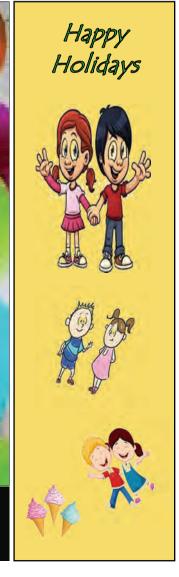
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August Recipes



Ratatouille Tart

Ingredients:

For the pastry:

250g plain flour

½ tsp salt

125g butter, chilled and cut into small pieces

1 egg, beaten

2 to 3 tbsp water

For the ratatouille:

100ml olive oil

2 medium onions, sliced

2 large aubergines

2 red peppers, seeded and cubed

4 small courgettes, sliced

4 large tomatoes, sliced

Salt and pepper

4 cloves garlic, crushed

25g parsley

25g basil

Half a lemon, zest and juice

200g mozzarella, chopped or grated

Method:

First, make the pastry by mixing the flour and salt together, then rub in the butter until you have what resembles fine breadcrumbs. Bring the crumbs together with the beaten egg and the water, making sure you add just what is needed. Allow the pastry to rest for 20 minutes.

While the pastry is resting, make the ratatouille. Heat the oil in a pan and add the onions, season well with salt and pepper and cook until they are soft, allowing them to brown a little. Next, add the aubergines and peppers and cook until soft and starting to brown, then add the tomatoes and the courgettes and a little more seasoning. Mix well and cover with a lid and allow the vegetables to stew in their own juices on a low heat for 20 minutes. Finally stir in the crushed garlic along with the herbs and lemon and mix well. Allow to stand for 20 minutes for the flavours to develop. Preheat the oven to 200°C and while the vegetables are cooking roll out the pastry and line a loose bottom 30cm tart tin. Bake it blind (without a filling) until golden brown. Allow to cool. Finally, fill the case with vegetables and scatter it with the grated cheese. Return to the oven until the cheese has melted.



300g/10.5oz fresh asparagus spears 1 tbsp canola oil

2 cloves garlic, crushed

Zest of 1 lemon

300g/10.5oz shortcrust pastry Flour, for dusting

Olive oil

4 eggs

250ml/8.5 floz double cream

200g/7oz cheese

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4. Wash the asparagus spears then snap away and discard any woody ends. Place on a baking sheet and brush with the canola oil, sprinkle over the crushed garlic and lemon zest. Lightly grease the tartlet molds with a little oil. Sprinkle some flour over a clean board, roll out the pastry and line the molds with it. Trim the edges with a knife then line with baking or parchment paper and fill with baking beans or dried lentils. Bake the prepared asparagus and the tart shell in the oven alongside each other for 10 minutes. Crack the eggs into a bowl, whisk in the cream and the grated cheese then season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Take the asparagus out of the oven and keep it to one side. Then take the tart shell out of the oven and carefully tip out the baking beans or lentils and lift out the paper. Put the tart shell back in the oven for another 10 minutes.

Take the tart shell out of the oven again and place the roasted asparagus into the tart. Pour the egg and cheese mixture evenly over the top of the asparagus.

Bake the filled tartlets for a further 15 minutes, until the filling is bubbling and golden.



Makes: 4



he beginning of the end of the summer is nigh. Sorry to sound all doom and gloom, but the fact is, once August is out, we're into the season of mellow fruitfulness where the best of the harvest comes to fruition. But we've still got a couple of weeks to go yet and can look forward to picking lots more veggies from tunnels, gardens and raised beds as this month takes a bow. And as all gardeners know, there's still plenty of work to be done! Keep patio container plants well watered and feed with a liquid fertiliser every fortnight. Stake tall or top heavy Dahlias and Lilies to prevent wind and rain damage. Dead-head bedding plants and perennial plants to stop them self-seeding and to encourage further flowering into the



August usually brings plenty of opportunity to relax and enjoy the garden, even though we know there are jobs still to be done to keep it looking good. Even though ladybirds are an attractive sight in any garden they are also a great help to gardeners because they are a natural predator of aphids such as greenfly, blackfly and whitefly. So here's a simple tip to help your plants to survive and

thrive – when you see a ladybird in the garden, pick it up and place it in your greenhouse or on your roses, fruit trees or anything you're worried about. It will make itself at home in no time and hungrily devour the pests. And don't forget that you can attract more ladybirds with a Ladybird Tower or a Bug Box.

Going away on holiday and there's no one to water your plants in the greenhouse or conservatory, then it may be worth considering one of the many watering devices available while away such as Watering Mats, Micro-drip Watering System & Timer Set, Watering Spike and an Adjustable Drip Feeder.

August gardening chores can be a mixed bag. For many gardeners, the month of August begins the downhill slide into off season. Warm climate gardeners have a second chance, but some don't have a second wind after summer's heat. By all means, take some time to simply enjoy your garden and all the hard work you've put into it. But August weather is often milder than we expect and it's a great time to perk things up in the garden, after July's extremes. Your garden plants are hardier than you think and there are plenty of gardening tasks for August that will keep your flower and vegetable gardens going longer, as well as opportunities to get a head start on next year's garden plans.

There's lots of pruning, deadheading and harvesting to be done in August, so if you're off on your holidays make sure you get some help for your garden or plan ahead. You can also start preparing for the autumn veg patch and start to sow flowers for next spring. Most long-flowering perennials such as Geranium Psilostemon and Geranium 'Johnson's Blue' have finished blooming now, so cut them right to the ground and water to encourage them to put up a second flush of foliage as soon as possible and generally prevent the garden from looking frazzled and messy.

Trim back your lavender once it has finished flowering, to stop it growing leggy. Although weeds will be growing more slowly than in the spring, it's an idea to continue to hoe the soil to keep them down. This should be done in warm, dry conditions to ensure any weed seedlings left on the surface dehydrate and die.

Echinacea's and Rudbeckias. They will have so much more impact in the garden looking perky and upstanding, rather than trailing along the ground. Prune your wisteria after flowering by removing all the whippy side shoots from the main branch framework to about five leaves from the main stem. Prune rambling roses after flowering. Pull Alstroemerias – as Alstroes go over from their first flowering, pull (rather



than cut) the stems, as you do rhubarb. This encourages more growth from below ground to give you a huge second flush of flowers right through the autumn. Make sure stakes are in place too, as most Alstroes are vigorous and will flop about in the autumn gales. Stake late-flowering perennials such as Asters, Sunflowers and Japanese Anemone. If you have a bumblebee nest in your garden count yourself lucky and your garden wildlife-friendly-and don't panic: they die out naturally in autumn.

August is the last month of summer in Ireland and should be an opportunity for gardeners to enjoy the fruits of their spring labour. After the perfect gardening weather over the past two months fruiting and flowering plants have performed particularly well and have rewarded us with a bountiful crop

Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTO BLOCKBUSTER MOV



Jaws is considered the first summer blockbuster.

- 1) What was the name of the fictional place where the shark appeared in Jaws?
- Coney Island A.
- Sandbar Point В.
- *C*. Devil's Island
- D. Amity Island

Star Wars is one of the top franchises in movie history and has spawned multiple spin off series and movies from the original trilogy that started it all.



- In which Star Wars movie is Darth Vader revealed as Luke Skywalker's father?
- The Return of the Jedi A.
- A New Hope \boldsymbol{B} .
- The Empire Strikes Back *C*.
- D. Star Trek Beyond

Grease (1978) was the hugely popular summer musical of the 1970s, with the charismatic pairing of John Travolta and Olivia-Newton-John.

3) The last song that is sung at the end of *Grease* (1978) is 'You're the One That I Want'



- True
- В. **False**

- 4) Why wasn't Sandy allowed in 'The Pink Ladies' in Grease?
- She was too pure to be pink \boldsymbol{A} .
- В. She was a pink lady
- *C*. She didn't want to be
- D. She was new

Raiders of the Lost Ark was the beginning of a very successful franchise in the Indiana Jones series of films.

- 5) Who directed Raiders of the Lost Ark?
- George Lucas \boldsymbol{A} .
- В. Martin Scorsese
- *C*. James Cameron
- D. Steven Spielberg

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial is one of the greatest science-fiction movies ever made.



- 6) What sweets does Elliott use to lure E.T. out of the backyard shed?
- A. Skittles
- M&M's **B**.
- *C*. Reese's pieces
- Hershey's

With a terrific star turn from Chevy Chase, National Lampoon's Vacation is one of the most consistently funny summer movies of the 1980s.



- 7) Who plays the security guard featured at the end of National Lampoon's Vacation?
- John Candy \boldsymbol{A} .
- В. John Belushi
- Dan Aykroyd *C*.
- D. Chris Farley

Bridesmaids was the smash hit, gag-filled, femalecentred comedy of 2011.

- 8) Annie and Lillian get busted in the park for what?
- Feeding hard bread to the ducks
- В. Taking an exercise class and not paying
- Insulting a police officer *C*.
- Stealing a handbag

Jurassic Park (1993) broke box-office records with some of Spielberg's most spectacular sequences and special effects since Jaws.



- 9) What is Jeff Goldblum's job in Jurassic Park?
- Mathematician A.
- В. Geologist
- Zoologist *C*.
- D. Linguistics Professor

Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation was the 2015 entry in the slick spy series franchise, with Tom Cruise thrilling audiences to his daredevil stunts on screen.

- 10) Which character does Tom Cruise play in Mission Impossible?
- Alan Hunley \boldsymbol{A} .
- Benji Dunn B.
- *C*. Ethan Hawke
- D. Luther Stickell

Ghostbusters (1984) is the classic blend of special effects and fun with comic legends Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Rick Moranis on terrific form.

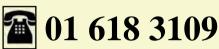
- 11) In what building do Ray, Peter and Egon encounter their first ghost in Ghostbusters?
- New York Public Library \boldsymbol{A} .
- В. **Grand Central Station**
- *C*. Dana's Apartment
- D. Empire State Building





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- Robot building workshop

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The Start of Heritage Week at Maynooth Castle: Sharing stories and making connections (by Moira Devery, OPW guide at the Castle)

Heritage Week got off to a flying start at Maynooth Castle on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

OPW guide Alan set the pace at 12 noon with a very informative and exciting recount of Silken Thomas' rebellion against the English crown in 1534. More than 25 people listened attentively as he recounted how cannon balls fired from Crew Hill damaged the castle roof but that the castle actually fell because of the bribe offered to the Castle Constable who got the garrison drunk on the FitzGerald family's Spanish wine stored in the undercroft.



At 2pm 12 musicians and singers from the local session group Push for Porter set themselves up at the sheltered base of the granite plinth to play. With their lively traditional reels, jigs, polkas and slides they drew the crowds in like the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Chairs were carried out of the Keep to seat the ever-increasing numbers of families and other visitors. With their fiddles, flutes, tin whistles, banjos,

mandolins, bodhráns, guitars and songs, the very talented musicians played for two hours non-stop while the sun shone down gently and the clouds overhead remained benignly white and fluffy. A warm breeze meant everyone could enjoy the good weather without the help of umbrellas and galoshes. Yiha!

Tunes like the Belltable Waltz, An Gaoth Aneas and songs like The Black Velvet Band, The Wild Rover, The Rose of Allendale and many more rang out in the grounds of the Castle and were enjoyed by many of the 666 visitors to the Castle



Karolina Wozniak, daughter of Ania Stempel-Wozniak

that day between 10 and 6pm. Some were locals while others came from as far away as France, the USA and Australia. Two of the musicians, inspired by the music and relaxed atmosphere, ventured a waltz cum jive and entertained the spectators with their spontaneous choreography. Little Karolina, however, the daughter of one of the musicians, stole the show with her recitation of "Lámh, lámh eile" and her Irish dancing skills.

The tours offered by the OPW guiding staff during Heritage Week are different to those normally offered. Katherine's costumed tour on Medieval medicine and sickness is entitled "A spoonful of medieval medicine: lotions, potions and cures" while Mary's tour is about "Daily Life in the Castle" and focuses on aspects of social history, in particular the important role of the women in running the castle and smuggling the 11th Earl off to the Medici in Florence.



OPW Guide in costume: Katherine Colthurst

Moira's tour is an Irish-language tour for those who would like to hear the basic history of the castle as Gaeilge in honour of Bliain na Gaeilge and our native

language which was spoken in Ireland when the Normans arrived here. Joe's tour focuses on "The Demise of the Castle" with particular reference to Richard Boyle, the Earl of Cork, and his reconstruction of the castle in the 17th century. A daily schedule of tours is available at the Castle or on our Facebook page.



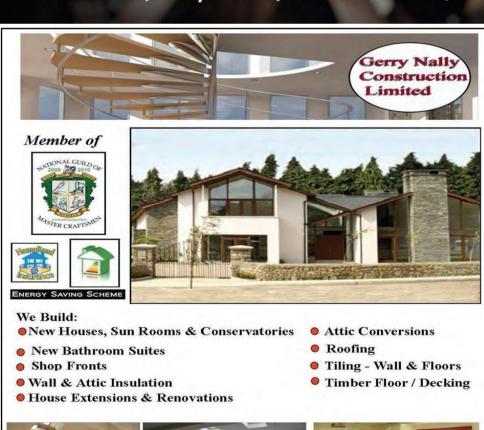
Three locals enjoying Alan's tour on Silken Thomas: Ciaran Macken, Judy Conroy, John Boyd and a visitor from Alabama, USA who preferred to remain nameless.



Moira Devery (OPW Guide) Catherine O' Neill with Caira & Aaron at Maynooth Castle

Finally, anyone who is unfortunate enough to miss Heritage Week can call in to see us on Culture Night, September 21st when the Castle remains open later than usual. Bígí linn, a chairde agus bain sult as Seachtain na hOidhreachta! For more information on Culture Night visit: http://www.kildare.ie/arts/index.asp





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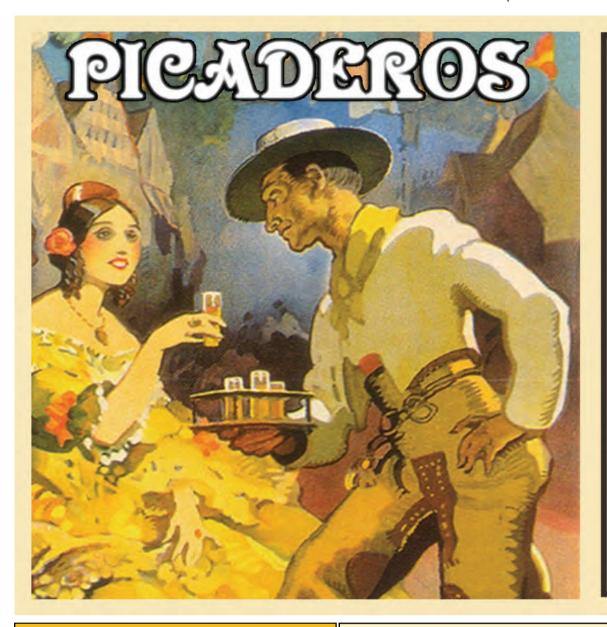
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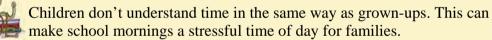


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But staying calm and getting along in the morning will help you all feel positive about the day ahead. For example, fighting with children in the morning makes it harder for you to work well. It even increases the risk of you having an accident at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





Cllr. McGinley Calls for a New Footpath to the Maynooth Playground

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September: "That a footpath be constructed from the new footpath/cycle path at the bottom of the Harbour Field to where the footpath ends at the Adult Exercise equipment, so that parents don't have to push buggies through the grass."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Reduced Speed Limits in Parklands and Silken Vale

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September: "That 30 kph "Slow Zone" signs be erected at the entrances to Parklands/Castlebridge and Silken Vale/The Arches estates, similar to those already erected in other Maynooth Housing Estates."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Bad Corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, to be Removed

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September: "In light of the decision by An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission for 462 dwellings and student accommodation at Mariaville/Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and given the increased traffic that the development will generate on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, what plans do the Council have to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, near Pebble Hill House, as it constitutes a serious traffic hazard if the road is not straightened at this point."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Provision of More Creches in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September: "What developments in Maynooth in the Past 10 years have failed to provide creches as per their planning permission and what enforcement action are the Council going to take on the matter?"

Cllr. McGinley and His Colleagues Emmet Stagg and Angela Feeney have Made the Following Submission on Planning Application Ref: 18/762 (Revision of 16/1153), Kelston Properties Ltd. At Carton Court/Greenfield Drive/Maynooth Park, Maynooth

"We wish to make the following submission on this Planning Application:

- 1. The land adjacent to Maynooth Park and Greenfield Drive floods every year. It floods the back gardens of houses 54 and 55 Maynooth Park. Also, the land in the centre of the public Open Space, opposite House No.74 Carton Court, becomes a lake at heavy rain times. Construction of the new dwellings will add seriously to this flooding. It is therefore imperative that site attenuation of surface water be a condition of planning in order to counter destructive storm water charges.
- 2. That a 2m high block wall capped and rendered be erected between Greenfield Drive and the public open space, to replace the existing barb wire fence. This wall should be similar to the new boundary wall that the Applicant proposes to replace the existing boundary wall with Carton Court on the western side of the public open space.
- That the provision for a pedestrian and cycle access from the site to Greenfield Drive at house 61Greenfield Drive and at house 74 Carton Court be removed, as residents are of the firm belief that such connections lead to antisocial behaviour. Greenfield Drive has been a quiet cul de sac for the last 45 years and so has the cul-de-sac at Carton Court.
- That the 2.2ha Public Open Space be handed over to Kildare County Council when it has been landscaped.
- 5. That it be made a condition of Planning that the Distributor Road from Straffan Road to Griffin Rath/Celbridge Road be fully completed and handed over to Kildare County Council before any dwellings are occupied.
- 6. That all spoil from the site be used to create a mound between the houses and the M4 in order to act as a noise barrier. Also, in addition to a 2.5m high noise barrier that

a forest of evergreen trees be planted in the 91m Motorway Exclusion Zone to help reduce traffic noise and in order to prevent it from becoming an overgrown wilderness."

Stagg Calls For Additional Gardaí for Kildare

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has renewed his call for additional Gardaí to be assigned to the Kildare Division in forthcoming allocations of probationer gardai and also through the transfer of Gardaí from other Divisions to Kildare. Mr. Stagg stated that 14 probationer Gardaí have been assigned to the Kildare Division so far this year with additional probationer Gardaí to be assigned following the next graduation in September.

However, to reduce the historical under-manning of the Gardaí in Kildare, there must also be a concerted campaign to transfer Gardaí from other divisions into Kildare. In the first 6 months of 2018 the net gain for Kildare from Transfers In and Out of the Division was only 4 gardaí, made up of 5 additional gardaí transferred in and a reduction in the number of sergeants in the division by 1. The Chief Superintendent, Brian Sutton, is already on record stating that he has a list as long as his arm of experienced members looking to transfer to the Kildare Division.

The numbers, stated Mr. Stagg, being transferred from other Divisions, is paltry and must be ramped up. We are making progress on Garda Numbers but more needs to be done. Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would contact the Garda Commissioner to impress on him the importance of not only assigning probationer gardaí to the Kildare Division but to also sanction the transfer of Gardaí from other Divisions to improve policing in Kildare.

Stagg Critical of Further Delay in State Funding for North Kildare Swimming Pool

Following the publication of the National Sports Policy by the Sports Minister on Wednesday July 25th, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has criticised the fact that a new Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme of grants was not announced as part of the National Sports Policy, and instead we have to await for a new National Strategy for Swimming to be drawn up.

Prior to the publication of the New Sports Policy, stated Mr. Stagg, it was the clear understanding that the issue of future funding of swimming pools would be specifically dealt with. Now we have to await this new National Strategy for Swimming. We also, stated Mr. Stagg, have to await a review of the provision of swimming pools, whether publicly or privately owned, across the country to identify where gaps in provision for schools and communities can be met, and where sufficient potential demand exists, both among children and adults, to justify the building of a new pool.

The only positive message from the policy, stated Mr. Stagg, is a recognition that the grants of €3.8 Million in the last Programme are not sufficient to cover potential new swimming pool projects, and that consideration will be given in the future to allow Local Authorities to apply for funding under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund. That though will have to await the National Strategy for Swimming and the Audit of current Swimming Pools. Mr. Stagg stated that an audit was not required to show clearly that a Swimming Pool was required in North Kildare.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that it was imperative that the National Strategy for Swimming was completed quickly as well as the audit of current swimming pools so we could get a dedicated team in Kildare Co. Council to seek funding for the Swimming Pool for North Kildare and he vowed to apply pressure on the Minister to ensure further delays were minimised.

Stagg Welcomes Sanctioning of Pre-Qualification of Contractors for New Maynooth Boy's NS

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has again been in contact with the Minister for Education in relation to progressing the construction of the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that the project was currently at Detailed Design Stage and with planning permission, fire certificates and disability access certificates now in place, the Department has recently authorised the New School to proceed to pre-qualification of contractors. The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that the Pre-Qualification process normally takes between 8 and 12 weeks to complete and once completed the project can then proceed to Tender Stage.

Welcoming this further progress Mr. Stagg stated that the New Maynooth Boys' NS was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st last 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. Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to press the Minister until the go-ahead to invite tenders issued to the school

Contract Awarded for Construction of New Maynooth Educate Together School - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed confirmation from the Department of Education that the Contract for the construction of the New Maynooth Educate Together School has been awarded.

Mr. Stagg stated that MEIC Limited were awarded the contract on Friday 17th August following the issuing of a Letter of Acceptance by the Department of Education.

Mr. Stagg stated that this was great news for the pupils, teachers and parents of the school who along with their Board of Management have campaigned for the new permanent building for the school over the years. Mr. Stagg stated that he wanted to congratulate all those involved in the successful campaign. The New school, stated Mr. Stagg, will comprise a 2 storey 16 classroom school and will replace the existing temporary accommodation.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to the construction of the new school commencing soon and its completion within the expected 10 month construction timeframe.

Tenders Sought for Detailed Ground Investigation for Maynooth Eastern Relief Road - Stagg

Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the invitation of tenders for Detailed Ground Investigation Works for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road.

Mr. Stagg stated that Kildare Co. Council are continuing to work with Consulting Engineers Roughan & O'Donovan in the design of the Maynooth Eastern Relief Road which will link the Leixlip Road at Blacklion and the Celbridge Road. The project will also include the construction of a bridge over the railway and Royal Canal and €14.5 Million is the amount available for the project under the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation

The Tenders sought for the Detailed Ground Investigation have to be returned to Kildare Co. Council by September 5th. The Ground Investigation is required before the final design of the road can be completed and involves an examination of the ground conditions which helps in the analysis of engineering and environmental considerations in relation to the project. It is an essential part of civil engineering and informs the engineers of the distribution of materials in the ground and their behaviour during construction and when the project is completed.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that it was important that Kildare Co. Council officials continued to press ahead with the detailed work on the Maynooth Eastern Relief Road as it will assist in relieving the chronic traffic congestion in Maynooth Main Street.

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Appealing your Leaving Cert results Ouestion

I am unhappy with the result in one of my Leaving Cert subjects and think that I should have got a higher grade. How can I get the grade checked?

Answer

If you are not satisfied with the mark you got in a Leaving Certificate subject, you can appeal this result to the State Examinations Commission (SEC).

Before you decide to appeal, you can view your examination script at the school where you sat the exam. When you get your exam results, your school will get a personalised application form for you. If you want to view your exam script, you must complete this form and return it to your school by **21 August 2018**.

The Organising Superintendent appointed by the SEC will assign you to one of the viewing sessions, on either 31 August or 1 September. You can only view your scripts from the written examinations – not the results of oral examinations or marks for practical examinations.

If you decide to appeal your result, you can use the <u>online Appeals Application Service</u>. This service will be available from 12 noon on 20 August 2018. You need your examination number and PIN to access this service.

When you apply online and pay the fee, you will get an Appeal Confirmation Form, which you must print and bring to the Organising Superintendent in your school **no later** than 3 September 2018.

If you stay on your One-Parent Family Payment and are studying full-time on an approved course, you can apply for both the maintenance and fee components of

If you cannot use the online service, you must contact the SEC for a personalised appeal application form, pay the appeal fee in a bank and get the bank to stamp the form to confirm payment. Bring the stamped form to the Organising Superintendent in your school **no later than 3 September 2018.**

Your script will then be <u>sent to an appeal examiner for re-marking</u>. The appeal fee is €40 per subject for the <u>Established Leaving Certificate</u>. The appeal fee for the <u>Applied Leaving Certificate</u> is €15.50 per subject. You will get this fee back if your result is upgraded.

Renting out a room in your home Ouestion

I have an extra room in my home and I would like to rent it out. Will I have to pay tax on this rental income?

Answer

If you rent out a room in your home, the rental income you earn is exempt from income tax, PRSI and the Universal Social Charge – provided it is less than €14,000 in a tax year (1 January to 31 December). This is called <u>rent-a-room relief</u>. Rental income includes the total rent and any money that the tenant pays directly to you for food, utilities, laundry or similar services. The income you get must be under the exemption limit of €14,000. If it is over this limit, you are taxed on the total amount.

Your home must be in the State and you must occupy it as your sole residence during the year of assessment. This means that it is your home for most of the year and is where people would normally expect to make contact with you.

Some self-contained units qualify for this relief but they must be attached to your home, for example, a basement flat in your home.

You do not have to own the property to get rent-a-room relief – you can be a tenant sub-letting to someone else. In this case, you should check with your landlord that sub-letting is allowed.

The rent-a-room relief applies only to residential tenancies, not to short-term guest arrangements, and tenants must use the room on a long-term basis. So, renting a room to a student for the academic year or for a one-month course is covered, but providing accommodation to occasional visitors for short periods, for example, through an online accommodation booking site, is not.

You cannot claim the relief if you are renting a room to your civil partner, son or

daughter, or if you are an employee and your company pays you to allow clients to use the room on an occasional basis.

One-Parent Family Payment and going back to education Ouestion

I am parenting alone and getting a One-Parent Family Payment. I would like to go back to college. What are my options?

Answer

Your options depend on your circumstances. You can go back to education and transfer onto the Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) or you can choose to keep your One-Parent Family payment. You will need to assess whether it is more beneficial for you to transfer to the BTEA when you go back to education or to remain on your One-Parent Family Payment and apply for a student grant.

If you go onto the BTEA, you will not be eligible for the maintenance component of the student grant. However, you can apply under the student grant scheme for a fee grant to cover the student contribution and course fees/field trip costs (where appropriate). You can also keep your Rent Supplement, medical card and other secondary benefits you may have.

If you qualify for the BTEA, you are also entitled to an annual Cost of Education Allowance of €500 as you have a dependent child.

If you stay on your One-Parent Family Payment and are studying full-time on an approved course, you can apply for both the maintenance and fee components of the student grant. If you study part-time, you may be able to keep your Rent Supplement. However if you go back to full-time education and stay on your One-Parent Family Payment, you will no longer be eligible for Rent Supplement.

If you are on the Rental Accommodation Scheme or living in local authority housing, you continue to pay your differential rent. However, this may be affected by the student grant, depending on your other sources of income.

Visit studentfinance.ie to find out more about financial supports while studying.

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 also looking for work. How much Jobseeker's Allowance am I entitled to?

Answer

In general, people aged under 26 get a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance.

As you are cohabiting, you have two payment options. Your partner could claim for you as a dependent adult on their Jobseeker's Allowance claim. They would be paid their personal payment of €152.80 and €131.40 for you each week. This would give you a total household weekly payment of €284.20.

Alternatively, if you claim Jobseeker's Allowance in your own right, the maximum personal amount you are eligible for is €107.70 a week. Even though the rate paid is less, it might be more beneficial for you because, as a claimant in your own right, you may 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 get a higher rate of payment. For example, all Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) participants aged under 26 who were getting a reduced age-related Jobseeker's Allowance payment, get a maximum BTEA rate of €198 per week.

You can find the full list of current Jobseeker's Allowance rates online at **citizensinformation.ie.**



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Maynooth Commuter line capacity must increase as new station added.

The need for additional carriages on the Maynooth commuter service has gained urgency as updated planning permission was granted for a new station at Pelletstown, between Ashtown and Boombridge train stations.

The news emerging from Dublin City Council that updated planning has been approved for a new station on the Maynooth commuter line will not be welcomed by any train users so long as the Government allow over crowded trains on a daily basis. It does not make sense that a new station be added to the line while the rail fleet serving this line is already at capacity.

This commuter line, which travels through the Taoiseach's own constituency, has been neglected by the Government. The last time I raised the capacity issues with the Minister for Transport I was told that enlargement of the rail fleet would happen in 2022. That is four more years of overcrowding with a growing work force commuting to Dublin and now an additional station to add to the numbers.

The Government must treat this as a special case. It is unique that a new train station is added to a busy rail line so a unique resolution to the capacity issues must be found.

HSE appoints almost six hundred managers in six years

Figures recently released to Fianna Fáil by the HSE show that the numbers of managers at Grade VIII and above in the HSE now stands at 1,329. This compares to 744 six years ago.

Anytime a Dáil Deputy stands up in Leinster House inquiring about waiting lists or service provision we are constantly told about the difficulties in recruiting front line staff and the shortage of personnel.

This clearly does not apply in the managerial grades where there has been an almost 80% increase since 2012. Certainly we have not seen an 80% increase in nurses or doctors during that time. If we had there would be nearly 5,000 extra doctors and 20,000 more nurses.

Many people will wonder exactly what these additional managers have brought to the health service. The HSE has previously claimed that improved management and governance leads to better patient outcomes. Certainly in terms of emergency department overcrowding and waiting lists, things are much worse now than they were in 2012.

Bus Connects Public Consultation on New Bus Services

Bus Connects will host a public consultation afternoon in advance of the proposed new redesign of Dublin Bus services to the greater Dublin area, including Maynooth. The public consultation will take place in Manor Mills Shopping Centre from 2pm to 8pm on Friday September 14th. All are welcome to attend to see the proposed new routes and frequencies of the upgraded bus services for Maynooth.

Commuters are encouraged to submit their own observations on the new routes. You can send your submissions by post to BusConnects Network Redesign, National Transport Authority, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2, D02 WT20.

Business competitiveness under attack from unrelenting pressure on wages from rent inflation

Business competitiveness is under attack from rocketing rent costs and a lack of affordable housing. New figures show an unrelenting pressure on private rental costs across the country, but especially in cities and large urban areas.

As rents continue to rocket and private home building remains sub-demand, this crisis is only going to get worse. Employees are seeing their wages being swallowed by up fixed costs such as rent and insurance costs.

With rents continuing to rise, workers will require pay rises just to pay rent and live. This will depress the competitiveness of Irish businesses, and businesses located in Ireland. We have seen queues of students, young couples and overseas workers outside apartments and home to rent. The craziness has started again, and unless we nip it in the bud, we risk damaging our competitiveness even further.

This cannot continue. The housing crisis is risking our economy's very viability, and unless the Government accepts the basic economic principle that until supply matches demand, rents will continue to rocket.

There is simply a lack of capacity in all areas of the residential housing market. Until more units are built for rent or for sale, we will continue to see queues of people clambering to get a foot on the housing ladder.

The process of building housing in this country is simply too bureaucratic. We need to actively look at the planning process to speed up the delivery of housing. It's true that the Irish economy is growing.

However, unless the lack of availability of affordable housing is addressed, it will stop growing. It's time we got on top of it. Otherwise, we risk losing jobs and thereby limiting the ability of our State to invest in vital public services.

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Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 27/7/18 to 20/8/18 Information from Kildare County Council Website

181010	Kildare County Council	Robert Stapleton,	10 Rockfield Grove, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/08/2018
181011	Kildare County Council	Filatore Limited,	Junction of Fagan's Lane and Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/08/2018
18990	Kildare County Council	Dara Residential Services Ltd.	36 & 36A Maynooth Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare	15/08/2018
18963	Kildare County Council	Filatore Ltd.	junction of Fagan's Lane and Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	09/08/2018
18950	Kildare County Council	Leo MacCanna and Alice Austin,	17 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/08/2018
18953	Kildare County Council	Lorraine Daly,	5 Beaufield Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/08/2018
18945	Kildare County Council	Niall Saul,	Mountainview, 5 Obelisk Lane, Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	03/08/2018
18922	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	31/07/2018
18911	Kildare County Council	Andrew & Arlene Boland,	33 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/07/2018



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Outright ban on exploration of Oil and Gas would be counterproductive says O'Rourke

Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that having an outright ban on exploring Oil and Gas in Ireland would be counterproductive. Deputy O'Rourke was speaking after a presentation was given by the Irish Offshore Operators' Association to the Oireachtas Climate Change Committee.

"An outright ban on exploring Oil and Gas would be counterproductive to Ireland's competitiveness, to Ireland's Energy security, to our ability to attract Foreign Direct Investment, would negatively affect our balance of payments and has the potential to increase the cost of living for our citizens."

"I fully subscribe to the principle of seeking sustainable and low carbon energy sources. Indeed, Ireland has made significant progress in relation to having a more sustainable energy mix. However, this does not mean that we stop all current methods of securing our energy source and developing our own indigenous energy supplies." "Around 90% of Ireland Energy requirement is supplied by Fossil Fuels, with over 70% of our requirement being imported. The balance is provided by sustainable mode of energy supply which is increasing but in no way will meet the growing demand of the country's energy requirements (electricity, heating, transport) in the future."

"Currently Corrib Gas provides over half of our gas needs and has resulted in our energy import bill dropping from €4.6 billion to €3.4 billion in 2016. This indigenous gas source provides protection to Ireland against interruption to the supply of imported gas. A replacement for Corrib will be required in the coming years as production declines in order to retain our energy independence and security of supply."

"Banning exploration in Ireland would significantly increase the risk around energy security."

"Energy security is a key enabler to attracting FDI, where Kildare has been very successful. It also has the potential to ensure that we have a competitive cost base from the perspective of energy cost.

"Recently the cost of energy has increased and we need to ensure that our future energy mix is balanced to provide Ireland with a competitive and secure supply of energy. An outright ban on Gas and Oil exploration would negatively impact that objective." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Public Consultation on new Bus Routes extended says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has confirmed that the public consultation period on the proposed new Dublin Bus routes has been extended to 28th of September. Deputy O'Rourke confirmed the extension following a meeting he had with the CEO of Dublin Bus Mr. Ray Coyne.

"Public Consultation on the proposals to change the Dublin Bus Routes commences on Monday 16th July next and has been extended to the 28th of September."

"The National Transport Authority (NTA) have published their proposals to redesign the Dublin Area Bus Network. Existing bus numbers, servicing the most popular routes into the city centre, are to be replaced with seven superfrequent spines routes (A to G). These spine routes are to be supplemented with orbital routes that stay out of the city centre, but link up with the spines."

"Route 66 Bus Service from Maynooth will be replaced by Route C3 Service, which will provide 12 services between 7am and 9 am up from 9 currently."

"Similarly Route 67 Bus Service, servicing Celbridge, will

be replaced by Route C4, with increased frequency linking into Leixlip and Lucan. The C4 service will provide an increase to 12 services between 7am and 9am. Their will also be 3 direct links from Celbridge to Dublin at peak times."

"There is going to be a better service and connectivity from Celbridge and Leixlip to Loiusa Bridge and Hazelhatch Train stations. In addition, a new Orbital route, linking Moyglare Road in Maynooth to Celbridge town, Hazelhatch Train Station, to Newcastle then to Citywest and onto Tallaght."

"Commuters that have made contact with me have highlighted disappointment with the dropping of some direct service from Celbridge and Leixlip to the city centre. As I have said before, we need improved public transport with increased frequency and improved travel times and I asked the CEO of Dublin Bus to minimize the change to the direct services."

"Full details of the proposals is on www.busconnects.ie. The NTA will be arranging a series of local information sessions at various venues and I have requested again that North Kildare be a location for one of the sessions and I encourage all commuters to have their say." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Waiting list for homecare packages adversely impacting on older people - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has criticised the Government for failing to properly resource the Home Care Scheme.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after obtaining information which shows that 724 people in the CHO 7 Hospital Group, which includes Kildare, West Wicklow and parts of Dublin, are currently waiting for home care supports.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "It's unacceptable that so many older people are waiting for access to vital home care supports. These people have already been assessed by the HSE and it has been determined that they need additional home care supports. It's perfectly clear for all to see that the Government simply isn't providing the necessary resources to ensure people get access to the home care supports that they need.

"I have raised this issue directly with HSE management and have asked for details on how the waiting list for home care supports will be cleared. The replies that I have received to date leave a lot to be desired as the HSE have made it clear that they do not have the funding needed to meet demand. HSE management have said that the matter is in the hands of the Minister for Health Simon Harris for consideration.

"It makes little sense to delay giving home care supports to people that need them. It goes against the Government's stated aim of ensuring people can continue living in their home if they so choose to do so. It is also leading to unnecessary overcrowding in our hospitals. There are many older people in hospitals that are ready to be discharged but are unable to return home as the necessary home care supports have not been put in place.

"Minister Harris and his Government colleagues need to ensure that the Home Care Support Scheme is properly resourced. We all know that there are limited resources, but the current situation is only leading to increases costs in the long run due to overcrowding in hospitals and a scarcity of beds in nursing homes," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke Raises Requirement for extra Gardaí with Minister

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has discussed the

need for extra Gardaí in North Kildare with the Minister for Justice in the Dáil again before the summer recess.

"Recently, under topical issues in Dáil Éireann, I pressed the Minister for Justice for extra Gardaí for North Kildare and in particular Celbridge and Maynooth. I have also recently met with Assistant Commissioner Fanning, Chief Superintendent Brian Sutton and Superintendent Gerry Wall, to press for extra Garda resources."

"I appreciate that we have secured extra Gardaí in North Kildare this year which are in place in Celbridge, Maynooth and Leixlip with further additional Gardaí to be in place before the end of the year in Celbridge. However, Maynooth and other areas needs extra Gardaí as the population base grows and Maynooth being a university town. As with Public Transport, Education and Health facilities, we need to provide adequate numbers of Gardaí as the population grows in North Kildare."

"Kildare has one of the lowest proportion of Gardaí per capita and we need to address this issue. The Minister did agree to keep the matter under review, in particular the case I made for Celbridge, Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock all in the proximity of the University which leads to a large increase in population. He promised to keep me informed of developments and will look positively on putting more resources in place."

"Celbridge Garda numbers are now being increased and it is a step in the right direction. I will continue to press for additional resources for all the surrounding areas." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke

New Bus Route linking Maynooth, Celbridge and Tallaght on the way says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the inclusion of a Bus service linking Maynooth, Celbridge and Tallaght in the Bus Connect proposals, put forward by the National Transport Authority in the proposed redesign of the Dublin Area Bus Network.

"The National Transport Authority (NTA) has published its proposals to redesign the Dublin Area Bus Network. The proposals include an orbital Bus Service linking Maynooth, Celbridge and Tallaght."

"The new route will be known as W8 route. It is an orbital route between Maynooth and Tallaght, via Celbridge. It will commence in Moyglare, Maynooth and will run through Celbridge, connecting to the train at Hazelhatch. It continues on through Newcastle, Rathcoole, Saggart (connecting with Luas) and on to Tallaght town centre. It will operate at 30 minute intervals each weekday from 6am to 11pm."

"I have campaigned for this service over the last number of years and earlier this year, I received a commitment from the NTA that it would consider this service. I am delighted that it is now included in the Bus Connects proposals." Stated Deputy O'Rourke.

Public consultation on the proposed changes to Dublin Bus network has started earlier in July and all submissions must be in before the 28th of September."

"We are making progress on improving our public transport. We have an orbital route in place linking Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip. Construction of the Park and Ride in Kilcock has started and the bus timetable for Kilcock is set for improvement."

"Many residents in Maynooth and Celbridge need to travel to Tallaght for work, attend hospital or go to college. I welcome the inclusion of this route on the proposed Dublin Bus Routes in Bus Connects. I believe it will attract

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Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North Cont/....

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support and I urge the public to support the proposal during public consultation stage.'

"I will continue to engage with the NTA and Public Transport providers to ensure that we make further progress on public transport services." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Contract for National Broadband Plan has still not been signed - O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Minister for Communications, Climate Action & Environment to intervene and bring clarity to the roll out of the National Broadband Plan as delays persist in the roll out of broadband connections in rural areas in County Kildare.

"It is time for the Government to outline a timeline for the signing of the contract for the National Broadband Plan, as there is only one company - Enet - left in the running after Eir pulled out of the process earlier this year."

The delay in the roll out and the signing of the contract is having a serious impact on the hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses who are still waiting to be connected to the network."

"My understanding is that more than 13,000 homes and businesses, or 15% of the total, across the County of Kildare fall under "State led intervention" category for roll

out of Broadband. Some of these homes and businesses are quality of life of hundreds of thousands of individuals and within a few kilometres of major IT Multinational companies and could face waits for another 3 to 5 years to secure high speed broadband."

"The Government's record on broadband provision is disgraceful. The National Broadband Plan was launched in 2012 and it was due to be completed by 2016. We now hear from the Minister that it could be 2023 before it is fully rolled out nationally."

"The current impasse cannot be allowed to continue. The Minister needs to announce a date for the contract to be signed so that the scheme can be rolled out to the areas which need it most". Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Irish Rip Off mortgages now at €2,200 a year -O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD Frank O'Rourke, has stated that Mortgage interest rates charged in Ireland are entirely unjustifiable and the banks must be tackled to ensure that fairer mortgage rates are available to Irish home owners.

"Recent statistics, published by the Central Bank, show that the average interest rate on all new Irish mortgages in June stood at 3.23%, slightly higher than in May. The equivalent average for the euro area is only 1.8%. Ireland is the only country in the euro area with an average rate above 3%.

"This massive differential is impacting negatively on the

families around our country and depriving local economy of much needed stimulus.'

"An Irish borrower, with a 30 year mortgage of €250,000, is paying €1085 per month. This is around €188 per month, equivalent to €2,200 per year and €68,000 over the lifetime of the mortgage, more than they would be paying in the average Euro area country."

"Over the last 10 years, people's wages have increased very little and we need to focus on reducing the cost of living to ease the pressure on wage inflation. Reducing people's mortgage repayments is one mechanism to reduce the cost of living.'

"We have been campaigning for mortgage holders, and particularly those in mortgage arrears, for some time now. Since I got elected to the Dáil, I have worked with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to keep a focus on their concerns. All of the instruments available to the Government and the Central Bank must be used to ensure that Irish mortgage holders receive fair treatment when compared to other EU countries."

"The government must reconsider its opposition to legislation giving more power to the Central Bank to tackle high mortgage rates in light of the most recent statistics."

"A delegation from the Oireachtas Finance Committee will be meeting officials from the ECB next month and we have placed the issue of high mortgage interest rates on the agenda for discussion." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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The origins of current gift conventions date back to 1937, when the American National Retail Jeweller Association expanded the list of gifts. The revamped list gave a gift for every year up to the 20th anniversary and then for every 5th anniversary after that. Traditions vary in different countries but generally the main anniversaries are the same.

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5 th Anniversary	Wood	35 th Anniversary	Coral/Jade
6 th Anniversary	Iron	40 th Anniversary	Ruby
7 th Anniversary	Wool/Copper	45 th Anniversary	Sapphire
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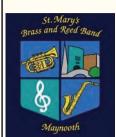
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Newsletter

Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 18th September 2018

St Mary's Brass & Reed Band They Finally Made It



Thanks to the business people and shoppers of Maynooth, St. Mary's Band have this week succeeded in reaching their target of €10,000 to cover the cost of the flights and instruments which allows them to participate in the Bad Orb International Music Festival near Frankfurt in

Germany from 7th to 9th September. They are one of 34 bands from all over Europe taking part and they will be the only Irish Band at the Festival.

Raising the €10,000 has been an immense task but it goes without saying that the Band has been amazed and heartened by the level of support they have received and they will remember all those at home who have made this possible when they proudly sing the Irish National Anthem at the opening ceremony in Bad Orb on Friday 7th September.

As a special thank you to all those supporters the Band gave a special "Hello to Germany Recital" in the Square on Saturday 1st September at 7.30 where they presented the full music programme that they will be playing during the Festival.

Some of the pieces have been specially written for the Festival by the well known Band Composer Jacob de Haan who is the Patron of the Festival and who will also conduct some of his pieces during the weekend.

Once again the Band extends a very sincere thank you to all those supporters who helped to put Maynooth on the map during this Festival in Germany.



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Zero Waste Maynooth

For many people, September is like a second chance to start the year again! So if your green resolutions have gone stale, this is the time to give them a shake and get going!!

Back to School – the five Rs

Refuse – Try not to get sucked in to the idea that "New term= New everything". See what you have – often a little clean will get it looking like new again. Check out second hand options – online and in charity shops.

Reduce – cut back on your single use plastic in lunch boxes. Try not to buy single portions of fruit/crackers/cheese– instead buy a bigger pack and take what you need for your lunchbox each day. This could also save you money.

Reuse – use a reusable water bottle for lunches. And invest in a reusable cup for coffee on the go!

Recycle – put old school notices in the recycle bin. If you still get a lot of paper notices from your school, maybe you could ask them to look into emailing the information instead. If you are buying new school supplies, look for items with recycled content to close the recycling cycle.

Rot – remember to use your brown bin or compost heap for any left over lunch scraps. Food in landfill produces methane which is more than 20 times as potent as CO2.

September Event

On Saturday, September 15th Zero Waste Maynooth and Tidy Town Maynooth are holding our next event in the Community Space from 2-4.30. There will be an **Introduction to Bike Maintenance Workshop**. This is being run by the Rediscovery Centre and is suitable for adults. Participants are asked to bring their bikes along. Booking is required for the workshop as space is limited so please email zerowastemaynooth@gmail.com to save your spot.

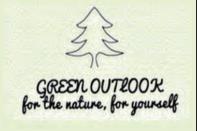
If you fancy doing some plastic free shopping then please come along as Bare Necessities and Green Outlook will be attending.

Bare Necessities sell loose dried goods such as rice, pasta, dried fruit, lentils, beans and the essentials for plastic free cleaning. Bring along your containers to refill!

Green Outlook sells all the unpackaged, cruelty-free, plastic-free, sustainable & natural basics you might need for your zero-waste/low-waste lifestyle – such as shampoo bars, bags and toothpaste. Check out greenoutlook.ie and start writing your shopping list!

The Cloth Nappy Library will also be present to answer any of your questions!!

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on all our upcoming events!







Maynooth Community First Responders CPR Demo – Supervalu 8th September

A group of people from Maynooth have volunteered to set up and provide a fully functioning Community First Responders Unit in Maynooth with the objective of providing a 24/7 service to the town and its surroundings.

In the past years we have seen many communities with a fully trained Community First Responders Unit, registered with and supported by the National Ambulance Service and providing 24/7 support to their communities. A Cardiac First Responder Unit has members who are trained to a level of basic life support in CPR and the use of an AED/defibrillator, who can assist in a life-threatening emergency such as a cardiac arrest, heart attack, stroke or choking. Maynooth does not have this service YET.

Having Community First Responders in your community means that within minutes crucial assistance can be provided to a member of the community until an ambulance arrives.

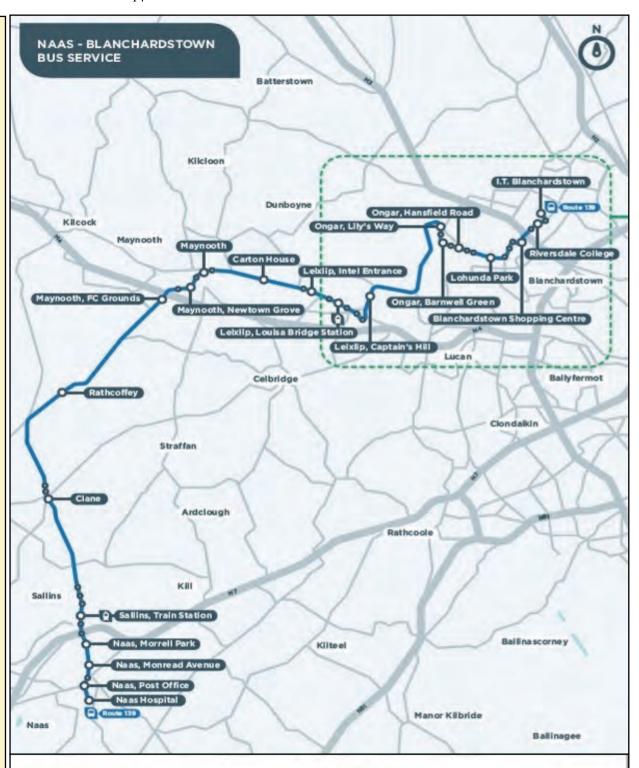
To provide this service to the community we have started with the registration of our Unit, we are in the process of carrying out administrative requirements, we have elected a chairperson and committee, we have also had several meetings. To progress this initiative further we need to buy equipment. The most urgent is to have defibrillators, replacement pads, gloves, a mobile phone, masks, first aid bags, and Hi Vis responder jackets.

As part of our initial fundraising efforts to purchase this essential equipment we will hold a **CPR demo in Supervalu on 8th September from 12 to 5pm**. At this event we will be demonstrating CPR using dummies, asking for donations and be available to talk to anyone interested in volunteering as a Community First Responder.

Come along to find out more about Maynooth CFR and learn about how early CPR saves lives.

For more information contact the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/maynoothcfr







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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Amendment No. 1 to **Maynooth LAP**

Maynooth Cycling Campaign supports Amendment No. 1 to Local Area Plan as it will allow for development of the ring road between the Celbridge and the Dublin Roads and facilitate the

development of housing which is badly needed by many families. However, we made a number of points in a submission, two of which may not be universally supported.

One was in relation to 'decoupling' of the modes which in plain English means increasing the safety of vulnerable road users on the Straffan Road by diverting motorised traffic onto the Ring Road. It would also have the effect of improving Main Street by reducing motorised traffic and creating a more pleasant environment there for pedestrians and cyclists. Such traffic management has been part of the road safety strategy in the Netherlands since the 1970s.

The second point was that Maynooth Cycling Campaign strongly supported the proposed permeable walking and cycling links between the Railpark area and the existing Rockfield and Parklands residential estates. Streets were historically developed which would allow direct routes for pedestrians. The proposed permeable links complement the existing links of estates in Maynooth such as Parklands/ Rockfield and Kingsbry/Beaufield. Maynooth is fortunate as many estates elsewhere in Kildare are completely segregated from one another as a result of pro-car layouts ie cul-de-sacs.

Dublin CyclingWorks

Last year, there was protests by some small business owners about the reallocation of road space from car parking to the provision of cycling facilities in Naas town centre. Coincidentally, the Dublin CyclingWorks website (https:// dublin.cyclingworks.org/) was recently set up so that business leaders could show their support for the provision of high quality cycling infrastructure by calling for greater government investment in the Greater Dublin Cycle Network which includes Kildare. To date more than fifty businesses have come out in support including Trinity College Dublin, Dublin Institute of Technology, Goodbody, Workday, Siemens, CRBE, CPE and Dublin Chamber. This was to reinforce the message that cycling is good for business and that most businesses, large and small, support increased cycling.

Velo-City 2019

Velo-City 2018 which took place in Rio de Janeiro is over. Next year the international bike conference is coming back to Ireland. Planning has already started and the organisers of Velo-City 2019, the European Cycling Federation and Dublin City Council, has issued a call for submissions on the

theme of Cycling for the Ages by October 22nd. So if anyone has ideas about promoting cycling, more information is available at https://www.velocity2019.com/abstract.

Climate Change

The Climate Change Advisory Council's (CCAC) Annual Report 2018 was published at the end of July. The CCAC's role is to advise the government rather than to specify detailed policy decisions but there was explicit mention of the contribution of increased cycling to reduce the effects of climate change. Chairperson John Fitzgerald speaking at the launch of the report said -"Emissions are rising...we need major policy changes...government has not laid out pathways to decarbonise."



Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.









Maynooth Tidy Towns sympathises with Sean and Margaret Lyons on the death of Margaret's mother.

Sunflowers were planted late due to the road works and despite this they have come on very well. Thanks to Moira Baxter who gathered the seed last year and nurtured and nursed them until they were ready for planting.

A date for the diary 27th October to 17th December, Tesco Community Fund you can support Maynooth Tidy Towns during these dates by donating your blue



On Thursday 16th August some members from Life (Maynooth Credit Union) volunteered to work with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

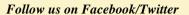
At the time of writing we are anxiously awaiting the Supervalu National Tidy Towns results for 2018. The results are due to be announced at the end of September.

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 2018.

Once again we appeal for VOLUNTEERS to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns 087 3153189







Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community Next Meeting Thurs

Oct 4th in NUIM

The introductory meeting of the Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community took place in the

Inaugural Meeting
Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth
Thursday August 16th 8pm

Glenroyal on Thurs August 16th with a group of ten enthusiastic new members signed up

Support for community energy, support for better homes upgrades and energy upgrades, practical help to home and business owners to plan their energy upgrades and understand the SEAI grant system.

The next meeting will take place in Maynooth University in collaboration with the university campus energy team on Thursday October 4th at 8pm. We will update on Facebook and in next editions of the newsletter to provide the precise location for the next meeting. By building a strong team with the university, developing a Maynooth energy plan and by working with other energy communities around Kildare we will receive stronger support from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland that will lead to bigger investments and projects for Maynooth and North Kildare.

Meanwhile the SEAI Sustainable Energy Communities National Event 2018 will take place on Saturday 8th September, 10:30am - 4:30pm in Athlone Institute of Technology. For those interested in a bigger role and the opportunity to learn more about the programmes contact the SEAI and visit their website for registration details.

For more information contact Peter Hamilton 087 231 6308 or email: peterrham6@gmail.com

K-SELF: Kildare-Sustainable Energy Linkage Forum



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

September already! How time flies when you are enjoying yourself. For the first time though in many years we can't complain about the summer. This year the Sun was free and we didn't have to follow it across Europe. The water however is another subject entirely.

Since I put pen to paper in June we had a lovely coach trip in July to Birr Castle, enjoyed by ninety people. It was a wonderful afternoon and we completed the day with dinner at the County Arms Hotel in Birr. This is a lovely Hotel and worth a visit. The Coaches, as usual, came courtesy of Barton Transport.

Thank you Pat/Fergal for your continued support and to Mary for all your cooperation. A special word of appreciation to Peter Brady and Frank Broad for their excellent and careful driving and their help and attention to all our people.

Our morning club will reopen on Tuesday September 4th and we look forward to seeing all the familiar faces and hopefully a few new ones too. Our committee will also meet that evening at 8pm and we would hope to see a few new faces there as well.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the families of Edward Flood, Sean Hyland, Anne Caden, Michael Cleary and Derek Mee, who passed away recently.

Suaimhneas agus Siochain Doimh go Léir.

Josephine Moore, Chairperson.







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All About September

September is the ninth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with 30 days



September begins in western astrology with the sun in the sign of Virgo and ends in the sign of Libra. Astronomically speaking, the sun actually begins in the constellation of Leo and ends in the constellation of Virgo.

In Latin, *septem* means "seven" and septimus means "seventh"; September was in fact the seventh month of the Roman calendar until 153 BC.

- It is the start of the academic year in some countries.
- On the first Sunday of September, the regata storica parade is staged in Venice, as prelude to the rowing contests known as regattas.
- Labour Day is observed on the first Monday in September in the United States.
- In Japan, Respect for the Aged Day is a national holiday celebrated on the third Monday of September. Autumnal Equinox Day is also a national holiday.
- The equinox named the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere and the vernal or spring equinox in the southern hemisphere occurs on dates varying from 21 September to 24 September (in UTC). In the pagan wheel of the year the spring equinox is the time of Ostara and the autumn equinox is that of Mabon.

September 1st is celebrated as the beginning of Eritrea's 30 year armed struggle for independence from Ethiopia which began in 1961 and ended in 1991.

Other names for September

- In Croatian, September is called Rujan, meaning red month (leaves turn red before falling).
- In Czech, September is called září, meaning glow or shine.
- In Polish, September is called wrzesień, the month when calluna flowers emerge.

Some Trivia

September begins on the same day of the week as December every year.

September's flower is the aster or morning glory.

September's birthstone is the sapphire. In 1752, the British Empire adopted the Gregorian calendar. In the British Empire that year, September 2 was immediately followed by September 14.



September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to March in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.

World War II started on September 1, 1939 with Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland. It ended on September 2, 1945 with Japan's formal surrender.

Caligula (Roman Emperor 37-41) attempted to rename September Germanicus after his father.

The Country House and the Great War Exhibition Location: The Russell Library and JPII Library, Maynooth University

Dates: 1 August - 28 September (Russell Library),

1 October - 11 November (JPII Library)

Opening times: Russell Library: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

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Event details: The Country House and the Great War Exhibition is a collaboration between the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE), Maynooth University Library, and the OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre (OMARC). This exhibition, to mark the centenary of the 1918 Armistice, presents a perspective of the Great War from inside the Irish Country House. In doing so, this exhibition will utilise material from more than ten aristocratic families and display previously unseen material from the archives of Ballindoolin House, Co. Kildare and Airfield, Dundrum.

All are welcome to view this exhibition which will be on display in the Russell Library from 1 August until 28 September, and on display in Maynooth University Library from the 1 October until 11 November.

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How to choose and grow the best Clematis Varieties Colourful climbers for your garden

If plants are like people, then clematis are comparable with the Hollywood movie stars of the Technicolor era, combining cinematic good looks with high-wattage charm. Used to cloak a

wall, pergola, obelisk or arbour, to scramble through the branches of a companion plant, or as container specimens, clematis add great swathes of colour to gardens, while some varieties also offer scent and/or evergreen foliage.

In April, as the soil finally begins to warm up, is one of the best times to plant them. But with several thousand different varieties in cultivation, the problem for many gardeners has been the abundance of choice. Step forward the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit (AGM), the equivalent of an Oscar for luminaries of the plant kingdom, given only to plants of exceptional quality and sturdy constitution that are vigorous, easily cultivated, disease-resistant and readily obtainable.

The big difference between an Oscar and an RHS AGM, however, is that the latter is not for life. Once-prized cultivars are ruthlessly demoted if they no longer make the grade or are superseded by better varieties, which is what happened this spring when the society unveiled its newly revised list of more than 7,000 AGM plants, its first comprehensive review in 10 years.

Of those clematis which had held the coveted AGM in 2011, 15 were deleted, and six new varieties were added. A total of 79 clematis now hold the award, a testimony to the great variety of different garden-worthy plants. Some of these such as the evergreen early-flowering Clematis cirrhosa 'Freckles' C. Wisley Cream' and Clematis armandii 'Apple Blossom' have a new RHS hardiness rating of H4, making them suitable only for warmer gardens.

Tougher by far are the many varieties of C. alpina and C. macropetala. Hardy and floriferous, these will happily tolerate a shady north or east-facing spot as long as the soil is free-draining, while their small, bell-shaped flowers, which appear

in April-May, have a discreet beauty a world away from that of the flashier, large-flowering types. Look out for the award-winning 'Frances Rivis', 'Constance' and

'White Columbine' amongst others.



Clematis montana is one of the clematis that Irish gardeners know best, with pink/white flowers that are often seen festooned through the branches of trees or draped along the roofs of garden sheds in late spring/early summer. Of the various cultivars available, the RHS singles out five – C. 'Mayleen', C. 'Elizabeth', C. 'Freda', C. montana var. grandiflora and C. montana var. rubens 'Tetrarose'. With the

exception of the relatively well-behaved 'Freda' (cherry-pink flowers), the rest of these shade-tolerant clematis varieties will romp through any garden, so beware of planting in a confined space . Neither, with a hardiness rating of only H4, are they suitable for cold or exposed gardens.

By May, clematis belonging to what's known as the early large flowered group will take centre stage. Gone from the RHS list are 'Henryi', 'Josephine', 'Miss Bateman', 'Mrs Chalmondeley' and 'Royalty' but plenty of other old favourites still make the grade including the candy-striped 'Nelly Moser', 'Niobe' (red) and 'The President' (purple). Compact and colourful, this group make wonderful wall or container-grown specimens.

Summer marks the peak of the clematis season, beginning with a wealth of large, late flowering cultivars (LLs) such as the ever-popular C. 'Jackmanii' (purple),

'Comtesse de Bouchaud' (pale pink), 'Ernest Markham' (crimson-red) and the freshly-AGM-anointed C. 'Aotoroa' (purple). These are joined by varieties of Clematis texensis (the pink-flowering 'Princess Diana' is the only AGM variety), C. tangutica and orientalis cultivars as well as the herbaceous integrifolia and diversifolia types. And then, in early autumn comes the spreading, sun-loving C. rehderiana, with its elegant clusters of small, creamy-yellow flowers that smell like cowslips.

But if I had to grow only one clematis, I would choose a variety from the hardy viticella group, probably the longest-flowering (July-September), most floriferous, vigorous, versatile and garden-worthy of all the categories. Many feature in the RHS's updated list (see rhs.org.uk), with classics such as C. 'Purpurea Plena Elegans' (double, magenta), C. 'Etoile Violette' (blue-purple), 'Mme Julia Correvon (red) and 'C. Venosa Violacea' (purple-white) included alongside new additions such C. 'Poldice' (violet-blue, white centre) and C. 'Walenburg' (red-purple) . Viticellas belong to Group 3 of the clematis genus and along with so many of the other plants in this category, they look wonderful growing through or up a vigorous companion plant to extend or add to its season of interest.

How to plant clematis

Before planting, soak the plant's rootball in a bucket of water. Dig a hole 45-60cm deep and wide (45-60cm away from the base of a wall, 60cm away from the base of a host tree). Fork over the base of the hole, then cover with a layer of well-rotted organic matter (compost, manure) followed by a thin layer of soil (clematis don't like manure touching their roots or stems). Mix homemade garden compost/John Innes compost and a couple of handfuls of slow-release fertiliser with the remaining loose soil, then take the soaked rootball and gently loosen some of the coiled roots before placing the plant in the hole. Excluding herbaceous and evergreen types, the traditional advice is to plant deeply to avoid clematis wilt, ensuring the top of the rootball is roughly eight centimetres below the finished level of the soil. If it's a dry spot, consider placing an open-ended pipe (7.5cm diameter) in the hole, which will allow you to water the plant effectively until

established. Backfill, water, and protect against slugs. Continue to water regularly until well established. If growing against a wall/support, plants will need to be tied to horizontal wires, or a trellis fixed on battens. All clematis should be hard-pruned at some point within the first year of planting.

For Group 1, prune immediate after flowering while for Group 2 and Group 3 types, prune in February/March the following spring. Mulch established plants with manure in early spring, making sure that it doesn't rest against the stems. To ensure good flower production, add a handful of sulphate of potash to the surrounding soil in April and water in.

Pruning

For ease of cultivation, clematis are divided into three main groups. Group 1 comprises the earliest flowering types. These plants should only be pruned to tidy them up/restrict their size, immediately after flowering has finished.

Group 2 comprises the early-large-flowered types that flower on last year's growth. Lightly prune in February and again after flowering to encourage a second flush. The final category, Group 3, encompasses the late large-flowered hybrids as well as the viticella, texensis and orientalis types that flower on new growth. Each stem should be hard pruned back to 45cm above ground and a pair of strong buds.

The only other time to prune clematis is if they are struck with the fungal disease known as clematis wilt, which mainly affects the early-large-flowered types. If this happens, cut growth to the ground and dispose carefully of the pruned material.

Thought of the day!

- You cant live a positive life with a negative mind
- . If you cant convince them, confuse them
- . People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing everyday!
- . Its okay if you disagree with me, I cant force you to be right
- . If you feel like doing some work, sit down and wait, the thought does go away!
- . Laugh when you can, its cheap medicine!

- . My doctor asked me if I have ever had a stress test done, I said yes, its called life!
- . Happiness is not having to set your alarm for the next day
- . The first 5 days after the weekend are always the hardest
- The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Eat more cake!
- . Don't give up on your dreams, keep sleeping!
- . Silence is golden, unless you have kids, then silence is suspicious

Supplied by Sophie Broderick



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BusConnects

As a member of the Oireachtas Transport Committee, I recently had an opportunity to raise issues and concerns regarding the full implications of the recently announced BusConnects plan. People in North Kildare have been expressing concerns regarding what the changes would mean for commuters in the area and it appears that the changes may well make the use of public transport less attractive and therefore generate more car traffic on roads.

I relayed these concerns to the officials present and made the point that there is a lot of confusion surrounding the Bus Connects proposals and what they might mean for commuters.

While there are positives and negatives in the plan there are still lots of questions to be answered to fully understand the scope of the changes. However one positive change for residents in Maynooth is the proposed new bus route between Maynooth and Tallaght which will be a major asset to the town.

I don't think enough consideration has been given to the areas on the fringe of the bus network – including in relation to traffic management and the ability of some of the junctions to deal with feeder buses etc.

The upcoming information sessions will be crucial to ensure that people's concerns are heard and that the detail of the plan is fleshed out so that when people are making submissions to the public consultation they can do so with the benefit of the detail of all the proposals in the plan and how it might affect them.

The information session for North Kildare will be held on Thursday the

30th of August in Tesco on the Maynooth Road in Celbridge from 2pm to 8pm. You can access the full detail and maps of the proposed routes on www.busconnects.ie The public consultation process is open until 29th September and I would encourage people to engage with the process.

Rail Updates:

I recently asked the Minister for Transport Shane Ross if he has any plans to increase capacity on commuter trains for the regions surrounding Dublin. I also asked if he was satisfied that Irish Rail are using their full complement of rolling stock at peak times and if he has any plans to increase the amount of rolling stock available to Irish Rail.

Anyone who travels on the commuter lines from Kildare to Dublin and return during peak times will be well aware of the significant crowding and the very obvious need for increased capacity.

I believe the Minister for Transport should take a proactive approach to ensuring that public transport works for the public.

However, having submitted queries to Irish Rail directly on the matter, it has been revealed to me that it is proposed to introduce an hourly off peak service between Hazelhatch & Grand Canal Dock in December 2018 and it is proposed to introduce weekend services on the route at the end of 2019/start of 2020.

On the Maynooth line, it is proposed to increase weekday off peak and weekend services to a half-hourly frequency between Maynooth & Connolly from December 2018 onwards.

EDITORIAL

Unlike 1979 the visit of Pope Francis last month to Ireland did not include a stop in Maynooth. However, Maynooth did play a part as a transport hub for people going to the mass in the Phoenix Park in Dublin to avail of car parking in St. Patrick's Seminary/Maynooth University and to take trains and buses to Dublin. To assist traffic management in





An old solution to a modern problem. Above left a Bailey Bridge used during World War II. Above right a temporary entrance to car-parking from the Kilcock Road to the College for the Popes visit.

Maynooth for the day a temporary entrance was built from the Kilcock Road into the grounds of the

September brings a new Academic 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 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 many of you would agree that they succeeded again 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.

September also brings the results of the National Tidy Towns Competition. Maynooth has won a Gold Medal in both 2016 and 2017 so there will be an expectation of a good result with additional points

this year. Regardless of the competition I know that the members and volunteers of Maynooth Tidy Towns make such significant efforts because they want Maynooth to put forward the best impression to residents and visitors rather than win in the competition. No matter what the score I know that this year.

Maynooth Community Employment Project play their part by keeping Maynooth Harbour area clean and tidy. Also credit must be given to the local Area Engineer from Kildare County Council, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Maynooth Community Employment Project for the new bins in Maynooth Harbour. The idea came from Tidy Towns, Kildare County Council provided the old bins to be re-used and Maynooth

Community Employment Project staff erected the bins as there was an issue with domestic rubbish being dumped in the old, more open, bins. Great collaboration between the three resulted in improved litter management in the Maynooth Harbour area. The amount of waste



being removed from the bins in the Harbour was reduced by about 30%. Well done to everyone involved.

Paul Croghan Editor



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

My Father, My Hero.

To my late father, who never got to see his children grow up.

You're the sun shining down on me, warming my soul.
Encasing me in your protection from the darkness and the cold.

You're the rain against my window, creating my own lullaby. Singing me to sleep the way you did when you were alive.

You're the melody in the wind, engraving your words into my heart, reminding me of your love. Even with the distance we're apart.

You gave me the feeling of home and a taste of life.
You taught me to pull myself through when there is a lack of light.

My father, my hero, my angel watching over me. My guide to finding the person you showed me I could be.

You taught me to move on but remember you, when you left, and showed me that life goes on even after death.

You will forever be missed by the people whose lives you've touched. But the time we were given with you will never be enough.

Emilie M. Andrus

What If.

I'm scared of this, of how deep it's embedded in my heart. And I'm dreading waking up on day to find us done because I couldn't give you everything under the sun. Because what if you need a hug and I cannot be there with open arms? Or you're looking for some guidance and I have to leave you waiting in the dark? What if we become tired of the distance or the struggle the relationship is to uphold? Because you never get to see me, never get to hold me close. What if we lose our patience because of what this puts us through?

I was so scared that this would happen.
That I would never be able to give you what you wanted and deserved.

We ended up shattered by these glass hearts of our we bruised and battered in the line of destruction that we created because I was afraid.

And I really hate myself for thinking of these things again, for letting you into my thoughts long after our end.

But what if I miss you?

Strong.

For everyone who believes that life isn't worth it.

I could tell you to keep going because we all have something to live for.

I could tell you that you are worth it.

'Don't walk out that door'.

But because I know you won't listen, my words are all just empty. Instead I'll use actions to prove that you will always mean something.

I'll be there for you when you feel down and support you through all that's hard, be with you in all the happy moments and witness that healing of old scars.

Be by your side when you need me like you have been for me too, support you in the journey of life and everything it puts you through.

Because I know that things get better whether you want to believe me or not, but staying strong is key because nothing is won without being fought.

Emilie M. Andrus

Smaointe

Cad is brí leis an Eocairist sa traidisiún Caitliceach, nó leis an Aifreann, más maith leat? Téann daoine go dtí an eaglais, éisteann siad le sleachta as an mBíobla. Glacann siad páirt i bpaidreacha an Aifrinn, an Gloria, an Chré, paidreacha molta, achainí agus croíbhrú. Glacann siad le Corp Chríost i bhfoirm aráin coisricthe. Deir siad paidreacha príobháideacha ina dhiaidh agus as go brách leo abhaile ansin agus a ngnáthshaol curtha in ord agus in eagar ar feadh tamaill ar a laghad. Más mar sin atá?

Is ionann Dia agus an grá. Is ionann an grá agus an roinnt. Ergo? Dá bhrí sin?

An bhfuil aon bhaint ag an Aifreann leis an saol taobh amuigh den eaglais? Agus má tá, cad í? Dar liomsa gurb í an bhaint atá eatarthu ná go ndéantar i bhfoirm shiombalach san Aifreann an rud is cóir a dhéanamh amuigh ar an tsráid. Roinntear an t-arán, mar a rinne Críost. Thug sé cúram do gach éinne. Taispeánann Críost cé chomh tábhachtach is atá muidne, peacaigh, daoine leithleacha, daoine laga, diashéantóirí, nuair a thugann sé gach atá aige dúinn - saothar a shaoil go dtí an bás, má ba ghá, agus ba ghá mar ní ghlacfadh na hArdsagairt ná na Fairisínigh gurbh é sin toil an Athar, Dia. An Dia a cheapadar a raibh aithne acu air, a mba leo é. "Is é seo mo chorp a thógfar ar bhúr son". Roinn Críost gach a bhí aige linne agus ní foláir dúinne gach atá againn (arán/maoin) a roinnt leo siúd atá ar an ngannchuid, ár mbráithre agus ár siúracha. Agus sin á dhéanamh againn, is é Íosa Críost atá á roinnt againn.

An rud a thugtar don té a bhfuil gá aige nó aici leis, is Críost é dó nó di agus don deontóir freisin.

Gabriel Martin

The following ballad can be sung to the well known John Mc Cormack air 'The Green Bushes'

Kindly Kildare

It's not a wild spot with mountains to praise, It's not a great vista of inlets and bays, It's a land that is rich, with broad plains that bear The greenest of mantles; it's my kindly Kildare.

Chorus

Emilie M. Andrus

Kildare, oh Kildare, oh my bride of the plain, It quickens my senses to see you again. No more will proud cities with gems in their hair Entice me away from my kindly Kildare.

The Liffey flows through her flat, fertile fields And silvery salmon its clear water yields, The cows to its shallows in summer repair And the sheep crop its banks in my kindly Kildare.

How proud is my heart when passing the way Where Wolf Tone lies sleeping in Bodenstown clay, And then there's Lord Edward, brave, glad, debonair, Who died in a prison, not his kindly Kildare.

Let's visit that town, 'The Church of the Oak', Where Brighid once covered a plain with her cloak: Here horses are raced, while the bookies despair As punters win fortunes in kindly Kildare.

Oh, fair are the girls in Johnstown and Kill But one I know fairer near Dunmurry Hill, And sweeter their voices than melodies rare, But one voice is sweetest in my kindly Kildare.

From Naas of the Kings to sunny Athy, From Ballymore Eustace to Maynooth by the Rye, From Monasterevin to Celbridge so fair Prosperity and peace bless my kindly Kildare.

P. G. Nerney

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Digital Branding & Marketing Workshop Presented by Jennie McGinn, Sister The Agency

Thursday 20th September 7-8.30 pm

Jennie Mc Ginn is a serial entrepreneur. Alongside her sisters, she most recently cofounded Opsh; a ground-breaking and award-winning fashion-technology platform. Prior the brightest witch of her age because she likes reading, is a loyal friend or otherwise. to that, she co-founded shoppable magazine Prowlster and one of Ireland's first fashion blogs What Will I Wear Today. Jennie has been listed as one of the Irish Independent and Sunday Business Post's Top 30 Under 30 Entrepreneurs, The Hundert's Top 100 Limited Spaces Available, booking required. European Female Leaders and was shortlisted as Image Magazine's Digital Business Women of the Year.

Jennie is currently acting Head of Digital for luxury jewellery brand Chupi and a freelance e-commerce and digital branding consultant under her new agency: Sister The Agency. Clients include River Island, Kildare Village, Heidi Higgins, Avon Ri, Dunnes Stores and the National Institute for Intellectual Disabilities.

Contact library to book

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

Getting Started with Smart Tech at Maynooth Library 6 week course begins Thursday 6th September 13.30- 15.30

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What we will cover:

- 1. A Guided Tour Getting to know your device.
- 2. Taking and managing photos and videos.
- 3. Exploring the Internet
- 4. Installing & uninstalling Apps

Please make sure you select courses and enrol at the level appropriate to your skills and needs.

Contact library to book.

Library Events

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

Summer Stars Reading Programme 2018 Certificate Ceremony

Scouts Hall, Leinster Street Saturday 8th September

Surnames A-L 2 pm- 3 pm

Surnames M-Z 3.30- 4.30 pm

It only takes one book to get to the summer stars ceremony. Register the books you have read before the end of August.

Join the staff of Maynooth library for a celebration of this year's wonderful summer stars readers. There will a performance to entertain and certificates to collect.

Contact library for more details.

Children's Events at Maynooth Library

Kids Secret Cinema

Saturday 22nd September 2.30 pm

Kids Secret Cinema is back! While Maynooth Library did play host to family films over the summer, while school is in session you can take a break from routine and come to a cinema screening just for kids on one Saturday afternoon a month. Featuring the most recent home cinema releases, we put the power in your hands to choose which film you will watch on the day! September's choices are all rated PG so it is advised that children are 8 or older, with younger children accompanied by an adult.

All welcome

Parent and Toddler Yoga with Nicola Foxe

Thursday 6th and 20th September 9.30 am- 10.30 am

Join Nicola from Yo-Yo Yoga for a fun-filled and beneficial yoga session for toddlers and their parents or care givers. Sessions are lively with an emphasis on spending time together doing yoga through song, stories, games and cuddles. Suitable for little yogi's from 1 year (crawling) to 4 years of age. Sessions are child led and very relaxed.

Booking required

Tom Gates Fans! Make Your Own Dog Zombie! Wednesday 12th September at 3.30 pm

Are you a fan of the James Patterson books about the Amazing Tom Gates and his mad adventures? You may have heard of his cool rock band 'Dog Zombies' and wondered what exactly a dog zombie would look like. Being back at school sometimes sucks (but not

always) much like for Tom, so take a break and create. In a one hour art and craft workshop with Niamh, you will design a dog zombie of your own and a poster for the rock band. For ages 8+

Limited Spaces Available, booking required.

Hermione Granger's Birthday: Bookish Crafts Wednesday 19th September at 3:30 pm

Are you a fan of Hermione from the 'Harry Potter' series? Many boys and girls relate to Come along to Maynooth library for some bookish crafts, including making your own cool bookmarks.

Family Friendly Board Game mornings

Saturday 8th and 22nd September, 10 – midday

Maynooth library has begun family friendly board game mornings. Have a digital detox and enjoy some old fashioned fun in our newly refurbished multipurpose zone. Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be made available for your gaming pleasure. Feel free to bring your own treasured games along too!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Roald Dahl Day

Make BFG Ears Storytime and craft

Thursday 13th September 2.00- 3.00 pm

Make your very own Big Friendly Giant ears and listen to an extract from the phizwhizzing story of The BFG!

8-10 yrs.

Make you're very own messy Mr Twit's beard as described in the well loved story 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl.

9- 11 yrs

Booking required

Roald Dahl Film Screening

Thursday 13th September 5.00-7.00 pm

All Welcome

Story time

No Strings Attached Puppet Theatre Friday 7th September 10 am- 10.30 am

To celebrate our first story time of the school year we will have a puppet show for our toddlers and anyone else that wants to join in.

Contact library to book.

Julia Donaldson Storytime

Friday 14th September 10 am- 11 am

Come and enjoy re tellings of stories written by the well-loved author Julia Donaldson, including the story of the Gruffalo. "Don't you know there's no such thing as Gruffalo!" Join in some rhymes and songs as well!

Silly (and a little bit rude) Storytime,

21st September at 10 am

Who doesn't love a good silly story? Whether it's about dinosaurs that poop, wockets in pockets or any of the funny characters in Busytown, there's sure to be a story to suit you and your toddler. With the usual time for browsing, colouring and using the library as a little person, this is an hour just for parents and toddlers.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Culture Day at Maynooth Library

Adult Beginner's Painting Workshop with Mary Lambert

Friday 21st September 11.00 am- 13.00

Artist Mary Lambert will give a painting for beginners workshop for adults. Mary Lambert (Hill) grew up in north-west Clare, quite near the Burren and is now based in Dublin. She works in oils and acrylics. Having studied under the tutelage of the great painter Jim Donnelly, she exhibits in Peoples Art on St. Stephens Green and on Merrion Sq. Dublin, on Sundays.

Booking required

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I.C.A.

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Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.

New members welcome

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Contact Ger: 0874133505

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Contact Number
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Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Re-opening on Tuesday 4th September

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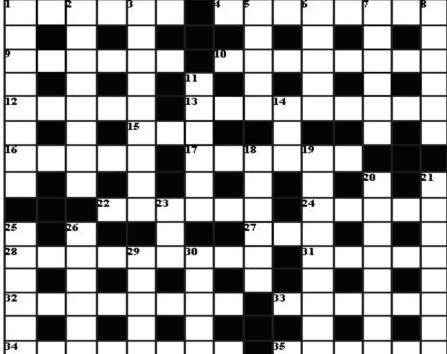
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Clues Across

- 1 Ungainly or awkard (6)
- 4 Fouled made unclean (8)
- 9 Chronicle or log (6)
- 10 Speaks or writes about briefly or in passing (8)
- 12 An extended stay in bed (3-2)
- 13 Existence beyond the grave (9)
- 15 Performance (3)
- 16 Chide or reprimand (5)
- 17 A pill for battle (6)
- 22 Stares at bright flowers (6)
- 24 Praise, laud (5)
- 27 Equip with weapon (3)
- 28 Gradually, little by little (9)
- 31 Poems about English racing venue (5)
- 32 Cancel or repeal, say in law (8)
- 33 Puts away for a tosser (6)
- 34 Gulding and directing, say a car (8)
- 35 Give out light-like some worms (6)

September 2018 Crossword - No. 472



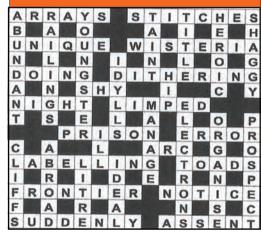
Clues Down

- Inattentive and negligent (8)
- 2 Owner of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Fictional Cabin (5,3)
- 3 Love songs under fair ladys window (9)
- 5 Open and unconcealed (5)
- 6 Not now, in a while (5)
- 7 Cancer is one, Capricorn another (6)
- 8 Crockery in general (6)
- 11 Baby's noisy toy (6)
- 14 A sea snake (3)
- 18 Dark rock of volcanic origin (6)
- 19 Like the forces of nature (9)
- 20 "A drowing man will

clutch" (2,1,5)

- 21 Caught a brief view of (8)
- 23 TV audience ratings (3)
- 25 Long stabb weapons (6)
- 26 Official order of ruling (6)
- 29 Avid, enthusiatic (5)
- 30 "..... Bread is soon forgotten" (5)

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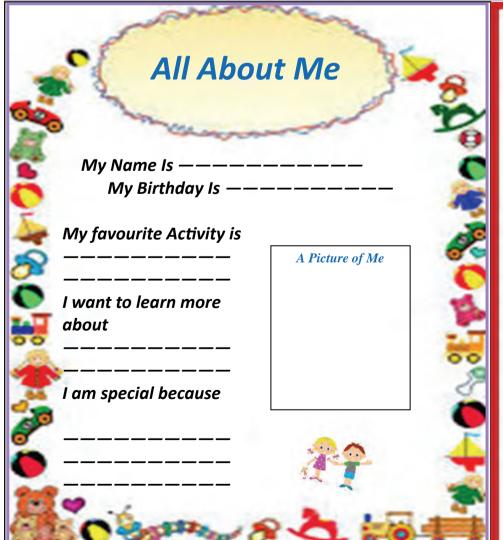
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End of August at last after a bumper summer and the team at the branch are warming up for another term of lessons and sessions. 2018 will be the Craobh's 7th term on this great musical journey together. Many members have been with us from day one, but we've plenty newbies also & I think most people would agree there's something for everyone at the branch.

The Fleadh Cheoil, hosted by our relative neighbours in Drogheda marks the end of the music year for many and the start of the new academic year. One wee storm aside this year's competition was a resounding success and had huge attendance numbers with thousands of musicians from the east coast within an hour on the train away.

The Craobh highlight from the Fleadh was our fiddle teacher Jason who followed up his Fiddler of Dooney award of two years ago with a gold and silver medal in the senior All-Ireland's. This is an outstanding achievement and is due recognition for Jason's talent and dedication – Comhairdeachas!

Of course if you want to experience Jason's mastery in the flesh, then sign up to fiddle lessons on **the first Wednesday in**

September

Our neighbouring branches in North Kildare's branches were all represented with participation and medals, so well done all!



A session at the Fleadh Cheoil in Drogheda



Cavan's own Anton MacGabhainn and his family from Dunshaughlin playing tunes at the gate in Drogheda – one of the highlights of the street performances



Jason MacAonghusa sporting his fiddle and 1st in fiddle slow airs and 2nd in fast tunes.



Instruments & how long have you been playing? I started the Bosca Ceoil when I was 8

What is your best memory of playing music?

My neighbour, the late Terry Nealon, helped me and my sister Rosa make a CD of traditional Irish music for my grandfather in Cambodia.

Who is the biggest influence on your musical career? Donal Ó Grádaigh, who taught me in Rang a hAon in Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich.

Who is the best musician you know?

Seán Treacy, who teaches me the Bosca Ceoil in the Maynooth branch of CCE.

What do you like best about playing music?

Playing in a group with my friends.

Our lessons will **re-commence at the beginning of September**, so if you've any unfulfilled hankering to take up and instrument, then please drop down for a term – lessons are lots of fun and unbeatable value. We've even an instrument bank, if you just want to give a particular instrument a lash for one term.

Fáilte do na daoine go leor anseo – old and young!

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

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Derek Carroll, PRO, Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



Children's Healthy Lunch Box

This is the time of the year when most parents think of what to put in their children's lunch boxes, and when you're a busy working parent it can be hard to get it right. We all know that lunch should be healthy, but if you have a fussy child it becomes a very big problem.

How do you get your child to eat their veggies or sometimes even fruit. You might even find most times they don't like sandwiches? So how do you get over that and still keep a healthy lunch box. The following are some tips on how to get over the problem.



Invest in a juicer and then you can juice carrots and orange for a healthy drink, or if you can get away with it try some other combinations such as celery and apple or spinach and cucumber with lemon, or you can turn it into a smoothie by adding yogurt, the sky is the limit when it come to juicing.



To replace sandwiches try wholemeal crackers with peanut butter, Nutella, banana or cream cheese with ham or fruit.



You could also try pitta bread, rice cakes or breadsticks with dips (hummus, avocado or cream cheese).

Try carrot sticks dipped in sesame seeds, a small packet of raisins and Babybel cheese for protein or even cheese cubes with pineapple.

Its important to make sure they have water so always include a small bottle in their lunch.



Here are some tips on how Domestos can help keep your bathroom hygienically clean:

- Keep mould and mildew at bay: These can trigger allergic reactions, so use Domestos Bleach Spray in the corners of the bath and shower
- Let air flow: Every time you have a shower, leave the door open afterwards to allow some airflow. This will help dry out the shower quicker and slow down mould growth.



- Open windows too, and keep your bathroom fresh
- Choose liquid soap: A bar of soap can easily become a home for germs, so go liquid for hand washing
- If someone's been sick or had diarrhoea: Make sure you give your toilet a blast of Domestos Extended Germ-Kill round the rim. You can also use a product like Domestos Total Blast Toilet Gel to keep it fresh and clean flush after flush
- Avoid blockages: Pour Domestos Extended Germ-Kill down plugholes and drains on a regular basis to prevent the build-up of residue in your pipes
- Use separate towels and facecloths: If someone has an infection, wash their laundry separately to that of the rest of the family.



Things to Consider for September

This is harvest season so if you have had a good year of growth then now is about the time that you find you have far too much fruit and vegetables and are no doubt lost for ideas on what to do with it all!! Learn how to prepare vegetables for freezing if you want to avoid waste.





Even though Summer is behind us, flowers still continue to bloom right up until the first frost so there is no reason why you won't have a garden of colour in September. Day lengths really narrow in by the end of the month with sunset at around 7pm. To extend the use of your garden into the evenings consider investing in a chimenea, firepit, garden lighting or patio heater.

September is an ideal time to re-seed or to sow a new lawn using lawn seed. Kill the early stages of moss on patios and paving areas with <u>Patio Magic</u>. Continue to feed summer bedding plants with **One Plant Food liquid** fertiliser to prolong colour until mid winter. Take cuttings from popular herbs including Thyme, Rosemary, Lavender and Bay Leaf. Use <u>mooting powder</u> to encourage strong new roots. Sow Sweet Pea plants from seed now for larger blooms next summer.



Early autumn is the ideal time to plant a new hedge in your garden for shelter and privacy. Plant Daffodil, Tulip and Snowdrop bulbs out of doors for a splash of colour next spring. Replace dead or damaged hedging plants with frost hardy varieties. Cherry Laurel, green and golden Privet and Boxwood are all excellent varieties to see you through the winter. For seaside areas, choose Silver Elaegnus. For colour in your patio pots and window boxes plant winter flowering Pansies, Violas, Heather and Aconites.

Plant evergreen climbers this month. Climbers with both foliage and flowers look best. Try Virginia Creeper, evergreen Hydrangeas or evergreen Honeysuckles, or choose from a wide range of ivies. Remember to add a good compost when planting. If you like to grow your own vegetables, plant autumn and winter vegetable plants - winter and spring Cabbage, purple sprouting Broccoli, Little Gem Lettuce, Iceberg lettuce and Chinese Cabbage are all especially tasty when you grow them yourself.



September remains one of the best months to plant berrying broad leaved trees. One of my favourites are the beautiful Malus trees. Start feeding birds now before the onslaught of winter. Wild bird feeds and protein high peanuts should be offered to all garden birds from now until spring. Kill Mare's Tail with Neudorff weedkiller, which is specially formulated for the pesky weed. Weed Free 360 is an excellent product for all other weeds. Apply in dry weather and watch weeds die away quickly. Plant Hydrangeas, Snowdrops and Winter Aconites now for lots of colour in December and January.

September is a good time of the year to plant **perennials** and **hardy annuals**. **Your hanging baskets** also need maintenance. Deadheading, watering and feeding can keep them going until mid-Autumn. Cut back Perennials that are fading and dying down. Divide clumps of Alpines and herbaceous perennials such as **Crocosmias** to improve flowering next year. Take cuttings of tender perennials. Bring inside any tender perennials before frost.



One final tip about bulbs, If you are not sure which end of the bulb is the top, plant it on its side. The stem will always grow upright.

Planting, seasoned vegetable and flower gardeners will know that two weeks prior to planting that the beds need to be prepared. Existing beds will need amending (larger or smaller), rotovating or digging over and fertilizing like crazy.

Some examples of winter crops are, beetroot, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, cabbage, broccoli, chives, celery, onions, parsley, parsnips, peas, radish, spinach, lettuce, and turnips, the list just continues.

New beds will need to be dug and left over the winter to let nature do what it does best, cold frost and water breaking down the rough soil.

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul"

Quick healthy lunchbox ideas

It's back to school time as parents think about the prospect of school lunchboxes once again. Here are easy-to-eat, healthy choices they'll love this September.

Ham, Carrot and Houmous Rolls

Ingredients:

50g carrots, grated 1 tbsp reduced fat houmous 4 slices lean ham 1 large handful of rocket leaves Pinch of sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

Method:

Place the carrots and rocket leaves in a bowl, season with sea salt and black pepper and mix well. Spread each slice of ham with some houmous, add some carrot mixture in to the middle of the slice of ham, then wrap around the filling to make a roll. Secure with a cocktail stick or simply pop straight into the segmented lunchbox.



Mini Cheese Quiches

Ingredients:

320g ready rolled all butter short crust pastry 35g cooked ham, chopped 3 medium free range eggs 150g crème fraîche 40g low-fat cheese, grated 75g broccoli, cut into bite-size pieces



Method:

Preheat the oven to gas 6, 200°C, fan 180°C. Roll the pastry out with a rolling pin so that it is a little thinner and wider. Then divide it into 6 pieces and use it to line 6 x 10cm individual fluted loose-bottomed tart cases. Leave 1cm hanging over the edge. Prick the base with a fork and chill for at least 10 minutes or until the pastry is firm. Fill the tarts with a small circle of non-stick baking paper and baking beans and then bake for 15 minutes. Remove the baking paper and bake for another 5 minutes or until golden brown and the pastry is crisp. Remove from the oven and leave to cool for 5 minutes before carefully trimming the cases.

Blanch the broccoli florets in boiling water for 2-3 minutes, drain and refresh in cold water. Whisk together the eggs, crème fraîche and half the cheese and season a little. Divide the blanched broccoli and cooked ham pieces between the tart cases and then pour over the egg and crème fraîche mix. Scatter over the remaining cheese and then bake for 15-20 minutes or until puffed up, golden on top and cooked through. The tart cases can be cooked in advance, left to cool, and then stored in a cool place for 24 hours. The raw tart cases can also be frozen for up to a month and then blind baked from frozen. Add 2-3 minutes extra to the blind baking and then continue.

Flapjacks

Ingredients:

225g/8oz porridge oats 125g/4oz butter or margarine 125g/4oz demerara sugar 75g/3oz golden syrup



Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas4. Grease and line an 8"/20cm square tin. Melt the butter/margarine with the sugar and syrup. Stir in the oats. Turn into the prepared tin. Smooth top and press down well. Bake for 20-30 minutes. When baked, cool in tin for 5 minutes. Cut into fingers. Cool completely before removing from tin.

White Cheese Scones

Ingredients:

225g/8oz self raising flour 150ml/¼ pt milk (approx) 25g/1oz golden caster sugar (optional) 25g/1oz butter or margarine 50g/2oz grated cheddar cheese 1tsp mustard



Method:

Preheat oven 425°F/220°C/Gas 8. Sieve flour and salt into a bowl, stir in sugar, if used. Rub in butter/margarine until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add grated cheddar cheese and mustard. Then add sufficient milk to make a soft dough. Turn onto a floured board and gently knead to remove any cracks. Roll out lightly to 1" in thickness. Cut out scones with a cutter dipped in flour. Place on a floured preheated baking tray. Bake on an upper shelf position for 10-12 minutes. Cool on a wire tray.

FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTO THE BEST ALFRED HITCHOCK THRILL



THE 39 STEPS (1935)



The 39 Steps is the ultimate Hitchcock classic. In his pre -Hollywood phase, the director pulls out all the stops in this exciting, black and white British thriller. The set-up of the film is typical Hitchcock territory: an innocent man on the run, Richard Hannay (Robert Donat) hooks up, literally, with an attractive blonde (Madeline Carroll) for a story of danger and intrigue. Hitchcock had a penchant for blonde heroines throughout his directing career. Carroll was the first prototype blonde. Striking set-pieces abound, from the tension filled spectacle of a music-hall murder to high-jinks on a moving train. The English actor, Robert Donat is in his element here: whether hamming up a speech about someone he doesn't know or playfully teasing his female companion, There is much fun to be had and sexual tension in the famous extended handcuffing sequence involving Donat and Carroll. Hitchcock milks it for all its worth. There have been almost as many adaptations of John Buchan's novel as there are steps. However, none have equalled or mastered this 1935 screen gem.

NOTORIOUS (1946)



Notorious partners Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant as American agents, infiltrating a ring of Nazis in South America post WW2. Notorious is in the realm of film noir but not of it. This is one of Hitchcock's darker films, a cruel, twisted exercise in manipulation of audience response. A convicted traitor's daughter (the luminous Bergman) becomes a US Government spy, accepting an assignment that requires her to marry her father's Nazi friend (Claude Rains). Finger-cracking suspense, intrigue and romance are stylishly combined in one of Hitchcock's best films.

Hitchcock's striking trademark visual style is in evidence: the long one-shot kissing sequence and crane shot into a door key are justly famous. Yet the film's real power lies in its subtle and detailed portrayal of perverse relationships. Grant and Bergman were never better, displaying intense

their faces are shot in electric close-up. Subline direction from Hitchcock and wonderful performances from Bergman and Grant make Notorious a sure-fire classic.

REAR WINDOW (1954)



Some claim Rear Window as the greatest film Hitchcock ever made. It's undoubtedly the most Hitchcockian film in his canon of work. Laid up with a broken leg, bored photojournalist L.B. Jefferies (James Stewart) occupies his time staring through his rear window at the going-ons of his neighbours. Virtually the entire feature is shot from Stewart' gaze peeping through binoculars into the open courtyard and the many windows of its residents. It's a fascinating concept with each apartment virtually a set and story in itself. Although we are presented with something more akin to a giant board game than a set, and Hitchcock's obvious pleasure in playing with it and us leaps off the screen.

Hitchcock turns the lens on his audience. "We have become a race of peeping toms" as commented by one of the characters in the film. Beneath sharp dialogue, perceptive character development and tense plot twists, the film slowly builds nerve-tingling suspense. The experience of watching Rear Window involves titillation, clammy thrills, increasing horror and disturbing voyeurism. James Stewart is exceptionally good as the wheel-chair bound photographer caught up in a cat-and-mouse game with a murderous neighbour. His scenes with the beautiful Grace Kelly (as his model girlfriend) fairly crackles with sexual chemistry.

With few exceptions, the camera never leaves the confines of Stewart's apartment. The setting can get a bit claustrophobic. Nevertheless it's a brilliantly assembled theatrical piece filled with mystery, paranoia, thrills, black comedy and voyeuristic suspense right down to the heartpounding climax.

VERTIGO (1958)



Alfred Hitchcock is a cinematic tour de force when it comes to crafting some of the most memorable and exhilarating suspense thrillers ever to grace the screen. As befits its title, **Vertigo** is a dizzying screen experience. chemistry, moody emotions conveyed through their eyes as The storyline is intriguing enough. A retired policeman

suffering from vertigo (James Stewart) is given the job of trailing an old college friend's wife (Kim Novak). This initial premise sets a disturbing chain of events in motion. Vertigo's tempo may be slow but it is never boring. The gorgeous widescreen camera work, shot on location in San Francisco, (making use of its famous landmarks) is very effective at creating atmosphere, character and a sense of eeriness.

James Stewart upends his nice-guy persona in the central role of tormented cop Scottie Ferguson. His descent into near madness and fetishized, romantic obsession is quite shocking to behold. Hitchcock regular, Bernard Herrmann's score for **Vertigo** is striking and unforgettable. The score was actually repeated for the Oscar-winning film The Artist in 2011.



In the pivotal role of Madeline Elster, Kim Novak is surprisingly good as another Hitchcockian icy blonde. Her scenes with Stewart are erotic and sensational. It's probably Novak's best role on screen.

Hitchcock demonstrates total mastery of the cinematic point-of-view shot and his editing technique is second to none. Vertigo is Hitchcock's most powerful, personal, haunting and stunningly beautiful film. His twisty, psychological thriller is far more involving and memorable than most Hollywood films of its kind.

It is true to say that **Vertigo** is one of the greatest surreal movies ever made and Hitchcock's most disturbing masterpiece.

SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER **MOVIES QUIZ ANSWERS**

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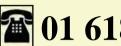
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F.A.I Senior Cup Round of 16



Cork City 4 Maynooth University Town 0

The score line does not do justice to an excellent performance by Town in this F.A.I Senior Cup clash at Turners Cross Stadium on Friday 24th Aug. with a 7.45 K.O. On a day that saw us depart Maynooth at 13.30 midst a thunderous hailstorm we wondered if this was a sign that we would be peppered by a very prolific Cork side who have not lost a game in this competition since 2015.

Having progressed through our successful Intermediate Cup campaign meeting several Cork teams on the way with great success we held no fears about pitting our skills against such daunting opposition. Corks best fell by our sword in earlier rounds notably Rockmount, Blarney, Everton, Leeds included.

Following our arrival in Cork players and officials tested the conditions and found all in order and were looking forward to the task ahead. Following the customary exchange of club pennants the game kicked off. Early exchanges were even with town holding their own. Both sides had early chances but the deadlock was broken just on thirty



Maynooth arrive at Turner's Cross

minutes with a corner on the right to Cork. Aaron Barry headed home from twelve yards.

Towns defence of keeper David Sterio, Shane Harte, Gary Daly, Conor Mooney and Conor Dunne keeping a tight grip on the Cork frontline. Our midfield of

Daniel Burke, Killian Duffy, Captain Darragh Reynor, Darragh Gannon, Mark Colgan, were performing heroics in stifling the Cork engine room. Eoin Mc Dermott ran himself into the ground at the lone striker. Half time arrived with Town still one down.

Mark Colgan drove a short wide while Eoin Mc Dermott had a shot tipped over just after the break. Cork upped the tempo once more and got their second goal in the 56th minute. A low shot deflected past David Sterio. Darragh Reynor then had a header saved by the Cork keeper. A Cork penalty in the 64th minute put the game beyond Towns reach and a close range stot in the 71st minute closed the game out. Town however battled away to prevent further scoring.

Many thanks to our loyal band of supporters who made the long trip to support

Teams - Cork City: Cherrie, McCarty, Bennett, Barry, Dunleavy, Phillips, Morrissey, O'Hanlon, McNamee, Sadlier, Coughlan.

Town: D.Sterio, S. Harte, G. Daly, C. Dunne, C. Mooney, D. Burke, D. Gannon,

M. Colgan, K. Duffy, D. Reynot, E. McDermott Replacments: C.Foley, G.Kinsella, E. Donnellan.

Subs Not Used: C. Byrne, Y..Belhont, M. O'Connor, D. Barrett.



Maynooth's starting 11 prior to kick-off





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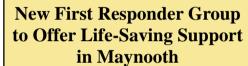
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Maynooth Strike Gold "Again" in National Tidy Towns Awards 2018

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Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) was established in May 2018 to create a group of trained volunteers who will respond to cardiac medical emergencies in the town and surrounding areas. Early intervention is key in cases of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking and having a First Responder group locally will ensure that a trained team is dispatched and on the scene within 10 minutes, providing lifesaving assistance while the ambulance is on its way.

Chairperson of Maynooth CFR and Sinn Féin Councillor Réada Cronin said: "We know that 5,000 people die each year from cardiac arrest in Ireland. That is almost 100 people each week, which is a shocking figure and one that is all too real for many families in our community. We started this group to ensure that every effort can be made to save lives by providing early access to CPR and an AED (automated external defibrillator) – which can change the outcome in these kinds of emergencies."

According to CFR Ireland, for every minute that passes after a cardiac arrest, the chances of recovery are reduced by 7% to 10%. Effective CPR and the use of an AED within the first 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest can produce survival rates as high as 49% – 75%. Community First Responders are trained, as a minimum, in basic life support and the use of an AED, as well as dealing with incidents of suspected stroke, chest pain and choking, all of which are potentially life-threatening. **Upon receipt of a 999/112 call for one of these emergencies, Community First Responders are dispatched, along with the National Ambulance Service**. The responder's role is

to deliver an emergency and urgent care response. "CFR groups are entirely voluntary and have to fundraise for all the equipment needed. We are currently undergoing training, certification and fundraising for AEDs and other equipment so that we can get up and running in the next couple of months," said Réada.

Maynooth CFR held a CPR demonstration day in SuperValu Maynooth on Saturday 8th September to help raise awareness of the group and of the importance of CPR. Fundraising got off to a great start, with €50 raised on the day. They will hold similar events over the next few months in a bid to be up and running and able to provide 24/7 cover as soon as possible.

Two members of Maynooth CFR – Cathy Lawlor and Maggie Lawler – will run the SSE Airtricity Dublin Marathon next month and are raising funds

for the group through their GoFundMe Page, https://www.gofundme.com/Cathy-and-Maggie-take-on-Dublin-marathon-for-MaynoothCFR. If you'd like to find out about more Maynooth CFR email: maynoothcfr@gmail.com or find them on Facebook @maynoothcfr.



Above: Presentation of the prize for designing the Maynooth CFR logo to winner Ruth Hickey by Conor Mortimer, General Manager of the Glenroyal Hotel, who kindly donated 4 month's gym membership. Pictured 1-r are: Sandra Nugent, Marella Coleman, Conor Mortimer, Ruth Hickey, Cathy Lawlor, Trish Traynor, Réada Cronin and Sinead Reynolds from Maynooth CFR.



Padraic 'Foxy' Fox from SuperValu Maynooth brushes up on his CPR skills with volunteer Cathy Lawlor.



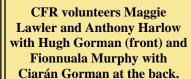
Gardaí from Maynooth stopped by to meet Maynooth CFR.



Garreth Kelly with Sophia Sykes (left) and Robyn Lawlor (right).

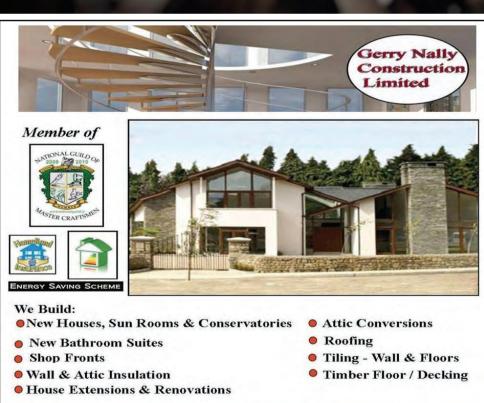


Cathy Lawlor shares some tips with Adam Sykes from Maynooth.









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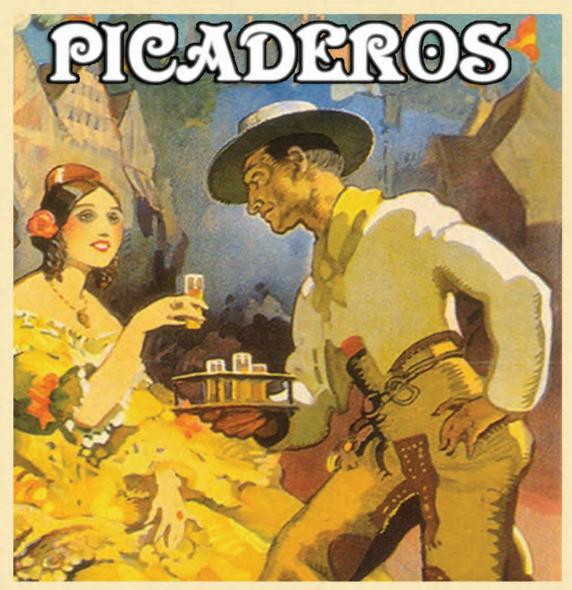


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Panto Time and Children's Competition

Believe it or not we are fast approaching Panto Time again. Oh yes we are! An Nuadha Players pantomime offering this year is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and rehearsals are well underway with loads of new faces and new talents.

It has been about 18 years since we last did 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and we are all looking forward to getting to grips with the story again – mind you the story has not changed that much but we might just put a different twist to it! It will be worth checking out.

It is fabulous to be part of such a creative activity which brings together young and old, on stagers and off stagers, artists, dancers, singers and chancers! We all do it because we get such a buzz and a sense of community from it. We hope that you will join in with us and come along to support us – guaranteed fun and right on your doorstep.

'Jack and the Beanstalk' will run from 29th Nov. to 2nd Dec (evening performances at 7.30 29th Nov., 30th Nov., 1st Dec. and matinees at 2.30 on 1st and 2nd Dec) in the Aula Maxima in St. Patrick's College, to whom we are ever grateful for the use of their venue.

In order to prepare for the Panto, Jack has been out and about in Maynooth and has put together a children's competition to give away 2 free tickets to the show.

Kids, just look at the picture of Jack and his Beanstalk and see if you can guess where this picture was taken. If you can just answer this simple question: How many steps does it take to get to Jack and the Beanstalk? Put your answer along with your name and contact details on a card and put it in a special box for this competition in Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street.

The winner will be drawn from all the correct answers at the end of October. If you can't figure this one out, don't worry because there will be another competition next month!

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Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Bad Corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, to be removed

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September:

"In light of the decision by An Bord Pleanála to grant planning permission for 462 dwellings and student accommodation at Mariavilla/Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, and given the increased traffic that the development will generate on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, what plans do the council have to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House, as it constitutes a serious traffic hazard if the road is not straightened at this point?"

John got the following useless response from the Council

"As part of the planning process, Kildare County Council requested that An Bord Pleanála include a condition that the applicant make a financial provision for road safety improvements. This request was not included in the conditions"

Cllr. McGinley made the following response:

"The reply given by Roads Section makes no effort whatsoever to answer my question.

I specifically asked "what plans do the Council have to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, near Pebble Hill House" as a result of planning permission being given for 462 dwellings here? Again I ask what are the plans?"

The Maynooth MD engineer stated that the Council had no plans.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that:

"Condition 28 of the Planning Permission calls for development contributions to be paid to KCC prior to the commencement of the development. This financial contribution is in respect of providing public infrastructure and facilities benefiting development in the area. Cllr McGinley stated that the No 1 priority in the area must be the removal of the bad corner. He asked that a proper report be given to our next meeting on 5 October.'

Update on the Taking in Charge of Meadowbrook

Cllr. John McGinley got the following highly unsatisfactory reply from the Council on 11 September: "The builder is no longer trading and there is no bond in place. When the developer has requested an estate to be taken in charge, they provide all necessary documentation and are prepared to remedy any defects identified, however when the residents request that the Council commence the procedure to take an estate in charge, Development Control are tasked with providing all the necessary documentation/CCTV and ACD's as required by Irish Water.

To this end Development Control have been liaising with Irish Water and the Area office in order to progress the taking in charge. Development Control are currently putting together a tender package for CCTV of the Foul and Surface Water to identify any defects. This is a large estate and the CCTV alone is a costly exercise, even before the defects identified are repaired. This is being funded from our limited budget for unfinished housing estates.

There are other snags that the MD Area Engineer would require to be complete prior to the estate being taken in charge, and for which funding would need to be identified. We are unable to give a time line for when the estate will be taken in charge."

Cllr. McGinley stated "that it is now 4 years since the residents in Meadowbrook submitted a petition to the Council to have the estate taken in charge. It is intolerable that the Council have not taken the estate in charge since then. As you know I have raised the issue at numerous meetings of the Maynooth MD."

Cllr. McGinley has raised this very serious issue directly with the Director of Services in the Council, as well as the similar highly unsatisfactory delay with the taking in charge of Castle Dawson.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a New Footpath to the **Maynooth Playground**

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September:

"That a footpath be constructed from the new footpath/ cycle path at the bottom of The Harbour Field to where the footpath ends at the adult exercise equipment, so that parents do not have to push buggies through the grass.' John got the following highly unsatisfactory reply from the

"There are no current plans to do further works in the Harbour field until agreement is reached on an overall vision and direction for improvements to this amenity facility.

Cllr. McGinley responded as follows:

"I have asked for this 50m of footpath at the Straffan Road side of the field as people who live in Leinster cottages and other houses in the town and to the east of the town have already created a path through the grass to get to the playground.

We don't have to wait for an overall vision for the field as it is blatantly obvious that the path is needed now and nothing else could go there anyway as it is at the side of

On the 29 May last I asked for Capital Funding be provided for improvements to the playground and its environs. I'm now asking for the support of my fellow Councillors for enough Capital Funding be provided in the 2019 Capital Programme to also provided this much needed short footpath."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Reduced Speed Limits in Parklands and Silken Vale

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7

"That 30kph Slow Zone signs be erected at the entrances to Parklands/ Castlebridge and Silken Vale/The Arches estates, similar to those already erected in other housing estates in Maynooth.'

John got the following reply:

"It is proposed to include all housing estates, in charge, in the forthcoming Draft County Wide Speed Limit review. Subject to funding, slow zone signs will be erected in all housing estates on a phased basis. The members will be updated on the Draft County Wide Speed Limit review at a meeting scheduled to take place on 05 October 2018, in advance of the municipal district meeting."

Cllr. McGinley responded as follows:

"The reply to my motion is good news in that all housing estates in the county will be getting the Slow Zone signs. I'm asking the members to agree that Parklands and Silken Vale be the first estates to get them as they are very badly needed in these two estates."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Provision of More Creches in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 September:

"What developments in Maynooth in the past ten years have failed to provide creches as per their planning permission and what enforcement action are the council going to take on the matter?"

John got the following reply:

"The Planning Authority will review the various planning permissions for these developments and provide a detailed report for the October Municipal District Meeting.' Cllr. McGinley responded as follows:

"I welcome the reply and I appreciate that it would have been difficult to have a full report for this meeting. I raised the issue because parents in Maynooth have to take their children to creches in Kilcock as there are no places available in Maynooth. This arises because planning conditions for creches in Maynooth have not been met in most of the housing estates constructed in the last 10

Update on the Provision of Proper Footpaths at Newtown Road, Maynooth

The Maynooth MD engineer advised the MD meeting on 7 September that the council is currently in negotiation with a number of residents on this road and hope to commence on site in October in improving the existing footpath. Cllr. John McGinley and two other Councillors have made funds available for the work. Cllr. John McGinley asked the MD engineer if he was aware that residents were looking for a footpath on the northern side. The engineer advised John that he had been contacted by some residents about a footpath on the northern side, but not all residents were agreeable to make land available.

Cllr. McGinley suggested that the Council do a leaflet drop to the houses in the area.

Cllr. McGinley Proposes Changes to the New NTA Bus **Schedule**

Cllr. John McGinley has proposed the following changes to the Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign:

- 1. That the new C3 bus (present 66) to/from Maynooth terminates at the Newtown Road, Maynooth, instead of the Straffan Road, as agreed by Dublin Bus over 5 years ago. This change would facilitate the customers of 1,200 houses on the extended route.
- 2. That the 323 express buses from Maynooth, to and from Dublin, by-pass Lucan Village

Cllr. John McGinley has Proposed the Following Amendments to the Proposed Amendment No 1 to the Maynooth LAP 2013-2019, to be decided on at the MD **Meeting on 5 October:**

AMENDMENT 1.

Page 15 - Connectivity & Movement.

That the second paragraph be changed:

From: The development of the MERR will unlock the potential for the residential development of the lands. No through vehicular routes into the neighbourhood estates to the west are proposed but to encourage a modal shift and the use of sustainable forms of transport, the feasibility of providing pedestrian and cycle connectivity should be investigated at key access points on the western boundary of the site, and if feasible, across the canal and railway. This will facilitate integration of the new neighbourhood with the existing town and its facilities. In addition, pedestrian and cycle access should be provided into the school and education lands to the south of the site.

To: The development of the MERR will unlock the potential for the residential development of the lands. There shall be no vehicular routes into the estates of Parklands or Rockfield to the West of Key Development Area Railpark. In addition to encourage pedestrian and cycle use within the new area, connectivity shall be provided to the canal greenway. To ensure that residential amenity is not reduced there shall be no pedestrian or cycle

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connectivity at either Rockfield Park, Parklands Lodge or Parklands Lawns to the west of Key Development area Railpark.

AMENDMENT 2.

Page 17 - Key Development Area Indicative Design That the following be removed from Indicative Design Strategy:

Pedestrian/Cycle access points at Parklands Lodge, Parklands Lawns, and Rockfield Park.

The Potential Access Point to the Celbridge Road between the Rockfield Exit and the Schools

AMENDMENT 3.

Page 17 - Key Development Area Indicative Design

That the following indicative cul de sacs be put in place: (a) As Internal Vehicular Route approaches boundary with Parklands Lodge.

- (b) As Internal Vehicular Route approaches boundary with Parklands Lawns.
- (c) As Internal Vehicular Routes approach boundary with Rockfield Park.

AMENDMENT 4.

Page 19 - Movement & Transport - Road Objectives. That Transport Road Objective TRO 8 be removed.

AMENDMENT 5

Page 17 - Key Development Area Indicative Design

That the Indicative Design be amended to ensure that the Neighbourhood Park does not commence North of Railpark Lane and instead commences South of the Lane.

AMENDMENT 6

Page 16 Built Form

After the first sentence remove "Landmark buildings of a very high architectural quality and proportionate scale will be supported where appropriate." That the following be inserted instead:

"Where development adjoins established housing in Parklands and Rockfield Estate, and Railpark Lane, the building height shall not be higher that the adjoining buildings. In addition, rear garden boundary walls and side boundary walls adjoining open spaces throughout the development shall be concrete block walls which shall be a

minimum of 2 metres in height and shall be suitably capped and rendered on both sides.

Other than where development adjoins the existing residential areas of Parklands Estate, Rockfield Estate and Railpark Lane, the maximum building height of units shall be 2 storeys throughout the development.'

Amendment 7

That the following be inserted:

That there shall be a phasing requirement in relation to Creches. When 100 houses are built a creche must be opened and operating, prior to occupancy of next 100.

8 Contractors Express Interest in Completion of Maynooth Education Campus

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to progress on the re-tendering for the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus, following the liquidation of the Sammon Group.

The Minister has advised Mr. Stagg that Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board received 8 expressions of interest from contractors for the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus by the deadline of Monday July 23rd. The Minister further advised that the expressions of interest will inform the pre-qualification process that is underway and that the project remains on target to issue tender documents to the relevant contractors on 8th November, which is the date that had been identified in the agreed programme for the completion of the projects

Welcoming the interest in the project from contractors, Mr. Stagg stated that it was important that the actual tender invite date was met so that a contractor could be on site in March, 2019, and the Education Campus completed by June 2020.

The Maynooth Education Campus, stated Mr. Stagg, is the largest ever school building project undertaken in the State which will see two 1,000 pupil secondary schools and a Shared Sports Facility built on the Moyglare Road in Maynooth.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would keep the pressure on the Minister for Education and Skills so we can to bring the project forward faster. complete this most important Education Campus in

Maynooth by June 2020.

Planning and Design Work Commencing for Maynooth DART - Stagg

Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg was in contact with the National Transport Authority with a view to progressing the planning and design work for the Electrification of the Maynooth Rail Line, given its importance for Public Transport Commuters, and given the substantial amount of work which needs to be undertaken to bring forward the project to fruition.

Funding, stated Mr. Stagg, for the Electrification of the Maynooth Line was included in the 2018 National Development Plan. The estimated cost of the project is €300 Million and given its complexity, it is likely to be 2021 before actual construction commences. Before all of that, stated Mr. Stagg, planning consent has to be sought, and it's vital that work commences on this as soon as possible, because without the planning clearance, nothing can happen.

The NTA have now advised Mr. Stagg that in collaboration with Iarnrod Eireann, they are currently reviewing all previous work relevant to the Electrification of the Maynooth Rail Line. The NTA also advised that they are commencing new planning and design work in preparation for the planning process. The NTA concluded by stating that it was their intention to progress and develop the design process as the planning stage progresses over the next 12-24 months.

Mr. Stagg stated that the Electrification of the Maynooth Line was included in the National Transport Integrated Implementation Plan 2013-2018 but the present Government has allowed the project to slip in priority, which means that the planning and design is only commencing now, and we are still left with a construction commencement date of 2021.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he was pleased that the planning and design work on the Maynooth Rail Electrification was commencing, albeit delayed by the short-sightedness of the Government, and he indicated that he would continue to press the Minister and the NTA, to do everything possible



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES **SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, Kildare County Council hereby gives notice of its intention

Proposed one way system at Fagan's Lane, Maynooth.

Drawings showing the proposed works may be inspected during normal opening hours from Monday 24 September 2018 to Monday 22 October 2018 at the following locations:

> Kildare County Council, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, Level 4, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare W91 X77F

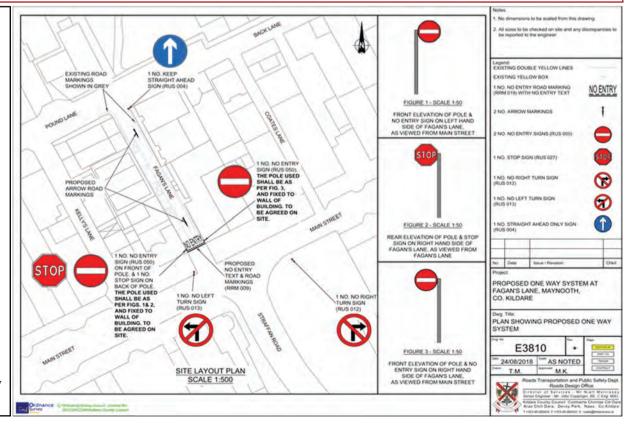
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and will also be available to view on Kildare County Council's website. www.kildarecountycouncil.ie/roadsandtransportation Representations relating to the above mentioned proposed works may be made in writing to the: Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare or

emailed to roadssubmissions@kildarecoco.ie including your Eircode. The latest date for receipt of such representations is 12 noon on Friday

26 October 2018





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Bus Connects Public Information Meeting

I am hosting a public information meeting in the Courtyard Hotel, Leixlip on Thursday 27th of September at 8.30pm regarding the potential changes following the announcement of Bus Connects.

Bus Connects will see changes to the routes serving Maynooth and the neighbouring towns of Leixlip and Celbridge. One interesting new route will be a service starting on the Moyglare Road with its final destination Dublin City Centre.

At the moment residents affected have the opportunity to have their say on the new changes. A submission can be made to Bus Connects. Please feel free to attend my public meeting as I will be assisting residents with their submissions on the same.

Business competitiveness under attack from unrelenting pressure on wages from rent inflation

Business competitiveness is under attack from rocketing rent costs and a lack of affordable housing. New figures show an unrelenting pressure on private rental costs across the country, but especially in cities and large urban areas. As rents continue to rocket and private home building remains sub-demand, this crisis is only going to get worse. Employees are seeing their wages being swallowed by up fixed costs such as rent and insurance costs.

With rents continuing to rise, workers will require pay rises just to pay rent and live. This will depress the competitiveness of Irish businesses, and businesses located in Ireland.

We have seen queues of students, young couples and overseas workers outside apartments and homes to rent. The craziness has started again, and unless we nip it in the bud, we risk damaging our competitiveness even further.

This cannot continue. The housing crisis is risking our economy's very viability, and unless the Government accepts the basic economic principle that until supply matches demand, rents will continue to rocket.

There is simply a lack of capacity in all areas of the residential housing market. Until more units are built for rent or for sale, we will continue to see queues of people clambering to get a foot on the housing ladder.

The process of building housing in this country is simply too bureaucratic. We need to actively look at the planning process to speed up the delivery of housing. It's true that the Irish economy is growing. However, unless the lack of availability of affordable housing is addressed, it will stop growing. It's time we got on top of it. Otherwise, we risk losing jobs and thereby limiting the ability of our State to invest in vital public services.

Maynooth Constituency Office

My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise O'Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or your organisation with.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 21/8/18 to 20/09/2018 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
181155	Kildare County Council	Colm O'Rourke	Laragh Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	20/09/2018
181158	Kildare County Council	E.S.B. d.a.c.	corner of Fagan's Lane and Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	20/09/2018
181151	Kildare County Council	Westerwood Global	Unit H2, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/09/2018
181121	Kildare County Council	CDS (Superstores International) Ltd.	The Range, Carton Retail Park, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	12/09/2018
181097	Kildare County Council	Sean Skidmore	Clonagh, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	07/09/2018
181088	Kildare County Council	Daryl and Claire McLoughlin,	9 Straffan Place, Straffan Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/09/2018
181069	Kildare County Council	Mary Mullen,	9 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	31/08/2018
181073	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Arts Building, North Campus, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	31/08/2018
181061	Kildare County Council	Sherif Seddik,	Site No. 32, Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	30/08/2018
181052	Kildare County Council	Brian Keogh & Emma MacBride	24 Brookfield Avenue, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 E9P0	29/08/2018
181045	Kildare County Council	Alan Leamy & Barbara Ann Coogan Leamy	24 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	27/08/2018
181034	Kildare County Council	Three Ireland Services (Hutchison) Ltd.	The Newtown Inn, Meadowbrook Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/08/2018
181035	Kildare County Council	Maurice & Ann McQuillan	Dunluce, 4 Leinster Mews, Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 P9R0	24/08/2018



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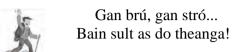
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More action needed by Government to address cost of Insurance - O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD and Deputy Finance Spokesperson, Frank O'Rourke, has said that the Government needs to move quickly and deal with the insurance industry as the upward pressure on the cost of living and cost of doing business in this country is unsustainable.

"Insurance costs in Ireland remain stubbornly high. The average annual cost of motor insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%. Any reduction in the USC is being taken up by increase costs, such as motor insurance."

"The Government must give greater priority to reducing the cost of insurance. My concern is that the elevated motor insurance costs, that we now have, will become the norm. Since getting elected, I have persistently raised the unacceptable rise in the cost of motor insurance. I pressed the Government to partner with other EU countries to fight the rising costs, and to-date we received a deafening silence. I called for the action plan on Motor insurance to be implemented."

"For instance, a mechanism to set up an anti-fraud unit within An Garda Síochána was to be approved by the third quarter of 2017, this has yet to be achieved and no solid timeline has been put in place for the approval of such a mechanism, much less the establishment of a unit."

"The Government should back Fianna Fail's bill, the Civil Liability and Courts (Amendment) Bill 2018, which seeks to make people think twice about making fraudulent insurance claims which have been shown to lead to increased insurance premiums for all consumers."

"Citizens are seeing their wages being put under more and more pressure, and businesses are seeing their cost of doing business grow. This cannot continue. We need businesses to be competitive and we need our people to have more disposable income to spend in the local economy, rather than giving it to the insurance companies" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

New Round of Sports Capital Grants For 2018

The Minister for Sport has announced that €40 million is being made available under a new round of the Sports Capital Programme for 2018.

Applications can be made online from 9am on Friday the 7th of September until 5pm on Friday 19th October, 2018.

For the first time Schools will now also be eligible for the Capital Grant Scheme as long as they do so in conjunction with a local sports club. This is a great opportunity and I would encourage all interested schools and clubs to apply.

Clubs who wish to register on the Department's online system can do so now at www.sportscapitalprogramme.ie.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on **frank.orourke@oireachtas.ie** or phone my Leinster House office on 01 618 3109.

Energy Efficiency for Public Buildings needs focus says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that Public Buildings can play an important role in improving our country's energy efficiency and reducing our emissions. Deputy O'Rourke made the comment following a Parliamentary Question which he put down to the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

"I believe that public buildings, such as schools and local authority premises can play a more significant role in reducing the country's emissions and bringing energy efficiency centre stage to reduce our country's energy bills."

"For example, following my Parliamentary Question, we have established that under Ireland's National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (NEEAP), the Schools Pilot Retrofit Project saw 10 schools undertake medium to deep energy retrofit which reduced energy costs by 36% on average."

"The NEEAP has a particular focus on public buildings with a target of a 33% efficiency target. If we want to reduce our emissions, and improve our energy efficiency, we must accelerate this plan and I feel that a particular focus on schools is appropriate. Partnering with schools has the added advantage of highlighting the importance of energy efficiency at a young age."

"We have over 4,000 schools throughout Ireland. If we installed renewable energy

sources, such as Solar Panels, we could reduce the cost of providing energy for our schools and have the added advantage of instilling a culture of energy efficiency for our children to observe. It is a more sustainable and clean sources of energy."

"I recently criticised the motion that is before the Dail at the moment in relation to the outright ban on Oil and Gas exploration in Ireland on the basis that it has the potential to destabilise our country's energy supply. Encouraging more sustainable modes of energy is a smarter way to contribute to reducing our carbon emissions."

"The most recent SEAI report on energy efficiency achievement by public sector bodies to the end of 2015 shows almost 21% energy efficiency was achieved.

However more can be done, I am calling on the Government and the Minister for Education to focus on schools, in particular to start with, in relation to the provision of more sustainable energy sources."

Older people must get priority in Budget - O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that older people must get priority in the forthcoming budget. Deputy O'Rourke was speaking after meeting with Fianna Fail Finance Spokesperson Michael McGrath and Mary Butler Spokesperson for Older People.

"The Programme for Government has a commitment to increase home care packages and home help hours, but Fine Gael have failed to set out how they are actually going about achieving this and we need progress on this in the budget."

"Extra resources are needed for Home Adaptation Grants to make homes safer through the installation of ramps, railings and bathroom changes. Making homes more suitable for older people brings many benefits not least for older people themselves but also enables older people to live independently in their own homes."

"Recent figures around waiting list show that over 718,000 people are waiting for either outpatient or inpatient appointments in our public hospital system. More than 100,000 older people are waiting for appointments and procedures."

"In last years budget, we did secure resources for increased pension allowance, Fuel allowance and the telephone allowance was partially restored. We campaigned for these items under the Supply and Confidence agreement with the Government."

"Supports for Older people is critical. I have highlighted the need for increased resources for Housing Adaption Grants, Fair Deal Scheme, Phone Allowance, Pension, Home Care Packages and Carers.

Figures show that older people are now fulfilling, in many cases, the role of the State in providing care to those living with illness or disability and also care for our children. Caring for our older people must always be centre stage when considering our social affairs budget" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Extra capacity needed on Maynooth Line says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O Rourke, has called on the Government to provide additional resources to increase the capacity on the Maynooth Line.

"The Maynooth Line needs extra capacity to deal with the increased demand on the line, whether by providing increased frequency or increased numbers of carriages."

"I appreciate that future plans for Electrifying the Maynooth line will increase the capacity. However, we need to deal with the increased demand that we are seeing now."

"Trying to drive into Dublin and negotiate the traffic is becoming impossible and public transport is becoming the only practical mode of transport to travel into Dublin. We must improve the capacity on the line"

"Modest improvements have been made on Route 115 serving Kilcock with the increased frequency on the route promised for some time now being put back to the end of September."

"Bus Connect proposals, with some positive proposals linking Maynooth to Celbridge and Tallaght, however also include reduced direct services from Celbridge which I am campaigning to have reversed."

"I intend raising again with the Minister for Transport the requirement for increase public transport services for North Kildare commuters." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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Farm Assist

Question

I have a small farm that I work on full-time but the profit margins are very low. I am married with two children. Is there any State support available?

Answer

Farm Assist is a means-tested social welfare payment for farmers aged between 18 and 66, paid by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP). To qualify, you must satisfy a means test.

To qualify for Farm Assist, you must show that your means are below a certain level. Your means include:

- Any income that you and your spouse or partner have (including income from farming, other forms of self-employment and from schemes)
- Any property that you and your spouse or partner have (except your home)
- Other asset(s) that could provide you with an income

When you apply for Farm Assist, a social welfare officer visits you to carry out the means test.

Different assessment rules apply to different types of income. For farm income, 70% is assessed but there is an annual disregard of €254 for each of your dependent children. (The disregards for your children are applied first and 70% of the balance is assessed.)

Your means from all sources are added together to get a total assessed weekly means. If your weekly means are less than the maximum rate of Farm Assist (that is, the maximum amount your family could get if you had no means), you will be paid the difference between your means and the maximum rate.

You can apply by filling out <u>form Farm 1</u> which you can download from <u>welfare.ie</u>. You can also get forms from your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office.

Getting married abroad

Question

My partner and I are planning to get married abroad next year. What do we need to do?

Answer

You should contact the civil registration office in the country in which you plan to marry to find out what you need to do. The legal validity of your marriage depends on the laws of the country in which you marry. The legal formalities abroad are usually different to those in Ireland. For example, a church marriage abroad is usually a purely religious ceremony with no legal effect. You may decide to have a civil marriage in Ireland followed by a religious ceremony abroad.

Although you must meet the requirements of the country you are marrying in, you are still bound by Irish law in relation to the capacity to marry. For example, if you ordinarily live in Ireland and one or both of you is aged under 18, you must have a Court Exemption Order to marry. If you marry abroad without this, your marriage will not be recognised under Irish law.

Marriages that take place outside the State are not normally registered in Ireland. They are usually registered in the country where they take place. Your foreign marriage certificate will usually be accepted for official purposes in Ireland if you need to show evidence that you are married. If the certificate is in a foreign language, you must provide an official translation or a translation from a recognised translation agency.

You may require a Certificate of Freedom to Marry to get married in some foreign countries. This may also be called "Certificate de Coutume" or "Certificate of Nulla Osta". You apply online to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a Certificate of Freedom to Marry. You should apply at least four months before the date of your marriage. It normally costs €0 per person. However, if you apply 28 days or less before the date of your marriage, the fee rises to €120 per person.

Making a will

Question

I would like to make a will. Do I need to go to a solicitor or can I draw up the will myself?

Answer

It is important for you to make a will because, if you do not, the law on *intestacy* decides what happens to your property in the event of your death.

Writing a will can ensure that proper arrangements are made for your dependants and that your property is distributed in the way you wish after your death (subject to certain rights of spouses or civil partners and children).

You can draw up a will yourself or you can hire a solicitor to help you. All of the following legal requirements apply:

- The will must be in writing.
- You must be over 18 (unless you are or have been married).
- · You must be of sound mind.
- You must sign or mark the will or acknowledge the signature or mark in the presence of two witnesses.
- Your two witnesses must sign the will in your presence.
- Your two witnesses cannot be people who will gain from your will and they must be present with you at the same time for their attestation to be valid. The witnesses' spouses or civil partners also cannot gain from your will.
- Your witnesses must see you sign the will but they do not have to see what is written
 in it.
- The signature or mark must be at the end of the will.

If any of these requirements are not met, the will is not legally valid. If you want to change your will after you make it, you can add a *codicil* (amendment or change) to your will. This *codicil* must meet the requirements set out above.

You should keep an updated list of your assets. You can use a <u>form to record where your possessions are kept.</u> This makes it easier to identify and trace your assets after you die. You should keep the list in a safe place.

Tax relief on tuition fees

Ouestion

My daughter is repeating a year at college and both the Student Contribution and tuition fees are due this year. Can I claim any tax relief for her third-level course?

Answer

You may be able to claim tax relief on tuition fees (including the Student Contribution) that you pay for your daughter's course.

Tax relief is given at the standard rate of 20%. You can claim it as long as you have actually paid the fees, either for yourself or for another person. There is no limit on the number of people you can claim for.

The maximum amount of fees (including the Student Contribution) that qualify for tax relief is $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$,000 per person per course. However, there is no tax relief on the first $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$,000 spent on tuition fees, including the Student Contribution ($\ensuremath{\mathfrak{C}}$,500 for part-time students). If you are claiming for more than one student, you get full tax relief on tuition fees (including the Student Contribution) for the second and subsequent students.

For both undergraduates and postgraduates, the approved course can be full or parttime in a private or publicly-funded third-level college in Ireland or in any other EU member state. (Postgraduate students can also claim for approved courses in non-EU countries.)

Undergraduate courses must be of at least two years' duration while postgraduate courses can be between one and four years. For postgraduate courses, students must already have a primary degree or equivalent. Tax relief may also be available for approved foreign language and IT courses that are less than two years' duration and which result in the award of a certificate of competence (the fees paid must be over €15 and under €1,270).

<u>Lists of courses and colleges approved</u> for relief each year are published on the Revenue website.

You can claim tax relief on tuition fees using Revenue's <u>myAccount service</u>. Alternatively you can download an application form from revenue ie and return the completed form to your <u>Revenue office</u>.



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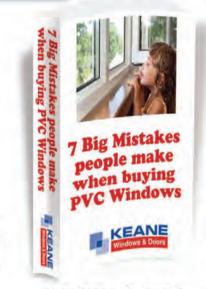
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Maynooth Planning Alliance has been working relentlessly on all the issues that were addressed by the Community at the public meeting they held. We use social media to contact the community but we also understand that not everyone uses this forum. Here is some information on the work we have been doing

- · We launched our Social Media Group and our website
- We have completed an online Community Survey of what you the Community would like to see in our town. We have issued these results to Mr J Deane (district engineer) and Mr S Wallis(head of parks and recreation Kildare Co. Co.).
- We met with our local Maynooth Municipal District Councillors on a one to one basis and highlighted your issues. Some councillors brought these issues to the Municipal District Meetings which are available to view online on Kildare Co. Co. website.
- We have met with MU to discuss its future plans and how we can all work together to make Maynooth an even better town.
- We engaged with our local T. Ds James Lawless and Frank O'Rourke. Both representatives are willing to help in any way they can.

Information passed on from Frank O'Rourke to the Maynooth Planning Alliance answered the questions of many parents whose children attend St Mary's Boys' school. The proposal for the new school building has all the authorisations required to go to the prequalification stage; and should hopefully enter the tender stage within the next 12 weeks. This tender stage will take up to 8 months to complete.

- Our Group attended the public Local Area plan Amendment meeting
- Our Group prepared and submitted some observations to be considered for the LAP Amendment Plan.
- We have prepared an observation and submitted views for The Lyreen View Apartments in Mill Street.
- We have attended and participated in all of the Kildare County Council's Town Health Checks.
- We attended the Bus connects meeting and this is some of the basic information we got out of it.

Based on information from www.busconnects.ie. The proposal of the new Maynooth route C3 shows there will be more buses than currently servicing Maynooth. Furthermore, Maynooth will still have a direct connection to Celbridge with the new W8 with the same frequency as currently.

Route C3 from Maynooth to Ringsend (Docklands) will replace the existing Route 66 and reach the city centre faster by making use of the Chapelizod Bypass. It would terminate at Ringsend in the South Docklands. This will have a frequency of every 25 mins Monday to Friday and rising to every 10 mins in peak hours. Saturday service would see a bus every 30 minutes from Maynooth (9am-7pm) and Sunday every 40 minutes (10am-6pm).

All C Spine routes will not pass through Chapelizod and will instead use the Chapelizod Bypass. This is expected to reduce the journey times slightly. Any passengers for Chapelizod should change to number 14 bus at Liffey Valley.

There are also 3 express buses (323) from Maynooth to Heuston, St Stephens Green and onwards to UCD between 7am and 8am and returning between 16:30 and 17:30.

Maynooth will be connected to Celbridge via a new route W8 which starts in Maynooth and connects to Tallaght. This would run every 30 mins. This route replaces the existing Route 67 between Maynooth and Celbridge, but it extends further by starting near Maynooth University, and continuing from Celbridge to Hazelhatch, Newcastle, Greenogue Business Park, Citywest and Tallaght.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

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November is our fundraising month and yes you guessed it our "Sale of Work" is just around the corner, on November 18th to be precise, in the Post Primary School. We will be selling tickets for our "Monster Raffle" at Manor Mills on November 2nd and at SuperValu on November 8th/9th /10th.

As usual our committee members and helpers will be knocking on your doors on the run up to our "Sale" so now would be a good time to clear out the attic or declutter that spare room, remember" one person's trash is another's treasure". A word of caution though, by now you should know our regular people who call to you each year. If you are in any doubt ask for ID or call me on 087 9002296. I take this opportunity to thank Eddie at SuperValu, Grainne at Manor Mills and Johnny Nevin, Principal at PPS, for their continued support

December will bring our shopping afternoon and Christmas Lunch, but more about that anon.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the families of Sr. Patricia Murphy, Kevin Galligan and Peter Twomey who passed away recently. Suaimhneas agus Siocáin Dóibh go Leir.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.





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Front row: Angela Mulready, Doreen Reilly, Sr. Gerard, Sr. Carmel, St. Antonio, Mary Keenan, Sheila Toomey

Members of The L.D.F. Maynooth taken in 1942

Back Row: L/R: Sergeant Rossitor, Jack Keys, Phil Brady, Laurence (Lar) Keely, Matt Weafer, Des Caulfield, Dick McKenna, Ned Smyth

Middle Row: L/R: Stephen Keane, -?-, -?-, Paddy Freyne, Davie Lawlor

Front Row: Dick Bean, Mick Kelly, Joe Leonard

May they all rest in peace

Dympna (Dee) Farrelly Clifton -**Exciting Life and Times**

Dympna (Dee) Farrelly was born in Buckley's Lane. Maynooth in 1921. Her parents were Florence (Flo) Melia and Ned Farrelly. Ned came from the Straffan Road. Florence's family came from the Naas area. Ned was a telegraph boy and his bothers Joe and Tommy were mechanics in Dawson's Shop on the Main Street. The family moved from Buckley's Lane to No.1 Pound Lane which was the house overlooking the Pound. It was the biggest house of those set of houses but had the smallest garden. Dee's grandmother



lived at number 8 Pound Lane which was the smallest house with the biggest garden. Her grandmother later moved to a house on the Main Street where the chip shop currently stands.

Dee the eldest, had 6 siblings – two sisters Maureen and Rebecca and four brothers Liam, Paddy, Eddie and Richard. Both sisters and one brother are since deceased. She attended the local Presentation Convent. Girls came from all over to the Convent - Leixlip, Confey, Dunboyne and Straffan. The Convent was strict but looking back it produced a very high standard of education. Irish, English, Arithmetic, Geography and History were taught. Music and Dancing were also taught. One of the nuns who taught dancing came from the Kennedy Bakery Family in Dublin. Dee took piano lessons which her aunt secured for her. First Confession, Communion and later Confirmation were the big events in our lives.

daunting for young children. Communion involved the purchase of communion dresses and there was a breakfast for the whole class after the ceremony. Girls usually wore dresses and veils for Confirmation but Dee was disappointed that she did not get to wear a veil but had to wear a hat instead. There were only about 13-15 pupils in the class at this point. A lot of girls died of TB during this time. Dee expressed her appreciation of Dr. Noel Brown for the work he achieved all over the country. Dee started her working life in Buckley's shop as an office assistant when she was seventeen years of age and stayed there for nine years. It was a prestigious position in a time when there was very little employment of that calibre. She was interviewed by old Joe Buckley for the post.

She had a great time as a teenager with little or no worries. There were dances to attend in the Leinster Hall at the end of the Main Street (now Brady's Auctioneers). There was a 4d. hop on the Sunday Night in the hall which began around 9pm and ended between 11pm and 12. Dee was not allowed to attend. Every so often a band would come from Naas to play live and that would be more expensive. Girls usually had their dresses made in those days. Cassidy's in Dublin was the place to shop and Alice Maguire made dresses locally.

Around the age of 26 Dee decided to go to England to gain work and widen her experience. She went to Manchester, but did not like it as it was a dismal place after the War and was in the process of being rebuilt. She went to London and got employment with LMS British Railway in their office at Euston Station. Her uncle worked for this company as well. She lived in the Staff House attached to the firm. In 1952 she married John Clifton, a Londoner. John was an only child. As was usual in those days the wedding ceremony was a modest affair followed by a wedding breakfast. Dee wore a suit and hat for the occasion. They went to Cornwall on their honeymoon.

John was a wool appraiser and worked in the Wool Exchange in London. The Wool Exchange relied heavily First Confession meant entering a dark box which was a bit on the importation of wool from New Zealand and

Australia but this practice changed as those countries began to build up their own industry. The Wool Exchange eventually closed down. The couple decided to move to America. John got a job in office administration. There were no opportunities for wool appraisers as nylon took its place. They stayed in New York for about three years but Dee missed London and they decided to return for a holiday where John was offered a job in a bank. Years after and looking back Dee wonders if they shouldn't have stayed in the US. They were both disappointed that they did move back. After 27 years of marriage, John died in

Dee had to rethink her life without John and found she could not settle and so undertook temping work. She worked in an administrative capacity in many leading companies including the BBC Unsolicited Correspondence Department, where part of her responsibility was to select the letters that would be read out – according to the news items of the day. She also worked in Marks & Spencer Head Office and the Royal Ballet Company.

She came back to Ireland for a holiday initially and then for good where she settled on Dublin Road, Maynooth for 8 years. She then moved to Bishopstown, Cork City and became immersed in life there and volunteered with the Royal British Legion which supported the Irish families of army men who died during the War. Dee returned to Maynooth on the advice of her good friend Imelda Delaney who sadly died shortly after. This move back was a difficult transition. As anyone who goes away for a number of years and returns, realises things have changed in the meantime and the network of friends has diminished greatly as one has gotten older.

In Maynooth now Dee is currently involved with the ICA, the Public Library Book Club and Maynooth Senior Citizens' Group where she attends many of their functions. She has a great interest in reading and needle point work. Our thanks to Dympna for sharing her story with us.

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING **CAMPAIGN**

#Allocate4Cycling

Cyclist.ie members, including Maynooth Cycling Campaign, have forwarded a strong budget submission addressed to Minister for Finance & Public Expenditure Paschal Donohue, outlining the deficiency in government funding for cycling. Essentially we are calling for 10% of Land Transport Capital Funding to be allocated to cycling, to enable the government to meet its own target of 10% of trips by bike. The current modal share stands at approximately 3% of trips and funding is estimated at €18M which is less than 2% of Land Transport Funding of €1254M.

Hayfield Estate, Straffan Road

Road works have been carried out at the junction of Straffan Road adjacent to the Hayfield estate. The Design Manual for Road and Streets (DMURS) established a hierarchy of road users with pedestrians at the top, followed by cyclists and then car drivers. Pedestrians and cyclists were prioritised as their mode of transport benefits society whereas car dependency causes congestion, is harmful to the environment and imposes costs on society. It is obligatory on Kildare County Council to design roads in accordance with DMURS.

So what has happened at Hayfield? Kildare County Council has removed a footpath and grass verge in order to provide additional road space for motorised vehicles – yet there is no space for cyclists and pedestrians are diverted into the estate.

Kildare Cycle Forum

Maynooth Cycle Campaign was invited to the September meeting of the Kildare Cycle Forum. This was the first invitation to attend the Forum for almost four years. The meeting reviewed the Forum Programme of Work but no update on current progress and no indication of future projects were available.

Lock It or Lose It

Gardaí have recently commenced a 'Lock It or Lose It' Campaign urging cyclists to ensure that they lock their bikes. This follows on from the news that 14,112 bicycles were stolen between 1st January 2016 and 30th June 2018. By far, most bicycles were stolen in Dublin but 368 were stolen in Kildare during that period. The Gardaí strongly recommend that cyclists record the serial number on the bike frame, take a photograph of the bike and email them to themselves so that they would have a record of their bike in the event of it being stolen and recovered. However, it would also be beneficial if the Gardaí set up a database of serial numbers so that cyclists would check if their bike has been recovered.

Bicycle theft is unfortunately a frequent occurrence when bike use increases. It explains why many Dutch people cycle old bikes and are not too worried about securely locking them.

Happy Birthday Cyclist.ie

Happy Birthday! Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network is 10 years old. In that time it has grown to over 30 cycling advocacy groups spread across the country. As one of its founding members, Maynooth Cycling Campaign will be joining in the celebrations at the bi-annual Council Meeting in October.

Fianna Fail Cycling Policy

Fianna Fail has recently published a new policy document on cycling. The main elements include an increase in physically segregated cycle lanes, a National Cycling Champion and provision of cycle training to all primary school pupils – all of which will be warmly welcomed by

cycling advocacy groups. While Maynooth Cycling Campaign has reservations about the lack of detail on funding, we warmly welcome the new policy as it sets a high bar for other parties to follow.

Climate Action

The Dáil has set up a special Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action calling it a 'new departure' for climate change policy in Ireland. Among the Committee's core tasks is consideration of the recommendations made by the Citizens' Assembly on 'How the State can make Ireland a Leader in tackling Climate Change'. The Committee's first witness was the ESRI and Justice Laffoy, the former Supreme Court Judge who chaired the Assembly process.

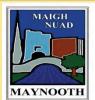
Minister Naughten has admitted that Ireland's current national climate action plan (the National Mitigation Plan) is not working and requires radical revision. This is abundantly clear with Ireland's polluting emissions continuing to rapidly increase, and given the likelihood of significant fines due to the Government's knowing failure to deliver on its 2020 international climate action obligations.



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Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our cyclistie. We are affiliated to Cyclistie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Nativerk and the cyclistic description of the cyclist and activities is available on our cyclistic description. website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.









Maynooth Tidy Towns win Gold again at The National Tidy Towns Awards in The Helix Theatre, DCU for 2018.

We are absolutely delighted and thrilled with this win we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers, committee and sponsors who helped us out during the year.



Congratulations and well done to Maynooth University on being awarded the Green Campus Flag by An Taisce on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. The Flag raising ceremony was on Tuesday 25th September.

BIODOVERSITY

As part of our Biodiversity Action Plan for Maynooth we asked Wild Kildare (Paddy Sheridan) to survey the town for swifts in the 2017 breeding season, and Kildare Bat Group (Anna Collins) to survey the town for sites suitable for bat boxes.

SWIFTS.

The population of this wonderful bird, (which spends practically all its life in the air, only landing when it needs to breed) has declined by more than 40% in just the last 20 years. Loss of natural nest sites due to the renovation of older buildings where they breed is a major factor in their decline. Swifts are site faithful meaning that they return to the same nest every year. The survey identified 28 nests but all are concentrated in Renehan Hall on the South Campus MU. While our population is quite healthy it is not good having all of our swifts on one building in one location. In order to redress this situation and working jointly with Paddy Sheridan of Wild Kildare, nest boxes and call systems sponsored by



Maynooth Tidy Towns were installed by Paddy on Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich on Saturday 29 September. The planned nest boxes and future collaboration between our two groups should help safeguard the future of this fabulous bird in Maynooth.

BATS:

Our bat population is also in decline, again due to the loss of natural roosting sites and a reduction in the number of insects as a result to our overuse of pesticides. Bats are not harmful but are very beneficial. A bat can consume up to 3,000 insects in one night, which reduces our dependence on harmful insecticides.

Anna Collins of Kildare Bat Group, accompanied by Tidy Towns volunteers surveyed Maynooth in 2017 and identified a number of sites in various locations around the town suitable for bat boxes. Bat boxes provide alternative roosts for our bats.



Bats are a protected species under the Wildlife Act 1976 (as amended). It is an offence to intentionally kill, disturb, handle, sell or offer for sale a bat without a licence. Anna will monitor the bat boxes on our behalf on an ongoing basis.

BEES:

This is bulb planting time and we would urge you to spare a thought for our hard pressed bees and other pollinating insects as you make your bulb purchases. Resident pollinating insects need a steady supply of nectar and pollen as they emerge from their winter hibernation in early spring and go in search of food. Include bulbs such as crocus, snowdrops, muscari (grape hyacinth) and native bluebell (Hyacinthoides Non Scripta) in your purchases. Plants such as hellebore (Christmas/Lenten



Rose) lungworth (Pulmonaria) and flowering currant (Ribes) will also provide much needed food for our foraging bees in the lean months of early spring. Plant a combination of both bulbs and plants and you will be delighted with the results!

Any plants/bulbs bearing a BEE symbol are perfect for pollinators.

CLEAN UPS

Our Wednesday evening clean ups are finished now until Spring 2019. Saturday mornings continue as usual until further notice. Meet in Courthouse Square at 10am. A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped out during the summer months, especially watering our plants and tubs during the very hot spell.

New Volunteers are always welcome, so if you have an hour to spare give us a call on 087-3153189 or just show up in Courthouse Square on Saturday morning at 10am.

To keep up to date with the group please LIKE us On Facebook or FOLLOW us on Twitter.

Maynooth Tidy Towns Association.

Zero Waste

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Zero Waste Maynooth

Plastic Free Halloween

Halloween can be a scary time for people who are trying to avoid plastic! Hopefully these hints will help your Halloween party feel less scary!

Refuse:

• Say no to the party "essentials" such as straws and balloons – you will be pleasantly surprised by how

little these items are missed!

Make the decision to have plastic free party bags. Make paper bags from old newspapers or get paper lunch bags. A packet of pumpkin seeds as a gift would let the child grow their own pumpkin for next year!

Reduce:

Cut down on your plastic party packaging by bringing your own containers when you go shopping! Get package free sweets from An Siopa Milseán and loose pastries and cookies are available from most supermarkets.

Reuse:

- Use proper Delph and glasses rather than disposables. If you are afraid of breakages, use plastic tumblers. If you don't have enough, ask your guests to bring some!
- Reuse old decorations if you pack them away carefully each year they will last and last.
- Look up Pinterest for ideas of turning sheets, jars and milk cartons into decorations!

Recycle:

· Make sure all recyclables are clean, loose and dry!

Rot

• Make sure all food leftovers are put in the compost bin.

This ideas can be applied to any occasion to make it a plastic free party!

Zero Waste Events:

Our first event after the summer was a great success. Mark of the *Rediscovery Centre* held an Introduction to Bike

Maintenance workshop where people got to learn the basics of bike maintenance and work on their own bikes to gain hands-on experience. The Community Space was busy as *Bare Necessities* were selling loose, dried goods and *Green Outlook* were also present selling zero waste essentials. *The Cloth Nappy Library* were also on



hand, offering advice to anyone interested in using cloth nappies. A huge thanks to everyone who attended the workshop, shopped at the stalls or popped in for a cuppa and a chat!



Our next event is on **Saturday**, **20**th **October** in the Community Space from 2-4pm. Bring along your own containers to do your package free shopping from Bare Necessities. There will be a spooky hands-on workshop for kids of all ages. Follow us on Facebook to stay informed!!



St Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Amazing Experience at German Music Festival

St Mary's Brass and Reed Band was one of 34 Bands from all over Europe

taking part in the International Music Festival in Bad Orb near Frankfurt in Germany from 7th to the 9th September

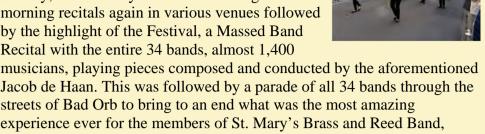
The Festival began with the Welcome to the Nations Night in the 2,000 seater marquee where the National Anthems of all the participating nations were played and sung followed by a piece of music chosen by the bands.



The Festival continued on Saturday with recitals by the bands in venues throughout the town. On Saturday afternoon there was a magnificent Ecumenical Service held on a hill overlooking the town with the music provided by 6 bands specially selected for the occasion which included St. Mary's Band which was indeed a signal honour. The

music for this Service was conducted by the world famous Band Composer Jacob de Haan which was something really special for the members of the Maynooth Band.

Sunday, the final day of the Festival began with morning recitals again in various venues followed by the highlight of the Festival, a Massed Band Recital with the entire 34 bands, almost 1,400



streets of Bad Orb to bring to an end what was the most amazing experience ever for the members of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Maynooth none of which would have been possible without the tremendous support of the business people and residents of Maynooth and the surrounding areas of the town. Thanks a million for your generosity.

At present we are working on a Christmas CD which we hope to have more news on in the next issue. Our annual Mass for deceased members is at 1pm and our Christmas Concert is in the Glenroyal on Sunday 9th December at 7.30 pm so very busy few months ahead.

The German trip has produced a great level of interest in the Band and we have already had some new players joining us so if you can play an instrument we would love to see you in the Band Hall on Pound Lane any Monday night, Bank Holidays excepted, between 7.45pm and 9.45pm.

We hope to begin new band classes after Christmas so if you have any children interested please contact us at sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie and we will be in touch with you.

The Galway Cycle Raises €106,000 for The Coombe Hospital

The Galway Cycle is an annual fundraising event run out of Maynooth University. Since it was first established in 1987 by a group of students at St. Patrick's College, the annual Galway Cycle has covered more than 12,000 kms of road and raised in excess of €1.6 million for a host of charities close to the hearts of cyclists and their families. They are having their AGM on 2nd October where cyclists and support crews will receive presentations from the 4 shortlisted charities for 2019 and vote on who next year's charity partner will be.

On Thursday 20th September, Ciara Keogh, Galway Cycle President, presented a cheque to Sharon Sheehan, Master of the Coombe and Ailbhe Gilvarry, Chairperson of the Friends of the Coombe, for €106,000. This money is going towards developing three ensuite bereavement suites within the Coombe Hospital to provide hospice-style care by creating a family-friendly home away from home to afford bereaved parents both comfort and dignity. Over 240 cyclists and

support crew left Maynooth for Galway on 6th April and returned to Maynooth on the 8th April after spending a day shaking buckets, busking, and, parading in fancy dress, all in order to raise funds to provide this essential service in the Coombe.

GC18 President, Ciara Keogh, said, "We are delighted to have raised this fantastic amount of money for such a worthy cause and I look forward to getting a tour of the three bereavement suites when they are equipped. We are also very grateful to our sponsors especially Declan Kennedy of Brady's who has so generously supported us for a number of years". Dr Sharon Sheehan, Master of the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital said "We are completely overwhelmed by the amount raised by the Galway Cycle - an incredible €106,000 which will be used to help the Coombe Women & Infants University Hospital develop hospice-style bereavement suites to create a family-friendly home away from home for bereaved parents. Heartfelt thanks to each and every single cyclist, collector and member of the support team as well as the very many people who worked behind the scenes to raise this transformational sum of money."



Ciara Keogh, President, with the framed GC18 Jersey presented to Declan Kennedy of Brady's.



Ciara Keogh, President presenting the cheque to Sharon Sheehan, Master of the Coombe.



Steven McCarthy, Vice President; Ciara Keogh, President; Anne Marie Brennan, Food Committee; Bill Wilson; Training Committee.



Sharon Sheehan, Master of the Coombe with Ciara Keogh, President.

Maynooth University Research Week 2018

Public invited to hear about the impact of world-class research of Maynooth academics and students



Save the week of 8-12 October for **Maynooth University Research Week 2018**, which will showcase world-class public lectures, workshops, music and a host of dynamic events.

Maynooth University invites the public to seven days of high-profile keynote speakers and dynamic events on topics ranging from Ireland's treatment of women past and present to, Brexit, the history of medieval medicine to the future of democracy. Other events include concerts, rapid-fire competitions, student research displays, a drone demonstration, and a workshop on practical uses for GIS.

A keynote speech by Prof Linda Connolly, Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute, on the topic: 'Ireland: No country for women?' will pose questions on the state's treatment of women past and present; the referendum to repeal the 8th Amendment; and the forthcoming referendum on women in the home – all set against this year's centenary of the vote for women.

Renowned philosopher and cultural commentator Professor AC Grayling will deliver the Dean's Lecture on 'The Meaning of Brexit and the Future of Democracy.' The country's foremost expert in drone technology, Maynooth's Dr Tim McCarthy, will discuss the latest innovative tests conducted by his team.

Other highlights include a "Three-minute Thesis" competition for postgraduate students and a session with postdoctoral researchers featuring fun, 5-minute talks in which presentation slides advance automatically.

Maynooth University Research Week 2018 is an opportunity for the public to see the extraordinary value and impact of Maynooth University research up close, with many exciting and creative events running throughout the week.

Full programme of events: https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/research-week



Prof Linda Connolly, Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute

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MAYNOOTH CASTLE'S AUTUMN FAREWELL

by Moira Devery (OPW Guide)

The long warm days of summer are over. The children have gone back to school, leaves are fast falling to the ground or being swirled around by autumnal winds; the sun sets so early that we are often left surprised and sometimes wistful.

CULTURE NIGHT

Amidst graduation ceremonies at the College, the OPW guiding team at Maynooth Castle prepare for Culture Night (21st Sept.) the only chance to see the Castle illuminated for our late opening and our last big event before the Castle drifts off into a long hibernation of eight months on September 26. All moveable objects will be packed and stored away safely until May 2019, safe, that is, from the dust that falls from the over 800 year old walls of the undercroft.

What a season it's been - the best ever in the recent history of the Castle! In 2018 we've so far welcomed in excess of 22,000 visitors from places as far apart as Alaska, New Zealand, South America, India and Myanmar. That's quite some figure when you remember that there was no Community Festival this year and no performance by the Maigh Nuad Players. Hopefully both will return next year to put our beloved Castle back on the map as a treasured venue for Maynooth and environs.

We've met some very interesting people since opening on May 18 including a New Yorker called Conn who speaks fluent Irish (see photo) and two ladies from Myanmar, one an MP and the other a lecturer in Gender Studies. Both attended a conference in Dublin Castle on Women's Caucuses on 9-10 September, a world premiere. Like many of our visitors, they told us they loved the Irish climate because you can be more active when temperatures are moderate and not excessively hot.



Conn Mac Aogáin of CUNY Graduate Centre with Moira Devery (OPW Guide)



BATS IN THE BELFRY

We also met Charlotte Quinn (local) and David
Hamberg (Sweden) who helped rescue a cute little bat
which had flown into the keep. Charlotte's gentle
hands carried him to the Solar Tower where we
released it and were relieved to see that it was able to
fly.

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Gherardini when he told them the story of three of
their family members who had fled Florence and
settled in Ireland. He claimed to be their descendant
In 1440, the Chancellor of Florence wrote to the
Geraldines. Gearoid Mór corresponded with the



Charlotte Quinn and David Hamberg



THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

This summer we had so many young language students from Italy visit the Castle that we actually learned some Italian like il pozzo (the well), il gran salone (the Great Hall) and Arrivedercci ragazzi (goodbye children). However, there is another Italian connection which fascinates many visitors. The Geraldines attempted to trace their ancestors back to an Italian branch of the Normans and to the Gherardini family, of whom the Mona Lisa is the most famous member. While the claim of descent has been refuted by most academics, what is undisputed are the many contacts between the FitzGeralds and Florence.



As early as 1413, a priest named Maurice from the parish of Ardfert was granted an audience with the Gherardini when he told them the story of three of their family members who had fled Florence and settled in Ireland. He claimed to be their descendant. In 1440, the Chancellor of Florence wrote to the Geraldines. Gearoid Mór corresponded with the Gherardini family in Florence in 1507. It also appears that Gearoid Og visited them. After the execution of Silken Thomas and his five uncles, Thomas' younger brother Gerald, aged 12 at the time of the rebellion, was smuggled out of Ireland by the women of the family, notably Lady Eleanor Mac Carthy. After travelling via Scotland, France, and Belgium he remained with the Medici in Florence for some years before returning to Ireland in the 1550s.

BLIAIN NA GAEILGE

Finally, as Bliain na Gaeilge enters its last four months, we intend to continue efforts made this year at the Castle, not just to welcome guests in Irish, and to offer a tour in Irish but to use our native language more often, even after Bliain na Gaeilge. It was the language spoken in Ireland at the time of the Norman invasion and up until it was dealt a near-death blow by the Penal Laws and the Famine. Let us be inspired by Iarla Gearoid, the third Earl of Desmond, who is said to have composed 39 poems in Irish including the lovely poem Mairg adeir olc ris na mnáibh ("Speak not ill of womenkind"). If the Frenchspeaking Normans could learn Irish, then surely we can (re)learn ár dteanga dúchas.

OUTLOOK FOR 2019

We hope to organise an art exhibition in May with the Castle Keep Art Group and to attract it and another art group called Strokes of Genius into the Castle Grounds on May 21, International Drawing Day, to draw or paint the Castle. Watch the Castle's FB page. Thanks to all our visitors for stopping by, taking a tour, reading the panels, participating in our special Heritage Week tours and competitions, and enjoying the grounds. We've loved having you and hope to see you all again next year.







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Kildare Rail Commuters Continue to Face Overcrowding

I recently asked the Minister for Transport Shane Ross if he has any plans to increase capacity on commuter trains for the regions surrounding Dublin. I also asked if he was satisfied that Irish Rail are using their full complement of rolling stock at peak times and if he has any plans to increase the amount of rolling stock available to Irish Rail.

In his reply Minister Ross stated that the operation of the day to day rail network including the use of rolling stock is solely a matter for Irish Rail and for that reason he confirmed that he had sent my question on to Irish Rail.

I must say it is getting very tiring to hear Minister Ross say he has no function when it comes to any questions regarding public transport. In fact I have now asked him to supply a list of what he does have a function in. Anyone who travels on the commuter lines from Kildare to Dublin and return during peak times will be well aware of the significant crowding and the very obvious need for increased capacity. I believe the Minister for Transport should take a proactive approach to ensuring that public transport works for the public.

However, having submitted queries to Irish Rail directly and engaging with them on the matter, I am happy to reveal that in relation to the Phoenix Park Tunnel services it is proposed to introduce an hourly off peak service between Hazelhatch & Grand Canal Dock in December 2018 and it is proposed to introduce weekend services on the route at the end of 2019/start of 2020.

In addition, on the Maynooth line, it is proposed to increase weekday off peak, Saturday & Sunday service to a half hourly frequency between Maynooth & Connolly in December 2018.

It has been confirmed that some off-peak weekday services and all weekend services will now operate between Dublin Connolly and Maynooth, instead of Dublin Pearse.

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has told the Oireachtas Transport Committee that there is a serious lack of detail regarding the full implications of the recently announced Bus Connects plan. She said people in her own area of North Kildare were already expressing concern regarding what the changes would mean for commuters in the area and it appears that the changes may well make the use of public transport less attractive and therefore generate more car traffic on roads.

Speaking during the last sitting of the Oireachtas Transport Committee prior to the recess, Catherine Murphy said:

"On first impressions of BusConnects it seems to me that the real losers in this plan are those on the fringe of the city – places like North Kildare, Fingal, Bray etc. There is a huge dependency on

the bus network which is not really comparable to other cities which have much better connectivity links between other transport options. Under the proposed Bus Connects plan someone who currently gets the 66A from Confey will potentially face a situation where they now might need to take 3 separate buses to make the same journey as the current 66A - for many people they will see it as an easier option to just take the car and this is not conducive to encouraging people to use public transport."

"I don't think enough consideration has been given to the areas on the fringe of the bus network including in relation to traffic management and the ability of some of the junctions to deal with feeder buses etc. The upcoming information sessions will be crucial to ensure that people's concerns are heard and that the detail of the plan is fleshed out so that when people are making submissions to the public consultation they can do so with the benefit of the detail of all the proposals in the plan and how it might affect them.

The public consultation process is open until 28th September and I would encourage people to engage The 2018/19 Register of Electors came into force with the process." The last information session takes place in Busaras on 20th September from 3pm to 7pm. Sessions were already held in Celbridge & Maynooth.

Please send in your own submission to Bus Connects to ensure they gauge the opinions of members of our local community.

By email to: consultations@busconnects.ie or send it by post to:

BusConnects Network Redesign, National Transport Authority, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2, D02 WT20

It's vital to remind you that at the moment, BusConnects is still just a proposal while a public consultation phase continues during August and September. The public consultation process is open until 29th September 2018.

Locally, some of the proposals include that the 66a and 66b routes are to be deleted, the 66b is set to be replaced by C4 route which means higher frequency Celbridge Buses coming down Celbridge Road to Leixlip and on into the village through town with the terminus in Ringsend.

The 66a is set to be replaced by a bus between Confey and Hazelhatch Stations. Scrapping the 66a regelectors@kildarecoco.ie would be a real problem. The 66 to Maynooth will be called C3 and will continue terminating at Ringsend instead of Merrion Square. Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge

The Bus Connects plan proposes an introduction of a C -Spine to service bus routes from Lucan to Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge. It proposes the introduction of some new local routes to connect rail stations, at Hazelhatch & Leixlip, Confey. Celbridge, Maynooth, and Leixlip stations.

Maynooth and Celbridge gain a new orbital service to Citywest and Tallaght.

Maynooth

The proposed network provides both radial service to Lucan and Dublin city centre, and orbital service to Celbridge and Tallaght.

Route C3 from Maynooth to Ringsend (Docklands) replaces the existing Route 66 and reaches the city centre faster by making use of the Chapelizod Bypass. It would terminate at Ringsend in the South Docklands. Service would be every 25 minutes all day and every 10 minutes in peak hours.

Route W8 from Maynooth to Tallaght would operate every 30 minutes. This route replaces the existing Route 67 between Maynooth and Celbridge, but it extends further by starting near Maynooth University, and continuing from Celbridge to Hazelhatch, Newcastle, Greenogue Business Park, Citywest and Tallaght.

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on 15 February 2018 and will be used at any poll that may be called in the period to 14 February

A draft of the 2018/19 Register was published on 1 November 2017 and, as part of our public information campaign, was made available for examination in post offices, community libraries and Garda stations as well as online at www.checktheregister.ie until 25 November.

If your name is not entered on the 2018/2019 Register, you can apply to have your name entered on the supplement to the Register up to approximately 17 days before a poll. The Presidential Election will take place on Friday 26th

The closing dates for receipt of application forms are Monday 1st October for entry to the Supplement on Postal and Special Voters List and Tuesday 9th October for entry to the Supplement on the Register of Electors.

Forms for this purpose are available on the sidebar on the left, or at your local post office, community library or Garda Station. You can also obtain one by phoning Kildare County Council on 045-980201 or by email at:

Please note that those included on the register of electors as other than Irish citizens, and have now become Irish citizens, must complete a RFA5 form in order to have their entry updated. This form may be downloaded from the side-bar on the left.

If you have any query concerning the register, please either ring 045-980201 or e-mail regelectors@kildarecoco.ie



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Meeting Mariga

When I joined the Carton Preservation Committee in the late 1970s I didn't know that my most memorable experience would be meeting Mariga Guinness. We were hoping to persuade the government to purchase this magnificent house and grounds, former seat of the Dukes of Leinster, for the nation and as Mariga had lived there with her husband, Desmond, in the 1950s she was naturally interested.

Born in London in 1932 and christened Hermione Marie-Gabrielle von Urach, Mariga (as a teenager she had shortened her first name) was of German nobility. In 1930 her mother Rosemary Blackadder, a beautiful Scotswoman, had married Albrecht von Urach, a Catholic prince, soon after they met in Paris. He had been raised in the family castle, Schloss Lichenstein, south of Stuttgart.

Despite her titled background Mariga's upbringing was far from idyllic. While still a child her parents took her to Japan, where her father was attached as a photographer to the German embassy. This was just a few years before the outbreak of World War 11. When in 1937, after the Japanese invasion of China, her mother, accompanied by Mariga, impulsively entered the imperial palace to tell Emperor Hirohito that his generals were misleading him she was forcibly removed. Sedated, Rosemary was sent back to Britain, where she sank into depression and was eventually given a lobotomy. Soon afterwards Mariga, without her father, returned from Japan and went to live with her mother's friend, Hermione Ramsden, in Norway. Deprived of both parents while still a child, it is probable that, deep down, Mariga always had a little-girl-lost streak.

Nevertheless, possessed of good looks, intelligence, spontaneity and a title, Mariga won the heart of Desmond Guinness when they met in Oxford, where both were studying. Married in 1954, they moved to Ireland soon afterwards and rented Carton House as their first residence. In 1958 they purchased Leixlip Castle, which they lovingly restored. Two children born to them, Patrick and Marina, did not dampen their habit of providing lavish hospitality for connoisseurs, conservationists and pop idols such as Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithfull.

There were stories told that while living at Carton Mariga used to walk barefooted into Maynooth, but being a beautiful German princess one was allowed to flout convention. Before they moved from Carton to Leixlip she and Desmond founded the Georgian Society to preserve Ireland's built heritage and it P.G.Nerney

was by its efforts that Mountjoy Square as well as iconic buildings such as Conolly Folly, Castletown House and Tailors' Hall were rescued from neglect – there is a 1967 photograph of Mariga with Jacqueline Kennedy taken during restoration work in Castletown House.

By the time I met her, Mariga's marriage was in trouble. She had also lost her youthful bloom but not her cut glass accent and gracious mannerisms. Even when she attended our meetings in Carton, though her cardigan might have torn elbows, she had an indefinable air of breeding. While we were figuring out ways to persuade the government to cough up three million, she would talk about Capability Brown, the Franchini Brothers or paper panels in Carton's Chinese Room. Ones heart went out to this fragile person, who was obviously expecting to be installed as custodian now that her days in Leixlip Castle were numbered. Hopefully she would live in Carton, just as she had done as a newlywed, enjoying its spacious rooms with their stuccowork and furnishings, the great house surrounded by 1,100 acres of unspoilt parkland.

Unfortunately, our plans for Carton proved fruitless; Powerscreen Ltd. purchased it and in time it was converted into a luxury hotel and the grounds into a golf course. In the meantime Mariga went to live in Tullynisk, the Dower House of Birr, Co. Offaly, where she continued, on a much-reduced scale, the entertaining that had been a feature of her life in Leixlip. After her departure for Birr I never saw her again, but I did attend her burial in 1989 under Conolly Folly; this obelisk is within a short distance of her beloved Leixlip, Castletown and Carton. Soon afterwards I wrote a poem to commemorate her passing, the last stanza of which reads:

> Dear life-bewildered princess sleep quiet beneath your folly, with May-time beauties that you loved piled here in fresh-cut splendour: I lay this cottage-grown rosemary beside the stately arum lilies.

Twenty-nine years later, despite rumoured plans by the OPW to remove it, her grave is still there under the Folly, an unconventional resting place for a most unforgettable and talented lady.

Smaointe

In an ecstasy of malice and cunning, They urged their victim along -An everyday event, but like David's sling,

Capable of destroying the mighty; A Wooden Horse, fit to bring Troy down; A drinking binge and scissors, enough To ruin the invincible Samson!

They took her in adultery, a heinous sin. Moses' law decreed "Death by stoning"; But what would He say? This champion of mercy and forgiveness! Either way his cover was blown – Law or mercy He must disown.

But what a rout was in store for them, Those enemies of God and men!

"You asked my judgement! Well here it is. Stone her but let the stoning begin By him among you who has no sin".

> Consternation! Confusion! The hadn't thought of that! They'd have to think again.

Gabriel Martin

Maynooth University Town F.C.



Following our Cup exploits and League promotion to Division One in 2017/18 we now embark on a new quest for further honours. We have commenced our league campaign in impressive fashion and hope to maintain our good early form for the remainder of the season.

Results to date:

L.S.L. Division One – Town 2 Home Farm O Eoin McDermott was the star of this game with two typical "Macker" strikes in a solid home performance.

L.S.L. Division One – Town 2 Glenville F.C. O

Another double strike in this impressive display against a tough uncompromising Palmerstown side. Captain Darragh Reynor grabbed the honours this time with both goals.

L.S.L. Division One – Dublin Bus 1 Town 2

Town forged out a thrilling win in this trip to Clondalkin . A Conor Foley shot came off the post in the 22nd minute but "Macker" was on hand to hit home the rebound. Bus got on terms in the 54th

minute following slack Town marking. The game seemed destined for a draw until Killian Duffy smashed home to winner in the 82nd minute for

L.S.L. Division One – Glebe North 1 - Town 3.

It was nip and tuck in this game until Darragh Reynor lubbed the home keeper in the 35th minute to open the scoring for Town. Glebe drew level on 55th minutes with a well worked free kick. Darragh Reynor put Town back in front when finishing off a Killian Duffy cross. Shortly after Eoin Donnellan split the home defence before passing to Conor Foley who sealed the win with a sublime finish.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup 1st Rd. Town 2 - Mid **Sutton 0**

In the first game in defence of our Intermediate title we had to battle hard for a deserved win. Town were not their usual free flowing self and could have gone behind on a number of occasions Town went in front in the 55th when Conor Foley hit home a Cian Byrne rebound. Jake Corrigan ensured the win in the 82nd minute with the goal of the season so far.

We extend sympathies to the families of Conor Mooney, Martin O'Connor and Tommy & Gary Daly on recent family bereavements.

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LETTER TO OUR READERS

This is just a note to remind you all that the Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

Maynooth Newsletter **Editorial Board**

EDITORIAL

"October's poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter" is how author Nova Bair describes this month. Showing the brightness that nature provides in one of some people's least favoured months of the year. Around Ireland we have some well-established festivals in October such as the Jazz in Cork and the Opera in Wexford as well as a food festival and a film festival in Kerry. Also in Wexford but less well known is Wexford Spiegeltent Festival which began in 2012, which claims to be one of the biggest and most successful multi-genre festivals in Ireland. For 2018, they have an eclectic programme of events that awaits you which includes contemporary music, comedy, theatre, burlesque, and more.

One festival that I think is unique is Baboró International Arts Festival for Children in Galway which celebrates eighteen years this year. They bring Galway city to life in October with a week filled with theatre, dance, literature, music, puppetry, workshops and visual art for all ages. Performances are age targeted, so Baboró makes it easy for you to choose the best shows to attend.

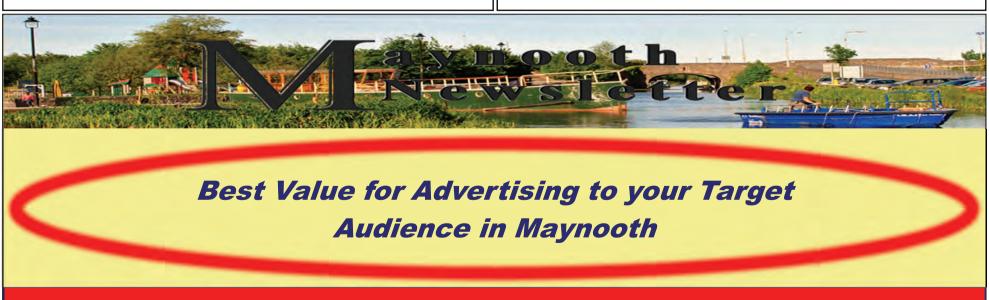
Back in late 1990s I was a founding member and Chairperson of the "Maynooth Arts Forum" where different groups involved in the arts worked together and we held a number of events in Maynooth for a couple of years. Maybe it is time that I restart this group as I pose the question should we have a festival in Maynooth in October?

In October we have a Presidential Election and no matter what the outcome there is no doubt that as all elections do we can expect some interesting moments during the campaign. Unrelated but potentially equally interesting, the newly established Electoral Geography Group (EGG), Maynooth University, will host its second academic conference titled: 'A Century of Elections: Past, Place and Politics' on Wednesday October 3rd 2018. This conference will celebrate the Centenary of the historic 1918 election, featuring papers which have a strong focus on the importance of place, or places, throughout the past century of elections on the island of Ireland.

This month the "Maynooth Newsletter" gives front page prominence to the Maynooth First Responders Group. I have mentioned the work of this group before as the group is now well established but like all other groups they are fund-raising. That is a thing that people often forget is that nothing is free and while people give their time for free there are costs to everything that happens be it the need for insurance to the cost of renting space and paying for ongoing costs. I encourage you to support this group because when a medical emergency happens we automatically expect that we will hear an ambulance in a few minutes. It is good to know that there are people here in our community that can also help at that critical moment.

As the Newsletter goes to print news has just come in that Maynooth has retained it's Gold Medal Award in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2018. Congratulations to all involved in this tremendous achievement.

Paul Croghan - Editor



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Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

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

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome
Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Volunteers required to help
with this work.
Contact Number
087 3153189
Meet every Saturday
at 10.00am in the Square

Maynooth Senior Citizens

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.
Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

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

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in
The Glenroyal Hotel
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
9.30am to 11.30am
Maynooth Community Space Unit
11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

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St. Joseph's young Priest's Society
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between 8pm and 9pm
in Parish Centre, Maynooth.
For further information
contact Bernadette at 6286288
or Lena at 01 6285128.
Next meeting is Wednesday Oct 24th 8pm

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John Fleming - 087 2041334

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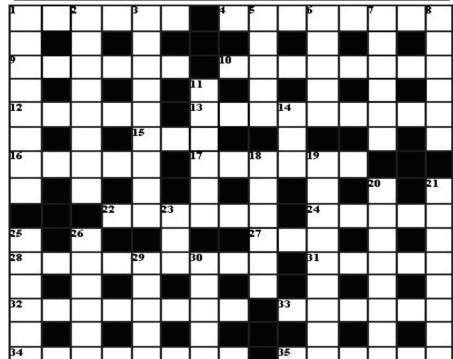
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Clues Across

- 1 Ungainly or awkard (6)
- 4 Fouled made unclean (8)
- 9 Chronicle or log (6)
- 10 Speaks or writes about briefly or in passing (8)
- 12 An extended stay in bed (3-2)
- 13 Existence beyond the grave (9)
- 15 Performance (3)
- 16 Chide or reprimand (5)
- 17 A pill for battle (6)
- 22 Stares at bright flowers (6)
- 24 Praise, laud (5)
- 27 Equip with weapon (3)
- 28 Gradually, little by little (9)
- 31 Poems about English racing venue (5)
- 32 Cancel or repeal, say in law (8)
- 33 Puts away for a tosser (6)
- 34 Gulding and directing, say a car (8)
- 35 Give out light-like some worms (6)

October 2018 Crossword - No. 473



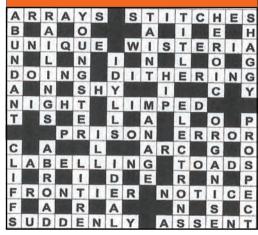
Clues Down

- Inattentive and negligent (8)
- 2 Owner of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Fictional Cabin (5,3)
- 3 Love songs under fair ladys window (9)
- 5 Open and unconcealed (5)
- 6 Not now, in a while (5)
- 7 Cancer is one, Capricorn another (6)
- 8 Crockery in general (6)
- 11 Baby's noisy toy (6)
- 14 A sea snake (3)
- 18 Dark rock of volcanic origin (6)
- 19 Like the forces of nature (9)
- 20 "A drowing man will

clutch" (2,1,5)

- 21 Caught a brief view of (8)
- 23 TV audience ratings (3)
- 25 Long stabb weapons (6)
- 26 Official order of ruling (6)
- 29 Avid, enthusiatic (5)
- 30 "..... Bread is soon forgotten" (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 472



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There Once Was a Witch

There once was a witch, Believe it if you can! She tapped on the window, And she ran, ran, ran. She ran helter skelter With her toes in the air. Cobwebs flying from the witches hair. Meow, goes the cat; Plop goes the toad Sitting on her hat. Whee! Chucklel I, What fun, what fun! Halloween night when the witches run!



Sona Oíche Shamhna



Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the Halloween party?

A: Because he didn't have any BODY to go



Q: Why did the monster eat the light bulb?

Because he needed a light snack!

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outside or with plastic bin bags covering your floor and possibly walls. Line up to 10 empty plastic bottles as you would with bowling pins at the bowling alley. Have the child stand back at a distance appropriate for their age and let them bowl a small pumpkin into the bottles.

When your guests arrive at the party, start the games as they enter. Set a bowl of plastic bats with numbers on the bellies near your



door and when guests arrive have them choose a bat at random. Tell them to hold onto their bat for a prize sometime during the party. Later, pull a number out of a hat and that child will win a special door prize.



Musical Graves is based off the game Musical Chairs and works the same way. Play fun Halloween music like Monster Mash and have

the children circle the chairs. When the music is shut off everyone has to find a chair and the child who does not is then out. With younger children it is sometimes nice to have a small prize for them when they are out.

Halloween is the perfect for a good old fashioned witch hut. Have an adult or older child volunteer to be the witch. Have them hide and ask



the guests to find the witch. This game can be played multiple times if the witch happens to get away.

A classic child party game is Pin the Tail on the Donkey. With a little creativity you can turn this game into Pin the Wart on the Witch. Blindfold the child, spin them around three times, and see if they can get the wart on the witch's nose. Your guests will burst out in laughter at this Halloween game when they see all the funny places that the wart was pinned.



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Halloween Jokes

- Q: What do ghosts eat for supper?
- A: Spooketi
- Q: What do you do when 50 zombies surround your house?
- A: Hope it's Halloween!!
- Q: What is the most important subject a witch learns in school?
- A: Spelling.
- Q: Why didn't the skeleton want to go to school?
- A: His heart wasn't in it.

- Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
- A: He didn't have any guts!
- Q: Why did the skeleton cross the road?
- A: To get to the body shop.
- Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?
- A: Because he had no BODY to go with.
- Q: What room does a ghost not need?
- A: A living room!
- Q: What kind of dessert does a ghost like?
- A: I scream!



As Autumn draws in on the garden, the days shorten and the garden begins to wind down. October is still a very busy time of the year preparing for spring as well as carrying out a range of general tasks and garden maintenance. What you do now will determine your success in spring.

The following are the main Garden jobs for October

Cut back perennials once the foliage has died down and add to compost heap. Lift and divide poor flowering or overcrowded perennial plants. Lift and store tender bulbs, corms and tubers once foliage has died down such as dahlias, tuberous begonias etc. Continue to plant winter and spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, crocus, etc. in borders or patio containers. As a rule of thumb most bulbs should be planted at approximately three times their own height with a few exceptions. Plant wallflowers, forget-me-not, sweet william, violas, myosotis, cyclamen and other spring bedding plants in borders or patio containers. Late autumn is a great time to plant shrubs and perennials for plants to "settle in" before the new season. Autumn is the ideal time to plant Clematis

An excellent time to plant fruit trees and a range of soft fruits such as



blackcurrants, gooseberries and raspberries. Enrich the soil before planting with a good compost such as `Erin Excel Multipurpose Compost'. A good time to scarify established lawns and spike the surface with fork or lawn aerator to help drainage. Apply an

autumn lawn feed such as 'Evergreen Autumn 2 in 1' which contains mosskiller if it has not already been applied.

Start putting root vegetables such as carrots and beetroot into storage. Sow broad beans for early crop next year. Prepare soil for next season by adding organic manure at the same time as digging. Do not leave soil exposed too long before covering with black polythene, sheeting or mulch. Now is a good time to clean algae, moss, etc. off driveways and footpaths with a product such as 'Goulding Path and Patio Cleaner'.

Herbs such as Basil, Dill, Chives and Parsley can be sown now for growing on your windowsill throughout the winter.



From your armchair take stock of this years garden and make a few notes or



sketches for next spring, a digital camera has become an invaluable garden companion taking snapshots of where herbaceous plants are located before they die back so you don't damage their roots during a winter dig, capturing images of borders you'd like to replicate at home or simply just a memory

jog so you remember which areas of the garden look like they need improving. Why not keep a photo diary of your garden with pictures taken each week? Reflect on what grew well, what failed miserably, and what changes you will make next year. You will be surprised at how useful these notes can be when you start ordering seeds and plants for next year!

How to make a simple leaf mould bin

be well rotted, and crumbly.

If your garden has trees it is worth saving the leaves to make leaf mould which is an excellent mulch for the garden. It is easy to make a pen; just mould chicken wire into a bin with stake in each corner to give structure. Rake up and pile the leaves in and they will rot down over the gardening year ready to spread on borders as mulch following winter/spring. You can tell when its ready as it will





Halloween Recipes



Quick and Easy Tea Brack

Ingredients:

300g luxury mixed fruit (or any mixture sultanas and raisins)

50g glacé cherries (halved)

1 lemon, zest and juice of

225ml cold brewed tea

1 egg lightly whisked

100g soft brown sugar

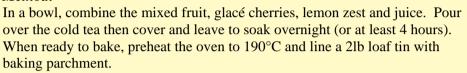
250g self raising flour

½ tsp baking powder

2 tsp mixed spice

Optional: 2 tbsp whiskey

Method:



Stir the egg through the soaked fruits followed by the sugar, mix well to combine. In a clean bowl, sieve together the self raising flour, baking powder and mixed spice, then add to the fruit mix and stir until all the dry ingredients are moistened (don't worry if it seems a little stiff, but avoid squashing the fruit as you stir). Transfer the mixture into the lined tin, level the top and bake in a preheated oven for 50 minutes (reducing the temperature to 180°C after the first 30 minutes to avoid the sultanas on the top crust burning).

It is cooked when a skewer inserted into the loaf comes out clean. While still warm, prick a few holes and spoon a little whiskey over the upper crust which will keep the brack moist. Allow to cool fully in the tin.

Scream-a-Colada

Ingredients:

200ml coconut milk

500ml pineapple juice

1 whole fresh pineapple

100g fresh and frozen strawberries or raspberries

Method:

Blend the strawberries or raspberries into a smooth coulis. Twist the leaves off the pineapple and reserve for decoration.

Cut the rind off the pineapple and cut the remaining fruit into 6 wedges. Mix the coconut milk and pineapple juice together. Drizzle the red

fruit coulis around the inside of the glass. Blend the coconut milk and pineapple juice in a jug and mix well. Divide between the glasses. Add a pineapple wedge to each glass and decorate with the leaves.

Cobweb Cheesecake

Ingredients:

600g full fat soft cheese

150g icing sugar 200g digestive biscuits

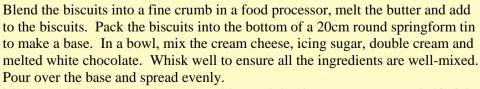
60g butter

100ml double cream

150g white chocolate

100g milk chocolate

Method:



Melt the milk chocolate, then using either a piping bag or a spoon, use half of the chocolate to make parallel circles on the cheesecake. Start from the outside and work into the middle, about 5-6 circles should be plenty. With a cocktail stick drag lines from the inside of the chocolate circles to the outside, repeat for each circle to create webs. Use the other half of the chocolate to make spiders on a piece of grease proof paper. Set the cheesecake and the spiders in the fridge for a minimum of 5 hours before serving. Use the chocolate spiders to decorate the sides of the cheesecake.







FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON CLASSIC HORROR MOVIES

Autumn is upon us once again. The leaves are falling fast and the autumnal colours are vivid in their copper and gold richness. Our mornings have that Autumnal bite and the days are shorter. Americans call it 'The Fall' and it really is the season of transition between the light of summer and the dark of winter. As Halloween is nigh, this is the perfect opportunity to look at how cinema has treated the subject of spooks, ghouls, goblins and horror through its visual medium.



THE EXORCIST (1973)

This horror classic has spawned many offshoots from it and its fair share of parodies, but it stands alone in its sheer sense of menace and spine-tingling chills. It may well be the greatest horror movie ever made. Linda Blair is the young girl possessed by a particularly vile, foul-mouthed, bile-spewing demon. Swedish legend Max Von Sydow plays one of the priests trying to exorcize Blair's disturbed character. The atmosphere of the film is truly terrifying and the horrific special effects will leave you cowering in your seat or running for the nearest exit! The Exorcist is cleverly done and probably the most frightening movie on this topic ever made! Bizarrely, the chill factor extended outside the confines of the film's story. It is well documented that many people associated with the making of The Exorcist died in mysterious circumstances. This led people to speculate that the set of The Exorcist was cursed. Who knows...



HALLOWEEN (1978)

Jamie-Lee Curtis will be in Dublin this month for a discussion of her new movie, Halloween, which is a follow up to the original 1978 film in which she starred. Halloween is not as scary as The Exorcist but runs a close second in the horror stakes. A six-year old boy commits murder and is put away. Fifteen years later he escapes and initiates a further killing spree, at Halloween, on the street the original crime took place. Female babysitters are his particular targets. Jamie-Lee Curtis pulls out all the stops as the one babysitter who bravely sets out to stop the maniac Michael Myers in his tracks. It's a strong performance from Curtis and you are rooting for her all the way. Director John Carpenter's dark, intensely creepy movie will keep you glued to the edge of your seat. It's not for the faint-hearted!





ROSEMARY'S BABY (1968)

Roman Polanski's Rosemary's Baby was the seminal horror movie of the late 1960s It played on the imagination This 1950s black and white film was genuinely of its audience. Polanski utilises the tool of the mind rather than explicit gore or violence to get his message across. Terror exists vividly in the mind of a young woman (Mia Farrow) who goes into meltdown when she begins to believe that her unborn baby is the spawn of the devil. Farrow is living in an apartment block with her husband (played by John Cassavetes) where not all is as it seems on the surface. Rosemary's Baby is excellent at hiking up the suspense. It's full of ambiguity and strong, often deeply sinister characters. Strangely, Polanski's personal life would prove even more horrific than his film. His heavily pregnant wife, Sharon Tate was brutally murdered by the Manson gang.



ALIEN (1979)

Ridley Scott's sci-fi horror classic has acquired cult status. Alien set the benchmark for the films that followed and the numerous take-offs. The film made Sigourney Weaver (Ghostbusters) an overnight star. She plays Ripley, the courageous crew member of a spacecraft invaded by an extremely frightening alien monster. This was a great kickass role for an actress at a time when male lead actors mostly dominated action-orientated films. Alien is dark, violent and chock full of suspenseful, jolting moments. The infamous, unexpected highlight of the movie involves a particularly gory scene with English actor John Hurt. Let's say you will need a strong stomach to swallow that one! Nothing that came after the first **Alien** film has ever quite managed to match it for its pure shock value.



INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS (1956)

revolutionary in its day, despite its B-movie credentials. Don Siegel's story of alien pods colonising the earth, inhabiting the bodies of humans and dispensing with them was a classic study in paranoia. Cleverly, it played on the paranoia of contemporary Americans as this was the era of the McCarthyite witch-hunts. Even with its modest budget and B-list actors, Invasion of the Body Snatchers is still miles ahead of any of the subsequent remakes. It's a thrilling, frightening and ingenious classic.



FRANKENSTEIN (1931)

In this classic 1931 version of the Frankenstein story, we see the creature develop from an innocent being, given miraculous life to the vengeful killer, misjudged and victimised by society. The great Boris Karloff is outstanding in the role of Frankenstein. There have been many interpretations of the creature in cinema history. Hammer films saw both British actors Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee take on the mantle of Mary Shelley's tortured character at various points in the 1950s. However few actors can match the pathos and terror of Karloff's performance as the monster. James Whale's film is perhaps the most intelligent and strangely beautiful reading of the famous horror story to date.

Film Seasons

The Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield is showing an Alfred Hitchcock season of films during the month of October. Classic thrillers like North By Northwest, Psycho and Dial M For Murder will get the big screen treatment.

The Irish Film Institute will be running a *Horrorthon 18* season from 25th to 29th October.

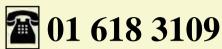
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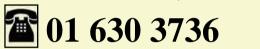


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"SAVE CARTON AVENUE CAMPAIGN"

Carton Avenue Preservation Society is seeking your support for its campaign to Save Carton Avenue. The historic 18th century 1 kilometre long avenue was originally designed to link Maynooth with Carton House and it is the only publicly owned dedicated walk in Maynooth. To facilitate the construction of a cycle lane, an opening 12 metres wide was made in the Avenue's hedgerow. A bridge was built on the Avenue's boundary, along with a 4 metre wide lane, that links the Dublin Road cycle lane to Carton Avenue's 2 metre wide pedestrian footpath. The cycle lane encroaches onto the linear green-way damaging the aesthetics of the Avenue. The society's immediate aim is to have this wholly unsuitable intrusion onto the Avenue reversed and the damage repaired.

To further the "Save Carton Avenue" campaign and to expand it activities, Carton Avenue Preservation Society is organising a public meeting for people who support its aims. The agenda will include a report on the campaign to date. Suggestions as to how we might best progress the campaign will be discussed. People who wish to help or join the campaign, please attend the meeting or leave a message on 087 6485799.

To date the people of Maynooth have followed the example of our local Councillors, who are working together on this important issue. To succeed in our aims, we the people, our Councillors and our TDs must united so as we can ensure We are a group of Maynooth Residents who are concerned and opposed to the the proper preservation and upkeep of our wonderful historic walk. At the October meeting of Maynooth Municipal District Council, there were four motions put down for discussion about Carton Avenue, by Councillors John McGinley, Naoise Ó Cearúil, Timmy Durkan and Teresa Murray. A 5th motion from Cllr. Reada Cronin about guardianship of Carton Avenue will be discussed at their next meeting. In advance of the meeting, we emailed the councillors, appealing to them to work together, to halt this unwanted development and rectify the damage already done. We are glad to report that they did work together. They supported each others motions which required Kildare County Council to undo the work on Carton Avenue. The motions were passed unanimously.

In response Kildare County Council officials refused to halt the work and told our elected representatives they would not implement their motions. The officials claimed that the people of Maynooth supported this development on Carton Avenue. The officials refused to rule out more works of a similar nature. We in Carton Avenue Preservation Society are puzzled by this claim of public support for Kildare County Council's work on Carton Avenue.

We know the details of the work on Carton Avenue were not included in the planning application in 2014. The plan for the work on Carton Avenue was not finalised until March of 2018. When and how Kildare County Council measured the support of the people of Maynooth, claimed by its officials, is unknown.



Carton Avenue Preservation Society

ongoing negative developments occurring on Carton Avenue. Mission Statement: "To preserve and protect the structural and cultural integrity of the historical amenity that is Carton Avenue Heritage Walkway for the benefit of all."

Save Carton Avenue

Public Meeting on Monday 5th Nov @ 8pm Glenroyal Hotel

Organised by Carton Avenue Preservation Society

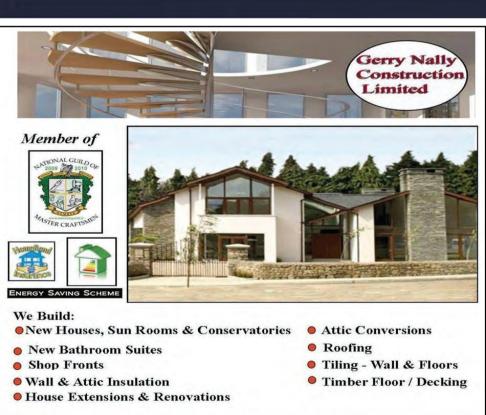
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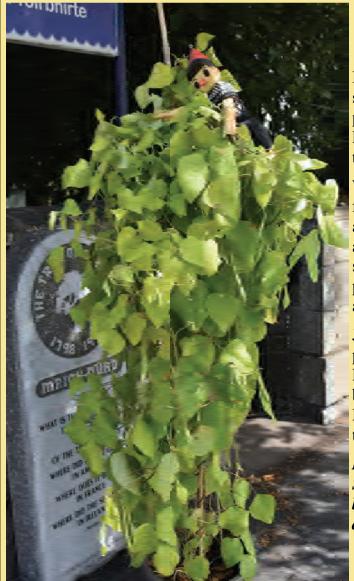
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Behind the scenes furious rehearsals for Jack and The Beanstalk are taking place. All sorts of creative designs are being finalised and the usual Panto mayhem is progressing a pace. But that is all par for the course and what we are well used to in An Nuadha Players. We go through this every year and wonder if everything will come together in time – and it always does despite all appearances to the contrary!

We have a real mixture of performers this year – some completely new faces, some old faces and some faces that have not graced the stage in a few years but are now back with a bang! Some of the cast from our first production of Jack and the Beanstalk in 2001 are appearing in different guises. We have principal characters who were in the children's scene in 2001 and our choreographer this year was also one of those kids in that first production. Others from the first cast are bringing their grandchildren to this production and so a whole new generation gets to enjoy the delicious fun that is panto!

Jack and his Beanstalk have also been out and about getting their second competition in place. Look at the picture and find out what tree Jack and the Beanstalk are hiding. Remember to get your entries on a card with your name and contact details and you could be the winner of two tickets to this year's panto. Entries please to the special box in Maynooth Bookshop. Closing date is Friday Nov. 23rd and winners will be notified in time for the panto which opens on Thurs. Nov. 29th.

Panto dates are Nov. 29th at 7.30, Nov. 30th at 7.30, Sat 1st Dec at 2.30 and 7.30 and Sun 2nd Dec. at 2.30. Tickets are on sale at Maynooth Bookshop or online at buytickets.at/annuadhaplayers. You can also contact us at 085 7830942 or annuadhaplayers@gmail.com.

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Cllr. McGinley's Emergency Motion on the Intrusion onto Carton Avenue Walk from Limetree Hall

Cllr. McGinley made the following statement when moving his emergency motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 5 October:

"In 1981, Carton Avenue was given as a public amenity in the care of Kildare County Council by the then owner, the Honorable David Nall Cain.

Carton Avenue has been in existence since 1750 and it has by and large been well maintained by Carton House, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County Council over the years.

That is until Friday, 28 September, when a 4m wide opening and two 2.2m wide footpaths were constructed from Limetree Hall housing estate onto the Avenue. The incursion is an appalling eyesore and is completely out of character with the Avenue.

The incursion was not covered under the Planning Permission applied for or Granted for Limetree Hall Ref: 14/660. The Planning File shows that two Council Officials met the developer of Limetree Hall on site in October 2017 and they agreed the detailed proposals for the entrance and the two footpaths/cyclepaths onto the Avenue.

These two Council Officials did not have the authority to make decisions on such an important matter, without referring to the Local Councillors, and in actual fact, given the sensitivity of the area any such proposal should have gone to Part 8.

The general public were not aware of what was proposed for the Avenue as no Planning Sign was erected on the Avenue, so that they could object.

I'm now asking that the Council order the developer of Limetree Hall to:

- (A) Immediately remove the two walkways on Carton Avenue and reinstate the green area.
- (B) Narrow the opening from Limetree Hall to cater for pedestrians only with a gate also to be put in place.
- (C) Trees which have been removed must be replaced with Mature Trees.

I would imagine that the developer will ask the Council to cover the cost of the work as it was the Council that asked that it be done. So, I'm asking the Council to agree to cover the cost in order to speed up the restoration of the Avenue."

The Motion and other similar Motions were passed unanimously. Council Officials present said that they would ignore the decision of the Members as in their view it was an Executive function.

Emmet Stagg has sought legal advice from Labour Lawyers in relation to the actions by Council officials.

Cllr. McGinley's Motion on Amendment No.1 to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) was Adopted at the **Maynooth MD Meeting on 9 October**

This Amendment to the LAP was to facilitate the construction of the much needed ring road from the Leixlip Road to the Celbridge Road, behind Parklands and Rockfield. Cllr. McGinley's amendment was in support of the residents who opposed the access points onto their estates from the new development.

Prior to the debate Cllr. McGinley made the following

"As a result of the Council's vandalism at Carton Avenue, Maynooth, 10 days ago, we are now well aware of what Council Engineers will do when they see an opening suggested between two estates.

At Carton Avenue they constructed a 4m wide tarmacadam road and no doubt they would do the same at Parklands and Rockfield unless we prevent them from doing so in this LAP amendment.

It is a very sad thing to say but after 25 years on the Council I lost trust in Council Officialdom At Fridays MD Meeting. Members were treated like dirt by the Officials present.

Following Fridays meeting I have no doubt that my fellow members will have no difficulty acting as one and passing all of the Motions on the Agenda this morning.'

The Amendments were passed and the following is now the

(A) The ambiguity in relation to possible vehicular connections into either Rockfield or Parklands Estates has been removed and the Plan now states that - 'There shall be no vehicular routes into the Estates of Parklands or Rockfield to the West of Key Development Area Railpark'.

(B) The proposed pedestrian and cycle connectivity into Rockfield and Parklands Estates has been removed from the Plan and the Plan now states - 'To ensure that residential amenity is not reduced there shall be no pedestrian or cycle connectivity at either Rockfield Park, Parklands Lodge or Parklands Lawns to the west of Key Development Area Railpark'.

(C) The Potential Access Point to the Celbridge Road between the Rockfield Exit and the Schools has been removed.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Bad Corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, to be Removed

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 5 October:

"That funding be provided in the 2019 - 2021 Capital Programme to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House and funding for a footpath from Castlepark Housing Estate up to the roundabout on the Blacklion Road."

John got the following response from the Council: Report: There is no funding available in the three year Capital Programme 2019-2021 for these projects without removing other more strategic projects from the programme. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department will consider these projects and determine if another source of funding could be secured. Issued by: Ms E Wright, Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety.

Report: An Bord Pleanála's decision on the Mariavilla Strategic Housing Development includes a condition (no.28) providing for a development contribution of €3.6 million in respect of public infrastructure and facilities. Issued by: Mr K Kavangh Senior Executive Office, Planning and Strategic Development Department.'

Update on Newtown Road Footpaths

The Maynooth MD engineer advised Cllr. McGinley that the Council were going to tender in mid-October for improvements to the existing southern side Newtown Road footpaths. Cllr. McGinley and two other Councillors have allocated funding for this work. The engineer also stated that he had made significant progress with the residents in providing a new footpath on the Northern side of Newtown Road from Beaufield to Bond Bridge.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Survey of the Trees on **Catron Avenue**

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November:

"That a Tree surgeon be employed to carry out an Audit of the trees on Carton Avenue and replaced in accordance with the Jim McConville & Associates Consultants Report of 2002 prepared for Kildare County Council, entitled "Specification and Schedule of Works for Tree Surgery to Existing Lime Trees". Funding for this work can be taken from the 405,294 euro allocated for Carton Landscaping in the 2018-2020 Capital Programme.'

Cllr. McGinley Submits Motion to Improve Safety at the Kingsbry/Straffan Road Junction

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November:

"That yellow box junctions be put on both sides of the Kingsbry exit with the Straffan Road, similar to those at the Parklands junction."

Cllr. McGinley asks for the Two Vacant Houses in Old Greenfield to be allocated

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November:

"When will the two vacant Council houses in Old Greenfield be allocated (house 1171 and 1 Brookview)?"

Feeney Selected for Labour in Maynooth

Angela Feeney was selected as the Labour Candidate for the Maynooth Local Electoral Area in the Local Elections to be held next May at a Selection Convention held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Tuesday 25th September. Angela, married to Barry with three grown up children, is Head of the School of Languages, Law and Social Sciences at DIT. A former Secretary of Maynooth Labour Branch, Angela has vowed to continue the tradition of Labour's commitment to serving the Community in Maynooth and throughout the electoral area, following the decision by Cllr. John McGinley not to seek re-election next year.

Angela was proposed by Emmet Stagg and seconded by Cllr. John McGinley and was unanimously endorsed as Labour's Candidate for the Local Elections. Emmet Stagg stated that he was honoured to propose Angela Feeney as the Labour Candidate. She was a member of a family with long Labour tradition dating back to Billy Norton's time. Angela is heavily involved in her Community through Maynooth Community Council, Old Greenfield Residents Association and previously served on the Maynooth Playground Committee which successfully lobbied and negotiated the development of the Harbour Field Playground facilities. Angela has also been an active member of the Board of Management of Maynooth Post Primary School as an elected parents' representative.

In accepting her nomination Angela thanked her proposer and seconder, and everybody who attended the selection convention. She vowed to retain the Labour Seat, held by Cllr. John McGinley with such distinction over the past 25 years, and committed herself fully to working for the Community.

Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community



On Monday October 8th the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a significant report which made clear that urgent action is required to slow the impacts of the climate change we have seen very clearly in the multiple extreme weather events of this year. The report says that the next twelve years are critical to slow the rate of global warming. Every half degree of warming will have very significant effects in raising sea levels, causing more desertification, environmental damage and destruction of agricultural land around the world. These pressures are increasing the mass population migration and resulting social and economic tensions we are already seeing all over the world. The consumption levels of the advanced western economies are responsible for almost all of the warming which has accelerated rapidly over the past 25 years.

Meanwhile the next day October 9th our government released a populist electioneering budget that dodged the bullet, once again showing no courage or significant action on climate change. The government avoided electorally unpopular carbon taxes which would go a long way to motivate us all to reduce our emissions and could be used to fund greater support for clean energy which is urgently needed.

The Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community sees a brighter future for our children and grandchildren by leading and encouraging activities right now in our community. Our aim is to raise awareness and help the community take the simple and highly effective actions every family and business can do to reduce their carbon emissions.

Maynooth Town Sustainable Energy Community Steering Group meeting in Maynooth University October 4th

The Maynooth SEC is setting a vision 2025 which states that "The Maynooth community is proud to be one of Ireland's best and role-model near-zero carbon towns". We are already working in partnership with the Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Maynooth University, the Maynooth Zero Waste group, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and our partner sustainable energy communities all over North Kildare.



Other valuable partnerships we seek include local schools, the Maynooth Business Community, church and faith groups and financial institutions who can support the funding of energy improvements.

'The Meat Lover'



One metric tonne of Carbon in Maynooth Main Street.

The dramatic picture on the left shows the scale of a single tonne of carbon gas. This helps us imagine the scale of the hundreds of billions of tonnes of greenhouse gasses we emit every year. The 'high consumption' family will

produce over 20 tonnes of carbon per year while the 'energy superstar family' can reduce this by more than half to 7-8 tonnes of carbon per year.

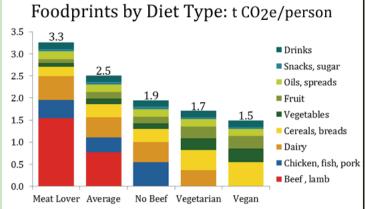
A dedicated 'meat lover' will cause 3.5 tonnes of emissions from one person's diet alone or up to 12 tonnes for a family of four. Half of that comes from red meat production. A diet that eliminates or saves it for a rare treat causes less than 2 tonnes of emissions per year for each person. Former president Mary Robinson has shown leadership in publicising the impact of diet and food-chain.

Full or part-time vegetarian and vegan diets can even further reduce our footprint. We have a responsibility to begin a diet change and work with Irish agriculture on herd reduction and policies to support diversification away from high dependence on the main ruminant animals and beef, dairy and sheep.

On the good news side of the equation an acre of mature forest in Donadea wood will absorb 15 tonnes of carbon per year but we would need significantly more of this, and a rich organic garden can absorb up to a tonne of carbon. Best efforts in this area do not come close to the level of carbon absorption we would need for our current lifestyle.

The Energy Superstar Family

A high consumption family of 4 can easily have a carbon footprint of more than 20 tonnes per year based a rich meat diet, relatively high mileage in a large SUV, poor energy use at home and longdistance air travel. A moderate consumption family has a footprint of about 13 tonnes or less helped by fuel



Note: All estimates based on average food production emissions for the US. Footprints include emissions from supply chain losses, consumer waste and consumption. Each of the four example diets is based on 2,600 kcal of food consumed per day, which in the US equates to around 3,900 kcal of supplied food.

Sources: ERS/USDA, various LCA and EIO-LCA data

Shrink That Footprint

efficient cars, less mileage, more bike and foot travel, a reduction or elimination of red meat and a well-insulated and energy managed home.

The energy superstar family can reduce its footprint well below 10 tonnes per year by significantly reducing or eliminating red meat, electric vehicles, public transport and cycling, and with major energy retrofits at home. With a world population of over 7 billion people that is still growing rapidly and a total of 2-3 billion cattle, sheep and other ruminant animals on earth this results in the emission of hundreds of billions of greenhouse gases every year.

We are not all ready to be energy superstars yet, but starting today with some basic steps can produce very big benefits. Simple things which can begin this weekend include turning down the thermostat one degree, reducing the heating timer an hour and using your timer and radiator thermostats carefully, buying some LED or low energy lights, eliminate one day of red meat per week and add a vegetarian day, and roll out some 300mm insulation in your attic.

Some Good News in our community ... Green shoots.

Over the past 6 months our community has already taken some very positive steps. Maynooth University continues to be a leader in sustainability. The campus services vice president Liz Dunne and the campus energy manager Ciarán Coffey are giving full support to the SEC. The college has just completed its sustainable campus master plan, is completing new smart energy building designs and has invested heavily in LED lighting upgrades and sustainable transport options for students. It has received the Green Campus certification and has a very active Green Campus team of students and staff. In the town low energy LED public lighting upgrades have begun by the canal and in some housing estates. Community groups are starting plans for bike rental schemes and the Maynooth Town Health Check process led by KCC has sustainability as a main theme.

The Maynooth Zero Waste group has been very successful with the reusable and recyclable coffee cup campaign and many package and plastic free product events. The University has just begun a meatless Monday in the cafeterias and has eliminated single use cups at water fountains. Green shoots if the pun is not too unbearable.

Next steps and November meetings

For next steps the SEC have two meetings scheduled in November on Wed 7th and 28th at 8pm in the university. We will confirm the exact location for these meetings in social media and email and everybody in the community is most welcome. Our aim is to have key officers appointed by November 28th and charter and objectives agreed so we can be fully and formally constituted under the SEAI scheme (sustainable energy authority of Ireland). Their 2019 programme and financing run from January to October so our aim is to be ready with a few strong submissions for Maynooth Town for 2019

In our plans we discussed a set of priorities and focus areas:

- Home energy improvements and healthy homes
- Communications throughout the community to support education on sustainable energy
- Financing initiatives to help people deal with grants, financial institutions and to understand entitlements under energy poverty and other schemes
- Transportation to support the increase and improvement of lower carbon transport

Longer term we will also address business, the public sphere and possibilities for community energy generation. We also would love to meet some residents' associations in the near future to brief them on home energy and the grants, financial supports and other help available.

Please drop me an email if you are interested to join the team.

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Budget 2019

The budget has seen some small improvements but housing, health, and transport links still require significant investment. I have detailed some of the changes to payments and other budgetary measures for your interest.

- Increase in weekly social welfare payments by €.
- Christmas bonus increased.
- Increase in minimum wage.
- Recruitment of up to 800 Gardaí.
- €2.3 billon to the housing programme for 2019.
- Increase in income tax rate bands.
- Extra €84 million for mental health service

Government sits on hands as commuters stand on trains

National Transport Authority has confirmed to me that refurbished carriages will now not be ordered to increase capacity on trains serving Maynooth and Leixlip.

It has now emerged that refurbished carriages are not a financially viable option to expand the rail fleet. This now leaves commuters stuck. The only short term option appeared to be these refurbished carriages which would have come as great relief to those in Maynooth, Kilcock, and Lexilip.

The Minister has this hands off approach which is clearly not working. We need to be creative and assess what carriages will work for this route. The DART for example has much more standing room and space on board. Perhaps this is an option. What is needed is a Minister who will come at the problem with innovative ideas. At present he does not seem to be doing anything.

I am calling for an emergency debate in the Dáil and immediate intervention from the Taoiseach. Something needs to be done before there is a tragedy due to overcrowding on the Kildare rail line.

Restoration of Town Councils Needed

We know that decisions are best made by those closest to them. That includes local Government. Places like Celbridge and Maynooth did not have a town council so it is important that if we re-establish them, and I hope that we do, it is done in such a way that it is uniform and balanced across the country.

There was an idea a few years ago that Ireland was overrepresented and had too many politicians but if we look at local government, France has one councillor for every 118 people, Denmark has one councillor for every 115 people and Ireland has one councillor for every 4,800, so we are actually at the opposite end of the scale. We are hugely under-represented in local government.

When the abolition took place, the cost savings amounted to €15 million over the 72 town councils abolished. It reminds me of the 132 Garda stations that were closed for a cost saving of €2 million. There was a general populism at the time, which we might put at the door of Fine Gael. It was a kind of anti-quango talk, of which the current Taoiseach was to the fore, calling for the abolition of various agencies, when all he was doing was abolishing public services. It was a populist, anti-expert kind of mood because the figures do not bear it out.

I would welcome the return of town councils to Kildare provided that there is uniformity across the county to see all towns have local residents representing their community.

Kildare Tourism will take Hit with VAT Increase

The additional funding allocated to the tourism sector must your organisation with.

be targeted to support areas of the industry potentially affected by the increase in the VAT rate in Budget 2019 This increase in VAT will be devastating to those small hoteliers in Kildare. Places like Leixlip, Naas, and Johnstownbridge all have fantastically successful hotels who will see a significant increase in their tax bill. However, the surge in booked up hotel rooms in Dublin has not extended to Kildare at the same level. The increase in VAT for hotels across the country is unwise. Minister Ross must ensure that additional funding is used to support the marketing of Ireland to international audiences to ensure that we maintain our strong visitor numbers. Smaller businesses in the tourism sector outside of the capital are paying the price for perceived buoyancy in the overall tourism sector which in reality is only being felt in Dublin and larger urban areas. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport must engage with regional stakeholders and introduce supports to businesses that may lose out because of this VAT increase.

Irish tourism cannot be viewed as one homogenous group. There is a gap in terms of profitability between the major cities and the rest of Ireland, and a targeted approach is now required to ensure that the regional tourism economy is supported.

Maynooth Constituency Office

My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 20/9/18 to 25/10/2018 **Information from Kildare County Council Website**

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
181268	Kildare County Council	Dermot Darcy	Windgates, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	18/10/2018
181245	Kildare County Council	Roz and Frank Norton,	73 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/10/2018
181179	Kildare County Council	Health Service Executive, Kildare / West Dublin,	Celbridge Road (with access off Lawrence's Avenue), Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	26/09/2018
181168	Kildare County Council	Ciaran & Karen Whelan	No.7 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, County Kildare	25/09/2018
181155	Kildare County Council	Colm O'Rourke	Laragh Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	20/09/2018
181158	Kildare County Council	E.B.S. d.a.c.	corner of Fagan's Lane and Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	20/09/2018

Be Winter Ready





Remember:

• Know your GP's contact

• Wear a personal alarm

• Keep warm, eat well and

avoid unnecessary travel

• Know your Eircode

• Get Flu Vaccine

details







Keep warm and eat well. Eat regular hot meals and drink plenty of fluids. Ensure you have sufficient supplies of your prescription medicine. Keep active indoors and avoid unnecessary travel. Have sufficient fuel supplies to maintain adequate heating in your

home. Keep the telephone numbers of your GP, relatives and friends to hand.

Personal Safety – staying safe

Keeping well and warm:

In icy weather, wear well-fitting shoes with non-slip soles but try to avoid walking outside during the cold weather where possible. Consider wearing a personal alarm so that family or neighbours are alerted if you fall.

Fall prevention in your home

Leave a low energy light on at night. Use a non-slip shower

or bath mat. Make sure wires or cords do not trail where you walk. Arrange furniture so that you can easily move around all of your rooms.

Cold and Flu

Symptoms of a cold include a sore throat, sneezing, blocked or runny nose, cough and feeling unwell. While symptomatic with a cold you should drink plenty of liquids, get lots of rest at home and eat healthily. Most adults will start to feel better after 3 or 4 days and be fully recovered by 7 days.

Flu is a virus that comes on suddenly and makes you feel quite unwell. Symptoms of Flu include sore throat, fever and muscle aches, which develop quickly, along with feeling very unwell. You should start to feel much better after 5 to 8 days although a cough and general tiredness may last for 2 to 3 weeks.

Most Flu can be treated at home by drinking plenty of liquids, getting lots of rest and eating healthily. Contact your GP by telephone if you don't improve or if you start to improve and then get worse.

Flu can be prevented by vaccination. Flu vaccine is a safe, effective way to help prevent Flu infection, avoiding hospitalisation, reducing Flu related deaths and illnesses.

Visit www.winterready.ie for further information.



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Maynooth Men's Shed - Update & thanks

From 'dilemma' to success

In February last year we were homeless. Following a request in the Maynooth Newsletter and the Liffey Champion, together with personal approaches to local landowners we eventually struck gold.

Having purchased a portacabin, Mr Roger Satchwell kindly offered us a site on his property close to the Meadow Lodge Fisheries on the Dunboyne Road. With financial assistance from Kildare Co. Council, Maynooth/Kilcock Lions and Tesco, the portacabin has now been adapted for our use and is almost fully fitted out.

Initially, our main problem was the supply of electricity for heating, lighting and power to our workshop. We are grateful to Kildare Co. Council for a grant from the Community and Cultural Department which enabled us to purchase a generator and electrical fittings. With support from Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club we constructed an access walkway to the portacabin in the form of a deck, stairs and a wheelchair accessible ramp. Tesco kindly provided us with a TV and finance for other furnishings.

We continue to meet every Wednesday morning at 11 am. Visitors are always welcome.

Maynooth University Town F.C.

Our excellent start to the New Season was maintained in recent games after a series of tough games.

Leinster Senior League. Division One Sunday Wayside Celtic 2 Town 2.

Town looked dead and buried in this game but would not lie down. Against a side with title aspirations themselves this was always going to be a potential banana skin. Conceding two goals in as many minutes midway through the first half Town looked in dire trouble but held out to half time without conceding further ground. Town were transformed in the second half and threw everything at Wayside. Darragh Reynor reduced the deficit when heading home in a crowded area. Town were on the front foot now and kept up the pressure and a Cillian Duffy cross was nestled in the corner following a deflection by a Wayside defender. Town battled away but could not get the winner.

Leinster Senior League. Division One Sunday Edenderry Town 0 Town 0.

Following a pulsating game in Edenderry, Town can consider themselves unlucky not to have taken all three points. A controversially disallowed goal with fifteen minutes remaining took the gloss off a top class performance. The home side went on the defensive for most of the game and seemed happy with a draw which they hardly deserved.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup 2nd Rd **Town 3 Portmarnock 1 (A.E.T.)**

Our second game in defence of our title proved tougher than the scoreline suggests. Being from a higher Division than Town the visitors showed early signs of their high standing. Town grew into the game and were showing why they are the holders. Daniel Burke pounced in the box to fire home and put Town in front. "Port" equalised before the break with a shot across goal. Town took the lead in 62nd minute when "Macker" was pushed over in the area and Darragh Reynor duly dispatched the penalty. Town were now displaying their full array of skills and Macker deservedly got on the score sheet when he scored Towns third to close the scoring.

The Alzheimer Café Leixlip Co Kildare



Join us at the next Alzheimer Café, Wednesday November 14th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm

Our speaker will be Dr Siobhan Kennelly (Consultant Geriatrician, Connolly Hospital) and she will talk about "Minding your health when you have a memory problem".

The cafe team will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Attendance is free of charge and there is plenty of parking available

> www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie Phone 089 4933533.

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, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and prayer & favour, will be granted no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail C.M

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O'Rourke calls for changes to Housing Assistance Payment to tackle homelessness

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has called on Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy to make changes to the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) to help tackle the homelessness crisis.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after securing a special Dáil debate on the issue earlier this week.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Ireland is in the midst of a severe housing crisis. It is impacting on communities right across Ireland with urban areas in Kildare being particularly hit. There simply aren't enough homes to meet the rising demand leaving many people unable to find alternative accommodation when they are served notice to vacate their rental accommodation.

"One of the key issues affecting people is the difficulty they face in getting a deposit together to rent a property. Many people are unable to access upfront deposits until very close to their eviction or get-out dates. It can be extremely difficult for such people to find homes at short notice and many are at risk of becoming homeless.

"Assistance is provided to people under the HAP scheme to help them get the finance they need to rent a property. However people are unable to get finance for a deposit under the scheme until very close to their eviction date. This means that many people are becoming homeless unnecessarily as they are not provided with the support they need to secure alternative accommodation prior to their eviction.

"Changes also need to be made to the payment under the HAP scheme to help bridge the gap between payments under the scheme and the real rental market value. This should be temporary in nature until such time as new housing supply is brought on steam which in turn should lead to a fall in rental costs.

"Fundamentally, the Government needs to build more social and affordable homes. However, in the meantime we need to protect people from becoming homeless."

Planned improved services for Maynooth and Leixlip Bus commuters says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the planned improvement to Route 66, 66A, 66B and a new Route 66E, which will increase the capacity and the service on the bus routes servicing Leixlip and Maynooth.

'The National Transport Authority has confirmed that it plans to increase the frequency of Routes 66, 66A and 66B servicing Maynooth and Leixlip in the coming months."

"In addition, a new Route, 66E, will be introduced to connect Maynooth to Merrion Square via Glen Easton in Leixlip, Chapelizod and the City Centre. This is a service I have been campaigning for on behalf of the people who live on the Glen Easton road."

"I am delighted with this proposed increase in services, which have come about as a result of Dublin Bus resources, drivers and vehicles, being freed up as a result of a switchover of routes from Dublin Bus to Go-Ahead. I am due to meet with Dublin Bus and will continue to make representations for further improvements on the 67 service."

"I will continue to campaign for increased Bus services for the commuters of North Kildare. We need to protect the services we have, in particular the direct services from Celbridge and Riverforest in Leixlip to the City Centre. Bus connect proposals has offered some new necessary routes and improved frequency, which is positive. However, we must not lose any service, we must improve the services," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

An Post is a welcome entry to the Mortgage Market says O'Rourke. Fianna Fáil Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, Frank O'Rourke TD has welcomed An Post's announcement that it intends to enter the Irish mortgage

market in 2019. Deputy O'Rourke has repeated calls for increased competition in the mortgage market as Irish mortgage holders are paying significantly more than other EU mortgage holders.

"For some time now, the Irish mortgage market has been badly in need of a major shake-up. The average standard variable rate for a mortgage in Ireland is currently around 3.2%. This is nearly 1.4% higher than the average Eurozone rate, which stands at 1.8%. This is what makes the statement from An Post so significant."

"This means that a borrower with a mortgage of €200,000 is paying €250 per month more than they would be paying in the average Euro area country."

"If An Post can deliver a mortgage product at up to 1% cheaper than the existing banks, consumers, and the local economy, will be the winner. An Post is in a positive position to enter the mortgage market as it does not have to deal with legacy issue such as the high rates of non-performing loans. With the right partner, An Post has the potential to offer an exciting mortgage product and at much cheaper rates than currently available."

"As I have said before, we also need to review the restrictions on long term lending currently in place that prevents Credit Unions from reaching their potential as a mortgage lender."

"Since I got elected last year, I have worked with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to keep a focus on the concerns of mortgage holders. All of the instruments available to the Government and the Central Bank must now be used to ensure that Irish mortgage holders receive fair treatment when compared to other EU countries."

"As I have said in the Dáil, the higher mortgage rates in Ireland is taking money out of our local economy and adding to the bank profits. I have previously called for an EU approach to securing better rates in Ireland. However, An Post's entry to the market is welcome news" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Maynooth Tidy Towns 2018

Huge Congratulations to Maynooth for taking Gold in the National Tidy Towns Awards 2018. Maynooth has shown what Community involvement can do. This is very well deserved and well done to Maynooth Tidy Town Committee and all the volunteers who have helped achieve this recognition.

Bus Stop set for Carton Wood in Maynooth says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by Kildare County Council and Dublin Bus that a Bus Stop is going to be provided at Carton Wood and Grove in Maynooth on the Dublin Road.

"A Bus Stop will be provided at Carton Wood on the Dublin Road in Maynooth in the coming weeks. It is important that we improve the public transport services for North Kildare commuters."

"I continue to meet with management from Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority to press for increased services."

"There is little point in trying to encourage people to use public transport if the level of service is not adequate to cater for the increased demand. The solution is clear, increased frequency and capacity."

"We have seen improvements in the service of Route 115 for Kilcock commuters, Orbital Bus Route 139 linking Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, is attracting more commuters and we have Bus connect proposals which have some positive elements for bus commuters, including an orbital route linking Maynooth to Tallaght via Celbridge and Newcastle."

"I will continue to press for better public transport" concluded Deputy O'Rourke

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Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121



Flu vaccine

Question

I'm thinking of getting the flu vaccine. Can you tell me about this vaccine?

Answer

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

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

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

If you are aged 18 or over, you can get the vaccine from your GP (family doctor) or pharmacist. Children can get the vaccine from a GP.

The vaccine itself is free of charge if you are in one of the recommended groups. However, doctors and pharmacists may charge a consultation fee when they give you the vaccine.

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

You can read more about the flu and the vaccine on hse.ie.

Maternity leave

Question

I am pregnant but I have only been working with my employer for a few weeks. Am I entitled to maternity leave?

Answer

If you are pregnant while in employment, you are entitled to maternity leave, regardless of how long you have been working for the organisation or the number of hours worked per week. You can also take additional unpaid maternity leave.

The Maternity Protection Acts 1994 and 2004 provide your statutory minimum entitlements in relation to maternity at work, including maternity leave.

You are entitled to 26 weeks maternity leave. You can also take up to 16 weeks additional unpaid maternity leave, which begins immediately after the end of maternity leave.

Under the Maternity Protection (Amendment) Act 2004, you must take at least 2 weeks before the end of the week of your baby's expected birth and at least 4 weeks after. You can decide how you would like to take the remaining weeks. Generally, employees take 2 weeks before the birth and the remaining weeks after.

If you qualify for Maternity Benefit (see below) you must take at least 2 and no more than 16 weeks before the end of the week the baby is due.

Your entitlement to pay and superannuation during maternity leave depends on the terms of your contract of employment. Employers are not obliged to pay you if you are on maternity leave. You may qualify for Maternity Benefit from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection if you have enough PRSI contributions.

However, your contract with your employer could provide for additional rights to

payment during the leave period, so that, for example, you could receive full pay less the amount of your Maternity Benefit.

Grants for solar panels

Question

I heard that there is a new grant scheme for installing solar panels in your home. How does the scheme work and do I qualify?

Answer

The Solar PV scheme gives grants to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and a battery energy storage system at your home. This means you can generate and use renewable electricity in your home and reduce your electricity costs. The Solar PV scheme is a pilot scheme administered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

To qualify for a grant you must:

- Be the owner of a home built and occupied before 2011 (or a home constructed after 2011 that was built to the 2008 Building Regulations)
- Use new materials and products that were not already covered under another grant programme
- Use a registered contractor from the SEAI's Renewable Installers Register for Solar PV
- Have the electrical work completed by a Safe Electric Ireland electrician
- Apply to be connected to the electricity distribution system using the ESB Networks NC6 form (pdf)
- · Have a Building Energy Rating (BER) carried out after the work is completed
- Agree to participate in SEAI research about the scheme

The grant covers materials and labour, unless you are a contractor doing the work in your own home. In this case only the cost of the materials is covered.

When the SEAI payment system opens (in October 2018) you can claim your grant online and it will be paid directly into your bank account.

National Car Test (NCT)

Question

My car is due an NCT soon. Have the NCT rules changed recently?

Answer

Yes, recent changes to the National Car Test include how defects are classified and how vintage vehicles are treated.

All cars over 4 years old must take the NCT. If your car is liable for testing, it is an offence to drive your car without displaying a National Car Testing Service (NCTS) disc.

How regularly your car is tested depends on its age. The test must be repeated:

- Every 2 years, if your car is over 4 years and less than 10 years old
- Every year, if your car is over 10 years, but less than 30 years old
- Every 2 years, if your car is between 30 and 39 years old and you are not using it for commercial purposes (this used to be every year)

Since 13 August 2018, defects identified during the NCT are classified as minor, major or dangerous.

Minor: the vehicle has passed the test with minor faults. These faults must be repaired and the car must be re-inspected by the NCTS before you can get an NCT certificate.

Major: (previously fail refusal): the vehicle has failed the test. You must get it repaired and have it re-inspected by the NCTS within 30 days. If it passes reinspection, you will get an NCT certificate.

Dangerous: (previously fail dangerous): the vehicle has failed due to a dangerous defect that poses a direct or immediate risk to road safety. The NCTS will put a 'failed dangerous' sticker on it. It is illegal to drive a vehicle with a dangerous defect.

Maynooth Scouts Cake Sale

This is the first fundraising event in the beautiful new Pastoral Centre at St. Mary's Church in Maynooth.

Photos from the recent Maynooth Scouts Cake Sale



Maynooth Girl Guides and Brownies supported the cake sale.



Maynooth Girl Guides and Brownies baked to support the cake sale. Pictured here with leaders Jackie McGloughlin (left) and Carmelia Jordan, as well as Johnny Dowling from Maynooth Scouts.



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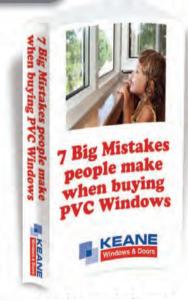
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Sarah Breslin Wellness

Sarah is originally from Maynooth in Co. Kildare growing up in Leinster Park. Having lived in many places over the years she has finally made it back home and set up Sarah Breslin Wellness in 2014.

Sarah realised that she really wanted to do something that made a difference to someone every day so embarked on her education into Wellness therapies in 2000 with massage and beauty and continued on with further training over the years. In 2011, while working at a health retreat in Spain, her journey with Colon Hydrotherapy began.

Sarah says she loves her work as a Massage Therapist. Being able to help clients feel better just makes her day! Massage is a wonderful tool to help improve your physical and overall health. The main benefits of massage are relaxation, improved circulation, stretching and lengthening the muscles, reducing tension and pain. But there are always other improvements almost as a side effect. Clients report sleeping better, feeling less stressed, better mood, more energy to name a few.

Cupping massage is a great way to get deep work without the discomfort. It's great for drawing fresh clean healthy blood to the area and getting the muscles re-hydrated so they can move better. It also helps to soothe the nervous system which can then help the client to relax more, even after the treatment is finished. It's a great way to ease aches and pains in a comfortable relaxing way and is suitable for all types of clients from young to old and feels great!

Her other main treatment is Colon Hydrotherapy which is an internal bath for the bowel. The main benefits are rehydrating the bowel and helping to release bloating, constipation, IBS symptoms. However clients often report a reduction, in headaches, migraines, fatigue, skin irritations and more. A colonic is a great way to help your body help you by clearing out the waste it is carrying around!

Sarah has just launched her shop on her website where massage packages and Gift vouchers are now available to buy online.

Tidy Towns Competition 2018

Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth - County: Kildare - Category: G Ref: 377 - Mark: 332 - Date(s): 02/08/2018

Area	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2017	Mark Awarded 2018
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	53	54
Streetscape & Public Places	50	42	43
Green Spaces and Landscaping	50	46	47
Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality	50	37	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	20	21
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	33	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	37	38
Total Mark	450	323	332

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Cuireann an moltóir seo fáilte roimh Maigh Nuad Maynooth chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2018 agus chuig Ceiliúradh 60 Bliain an Chomórtais.

Maynooth is very welcome to the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition 2018. You are to be congratulated on your Gold Medal win in 2017. Thank you for your comprehensive submission together with maps and key list of projects undertaken over the previous year. Your 5 year Biodiversity Action Plan provides a strategic vision and activities to be undertaken by your Committee in conjunction with Kildare County Council, Local Schools, Local Residents and Businesses. This is highly commendable and demonstrates a wonderful commitment for the future development of Maynooth. The input of volunteers is the lifeblood of the Tidy Towns movement and special mention is due to Mr Mattie Callaghan who has volunteered with Maynooth Tidy Towns Association for over 30 years. It is noted that you have 11 members on your main Management Committee assisted by a further 25 volunteers for clean ups and specific projects.

You have a wide membership representation across 14 residential areas in the Town thus ensuring a consistency of approach and best practice in relation to the various works undertaken. It is terrific that your members assist in relation to the organisation of community events such as Darkness into Light, Maynooth 10K etc.as these events serve to enrich the local community and foster community spirit. You engage well with local businesses to ensure the standard of presentation of business premises is maintained and enhanced. Your Saturday morning gathering of volunteers after works are completed is also important in encouraging social contact and teamwork. A very wide range of organisations support your activities through sponsorship, provision of advice and facilities etc. You have established an extensive range of communication methods for engaging with the general public and schools and having a dedicated PRO and schools Liaison Officer helps you to focus on getting your message out to the public.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

Maynooth is a very attractive, picturesque and historic town. It is evident the town is well maintained and standards are high. Outdoor seating associated with commercial premises i.e. cafés & restaurants together with the public seating areas add to the vibrancy of the town providing opportunity to gather and rest. The quality and splendour of the public spaces associated with the entrance of both Maynooth University and Carton Demesne are most impressive and were greatly admired. These areas were also maintained and presented to a very high standard. The general streetscape is enhanced by the line of mature lime trees and attractive street lighting and the general presentation of shop fronts. It is noted the water point

along the main street has been freshly painted following last year's adjudication comments. The move to a more aesthetically pleasing shop front development scheme is to be commended. A number of commercial premises have invested in the upgrading of their shop fronts and premises in the past year which has significantly contributed to the improved streetscape in Maynooth.

There remains a number of premises which currently detract from the streetscape and require further work. This is always a challenge for your Committee when you are trying to encourage all property owners to support your vision for the Town - but keep up your good work. Floral displays provided colour but were not overpowering and were most attractive particularly at O' Neill's Licensed Premises. The area known as The Pound has extensive paving and you may consider a softer landscaping treatment to enhance this area in the future. The important civic space of Maynooth Town Square is a great attraction and feature as one enters the Town providing a space to explore for visitors and local residents alike. It has been developed and maintained to a very high standard with the use of high-quality paving materials. to a very high standard with the use of high quality paving materials.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Your committee has been very active in relation to this category throughout the last year with many fine projects undertaken. The planting schemes installed throughout Maynooth, many of which include pollinator friendly and herbaceous perennial plants, enhance the townscape and were greatly admired. Extensive daffodil and bluebell bulb plantings have been provided along the Meadowbrook Link Road, although these are not visible during the summer months. Bulb plantings have also been carried out in tubs for Winter through to Spring colour. These projects are important as they provide a sense of enjoyment and wellbeing to the volunteers who carry out the work and residents and visitors alike. The maintenance of tubs and planters is a challenge for volunteers particularly in view of recent drought conditions.

However despite this, planting schemes showed little sign of stress and were on the whole growing well. Maynooth Tidy Towns are to be commended for their dedication in monitoring these plantings for any presence of weed growth, litter or drought stress and ensuring their contribution to the standard of presentation of the townscape does not deteriorate. The planting of a native hedgerow along the post and rail and wire fence at Beaufield was noted and was growing well. This will enhance the boundary of the open space at this location. The Birch tree planting on the Straffan Road in the vicinity of the Maxol Station was noted and it too was establishing well. The support provided by local businesses in many of these projects is partnership at work. The planting carried out along the emergency roadway on the open space known as the Harbour Field will enhance this area.

There are many fine facilities including a children's playground in this area of parkland, however the overall standard of maintenance here could be improved. The nearby Canal Harbour was visited and this area has great potential for future amenity purposes. However, the canal possibly due to the recent hot weather was choked with aquatic weeds and algae. Maynooth GAA, Castledawson Residents Association and Kingsbry Residents Association are to be applauded for planting large numbers of native tree whips in their local areas.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

Maynooth is surrounded by a natural environment consisting of agricultural land, native hedgerows, trees, woodlands, canals, lakes, wetlands, rivers and streams. Due to the many housing schemes currently under construction there is significant loss of natural habitat on lands bordering the town. There is an understanding and appreciation of this by your Committee. It is very important that every effort continues to be is made by Maynooth Tidy Towns to highlight the need to conserve and protect as many of these natural areas as possible which may be under threat. This important natural vegetation including bramble and scrub which at times can be regarded as unsightly and thus removed is actually extremely important for it's wildlife value - keep up your efforts in this regard.

You have undertaken a number of Biodiversity Projects this year. Deserving of special mention is the Joan Slade Riverside Enhancement Project on Parson Street where the committed work of volunteers involved the removal of willow trees from the Joan Slade watercourse. The clearance of unwanted vegetation in accordance with your BAP has enhanced the environs of the waterway at this location from a

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visual and wildlife perspective and will encourage wildflowers to develop with an additional benefit in reducing the potential for flooding. You have also undertaken Daubenton's bat survey along the Royal Canal and it is noted a further survey will be done this year. Trees suitable or the erection of bat boxes were identified and bat boxes and other monitoring equipment purchased. The significant commitment of the Committee to this category as evidenced by the range and quality of projects undertaken is acknowledged and should provide enormous benefits in the future.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

The continued involvement and commitment of the local schools and colleges together with the numerous and wonderfully creative awareness campaigns is of immense importance in this category. Of special mention is the establishment of the the road surface markings, cycle tracks, kerbing, boundary walls, perimeter Zero Waste Maynooth group whose objective is to advocate for sending minimal amounts of waste to landfill or incineration. Groups such as this provide energy and motivation for changing behaviours by others in the interests of the environment. It is acknowledged that Maynooth Tidy Towns have partnered with the Zero Waste Maynooth group to work on mutually beneficial and aligned projects. The waste awareness campaigns in which you have participated have been diverse, including Sick of Plastic Day and Conscious Cup Campaign. The involvement and support of local Businesses in the latter campaign is very constructive and you are to be congratulated on this.

Your involvement in the WEEE Ireland Collection is noteworthy and the inclusion of the quantity of waste goods collected in your report emphasizes the importance of your involvement in the overall management of waste. The energy saving measures mentioned in your submission including the location of electric car charge points as Tesco SC and Maynooth University and the use of electric cars in the University encourage and promote energy efficiency. These measures are environmentally friendly and progressive, which together with the ongoing commitment to reducing car dependency and CO2 emissions is building towards a sustainable future. For next year you could consider further initiatives under this category such as promoting the use of low carbon vehicles, pursuing the installation of further e-car charge point(s) in the Town and extending cycle parking facilities in the Town.

The further promotion of grant aid for the installation of wall and attic insulation on older building stock, the greater use of solar panels on roofs and heat exchange units to reduce energy consumption by households/businesses is a worthwhile initiative to consider. The greater use of water butts for the watering of private gardens during the Summer period might also be further encouraged. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland website has good information in relation to Do please continue to persevere with your efforts in this regard and work in the development of Better Energy Communities.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Overall the level of tidiness and litter control in Maynooth is highly praised. It was noted that segregated big belly bins are available on Main Street. There was evidence of cigarette butt litter at certain locations but this was very localised. Education and campaigning in this area is a constant requirement and will always be a challenge – keep up the good work. The issue of redundant poles is an ongoing issue and it is noted you continue to take steps to deal with this. While advertisement through street sandwich boards is an ongoing issue mentioned in your submission giving rise to visual clutter and a hazard to pedestrians it may be possible to deal with this under a future repaying scheme. The car park including the recycling facility at Doctors Lane was visited and found to be generally very clean and well presented.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Many of your Estates and housing areas were visited. The overall impression was one of residents having significant pride in the presentation of their local area. In general terms open spaces were found to be well maintained with appropriate planting. Margins along roads were found to be neat and tidy with a variety of good street trees planted and Estate entrances enhanced by attractive and appropriate planting. Brookfield Avenue was visited and some attention should be given to suckers growing from the base of trees here. Brookfield Park has attractive ornamental pear trees. At Beaufield Green the name sign here would benefit from renewal and it was noted the new hedge planting here is doing well. Carton Court was well maintained however some attention to weed growth along kerbs is necessary. The uncut wildlife retreat areas around the trees at Kingsbry were particularly admired.

The open space at Straffan Way benefits from impressive boundary planting. Rockfield Estate was superbly maintained with flowers and use of mulch around the base of trees. Griffin Rath Manor benefits from an impressive avenue of young trees along the entrance road. The large well planted open space at Moyglare Hall was admired as was the entrance to Moyglare Abbey with its impressive avenue of Field Maple trees.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

The addition of the Tidy Towns gold medal sign on the approach from the N4 into Maynooth is noteworthy and well located and presented. It was good to see the grass left uncut underneath the horse chestnut trees in the vicinity of the new sign providing an excellent space for a wildflower meadow to prosper. In general terms plantings and roundabouts on the many approach roads into Maynooth are presented to a very high standard. The impact of residential development currently in progress was noted in a number of locations although in time this will cease to be an issue.

Concluding Remarks:

The commitment and enthusiasm of Maynooth Tidy Towns Association and volunteers is clearly evident from your submission and the many projects visible on site. All involved can take pride in your achievements as Maynooth Town continues to evolve in a historically sensitive and environmentally sustainable manner. We wish you every success with the continued implementation of your BAP and the completion of ongoing development projects.

Second Round Adjudication:

We welcomed the opportunity to visit Maynooth – a growing and thriving town bordered framed by the beautiful grounds of Carton House and the stunning NUI Maynooth campus. We are most impressed with your approach and hard work in the non-visible categories, i.e. 'Community Involvement & Planning' and 'Sustainable Waste & Resource Management'. It is encouraging to read of your many comprehensive projects under the 'Nature & Biodiversity' category and indeed we saw some of the results on the ground, e.g. native hedgerow planting, wildflower meadows and low impact grass management regimes in place. We welcome the fact that you have received professional guidance in the form of your 5-year Biodiversity Action Plan (2017 – 2021). Maynooth has an attractive structure and layout. We note some improvements to shop front presentations to make them blend in better with your historical town and more aesthetically pleasing to locals and visitors alike.

conjunction with Kildare County Council Planning Department to monitor the situation and implement an appropriate signage policy. There is often grant-aid available in terms of suitable streetscape painting schemes and colour consultation. Properties such as Atelier, Permanent TSB and Brady's caught the eye. Your immense landscaping efforts were admired throughout the town. You are striking a good balance in terms of formal planting at strategic locations and lower maintenance/pollinator-friendly planting in others. The 'Trees on the Land' project is a wonderful investment in the future landscape of Maynooth. We note your awareness of the high rate of construction, removal of natural habitats and your efforts to combat or offset same. Well done and keep up this good work.

The pleasant tree-lined Main St was very clean with plenty of litter bins. There were just a few minor instances of littering throughout so keep up your active campaign in order to maintain a high standard. We acknowledge your challenges regarding litter and tidiness due to the transient nature of your population. The Straffan Rd roundabout is an impressive taster of what lies ahead. The nicely landscaped Maynooth Business Campus enhances this approach as does the beautifully presented NUI North Campus on the Kilcock Rd. Some road markings could be refreshed around the town centre. We would like to see more focus by local groups and local authority on promoting Maynooth as a model of a living sustainable town, e.g. encourage more cycling and pedestrian connectivity between new residential developments, towns and schools. Maynooth has excellent transport links and fantastic amenities such as the Royal Canal that can feed into this. Your positive engagement with both local and outside agencies ensures that you are successfully achieving your goals and making Maynooth a more attractive town in which to live, work and play. This adjudicator concurs with the generous marks awarded by your 1st round adjudicator. Thank you for an excellent presentation and we wish you well in future projects.



MAYNOOTH CYCLING **CAMPAIGN**

Opening Up Of Carton Walk - A **Positive Development For Maynooth**

The Carton Walk Preservation Society (CWPS) has recently commented on the new cycling and walking link from Limetree Hall to the adjacent Carton Walk.

In particular, a spokesperson has been reported as stating that no one would want a cycle link. Maynooth Cycling Campaign strongly support the provision of cycle facilities between the residential estates and Main Street as it would be a safe route for



children attending the nearby school. The alternative route on the Dublin Road has no cycle facilities and would involve a road crossing. Judging from the above photograph, the pupils at Presentation Girls School would appear to agree with our view.

The CWPS also argue that there has been no consultation on the proposal. The proposed walking/cycling link was shown in the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013–2019 which went to public consultation and was subsequently approved by county councillors. The work is not of a scale which warrants a separate public consultation, so Kildare County County got it right this time. Opposition to improved walking and cycling is both mean spirited and detrimental to a more active community.

A more detailed consideration of the issues is available on our website.

#Allocate4Cycling

Cyclist.ie members, including Maynooth Cycling Campaign, was very disappointed with the results of Budget 2019. Although the Taoiseach accepts that Ireland is a laggard in meeting its international obligations to reduce carbon emissions, there was anger at the Finance Minister for ignoring climate change and failing to introduce a carbon charge as recommended by the Climate Change Advisory Council chaired by John Fitzgerald. This followed the warning from world's leading climate scientists that there is only 12 years for global warming to be kept to a maximum of 1.5C. Cyclist.ie had sought an allocation of 10% of the transport budget to be allocated to cycling to enable the government to meet its own target of 10% of trips by bike. Minister Shane Ross revealed that 35% of the record budget went on sustainable transport (including cycling) with 22% on national roads. However, he omitted to reveal that he was allocating a further 20% on regional and local roads which made sustainable transport the poor relation and with cycling getting leftover crumbs.

On the positive side, the #Allocate4Cycling campaign was supported by Fianna Fáil, Labour, Green Party, Social Democrats and People before Profit parties with support also coming from a number of individual Fine Gael TDs.

Obesity & Smoking

Obesity is set to overtake smoking as the principal cause of cancer in 25 years. With falling rates of smoking, obesity will be one of the main drivers for cancer in the future at great personal and economic cost. In a recent interview on radio, Prof Donal O'Shea has said that in order to get back to obesity rates of 15-25 years ago, parents need

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to take responsibility for physical activity and food. Obesity rates are down a little in better off social groups but still getting worse in less well off. He said that people want to be healthier but that we need to change obesogenic environment in order to enable active travel to school and work.

Participation in Sport

Sport Ireland recently published the Irish Sports Monitor Annual Report 2017. It found that participation generally was unchanged but that there are some declines across some specific sports. The most popular participation sports in 2017 were the same as in 2015 with cycling in fourth place behind exercise (gym), running and swimming.

Bus Connect

The Bus Connect project was designed to modernise the bus service by rationalising bus routes. The existing network developed around a growing city in the last century and is now inefficient and failing to serve the needs of 21st century. Part of the project will involve the provision of high quality segregated cycle lanes beside bus lanes. However, it is understood that all the locations with segregated facilities will be in Dublin.



Cyclistie Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.











Maynooth Tidy Towns extends their sympathies to Paul Croghan on the death of his Father and Aunt, also to Richard Farrell on the death of his Sister- in –Law and to Aidan Flood on the death of his Mother-in-Law.

Thanks to all who Congratulated us on winning our Third Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Elsewhere you can read the judges report of which all members of the community of Maynooth can be proud. The Gold Medal will be presented at the Regional Awards Ceremony later in the year.

On the 29th September Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers were presented with a cake from The Elite Cake Shop to mark our third Gold Medal.

To thank the volunteers for all their hard work during the year, a Halloween themed party was held in the Maynooth Scouts Den on Saturday October 13th.



Kildare County Council's Tidy Towns Community Awards will be held on 1st November in Maynooth University @ 6.30pm.

Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to Congratulate Maynooth University Green Campus Committee on their receiving the Green Campus Flag. Mary Jennings is Maynooth Tidy Towns representative on the Green Campus Committee.



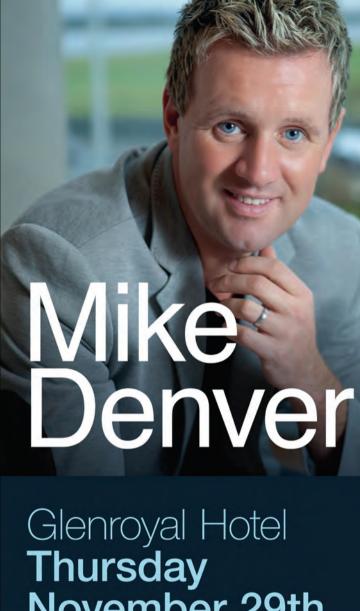
Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers planted hundreds of bulbs of various kinds on Saturday 20th October around Maynooth.

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

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Maynooth Community First Responders continue to raise funds to 'go live'

Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) continues to raise funds for training, equipment and insurance, in a bid to 'go live' early in the new year. The group, which is entirely voluntary, will join the nationwide CFR network when all members have completed certified training - connecting it to the National Ambulance Service and allowing it to receive call outs to cases of cardiac arrest, chest pain, stroke and

Chairperson Cllr Réada Cronin says: "We have a dedicated committee and team and we're delighted with the reaction from the local community and business community as we attempt to raise the funds we need to get up and running. We have been in contact with local businesses and hope to secure their support, as this group is of huge benefit to the entire community."

The group recently received a generous donation of €1,000 from Main Street business Maximus Grill. "This generous donation is so gratefully received. One defibrillator costs around €1,200 and we need two, as well as replacement pads, battery packs, training equipment, the training itself, insurance and other equipment which adds up to just over €,000 in total," explained Cllr. Cronin.

The group will also be the beneficiaries of The Roost's annual Christmas raffle and are holding a fundraising night in Brady's on 29th December. If you'd like to learn more about Maynooth CFR they will do a CPR demo in Tesco on Saturday 10th November. Find them on Facebook @MaynoothCFR.



Pictured above 1-r are: Fionnuala Murphy, PRO of Maynooth Community First Responders, with manager of Maximus Grill Cristin Tugulea and owner Tatiana Mazilu.

New Basketball Club serving North Kildare

A new basketball club, North Kildare Basketball, has been established to serve Maynooth and other areas in north Kildare. The club has 5 teams up-andrunning, with two boys teams (u12 and u14 and three girls teams, u12, u14 and u18). It caters for over 50 juveniles from Maynooth, Celbridge, Rathcoffey, Clane and Johnstownbridge.

The club is playing in the Midlands league and will host almost 50 home games during the season in Maynooth Post Primary School. Speaking about the new club, Jim Walsh, the director of coaching, said: 'Basketball has really taken off in Maynooth and surrounding areas". We have a lot of children from migrant families joining the club, especially from countries where basketball is a national sport. Clearly there is a demand for an indoor sport that is technical rather than physical in nature and is not weather dependent.'

The club runs an academy for younger children (6 to 10 years) who are beginners to basketball. The academy takes place every Saturday morning, again in Maynooth Post Primary School. Over 30 children attend the academy. "The academy introduces children to basketball is a fun and social context", says Walsh. 'It's non-competitive and children can find their feet without pressure from coaches or parents to perform.'

The club also provides basketball coaching in primary and secondary schools. This is provided in conjunction with Sport Changes Life, a charitable organisation which funds an American basketball scholar to coach in local schools

Jim Walsh explains: 'Our scholar, Jamie Sterburne (pictured opposite), works with children to build their confidence through sport. She is an inspirational figure, especially for girls, showing what can be achieved in sport through dedication and hard work. Our schools programme reaches all children in primary school classes, giving them the opportunity to explore a new sport without any cost or equipment barriers.' Coaching is currently being provided in Maynooth Post Primary School, Presentation girls school and Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich. The club is happy to extend its coaching programme to other schools.



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For further information about North Kildare Basketball, see our fb page or email northkildarebasketball@outlook.com.

The Country House and the Great War Exhibition at JPII Library Maynooth University

This exhibition is currently running until 11th November in the fover of the JPII Library at Maynooth University during library opening hours. General opening hours 8.00am-Midnight. Sat and Sun 10.00am-17.00pm and Fridays library closes at 18.30pm.

Free admission.

The Country House and the Great War Exhibition is a collaborative effort between the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE), the OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre (OMARC) and Maynooth University. As part of Maynooth University's Commemoration 2018 Programme, it offers a unique perspective of the Great War, focusing on the experience of Big House families, on this the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. The exhibition draws on material from more than ten country house archives, and it displays previously un-exhibited material from the archives of Ballindoolin House, Co. Kildare and Airfield, Dundrum



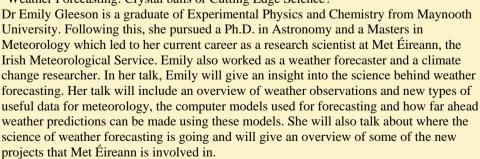




Science Week

Wednesday 14th Nov Alumni Lecture, Dr Emily Gleeson (7 – 8pm Iontas Lecture Theatre)

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Friday 16th Nov 6.30 - 8.30pm

Science Night for all the Family

Open Labs Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Psychology Engineering and Robot Soccer and National Science Museum (South Campus) guided exhibition 6 -8pm

Maynooth Golf Society

Our latest outing was the John Tiernan Cup in Carton House. We had great weather for this time of year and a great turn out of 28 players. The course was in really good condition and this event was kindly sponsored by Mc Mahon's Bar and Lounge.



John Tiernan Cup

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2nd	Pat Connolly	35pts
3rd	Barry Farrell	34pts
4th	Derek Murray	32ptsB9
5th	Gerry Mc Ternan	32pts
O'60s	John Byrne	28pts
F9	Sean Farrelly	19pts
B9	Marty Maguire	17pts
NP	Barry Farrell	•
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	& Pat Connolly	8

Next outing is the Trevor Cassidy Memorial Scramble in Trim Golf club on November 17th in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens. This is a team event and all visitors are welcome.

Photo below: Norman Kavanagh (Treasurer) and Gerry Mc Ternan (handicap Secretary) of Maynooth Golf Society presenting a cheque for €1,000 to Josie Moore (Maynooth Senior Citizens) for funds raised from the Trevor Cassidy Memorial Scramble 2017. This annual event is sponsored by Ronnie & Brian Cassidy and kindly supported by Maynooth Golf Society Members, Friends and Family.



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Special Olympics Ireland Table Quiz

I would like to thank everybody who supported the Table Quiz on 14/9/2018 in aid of Special Olympics Ireland World Games 2019 in Abu Dhabi. As there would be too many people to thank individually I would like to express my thanks to - Dermot, Jamie and all the staff in O'Neill's Pub, Paul O'Mahony and Ann Dillane for their commitment on the night, collecting answers, checking them and selling tickets.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the anonymous donations received & to all the Business's in Maynooth including the Golf Clubs who donated prizes for the additional raffle. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Paul Daly who initially suggested having the Table Quiz and really came on board in the organisation of same. A brilliant Quizmaster, Auctioneer, he made the night so enjoyable for everyone who attended.

Please note the total amount raised on the night was €4,625.00 this will really help Special Olympics Ireland in the World Games.

A letter of thanks was received by me on 3rd October from Anita Carty (Regional Fundraiser Coordinator) extending her gratitude to all those who supported the Table Quiz in O'Neill's Maynooth and the generous gift of \(\mathbb{A}\),625.00 for the Special Olympics Ireland. A copy of this letter can be viewed on the Notice Board in The Maynooth Community Employment Project Office, Carton Retail Park, Maynooth.

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The Armistice 11th November 1918 **by Rita Edwards**

The 11th of November 2018 marks the centenary of the signing of an Armistice between the Allies of World War One and Germany, thus bringing to an end more than four years of brutal and bloody warfare on a scale that had never been experienced before. The Armistice (cessation of hostilities on the Western Front) was signed at 5.00am on Monday 11th November at Compiègne in northern France.

Throughout the last hundred years, this event has been commemorated by different countries according to their own cultural traditions on or close to the 11th of November each year. Great Britain and Northern Ireland commemorate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday as do most of the Commonwealth nations who remember members of their armed forces who died in the line of duty. Armistice Day is also commemorated in France and Belgium. Veterans Day in the United States remembers all those who have served in the Armed Forces.

In the context of this article it is appropriate to mention that Volkstrauertag (people's day of mourning) is a public holiday in Germany observed on the Sunday closest to the 16th November. It commemorates members of the German armed forces and civilians who died in armed conflicts, to include victims of violent oppression. It was first observed in its modern form in 1952.

Ireland however, with its history of contested memories has had an uneasy relationship with such commemorations. Prior to World War Two and even for a time afterwards, while some expressed sympathy with the relatives of Irishmen killed in the war, any public display of British emblems often caused division and civil disorder. The first National Day of Commemoration was held on 13th July 1986 in the Garden of Remembrance, Dublin. Old IRA veterans objected to the venue as it commemorated those who had died fighting for Irish freedom being used to honour British Army veterans.

Today, the National Day of Commemoration commemorates all Irishmen and Irish women who died in past wars or on service with the United Nations. It takes place on the Sunday nearest 11th July, the anniversary of the signing of the truce on 11th July 1921, bringing the War of Independence (Jan1919-Jul 1921) to an end. The principal ceremony is now normally held at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin.

With regard to Armistice Day in Ireland, it took until 1991 for Mary Robinson to attend the Armistice Day commemoration service at St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin in her official capacity as President of Ireland. And on Sunday 11th of November this year, in 2018, in order to embrace all the traditions on the island of Ireland the 100th anniversary of the Armistice will be marked.

What was it like for those who went through those turbulent times? As already mentioned, after more than four years of brutal and bloody warfare on a scale that had never been seen before, hostilities were scheduled to cease on the eleventh hour (French time) of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

For weeks beforehand, there had been speculation among the general public and the Press on both sides of the Irish Sea that the war with Germany was coming to an end. An Armistice on the Russian front the previous December had already taken place and with Bulgaria and Turkey seeking terms and with the fall of Austria, Germany had become isolated, leaving it vulnerable to attack from the south by the Allies.

The Irish Independent of 7th November reported: "The German Delegation to conclude an Armistice and take up peace negotiations left Berlin for the Western front

yesterday" - the indication being that the Germans were prepared to go through with the Armistice, no matter what the conditions.

Rumours that the war was at last coming to an end had also reached the front. As the day approached, families at home and those at the front waited and hoped, some with disbelief. Others didn't know how to react. Perhaps the Germans were bluffing? Some wondered what they were they going to do with themselves now, if the fighting was

What had started out as a rumour became a reality. Some were told to "unfix" bayonets and to stand by for further orders. The orders which eventually came through read: "Hostilities will cease ... 11th November, at 11.00am". As the hour approached, those who were in a position to do so both at home and on the battlefield anxiously watched their clocks and watches.

That morning the US 2nd Army (which entered the war in April 1917) then near Metz in north-east France had been attacking the German army in force, with heavy bombardments being hurled in each direction. The Irish Independent of 14th November stated: "Exactly at 11.00am like a final thunder crash clearing the storm, the guns of both armies stopped abruptly". Then after a further brief exchange of gunfire, there was silence, and then cheering erupted on both sides.

What followed bordered on fraternizing with the enemy, but given the momentous occasion that it was Americans and Germans mingled along a narrow stretch of ground that 1915 May – Byrne, Patrick (19), Maynooth, died in they had been fighting over minutes before, with the Americans offering cigarettes, chocolate and chewing gum. The Germans, who reciprocated with offers of hot coffee, bread and sausages, were surprised at the number of Americans who spoke German.

Elsewhere on the front where the British forces were fighting it was reported that the last shots fired from German machine guns were aimed high in the air with bullets falling c. two to three miles behind the lines. Then a sudden silence. "As 11.00am approached it was said that you wouldn't have heard a pin drop" and at the ceasefire "each battalion sounded a bugle and the Germans stood up, took off their hats, bowed to us and walked away". But unfortunately due to a delay in orders getting through to a number of posts, and due to a cruel trick of fate, firing continued for a time in some areas, resulting in the death of 1916 October – Fennell, James, (22), Crewhill, Maynooth, the combatants.

One young man wrote in his diary that evening: "Peace at last." But it was an uneasy peace. A year after the Armistice, it was recorded that between twenty and thirty wars were raging in different parts of the world.

The Leinster Leader of the 16th November reported that at the Armistice: "Scenes of almost delirious joy were witnessed through Great Britain and Ireland, the celebrations lasting all day and far into the night. The cities were beflagged by day and illuminated at night and large crowds paraded the principal streets singing and shouting. In Dublin they said that the demonstrations were "almost unparalleled". A 100-ton crane flew the highest Union Jack (now often referred to as the Union Flag) at the seaward end of the new North Wall extension.

The Kildare Observer stated that when the news of the Armistice reached Naas, "the Union Jack was hoisted over the Courthouse and there was a general feeling of relief, but little outward manifestation of jubilation. Towards evening there was some flag waving by the military and flags displayed in some houses". It also noted that there was flag waving in Kildare and Newbridge. Maynooth is not mentioned in this connection in either newspaper.

One of the Press headings at the time announced: END OF THE GREAT WORLD WAR – CRUEL NIGHTMARE ENDED. But for some, the nightmare continued and many families were in deep mourning at the loss of their loved ones. While numbers are inconclusive, it is now generally accepted that c. 206,000 men, who included c. 28,000 Irish -born regular soldiers and c. 30,000 reservists who were called up at the start of the war were in the British army. A further c. 148,000 voluntarily signed up during the war. (The Irish Times 1/8/2014)

There is still no agreement on the number of Irish casualties but the figure of c.31.000 is considered to be the most accurate. Among those who died in the conflict (or from ill health later, as a result of combat) were a number of men from the Maynooth area.

Matthew Sherry from Leixlip is included in this list because he is buried in Donaghmore Cemetery, Maynooth. No. 19 Mountjoy Square in Dublin where he died was at the time a hospital staffed by members of Voluntary Aid Detachment. A VAD unit was a voluntary unit of civilians who provided nursing care for military personnel. In this instance the VADs were students and undergraduates of Trinity College, Dublin.

1914 November – Moreland, William (21), Moyglare, Maynooth, died in Belgium.

1914 November - Rafferty, John (25), Maynooth, died in

1915 April - Kennedy, Simon (27), Maynooth, died in Turkey.

Belgium.

1915 June – Creed, Charles Odell (35), Moyglare Rectory, Maynooth, died in France.

1915 September – Johnston, William Arthur, Maynooth, died in France.

1916 March - FitzGerald, Lord Desmond (28), Carton House, Maynooth, died in France.

1916 March - Mooney, Michael (20), Maynooth, died in Belgium.

1916 April – Murphy, John (38), Maynooth, died in France.

1916 April – Regan, James, b. Maynooth (resident of Leixlip), died in France.

1916 July – Reilly, James (20), Maynooth, died in France. 1916 August - O'Brien, Timothy John A (24), Grangewilliam, Maynooth, died in France.

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1917 August – Mulligan, Patrick (26), Maynooth, died in Celbridge Hospital – cardiac disease, interred at Moyglare Church of Ireland Churchyard.

1918 March - O'Reilly, Patrick, Maynooth, died in France. 1918 June – Sherry, Matthew (26), Ryebrook, Leixlip, died at 19 Mt Joy Sq., Dublin - heart infection/cerebral haemorrhage, interred at Donaghmore Cemetery Maynooth.

1918 July - Mulligan, Laurence (23), Maynooth, died in Egypt.

1918 October – O'Toole, Christopher, Maynooth, thought to have died in France.

1919 February - Nolan, William (34), Maynooth, died in the King George V Hospital in Arbour Hill (now St Bricin's Military Hospital) Dublin – influenza and pneumonia, interred at Ladychapel Graveyard, Maynooth. 1923 February – Coughlan, Patrick J (Sonny) (28), who had attended the Boys' National School in Maynooth. He died in Newcastle Sanatorium, Co. Wicklow – shell shock and effect of mustard gas on his lungs, interred at St Brigid's Graveyard, Clara, Co Offaly.

Irish Soldiers who survived the war were gradually discharged and found their way home. But the Ireland they had left was not the Ireland they came back to. The Rising of 1916 and its aftermath had transformed not only

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attitudes but politics. The families and friends of those who died during Easter week and afterwards were also in deep mourning. While the Rising was perceived by many to be a failure, the promotion of Home Rule as advocated by the Irish Parliamentary Party led by John Redmond (d. Mar 1918) had also failed and radical nationalism was on the

In Dublin on Armistice Day a number of the (Catholic) National University students tore down some of the Union Jack flags that had been erected on various buildings. In Glasnevin one woman was very upset because someone had burned her upstairs window flag with a sod of turf held aloft on a long handled fork. Throughout other parts of the country members of Sinn Féin (We Ourselves) the original political party founded in 1905 by Arthur Griffith, disrupted the celebrations, and when members of the public sang "God save the King", their members responded with 'God Save Ireland". On several occasions the police had to intervene to restore law and order.

At the same time, those who had no relatives in the army were more preoccupied with not contracting influenza, the epidemic that had originated in the United States and was sweeping through Europe and Ireland at the time and also with the forthcoming general election in December. It was the first general election to be held after the Representation of the People Act 1918. It was thus the first election in which women over the age of 30, and all men over the age of 21 could vote. Previously, all women and most workingclass men had been excluded from voting. This election would prove to be a key moment in modern Irish history.

Shortly after the Armistice was announced, the MP TP O'Connor, originally from Co Westmeath, who sat for the Liverpool constituency, stated that now, the "Irish Question" should be settled in accordance with the principles laid down by President Wilson of the US "all nations large and small should have free selfdetermination, as to their form of government ... principles the Allies ... are fighting for in every other country". But as history has shown there was no room for an Irish delegation at the Peace Conference held in Paris in January 1919.

fight for what was considered by many for King and Empire. The reasons they volunteered are as varied as the individuals themselves. Most didn't know what they were letting themselves in for. Whatever their motivations, what we know now is that Irish history is complex and multilayered.

One of the volunteers was the 17-year old Kerry-born Tom Barry. "I had decided to see what this Great War was like. I cannot plead I went on the advice of John Redmond or any other politician, that if we fought for the British we would secure Home Rule for Ireland, nor can I say I understood what Home Rule meant. I was not influenced by the lurid appeal to fight to save Belgium or small nations. I knew nothing about nations, large or small. I went to the war for no other reason than that I wanted to see what war was like, foul, mostly foul) Chancellor of Germany and then Führer to get a gun, to see new countries and to feel a grown man. Above all I went because I knew no Irish history and had no national consciousness."

Barry later became a prominent guerrilla leader in the IRA during the Irish War of Independence (Jan 1919-July 1921), when he was commander of the 3rd West Cork Flying Column. He took the anti-Treaty side in the Irish Civil War (Jun 1922-May 1923).

According to Myles Dungan, broadcaster and author, from 1919 to 1923 "more than 120 ex-soldiers were shot by the IRA or by those on the anti-Treaty side". The historian Jane Leonard informs us that, "the vast majority appear to have been killed simply as a retrospective punishment for their service in the Great War. As ex-members of the British Forces, they formed a marginalised and unwelcome group in Irish Society"

One other volunteer described as "a nationalist in a British uniform", was the Slane poet Francis Ledwidge who died aged 30 prior to the third battle of Ypres in 1917. "I joined the British Army because she stood between Ireland and an enemy common to our civilization, and I would not have her say that she defended us while we did nothing at home, but pass resolutions."

In hindsight, the concept of "an enemy common to our civilization" is apt. Records indicate that the seeds of 20^{th}

The question is often asked why did Irish men volunteer to century fascism were already sown in the minds of a number of German elite officers in 1917. Their distorted interpretation of Charles Darwin's theory of "natural selection" and the survival of the fittest would germinate and grow.

> Germany surrendered unconditionally in November 1918 and the conditions imposed were severe. However, there were a number of young men who had fought for the Fatherland and survived, who would never accept defeat. Among them was a 29-year old aspiring artist from Austria. His autobiography entitled Mein Kamp (My Struggle) was published in 1925. It promoted vicious anti-Semitism, intolerant ultra-nationalism and violence. It also promoted a specific form of fascism. The author was a man who, in 1933 was democratically elected (by fair means or in 1934 – his name? Adolf Hitler.

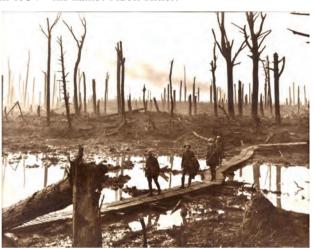


Photo depicting the conditions at the Battle of Passchendaele (July 1917). Following the battle staff officer Sir Launcelot Kiggell is said to have broken down in tears. "Good God", he said, "Did we really send men to fight in That"?!

https://todayinhistory.blog/tag/passchendaele/

(While every care has been taken, the list of Maynooth casualties may not be complete – for full details see www.kildare.ie/library - Local Studies Department -WW1 Appendix: List of Co Kildare Casualties.)

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

October 21st was a most enjoyable day as we celebrated Halloween with great music from Philip English and a great crowd who know how to party.

Many thanks to Gerry and Norman from Maynooth Golf Society who presented us with a cheque for €1,000, proceeds from the annual tournament which is the Trevor Cassidy Trophy. This is a two way event which remembers a talented young player who left us far too soon and which also benefits our senior citizens.

And now to fundraising. Our Sale of Work will take place on **Sunday November 18th** at 3pm in the Post Primary school. [see poster] In the meantime we will be sending out flyers and our people will be calling to your doors and all we ask is that you will be as generous now as you have been in the past. Our ticket sellers will be at Manor Mills on Friday Nov. 2nd and at SuperValu on Nov. 8th, 9th and 10th and I thank you all for your support in anticipation.

Our Christmas shopping afternoon will take place on Sunday Dec. 2nd at 3pm courtesy of SuperValu and our Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday Dec. 16th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. All names of those attending should be in by the 4th December

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.

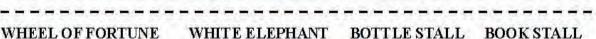


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Mountain Climb in Norway

I had reached Norway by travelling on a ship from Copenhagen through the Kattegat and finishing the journey on a coastal patrol vessel. The year was 1965 and I was on my 'Grand Tour' of Europe. How I ended up on the patrol vessel deserves explanation. I had managed to survive the Kattegat without getting seasick by occasionally holding onto the deck railing while spray drenched my face. Finally, lulled by a crowd of exuberant Norwegian teenagers singing pop songs ('We meet every night at eight / And don't go home till late / Baby, a long, long time') I fell asleep on a deck chair. When I awoke in the greyness of early morning people were disembarking and, my head groggy, I followed. Just as the ship pulled away I realised that I wasn't in Norway but on some island. Knowing that mistakes often bring unexpected benefits, I didn't panic.

A friendly Norwegian girl walking along, accompanied by her mother, came to my rescue. She told me that a patrol boat was about to leave for Oslo and in no time I was on board. What an exciting experience that last leg of the journey was. The skipper pointed out various features of our surroundings and on entering Oslo fjord showed me on the radar a German ship that had been sunk during World War 11. Eventually we arrived in Oslo just as my former shipmates were disembarking. What I particularly remember from that occasion is a crowd of nubile blond girls at the ship's railing 'oohing and aahing' like pop fans at a delighted black youth down below on the quay. Later, sailing north on board Kong Olav V, a *hurtigruten*, or coastal steamer, I was to observe similar behaviour when male passengers practically ignored the blond girls in favour of one dark-haired Nordic beauty - obviously, the appeal of the unfamiliar.

But I'm getting ahead of my story. The voyage up along the coast was fascinating. Most of those on board were probably heading home after a visit to the south, travelling by boat instead of by bus or train. The fellows were much like the Irish, fond of a drink and looking you straight in the eye as if ready for a laugh or a fight. We kept to a stretch of water between the mainland and various islands, occasionally sailing up fiords to remote picturesque villages, many of whose inhabitants trooped down to the piers at our arrival.

After passing Brønnøysund the sea got bleaker, the scenery wilder, with scarves of fog stretched across isolated rock islands resembling the Skelligs. Gulls hovered above our wake, an occasional trawler sailed past and a weather-beaten man in a sailor's cap leaned on the railing, eyes fixed on the horizon like a Viking lookout. Soon we had travelled above the Artic Circle into the Land of the Midnight Sun. In time we reached the Lofoten Islands, where houses, some made of wood, were built in the shelter of snow-veined, rugged mountains. Rough wooden wharves, occasionally with fishing boats tied up to them, flanked little harbours. An unusual feature was the presence of large open-air racks resembling high pitched roof rafters on which rows of gutted fish, probably cod, were drying.

I got accommodation in a hostel, which, like most of those in Scandinavia, provided clean rooms and wholesome food at reasonable prices. There were very few guests and my only complaint was that someone, perhaps a maid, took a pair of hushpuppies, which I had left under my bed.

Next morning while walking through the village I encountered two German fellows with whom I struck up an acquaintance. They were a contrasting pair, one of them, Hans, an ebullient outdoor type, the other, Günter, more pale-faced and reserved. Since they didn't speak English we mainly used sign language to communicate. They had decided to climb a middle-sized mountain that loomed above the main street and though, apart from climbing Kirkogue, in Connemara, I had no experience of this activity, I decided to tag along. My shoes contrasted with my companions' sturdy boots but I wasn't going to let a small matter like that deter me.

The first part of the climb was fairly easy, the only serious obstacle being a stretch of snow about thirty feet wide. What if by venturing onto it we caused an avalanche? Hans and Günter didn't hesitate and, encouraged by their example, I kept my nerve and followed. Once across, I took a moment to enjoy the panoramic view of the village then hurried after my companions.

The gradient was steeper now but still not too arduous. Soon, however, we had to clamber up heather slopes through which rocks jutted to reach the next level. Here we came upon a deep, wintry valley with snow-filled crevasses. Sitting on heather beside a sheer drop I gave Hans my Minolta and got him to take my photo before we headed off again. I remember at one point that Hans pointed to a small vessel out on the sea while imitating its put-put-put sound. He was excitedly trying to convey that it was a two-stroke engine, or something technical like that. Surprisingly, he also tried to tell me about some ship that had been sunk there during the war, but whether by the British or Germans I'm not certain.

Before we attempted the final peak of naked rock Gunter, despite wearing proper boots, indicated that he was going no further. Hans pressed on, however, and determined not to be outdone, even if it meant risking a broken neck, I followed. So it was that I eventually reached the mountaintop and stood up to my full height on its rocky summit. Hans, nimble as a goat, had meanwhile made his way across to an adjacent peak, a feat of daring I had no wish to emulate. He signalled to me that he wished to take my photo with his

camera and, raising one arm in triumph, I posed. Months later I received a set of prints from West Germany in my New York apartment and on the back of this particular shot Hans had written *König des Bergs* (King of the Mountain). Well, it may not have been a very difficult mountain to climb but it had won me the respect of my German comrades.

That evening we went to a Midsummer bonfire at which my two companions and I were the only outsiders among a crowd of local youths and children. A rough chipboard floor had been laid down for the dancers and musicians – one of whom had a saxophone, another a bass fiddle. There was no drinking, so the fun and merriment never became boisterous. At first the girls, probably because he was German, were slightly hostile to Hans, but soon he had captivated a fresh-faced beauty. I can't say if Günter was equally successful. I enjoyed the conviviality and took photos of the children, especially those with impish grins, but since I was feeling a bit tired from the morning's exertions I walked back to the hostel not long after midnight.

Next day, travelling back south on the steamer to Trondheim, from where I planned to take a train to Stockholm, I stopped off at Brønnøysund. On my first night there I got a lift with a group of young people, mostly students, to an island where there was a singsong around a bonfire. Since the songs were in Norwegian I can't say that they meant as much to me as to the singers but the fact that there was still pale sunlight at about 1 or 2 am is indelibly etched on my mind, as is the friendliness and charm of my companions.

P.G. Nerney

Smaointe

Tá mé buartha faoi dhúnmharú Jamal Khashoggi. Tá lagar spride orm agus tá súil agam gur mar sin atá an scéal ag daoine fíréanta ar fud na cruinne. Cháin sé na boic mhóra agus ní luíonn sé sin go réidh leo siúd! Chaithfí é a chur ina thost. I gceann mí nó dhó, afach, beidh sé imithe as ár gcuimhne agus beidh a áit tógtha ag ábhar éigin beagthábhachtach. Mar a gcéanna le Óscar Romero, Dietrich Bonhoeffer agus na céadta eile nach iad. Agus ar ndóigh, Íosa Críost féin. Cháin seisean na húdaráis agus d'íoc sé go daor as. Ach is annamh a chuimhníonn muid ar Íosa mar cháinteoir na n-údarás ná ar a chéasadh mar a bhfreagra siúd ar na líomhaintí a chuir sé ina leith. Cathain a chuala muid aitheasc ar a leithéid? Curadh de chuid an chine daonna ab ea é siúd agus in áit glacadh lena chomhairle cad a rinneamarna? Chuireamar chun báis é!

Cad é bhur dtuairim faoi seo?

«Sheol siad Íosa ansin ó Cháiafas go dtí an Prétóiriam. Bhí sé moch ar maidin. Ní dheachaigh siad isteach sa Phrétóiriam ionas nach dtruailleofaí iad, ach go mba fhéidir dóibh an cháisc a ithe.» (Eoin, 18, 28.) *Gabriel Martin.*

'Our Sea-wall'd Garden' (A Brexiteer's complaint)

Although our wall is ten foot high they keep arriving, across the top or round the eastern corner: dog roses, woodbines, knotweed and, worst of all, wild ivy that once it's gained a foothold will cling like glue to concrete blocks.

A few invaders can look fine, those pink and cream and yellow blooms massed above our purple clematis, and if they only peeped above the wall they'd add a nice, exotic contrast. But press ahead they must - and we've our own unwanteds:
 couch grass, thistles, dandelions...

We've risked our necks high up on ladders trimming back new growth with shears and clippers,
 contemplated adding extra blocks to raise the wall another foot or two,
 we've even thought of asking neighbours who, we suspect, may dislike borders to keep their burgeoning plant life checked before 'this scepter'd isle'** is
 swamped.

*Shakespeare, *Richard 11*, Act 111, Scene 1V

** Ibid, Acc 11, Scene 1

**Colin Scott

Dear Editor

I would like to acknowledge the very informative article in the October issue on the late Mariga Guinness by P.G.Nerney. I found it very interesting as I remember seeing her around Leixlip many years ago where she cut a very striking figure as she walked around about her business. As my Son's-in-law live near Stuttgart, I am familiar with Schloss Lichtenstein which is still in the ownership of her father's family Von Urach.It is known as the Fairy Tale Castle of Baden Wuertemberg.

Recently they were here in Maynooth for a visit and I showed them her grave at the Obelisk or "Conolly's Folly" if you like. The people of Kildare owe a debt of gratitude to Mariga and her husband Desmond for saving Castletown House from becoming a concrete jungle. It has proved to be a wonderful amenity for the Celbridge area and indeed the wider County.

While the preservation society's plans for Carton Estate did not come to fruition, I think what has ultimately transpired there, has not been too bad let us hope it remains as is.

*Paul Connolly**

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The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news.

We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events.

The Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and we hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 20th November 2018

EDITORIAL

This month we mark the centenary of the ending of World War 1 with a major article by Rita Edwards. With few exceptions none of us around to-day were alive at that time but in many towns around Ireland this month people are remembering their relatives who gave their life in World War 1. At that time Ireland was part of the British Empire and although there was no conscription it is estimated that close to 210,000 Irish people took part in the war of which 58,000 were soldiers and reservists and almost 150,000 volunteers. The estimate for Irish people that died in the war is 35,000. In particular, we are keen at this important anniversary to remember the people from Maynooth known to have died in World War 1.

While on the topic of history, there is no doubt that despite living in a modern age people continue to respect our past and our heritage. Therefore it is noteworthy that a group of concerned people have become active to ensure the preservation of the Carton Avenue Lime Tree Walk. In the late 1990s, I was privileged to work with a group that secured funding from the Kildare Leader Company and Kildare County Council to resurface the footpath and undertake other much needed remedial works in the avenue. At the time the assistance of the late Mr. Willie Carroll as Director of Services with Kildare County Council was invaluable as he spearheaded the funding for the project and politics aside a certain Charlie McCreevy, Minister for Finance at the time was not found wanting when we sought his financial support.

It is now time to consider the planting of new trees as the current trees are over 200 years old and in planting new ones the avenue will be secured for future generations of Maynooth people to enjoy this amenity. Carton Avenue is one of the key features of Maynooth which even to-day is still one of the best examples of a purpose built landlord village. Of course by landlord I am referencing the connection between the beautiful cottages in the streets just of Main Street as these were built for the workers from Carton Estate and their landlords the Dukes of Leinster living in Carton.

Talking about developments, the amendment to the Maynooth Local Area Plan was passed by Kildare County Council in October. The plan permits very significant residential growth in the next decade. One of the worries is that housing will come before other important infrastructure such as roads and school. To this end it is good to see that the Maynooth Educate

Together NS permanent school building has commenced on their site on the Celbridge Road. (*Photo Right*) While the new building will increase the capacity of the school to take more pupils it will not be enough to cater for the increase in demand for primary school places.



It is estimated that between now and 2023 an additional 1,500 new housing units will be built in Maynooth with a further similar number being built by 2027. So we need to plan now for a second Educate Together primary school in the town to cater for the demand for primary school places. If not we will condemn our young children to be educated in larger classes than necessary because we failed to plan schools for this new population that will be looking to call Maynooth their home just like we do.

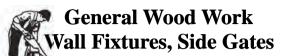
And on education, Maynooth University make great efforts every year for National Science Week (11th -18th November). There are some interesting lectures this year. If you have not gone before I recommend that you go along this year.

Paul Croghan - Editor

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& 2pm to 5pm

Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

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

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome
Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Volunteers required to help
with this work.
Contact Number
087 3153189
Meet every Saturday
at 10.00am in the Square

Maynooth Senior Citizens

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
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Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

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

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in
The Glenroyal Hotel
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
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11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

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For further information contact Bernadette at 6286288 or Lena at 01 6285128.

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Contact Katherine Cooney
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Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
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John Fleming - 087 2041334

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E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie
Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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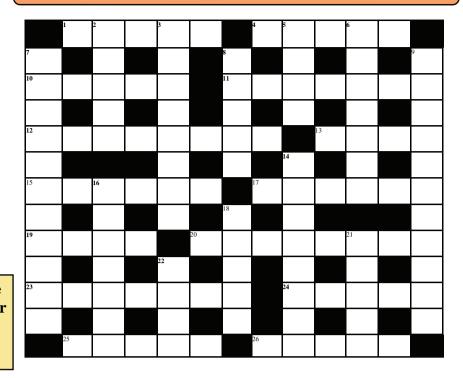
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- 1. Smoke outlet (5)
- 4. **Fascinating quality (5)**
- Ballroom dance (5) 10.
- 11. Income (7)
- Clint _ _ _, US actor (8) 12.
- **13.** Fodder store (4)
- **Diminutive (6) 15.**
- **17. Indian river (6)**
- **19.** Prison (4)
- **Inappropriate name (8)** 20.
- 23. Critical (7)
- Creature (5) 24.
- 25. Scuffle (5)
- 26. **Meat (5)**



Ooops! Due to a technical error the **Crossword & Sudoku in the October** Issue was a repeat. Apologies Hope we didn't spoil your fun!!!

November 2018 Crossword - No. 474



Clues Down

- **Gripping utensil (5)**
- **3.** Oliver _ _ _, soldier statesman (8)
- 5. Town adjoining Brighton (4)
- **6.** The _ _ _ Man,
- Schwarzenegger film (7) High—level worker (11) 7.
- 8. Shepherd's staff (5)
- Make objections (11) 9.
- "The Silence of the
- Lambs" character, __ Lecter (8)
- 16. Testimony (7)
- **18. Country residence (5)**
- 21. **Funds (5)**
- Fermented juice (4)



Solutions to Crossword No 473 C S B T BASTILLE MAAGOS ATWILL BAI M A O S B A I B E L L O W T I B E T A N S O L P A I H D A S S I S I T I T E R E D OPOET TAUNTEDEPITHET ISMSE PRISTINE I E N T YARNED C M L SMASHHIT HAILED O A A ENAMEL

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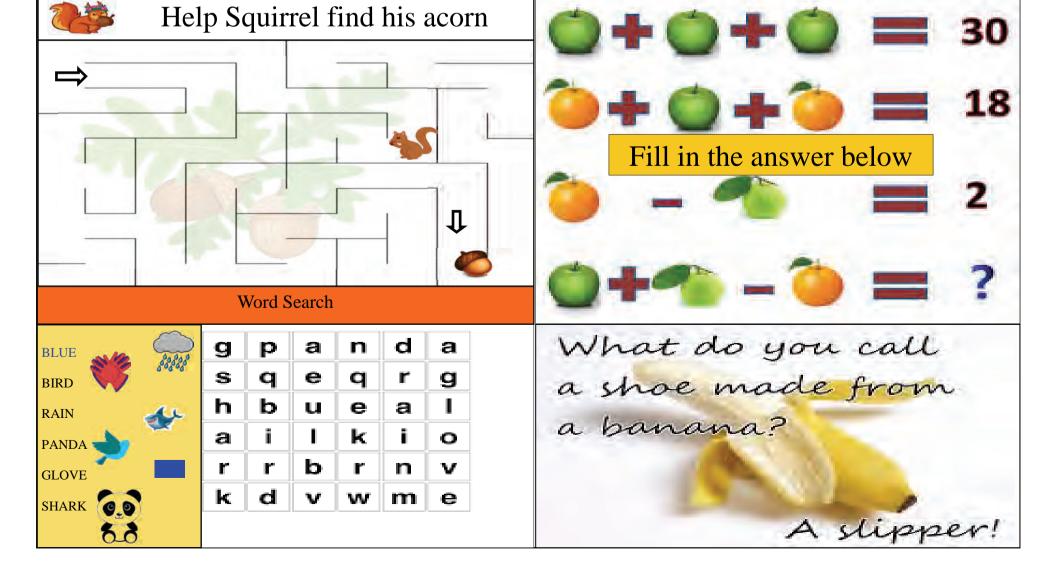
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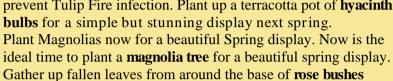
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THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

There's still time to **plant daffodil bulbs** and other spring flowering bulbs for a magnificent start to next years display. **Plant tulip bulbs** now to prevent Tulip Fire infection. Plant up a terracotta pot of **hyacinth**



which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer, to reduce the chance of infection next year. Continue to **lift dahlia tubers**, begonias and gladiolus corms to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing. Cut back the yellowing foliage of **herbaceous perennials**, and lift and divide overcrowded clumps to maintain their vigour. Cut a few stems of holly for making Christmas garlands before the birds eat them all.

The Final Harvest: Potatoes (dry off skins, then store in sacks); beans (if any left in the pods, allow to dry, then store in jars for adding to casseroles); cabbages (first, check for any slugs, then store in a frost-free shed); tomatoes & peppers in the greenhouse (use unripe ones for chutney, or store in the dark in a cool room where they will slowly ripen – a banana will help the process!). Things to Plant and Sow: Onion sets and garlic; broad beans (these will do best under cloches or fleece); also, this is the best time to sow sweet peas – not edible but they look lovely around the plot (but protect from mice over winter); lettuces (in the greenhouse); green manures (if cold and wet, try field beans).

Fruits: Gooseberry 'Hinnonmaki Red' is a hardy variety well suited to northern conditions, which produces sweet, purple-red fruits on upright, easy to prune plants. This is the perfect time to plant them. This is a good time to plant stepover apples, giving them the winter to settle in. Pomona Fruits has a great range. Choose several that will pollinate each other for bumper yields.

Prune roses: Prune climbing roses, tying them into their supports as you go. The aim is to tie in a framework of branches and to shorten the side branches. You will need a long afternoon and a big dose of patience. The golden rule is to make sure you get hold of 'prepared' or 'treated' bulbs which have been primed to flower quickly once you bring them inside and pot them up. You can force them yourself but that means starting in August/September and involves a lot more preparation.

Remember winter is coming and birds need to <u>build up fat</u> <u>reserves</u> to help them survive the colder winter months. November is the ideal time to start feeding wild birds in your garden with high protein <u>Chirpy Peanuts</u> and <u>high protein Sunflower seeds.</u>



Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots.

Essential advice for the gardener

Grow **Peas** of mind
Tumip to help your neighbour
Lettuce be thankful
Always make Thyme for loved ones



Traditional potato pancake Boxty

Prep time: 30 min Cook time: 1 hour

Serves: 19" pie (8 servings)

Ingredients:

- * Potatoes (weighted after peeling):750g
- * Self-raising flour:350g
- * Butter(melted):60g
- **Backing powder:1 teaspoon**
- * Salt and white pepper
- * Milk or buttermilk to mix

Method:

- * Divide the potatoes in half and boil one half in salted water until cooked.
- * Grate the remaining half into a clean tea towel and wring up the liquid.
- * Drain the boiled potatoes and mash them.
- Mix the grated and mashed potatoes together and add the flour and baking powder.
- * Melt the butter, stir in and mix to a soft dough, adding milk or buttermilk.
- * Pre-heat the oven to 200°C.
- * Place the dough on a floured surface and knead gently.
- * Shape into four flat, round cakes and mark each with a cross.
- * Brush with little milk to glaze and place on a greased baking tin.
- * Bake for 25-30 minutes or until well risen and golden brown.
- * Serve warm and buttered.

Tips:

The boxty can be cooked on a griddle each side for 15 minutes. It goes well with most dishes but in Ireland you will find it served with bacon and eggs or given a twist with smoked salmon and crème fraîche.

Keto peanut butter cookies

Prep. Time:5 minutes Cooking time:12 minutes Servings:12

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of Natural Peanut butter
- Half cup of Stevia or granulated sweetener of choice
- * 1 egg

Method:

- Preheat oven at 350°
- * In a bowl mix all ingredients together until well combined.
- * Using a small spoon, scoop enough dough to roll a 1 inch ball in your hand.
- Place ball of dough on cooking paper. Press each ball down with a fork, twice, creating a cress cross pattern on each cookie.
- Bake for about 12 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving. Store in air tight container.

LEARN HOW TO COOK

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Zero Waste Maynooth

A report from the IPCC (Intergovermental Panel on Climate Change) was released in early October. This report was a sobering and alarming read. It stated that we have 12 years to limit climate change catastrophe. In these types of reports there can be a lot of figures and academic speak but the fact that we have so little time left to limit the severity of climate change was clear.

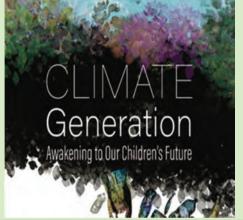
It is important to remember that climate change isn't just about polar bears and pandas. It is an issue that does affect our lives, and will do so increasingly. Climate change will have a major influence on everything – from health, food supply, economic growth, migration, security, societal change, and public goods, such as drinking water.

We need to come together more than ever. We need to make far reaching changes in the way we do things but the result – having a healthy, functioning world and society – will make it worth the effort. Zero Waste Maynooth will be working hard to do our bit – and we would love to have you join with us.

Zero Waste Maynooth were delighted to be involved in the book launch of "Climate Generation: Awakening to our Children's Future". The author is Maynooth local Lorna Gold who has long been involved in campaigning on climate justice issues. This book is a call to action to all those who care about the future of our planet and the future of our children. It is a hopeful book that is the antidote to the bad news of the IPCC report. Lorna calls for individual and collective action.

Our next ZWM event will be on Saturday, 10th November and will be the family friendly book launch of "Climate Generation". There will be talks and activities on the day to show that lower impact living doesn't mean that you are missing out on any fun. This event will hopefully start a conversation amongst the families of Maynooth as to what they can do to make a sustainable future for our children.

There will also be cake to celebrate Zero Waste Maynooth's first birthday!! So please come along for a cuppa, a chat and a slice of cake!



"Climate Generation: Awakening to our Children's future"

Family friendly book launch

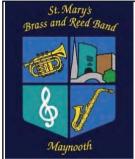
Community Space

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St Mary's Brass & Reed Band

The highlight of last month was the recording session for our first ever CD which took place on Saturday 13th October in the Band Hall where we were joined by the Parish Church Choir and the Choir from the Presentation Girls' School.

It was a long day and we put 12 numbers together between the three groups but hopefully our efforts will be worth it when the CD finally becomes available in early November.

At present the plan is to have it on sale in Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street and Centra in Greenfield while the Parish Centre will also have a supply. We hope to have more details when the CD finally arrives. Apart from buying it as a stocking filler for family and friends locally we feel it would be an ideal small gift for family and friends living abroad as the title "Christmas Melodies from Maynooth" says it all.

As mentioned in last month's issue we have our annual Mass for Deceased Members on Sunday 4th November at 1pm during which we will be including some of the pieces which we played at the Ecumenical

Christmas Melodies

from Maynooth

St. Mary's

Brass and Reed Band

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Maynooth Parish Choir

Presentation Girls' School Choir

New CD Cover Sleeve

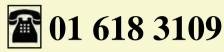
Service in Bad Orb in Germany in September. Our Christmas Concert this year takes place in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 9th December at 7.30pm and there is no admission charge so all are welcome to hear a great selection of very entertaining music.

Our weekly rehearsals are held every Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45 to 9.45pm and musicians are always welcome to drop in or contact us at sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie.

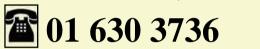


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Keep your Business in Maynooth to Keep Maynooth in Business

hristmas, the season of giving and receiving is upon us once again. This is the perfect opportunity to support our local shops in Maynooth. Lets buy our Christmas presents from our local businesses and self-employed people. Be honest, who are we supporting with our spending? If the goal is for money to flow back into the local economy, we must commit to choosing wisely. Driving an hour out of our town or shopping online does not contribute to the community we live in.



Maynooth is a lively town with plenty of heart — many would say it has more going for it than other places on the commuter belt. It's also a pretty place with family-friendly housing, canal side walks, and a Main Street that hasn't been hollowed out by retail parks. It is extremely well supplied with supermarkets. There's a huge Tesco Extra and The Range Store in Carton Retail Park, a large Dunne's, an Aldi, a Lidl, and a SuperValu.

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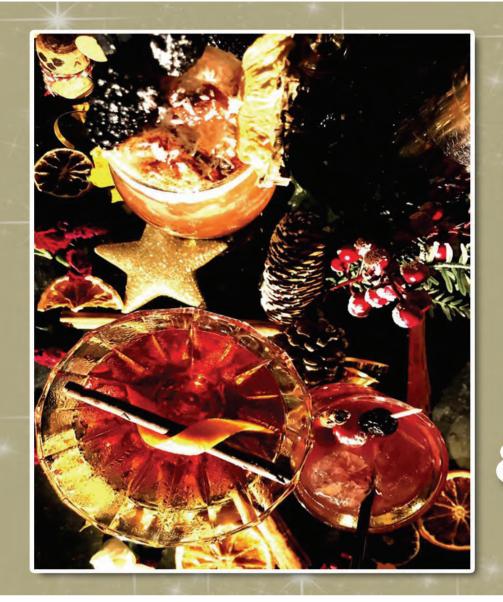
Park, Manor Mills, Glenroyal, Greenfield and Beaufield Shopping Centres. There is also ample customer car parking in the Aldi and Lidl stores. Pay Parking is also available within the town enabling customers to enjoy the many retail shops, Jewellers, Book Shops, Boutiques, Gift Shops, Hairdressers, Beauty Salons, Pubs and Restaurants in and around the Town.

Stay local this year and take the stress out of shopping, avoid the cost of travel and expensive parking fees. When all the shopping is done there is a multitude of restaurants, bars and coffee shops to visit and enjoy the gastronomic delights and Festive atmosphere of Maynooth.

Christmas Shopping is important to small-town retailers. It's a great opportunity to focus on your own business and give your customers a pleasant experience. Retailers need to say, "**Stay in Maynooth**", we have lots to offer. Support our community, our businesses, our schools, our organizations. Everyone working together will make Maynooth a great place to live in.

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Maynooth University Town F.C.

The momentum continues on all fronts with League and Cup games coming at a fast rate. Some recent results:



Metropolitan Cup: Town 3 Tolka Rovers 2

The renowned Tolka Rovers came to town hoping to upset Town in this cup game.

Town however were not to be outdone and two goals by Eion Mc Dermott and one by Daniel Burke ensured victory in a tight game.

Metropolitan Cup 2nd Rd: Town I Dublin Bus

Dublin Bus set out to stifle Towns flowing game and they succeeded for long periods. Town eventually broke the stubborn resistance of the visitors when Darragh Reynor scored to ensure our passage to the next round.

Division One: Town 2 Leixlip 1

Town secured bragging rights following this local derby win in a pulsating game. Town were the better side over the ninety minutes and were good value for their victory. Darragh Gannon put Town in front with a glancing header. "Macker" put Town two up with a cracker. With time almost up Leixlip reduced the deficit from the penalty spot.

Division One: Town 2 T.E.K. 1

Goals by Reynor and Macker secured three valuable points in this impressive performance.

Division One: Town 5 Tullamore Town 0

A superb display of fast flowing football demolished Tullamore in a performance of sheer quality. The goals matched the quality of the play with each one being top class.

Conor Foley (2), Macker (2) and Darragh Reynor (1) provided goals.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup: Town 1 Wayside Celtic 0

Town had to battle hard to keep our grip on this cup so gallantly won at the Aviva in May. Darragh Reynor with a curling shot from outside the penalty area booked our place in the next round.

May we extend Season Greeting to one and all.





Crime Victims Helpline - Beware of Scam Phone Calls

Every day fraudsters and scammers come up with new ways to steal money and information from unsuspecting people. Scams can be very elaborate and it can be easy for even the savviest of people to be taken in by them. Following are some common scams to be aware of and how to recognise and avoid them.

A new and pervasive scam revolves around the claim that your computer is infected with a virus. Someone rings and says that your computer has been hacked and malicious software has been loaded onto your computer. They offer to help for a fee or they ask for information to so that they can access your computer. They often end up with people's credit card information, personal information that can be used for identity theft purposes, or both. Legitimate technology companies will not ring you out of the blue. If you have any concerns about your computer, ask someone you know and trust to look at it or hire an established tech-support company to investigate the issues.

Other common scams involve claims that you have won a prize, lottery or free holiday. The fraudsters will then charge a fee or "tax" before releasing the prize. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Be suspicious of anyone who cold calls you and asks for personal information or money. Don't give out personal details over the phone. If you are unsure if someone is legitimate, take down their name and contact information. Independently verify the information either online, in person, or by ringing the number that is listed on your bank or credit card statements. Legitimate callers should not pressure you or make you afraid. Genuine people and organisations will understand why you are being cautious. If you do end falling prey to a scammer, don't hesitate to contact your local Garda Station. You may also want to ring the Crime Victims Helpline for someone to talk to.

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Trying Too Hard To Have the **Perfect Christmas?**

Christmas brings out stress and anxiety in many of us, what is meant to be a happy time of year, often leads to us feeling overwhelmed, irritated, tense, stressed and anxious.

It is the one time of year when the true perfectionist comes out in a lot of us; everything must be perfect, from presents, to the tree, to making the perfect Christmas dinner, to cleaning the house from top to bottom just in case someone might call! We might over exert ourselves by going to countless parties and nights out, we might take out loans to pay for the expense of Christmas, running around shops, sitting in traffic getting more and more annoyed! As soon as it's over most of us wonder what it was all about?

Can we just STOP for a minute? Can we just take a moment to breathe? Let go of expectations.

There is no such thing as a perfect Christmas, but we are primed from early childhood to believe that there is. Christmas should be an enjoyable time. There is a big difference between enjoyment and perfection. Enjoyment allows us to take pleasure in Christmas. Perfection demands a flawless Christmas. Ask yourself work in January wondering why you are so tired. Look would you like a perfect Facebook Christmas? Or a happy family Christmas? Do you want joy or perfection?

If you choose to enjoy Christmas you allow yourself to relax into the fun of it all without expecting yourself or others around you to be perfect. By enjoying Christmas we allow ourselves off the hook, we don't expect everything to be flawless and without its hiccups because life is like this, nothing is perfect,

ever. Instead we can choose to allow for the odd hiccup because it's not the end of the world, we won't lose our cool completely if the turkey is a little bit too dry, because at the end of the day we know we tried our best. That's all that matters.

Christmas can also bring about emotional stress with feelings of loss, loneliness and depression. If you are going to be experiencing a particularly hard Christmas this year, maybe it's the first Christmas without a parent, maybe a relationship ended or maybe you just feel alone even though you are surrounded by people. Take the time to look after yourself, make plans to journal thoughts and feelings, reach out to friends, don't drink too much and make plans so you aren't spending long periods of time alone. But more importantly allow yourself time to mourn if you need to, don't hide how you feel just because Christmas is supposed to be a jolly time. Acknowledge that you are going through a hard time and you feel sad, lonely, depressed and that it's ok to feel this way. Don't try and put on the "mask" and pretend everything is perfect!

Christmas time allows us to wind down at the end of the year, so take some time to do this over the festive period. Whether it's having a lazy day at home watching films, or bringing the dog for a walk, take some time for yourself. Otherwise you'll be back to after yourself and your mental health.

Whatever your Christmas involves, remember to take time for YOU!

Wishing you all a happy, perfectionfree Christmas!



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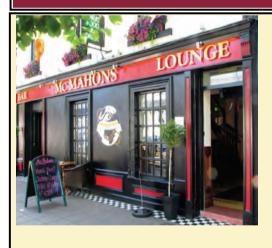
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Maynooth Labour News





Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Survey of the Trees on Carton

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November: "That a Tree Surgeon be engaged to carry out an audit of the trees on Carton Avenue and any needing replacing shall be in accordance with the Jim McConville and Associates Consultants Report of 2002 prepared for Kildare County Council, entitled Specification and Schedule of Works for Tree Surgery to Existing Lime Trees with funding for this work taken from the €405,294.00 allocated for Carton landscaping in the 2018-2020 Capital Programme."

John got the following positive response from Council Officials: "An Arborist will be engaged to survey the existing trees on Carton Avenue and the adjoining amenity lands as part of the development of a masterplan for Carton Avenue. The planting of additional trees along the avenue as suggested by Joe McConville will be considered as part of this. In the interim any locations where trees have been felled will be replaced as part of the tree planting programme in 2019."

Cllr. McGinley Submits Motion to Improve Safety at the Kingsbry/Straffan Road Junction

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November: "That yellow box junctions are put on both sides of the Kingsbry exit with the Straffan Road, similar to those at the Parklands junction.'

John got the following negative response from Council Officials:

'There is one yellow box on the Straffan Road at the Kingsbry exit and the council do not plan to extend this box or mark an additional unit."

Cllr. McGinley Asks for a Handrail at Bond Bridge Exit/ **Entrance to the Train Station**

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November: "Can the council ask Iarnród Éireann to install a handrail on the wall of the sloped entrance to the Maynooth Train Station path from the Bond Bridge, as it is a real hazard in the freezing days of winter?

John got the following positive response from Council Officials: • Roof Cladding "If the members are in agreement, a letter of request will be sent • Flat Roof Formwork and structural concrete to Iarnród Éireann."

The members agreed that the Council write to Iarnrod Eireann.

Cllr McGinley Condemns the Delay in Taking in Charge of Meadowbrook and Castle Dawson Estates

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update to his motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 November:

"In order to take Castledawson Estate in charge, Newtown Hall must be firstly taken in charge, as the pump station serving Castledawson is in the control of the developer of the Newtown Hall Estate. Newtown Hall is in the process of completing the snag list as issued by Kildare County Council Development Control Section. Meadowbrook Estate requires a tender package for the CCTV of the foul and storm water system to be carried out.'

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was a disgrace that Meadowbrook has not been taken in charge as it is over four years since the residents signed a petition to have it taken in charge and it is eight years and nine months since the Council drew up a snag list for the estate. Likewise for Castle Dawson, the developer agreed in writing on 5 July 2013 to hand over the pumping station to the Council. So, there is no need to wait for Newtown Hall to be completed for Castle Dawson to be taken in charge. John further stated that a Director of the Council needs to take control of this process as it has gone on for far too long. It seems that when there is a change of staff that the Council have to start from scratch.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Provision of More Creches in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update to his motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 2 November:

"Permission was applied for and granted for development, including the provision of crèches, at Castlepark, Griffinrath, Moyglare Hall and Newtown Hall in Maynooth. In the case of Griffinrath, permission was granted for a change of use from crèche to a community based Day Care Centre. The planning permission for Newtown Hall is live and runs until May 2019. The other two developments in question have been referred to Planning Enforcement and Building and Development Control for further investigation."

Cllr.McGinley stated that he could not understand why Castlepark and Moyglare Hall had been referred to Planning Enforcement for further investigation as it is a fact that the developers have not built the creches. He further stated that it is clear that when it comes to Planning Enforcement that Kildare County Council does not do it well.

The planner present at the meeting made the extraordinary statement that "developers had told him that there was no demand for creches in Maynooth" and worse still he believed the developers.

Cllr. McGinley asks for the Two Vacant Houses in Old Greenfield to be allocated

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November: "When will the two vacant Council houses in Old Greenfield be allocated (house 1171 and 1 Brookview)?"

John got the following highly unsatisfactory response from Council Officials:

One of the properties is currently being allocated, the other will be allocated once works are completed."

Cllr. McGinley stated that one of the properties was vacated a year and nine months and the other was vacated over a year ago and no work had started on it yet.

John further stated that it was unforgivable that these two houses should remain vacant for so long with an enormous amount of people on the waiting list for a home.

Completion of Maynooth Education Campus Progressing -

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by KWETB that a contractor is on site to complete the external fabric of both of the school buildings at the Maynooth Education Campus.

Mr. Stagg has been advised that the works to be carried out include:

- Flat Roof Finishes
- Roof lights
- Fall Arrest
- · Block work
- Windows and Curtain Walling including all glazing elements
- External Plastering

This will leave both school buildings weatherproof and secure and will form a neat finish-out package for a new main contractor to complete the Education campus.

8 Contractors have expressed an interest in completing the Maynooth Education Campus and it is expected that formal tenders will be invited in December with a contractor on site in March 2019, and the campus should be completed by June 2020. In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would keep pressing both the Minister for Education and KWETB to ensure that the projected timeframe for the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus of June 2020 was met.

Improvements to Maynooth Rail Transport Service from December 9th

Emmet Stagg has welcomed the improvements to the Maynooth Rail service which are due to be implemented on December 9th. The following Improved Services will be introduced from December 9th:

- New earlier 05.58hrs Maynooth to Connolly
- Six additional off-peak services each way daily Dublin Connolly to Maynooth (Mon to Fri) delivering half-hourly off-peak service during the day and up to 21.00hrs
- 13 additional off-peak services each way on Saturday Dublin Connolly to Maynooth delivering half-hourly service from 08.00hrs to 19.00hrs approx.

- 11 additional off-peak services each way on Sunday Dublin Connolly to Maynooth delivering:
- Earlier first service from Maynooth at 08.00hrs
- Half-hourly service on Sundays from 11.00hrs to 19.00hrs approx
- Services extended to 23.00hrs approx. on Sunday evenings. These improvements will be welcomed by Maynooth Rail Commuters. Ultimately though, stated Mr. Stagg, we need additional rail carriages to relieve the current lack of capacity on commuter trains, and additional carriages must be leased in the

17 Contractors Express Interest in Construction of New Maynooth Boys' National School

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the construction of the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Contractors had until November 1st to register their interest in the project. The Minister for Education has now advised Mr. Stagg that 17 contractors expressed an interest in the construction project by November 1st. The Minister further advised that an assessment of the expressions of interest has commenced and further information may be requested following this assessment. A short list will be prepared and following this process, the pre-qualified contractors will be invited to submit actual tenders for the project.

Welcoming this continuing progress Mr. Stagg stated that the New Maynooth Boys' NS was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st 2017 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.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress with the project until we got it to construction.

15 Additional Gardaí Allocated to Kildare Division - Stagg

Emmet Stagg has been advised by Human Resources at Garda Headquarters that an additional 10 Probationary Gardaí have been assigned to the Kildare Division following their graduation on Friday 30th November, and in addition to this there has been a net gain from transfers into the division of 5 additional gardai since the end of July.

Mr. Stagg was further advised that three of the probationary gardaí have been assigned to Leixlip Garda Station, three have been assigned to Kildare Garda Station and four have been assigned to Naas Garda Station.

In relation to transfers into the Division we have seen the number of Garda Sergeants rise from 46 at the end of July to 52 now. This substantial increase in Sergeants is very important due to the experience they will bring to policing in the Kildare Division stated Mr. Stagg

Welcoming the additional Gardaí, Mr. Stagg stated that the allocation of 10 Probationary Gardaí will bring Garda Numbers to 394 in the Kildare Division by the end of November or a ratio of 1 Garda for every 563 people in Kildare. The total number of Garda Recruits allocated to the Kildare Division since April 2015 is 113.

Mr. Stagg stated that we must keep the pressure on the Commissioner and the Policing Authority to continue to reduce the unacceptable historical imbalance that existed in the Kildare Division and a concerted campaign to attract in Gardaí from other divisions must be maintained.

Concluding Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that we are finally seeing dividends in our campaign on Garda Numbers but we must keep up the pressure and ensure that the demands of the people of Kildare are met by an increased strength Garda Force.



THE ROYAL CANAL (RCAG) CHRISTMAS JUMPER WALK

Join us on our annual post-Christmas walk on THURSDAY 27th December at 11.45 am from Maynooth Harbour, proceeding through Carton, a pit-stop at Pike Bridge, and back to base along the "Royal". We'll have good conversation and a little bit of local history.



Wear your Christmas Jumper, if you can. We're trying to



create a little group photo-record of the most Christmas jumpers.Come anyway, 'jumperless' or not. It's all wheelchair-friendly, and, you know something! Your dog, yes your dog, will never forgive you if he/she is not brought along.

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Train Services to Maynooth

I met with officials from the National Transport Authority to discuss transportation services for the town. In particular we focused on the trains and connectivity of the line. From this meeting it was agreed that capacity would be examined on peak services. There is also a new draft timetable out for public consultation. The new timetable is expected to commence on December 9th. The new timings will see improved, more frequent off peak services at evenings and weekends for the Maynooth line.

3 per cent of population waiting over a year for an outpatient appointment

The latest waiting list figures show that the number of outpatients has yet again hit an all-time high with 516,363 people waiting for an appointment with a consultant in October. The number of 'long waiters,' that is, people waiting over a year, now stands at 3 per cent of the population.

151,432 people have been waiting for an outpatient appointment for more than 12 months, a truly astonishing figure to be waiting so long. It is the equivalent of Limerick city and suburbs combined with Waterford city and suburbs. It would fill the Aviva stadium three times over.

It is shocking and it seems to me the only action being taken to address it are validation exercises that take people off the list without seeing a consultant. Last April, Minister Harris said he would be bringing forward an action plan on outpatient lists 'shortly'. Seven months later we're still waiting and I suppose this too will also end up on the waiting list for over a year.

There has been a fall in the In-Patient/Day Case waiting list which is further evidence of the success of the National Treatment Purchase Fund, the restoration of which was secured by Fianna Fáil. It's time to consider its extension to outpatient lists.

Health Check Outcomes

A public meeting will be held by Kildare County Council to detail the outcomes of the town and village health check conducted in Maynooth. This meeting will take place on Wednesday November 28th at 7pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Anti-social behaviour wreaking havoc on public transport services

Minister Ross must immediately address the anti-social behaviour that continues to plague commuters on public transport across the country. I have met with commuters who have raised concerns following incidents of fighting, arguments, and drunken behaviour on public transport in recent weeks. Fianna Fáil has been highlighting the need to tackle

rising anti-social behaviour on public transport services for many years now. Both Irish Rail workers and passengers are regularly left distressed and inconvenienced by reckless behaviour. Arguments, brawls, people carrying weapons and general soiling of the carriages are all regular occurrences. There are workers who are petrified as they begin their shifts each day and there are passengers who avoid public transport at all costs as a result

Minister Ross needs to take urgent action for the sake of Irish Rail staff and passengers. He needs to engage with Justice Minister Charlie Flanagan on this issue to discuss and coordinate a response to these attacks.

The Fianna Fáil election manifesto contained a clear commitment to establish a specific public transport police section within An Garda Síochána. We remain committed to this and believe Gardaí, with full powers of arrest and detention, need to be actively patrolling on rail services and in train stations in order to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Grant Information Evening

I have been working with a number of local community organisations to support them during their application to various bodies for funding. I am delighted to say the Kildare Public Participation Network is hosting a grant scheme information evening on November 27th in the Glenroyal Hotel at 7.30pm. This information evening will explain how to apply for Community Dept. Grants, Heritage Grants, LEADER Funding, and other information. Please RSVP to kildarepnn@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Ring Road Public Consultation

Alongside the local Fianna Fáil councillors in the district I have been working to have the ring road moved forward. Kildare County Council will present the route options being considered for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road at a public consultation on November 21st. Most importantly this proposed route is open for submissions or observations from members of the public. You can have your say on the route by writing to Kildare County Council, Naas, Kildare or email roadssubmissions@kildarecoco.ie.

Maynooth Constituency Office

My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise Ó'Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or your organisation with.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 26/10/2018 to 22/11/2018 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
181395	Kildare County Council	Deirdre Ward	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/11/2018
181396	Kildare County Council	Fergal Ward	Barrogstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/11/2018
181382	Kildare County Council	Jomaijo Trading Ltd.	M4 Motorway to the north, Ballygoran Road to the south, Maynooth Business Campus to the west & east, off R406 Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	15/11/2018
181360	Kildare County Council	Shajib Islam,	Londis Foodstore, 6 Buckleys Lane, Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/11/2018
181362	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle,	Pike Bridge, Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/11/2018
181338	Kildare County Council	Daryl & Claire McLoughlin	No. 9 Straffan Place, Straffan Wood, ,Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 H1X6	06/11/2018
181340	Kildare County Council	Laura Bruton & Ryan O'Neill	Ballygoran, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/11/2018
181331	Kildare County Council	Andrew Wynne & Rebecca Gunn	21 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, ,Co. Kildare	02/11/2018
181321	Kildare County Council	Orivo Properties Ltd.	Carton Grove, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/11/2018
181322	Kildare County Council	Clare & John Dowling	14 Newtown Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	01/11/2018
181292	Kildare County Council	Cathal Digney,	Laburnum Lodge,, Dublin Road,, Maynooth, , Co. Kildare.	25/10/2018
181295	Kildare County Council	Robert Lennon,	Kilmacredock Lower,, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	25/10/2018
181289	Kildare County Council	Minbay Limited	Silken Gardens, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	24/10/2018



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Bus Stop set for Carton Wood in Maynooth says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by Kildare County Council and Dublin Bus that a Bus Stop is going to be provided at Carton Wood and Grove in Maynooth on the Dublin Road.

"A Bus Stop will be provided at Carton Wood on the Dublin Road in Maynooth in the coming weeks. It is important that we improve the public transport services for North Kildare commuters."

"I continue to meet with management from Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority to press for increased services."

"There is little point in trying to encourage people to use public transport if the level of service is not adequate to cater for the increased demand. The solution is clear, increased frequency and capacity."

"We have seen improvements in the service of Route 115 for Kilcock commuters, Orbital Bus Route 139 linking Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, is attracting more commuters and we have Bus connect proposals which have some positive elements for bus commuters, including an orbital route linking Maynooth to Tallaght via Celbridge and Newcastle."

"I will continue to press for better public transport" concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Orbital Route linking Straffan, Ardclough and Maynooth being considered says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil T.D, Frank O'Rourke, has received confirmation from the National Transport Authority that it will examine the feasibility of providing an orbital bus route linking Ardclough, Straffan and Maynooth. The National Transport Authority (NTA) confirmed the study following representations made by Deputy O'Rourke.

"I received confirmation from the NTA that it will examine the potential of providing an orbital bus route linking Ardclough, Straffan and Maynooth. This orbital route would provide residents in Ardclough and Straffan with a link to a regular bus and rail public transport service, a connection to the Maynooth Business Park, and a link to NUI Maynooth, opening up this area to the Rent a Room Scheme for student accommodation."

"I am meeting Dublin Bus with the aim of improving the unacceptable service on Route 67 and 67X at the moment. Many bus commuters have made contact with me to highlight the poor service in recent times and we need to address this issue as well."

"We have seen a slight improvement in the service of Route 115 for Kilcock commuters. Orbital Bus Route 139 linking Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, is attracting more commuters and we have Bus Connect proposals which have some positive elements for bus commuters, including an orbital route linking Maynooth to Tallaght via Celbridge and Newcastle."

"However, we need to expand the public transport services that we have and I have made strong representations to the NTA to provide an orbital route linking Ardclough, Straffan and Maynooth," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

North Kildare back to Square One with loss of child psychologist for Celbridge and Clane – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke has said it is wholly unfair that children in need of psychology services in North Kildare have been left high and dry by a failure of the HSE to secure replacement consultants to cover gaps in services and maternity cover.

Deputy O'Rourke was commenting after securing new information from the HSE that shows that the towns of Celbridge, Clane and Maynooth are once

again without the services of a child psychologist.

"For the past period, the towns of Clane, Celbridge and Maynooth have been without a child psychologist. Last July, one was appointed to serve Clane and Celbridge leaving Maynooth without one.

"However, in recent days I have learned that the recently appointed psychologist has now gone on maternity leave. This wouldn't be an issue if the HSE had prepared the ground and sought a replacement to ensure that there was no break in service.

"We are now back to square one with no child psychology service for these three large, and growing towns.

"The HSE must secure the services of locum psychologists to ensure that waiting lists do not begin to grow. Longer term, two full-time permanent psychologists are needed to cover this area. "There are major staffing shortages in Child and Adolescent Mental Health

"There are major staffing shortages in Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) in this country. Up to 40% of the required positions under the flagship policy, a Vision for Change, have yet to be recruited. It's very unfair on the children themselves, but also their families.

"I have written to the Minister for Health seeking an update on plans for interim replacements. We need an urgent response from the HSE to allay the fears and worries of parents," concluded O'Rourke.

Government shelves claim-by-claim register – missed opportunity says O'Rourke.

Fianna Fail's Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, and Local TD, Frank O'Rourke, has expressed his disappointment at the shelving of the claim-by-claim database, which was designed to tackle high insurance costs, and says that it is a missed opportunity.

"The stubbornly high cost of both motor insurance and business insurance remains a major issue for households and businesses across the country. The average annual cost of motor insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%."

"Transparency is one of the main issues facing the industry. Currently, around 70% of claims are settled out of court and outside of the Injuries Board process, meaning that nobody can make an informed opinion on the scale of personal injury claims in Ireland."

"The Government's plan to establish a National Claims Information Database is now nearly 12 months behind schedule. This database was to be up and running by the fourth quarter of 2017, yet the legislation is still only making its way through the Dáil.

"Fianna Fáil has done everything possible to facilitate this legislation but the fact remains the database will not be in place until well into 2019."

"Now, it has emerged that the Government will not be implementing a claim-by-claim register. According to a Department of Finance report, the proposal has been shelved. This claim would give an insight into individual claims and give An Garda Síochána information to tackle insurance fraud, a key driver for increasing insurance costs."

"Reducing the high cost of Insurance is a priority for Fianna Fáil and for myself, it is an issue I have regularly brought to the floor of the Dáil. Our party has brought forward a number of pieces of legislation that would help to tackle high insurance costs. This Government must provide greater focus to the implementation of recommendations of the Cost of Insurance Working Group. I will continue to press for Government action in this area."

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Carbon Monoxide Awareness

What is carbon Monoxide?

CARBON MONOXIDE The facts...

The Basic Facts:

- Carbon monoxide (also known by its chemical symbol, CO) is a highly poisonous gas.
- It has no colour, no smell and no taste and is often called the silent killer.
- When inhaled, it prevents blood from absorbing oxygen.
- At high levels it can kill in as little as 3 minutes; at lower levels it causes illness.
- It kills, on average 6 people in Ireland every year and makes many more ill.
- It can be produced by any fuel when burned-coal, turf, oil, gas and wood.
- It doesn't just occur at home in fact it can be produced anywhere that fuel is being burned: caravans, tents, mobile homes, boats, holiday homes and workplaces.

Where does it come from?

Carbon monoxide can be released by any fuel when it is burned, including coal, turf, oil, gas and wood.

Harmful levels can be produced by:

- Badly installed, faulty of blocked heating appliances, chimney or flues such as open fireplaces, gas or oil fired boilers and solid fuel stoves.
- Blocked or insufficient ventilation in rooms where a burning appliance is in use.
- Barbecues.
- Petrol driven machinery.
- Carbon monoxide can also be produced by the natural oxidation of wood and biomass pellets such as those used for wood pellet heating systems, even without burning.

How to protect yourself from carbon monoxide:

- Be aware: any appliance, burning any type of fuel, can produce carbon monoxide.
- Ensure fuel burning appliances are properly installed and regularly maintained by a quality service agent.
- Keep vents, flues and chimneys clear.
- Use fuel burning appliances correctly.
- Have at least one audible carbon monoxide alarm installed in your home and anywhere else you burn fuel.

Visit www.carbonmonoxide.ie or call 1850 79 79 79



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Maynooth University develops first public online platform to track gender composition of staff and students in third level institutions

Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, presents Maynooth University with Athena SWAN Bronze Award 2018 for work in advancing gender equality

Maynooth University is working to develop the first publicly accessible 'gender equality dashboard,' which will allow users to compare the composition of staff and students across third-level institutions.

MU's Athena SWAN Committee is working closely with the All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO) at the University to develop an interactive system that will allow users to monitor progress by third-level institutions in tackling gender equality, based on data from the Higher Education Authority. It is expected to be launched in early 2019.

Maynooth University was today officially presented with the internationally recognised Athena SWAN Bronze Award by the Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD. The Athena SWAN Awards in Higher Education recognise work in advancing gender equality for women in academia, and in promoting diversity and inclusion for staff and students in third-level institutions.

Maynooth University was the first institution in Ireland to apply for and receive the Athena SWAN Bronze Award under the expanded Athena SWAN Charter. The expanded Charter recognises work undertaken in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines, as well as STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine).

Maynooth is also the first Irish institution to incorporate 'intersectionality' as part of its Athena SWAN application, taking into account factors that can overlap with gender inequality, such as race and ethnicity.

President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan, said: "This award is a welcome recognition of Maynooth University's collective commitment to advancing gender equality and represents a key milestone for us.

"Our approach to gender equality is grounded in a wider strategic goal to be a model university of equality, diversity and inclusion. We are proactively improving the position of women at every level and in all parts of our institution, including some initiatives which

we hope will serve as models of best practice," Prof Nolan said Maynooth University's gender equality dashboard is one of 57 a

Maynooth University's gender equality dashboard is one of 57 actions in its Gender Action Plan for 2018-2021, which was a cornerstone of Athena SWAN application for a Bronze Award. The Action Plan is underpinned by the University's recently renewed Equality and Diversity Policy.

The action plan includes the appointment of a Vice-President for Equality, Diversity and Interculturalism; a Gender Identity and Expression Policy for transgender and gender diverse staff and students; and other strategies to address the under-representation of women in different disciplines and grades within the University.

Key advances:

- A Vice-President for Equality, Diversity and Interculturalism to be appointed shortly, following completion of applications process in October. The successful nominee will be a member of the University Executive.
- Maynooth's Gender Identity and Expression Policy for transgender and gender diverse staff and students to be published in early 2019.
- The Department of Biology will this month submit its first application for an Athena SWAN Bronze Department Award. Other departments/schools have already committed to applying in later rounds (Geography, Business, both in 2019, and Law, Chemistry, Experimental Physics).

by the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU) recently reconstituted as Advance HE). The Maynooth University Athena SWAN Bronze Institution Award Application was prepared by the University's Self-Assessment Team and chaired by Professor Linda Connolly, Director of the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute. Professor Connolly was assisted in this role by Athena SWAN Project Officer Claire McGing.

Athena SWAN accreditation is awarded

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Photo: Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, presents Maynooth University President, Prof Philip Nolan, with the Athena SWAN Bronze Award.

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Getting a copy of my Birth Certificate Ouestion

it. How and where do I get a new one?

Answer

If you plan to get married in Ireland, you must give 3 months' notice. To do this, you need to book a marriage notification appointment at a civil registration service. You need to bring certain documents with you to this appointment, including a full standard birth certificate and a copy of this certificate.

You can apply for a birth, marriage or death certificate, or copies of these certificates, online, by email, by post or in person at a civil registration office or the General Register Office.

There is a €20 fee for issuing birth, marriage and death certificates. There is a €4 fee for each photocopy requested (however, you can make copies of certificates yourself).

You can apply for a birth, marriage or death certificate online at <u>lifeevents.hse.ie.</u> You can also apply in person to any civil registration service. Contact details for civil registration services are on hse.ie.

If you wish to apply by post, you should complete an Application for certificate of Birth/Death/Marriage/Adoption/Civil Partnership (available online and at civil registration service offices) and send it to the Office of the Registrar General, Government Offices, Convent Road, Roscommon.

To apply for a certificate by email, you will need to download an Email Application for certificate of Birth/Death/Marriage/Adoption/Civil Partnership, complete the required details and email the form to GROonlinepayments@groireland.ie.

When the General Register Office receives your email application, it will email you a secure payment link, allowing you to pay the fee using a debit or credit card. Certificates are printed on secure paper and must be posted.

GP visit card

Question

I am a full-time carer for my mother. I don't qualify for a medical card but I've heard that a GP visit card for carers is now available. How do I apply to get one?

Answer

The rules for GP visit cards have changed. Now everyone who is getting Carer's Benefit or Carer's Allowance, at full rate or half rate, is eligible for a GP visit card.

To get the GP visit card, you complete the registration form for carers. The form does not ask for information about your income – just your personal and contact details. You also need to get the form signed by your GP. You must choose your GP from the list of participating GPs.

You can get a registration form, and the list of participating GPs, on medicalcard.ie or by calling LoCall 1890 252 919. You can also register for the card online at medicalcard.ie.

When you have a GP visit card, you can visit the GP for free. It also covers visits to out-of-hours GP services. However, the GP visit card does not cover hospital charges.

Prescribed drugs are not covered by the card but, if you use the Drugs Payment Scheme, there is a limit on how much you have to pay for prescriptions each month. At present, you pay a maximum of €134 in a calendar month for approved prescribed drugs and medicines for use by yourself and your family in that month.

You can download an application form for the Drugs Payment Scheme from the Health Service Executive (HSE) website, hse.ie, or you can get an application form from your pharmacy or Local Health Office.

Regulation of charities

Ouestion

How are charities regulated in Ireland?

Answer

The Charities Regulatory Authority (Charities Regulator) regulates charities in I am planning to get married and need my birth certificate to give notice. I can't find Ireland. It maintains a public register of charities and monitors their compliance with the Charities Act 2009. This Act sets out what an organisation must do to be recognised as a charity and the legal obligations for operating as a charity in Ireland.

To be considered a charity, an organisation must:

- Operate in the Republic of Ireland (though its target group can be elsewhere)
- Exist for a charitable purpose and exclusively promote this purpose (a charitable purpose is a goal that is of public benefit)
- Not be an excluded body (such as a trade union, chamber of commerce etc.)

The organisation must first give the Regulator information about itself, so the Regulator can assess if it meets the requirements to be a charity. If the Regulator approves the application, it awards the organisation charitable status, gives it a Registered Charity Number and lists it on the charities register. You can search the charities register on charities register.ie.

It is an offence for an organisation to describe itself as a charity and carry out charitable activities, if it is not registered with the Charities Regulator.

The Regulator can appoint an inspector to investigate a charity's affairs. The charity and its trustees must co-operate fully and give the inspector all the relevant accounts and documents.

The Regulator can choose to take a charity off the register – for example, if it fails to comply with its financial obligations or give the Regulator the information it requires.

If you are concerned about a charity or its activities, you can raise a concern with the Charities Regulator.

Help for people in mortgage arrears **Ouestion**

We're way behind with our mortgage and can't pay our other bills either. We're afraid that the bank will take our home - they keep sending us letters. What can we

Answer

You can contact MABS, the Money Advice and Budgeting Service, to get help under the scheme of aid and advice for borrowers in home mortgage arrears. Contact the MABS Helpline: 0761 07 2000 (9am - 8pm, Mon - Fri) or your local MABS office.

This scheme is part of Abhaile, the national Mortgage Arrears Resolution Service. It provides a range of services to help you to deal with your situation, including financial advice, legal advice and insolvency advice.

Abhaile is coordinated by the Departments of Justice and Equality, and Employment Affairs and Social Protection. It is operated by MABS along with the Insolvency Service of Ireland (ISI), the Legal Aid Board and the Citizens <u>Information Board</u>. Panels of qualified and regulated professionals provide services under Abhaile.

You will qualify for advice and assistance under Abhaile if:

- You are insolvent this means that you are unable to pay your debts in full as they fall due and
- · You are in mortgage arrears on your home and
- You are at risk of losing your home (for example, if your mortgage lender has initiated repossession proceedings or indicated that they plan to do so; if they have said that they consider you to be non-cooperating; or if they have asked you to consider selling or surrendering your home) and
- The costs of staying in your home are proportionate to your reasonable accommodation needs

You can contact MABS to check if you are eligible for Abhaile (as eligibility is decided case by case). Read more about Abhaile on mabs.ie.

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Taxi charges Question

Can taxis charge higher fares over Christmas and New Year?

Answer

Yes, taxis can charge more on certain days over Christmas. There are three different rates under the National Maximum Taxi Fare; the standard rate, the premium rate and the special premium rate.

The standard rate applies from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday. The premium rate applies at night from 8pm to 8am and on Sundays and public holidays. And the special premium rate applies between 8pm on Christmas Eve and 8am on St. Stephen's Day and between 8pm on New Year's Eve and 8am on New Year's Day. The rates are lowest at the standard rate and most expensive at the special premium rate. So, taxis can charge more when the special premium rate applies over Christmas.

The National Maximum Taxi Fare consists of 3 separate parts:

- Initial charge: amount which appears on the meter at the beginning of the journey. This is €3.80 at the standard rate and €4.20 at the premium rates. It includes an initial distance of 500m, or 85 seconds.
- Further travel: after the distance/time included in the initial charge has been exceeded, further travel is calculated on small portions of the journey. At low speeds, or when a taxi is stationary, the fare is calculated on the basis of time. The charges for further travel differ depending on what rate applies when you are travelling. The charges are lowest at the standard rate and most expensive at the special premium rate.
- Extra charge: there are strict rules about extra charges, including a booking fee, additional passenger charges and a soiling charge.

You can ask for a discount before engaging a taxi. Drivers have the right to charge the maximum amount calculated on the meter, or a lower amount at their discretion.

Online shopping

Ouestion

I want to do some of my Christmas shopping on American websites. What are the rules about VAT and customs duties when shopping outside the EU?

Answer

In general, when goods are imported into Ireland from a country outside of the EU, they are liable for import charges. These include VAT, customs duty and excise or other duties where relevant. You are importing goods if you buy items online from abroad or from a mail order catalogue. You are also importing goods if you get a gift sent from abroad. In some cases, you can get relief from import charges.

If someone sends you a gift from outside the EU, and it is valued less than €45, you do not have to pay customs duty or VAT. To qualify for this relief, the gift must be of an occasional nature and sent from one private individual to another.

You don't have to pay VAT on certain goods from outside the EU if they are valued less than €2. The value is calculated as the full value of the item, plus postage and duties. This is also the value that is used to calculate VAT, if it is payable. If you buy goods from outside the EU valued at more than €150, you will have to pay customs duty as well. Customs duty is normally calculated as a percentage of the full value of the goods including the cost of postage, packaging and insurance. VAT, customs duty and excise duty are always charged on excisable products (such as alcohol, tobacco and perfume) from outside the EU, whatever their value.

All packages received from outside of the EU require a customs declaration, which is usually completed by the sender. The declaration should include a description of the goods, the value of the goods and whether they are gifts or commercial items. Some websites offer to undervalue your goods to avoid import charges. This is illegal. You, as the importer of the goods, are responsible for ensuring that the information provided is accurate and that all duties and taxes are paid. Some websites may also promise delivery from within the EU, which would eliminate any import charges, but they are in fact shipping their products from outside the EU. If this is the case, you are liable for duties and VAT.

Drink driving offences Ouestion

I've heard the law around drink driving changed recently. What has changed?

Answer

Yes, the law around drink driving has changed. Since 26 October 2018, under the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2018, drivers who previously got 3 penalty points for certain drink driving offences will now be disqualified from driving for 3 months instead.

It is an offence to drive in a public place if the level of alcohol in your blood, breath or urine is above the prescribed alcohol limit. There are different alcohol limits for new drivers and experienced drivers. New drivers are drivers with learner permits or drivers who have held a driving licence for 2 years or less, or people without a valid licence or permit.

Drink driving offences can be dealt with through the administrative penalty system or the court system. However, the administrative penalty system only applies in certain cases, for example, where the driver has a valid licence or permit and their alcohol intake is below a certain level.

The recent legislation changes the additional penalty for experienced drivers found with the lowest levels of alcohol in their system. These levels are:

- 51mg to 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood
- 68mg to 107mg of alcohol per 100ml of urine
- 23mg to 35mg of alcohol per 100ml of breath

Previously, experienced drivers found with these levels of alcohol would be fined $\bigcirc 200$, and get an additional penalty of 3 penalty points. Now, these drivers will get the same $\bigcirc 200$ fine, but will also be disqualified from driving for 3 months.

Christmas Bonus

Question

I am getting a social welfare payment. Will I get a Christmas Bonus this year?

Answer

The Christmas Bonus is paid to people getting a long-term social welfare payment. This year it will be paid to people getting the following payments:

- State pensions
- Widow's/Widower's/Surviving Civil Partner's pensions
- Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance, Guardian's payments, Partial Capacity Benefit
- Jobseeker's Transitional payment, One-Parent Family Payment, Farm Assist, Deserted Wife's Benefit and Allowance, Magdalene Laundry Payment
- Community Employment, Rural Social Scheme, Tús, Gateway, Back to Work Enterprise Allowance, Job Initiative, Back to Work Family Dividend
- Back to Education Allowance (BTEA), VTOS and Further Education and Training (FET) training allowance (people coming from jobseeker's payments must have been on their payment and/or BTEA or VTOS or FET training allowance for 15 months)

For Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) or basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA), you must have been getting the payment for 15 months to get a Christmas Bonus.

However, if you were getting another eligible payment immediately before claiming JA or SWA, and your combined time on both eligible payments is 15 months, you will get the Christmas Bonus.

In 2018, the Christmas Bonus is 100% of your normal weekly payment (including the Living Alone Increase, the Island Allowance and the Over-80 Increase). Fuel Allowance is not included when calculating the Christmas Bonus.

The minimum Christmas Bonus payment is €20. For Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA), which is paid monthly, the bonus is 100% of the weekly payment.



Zero Waste Maynooth

Zero Waste Maynooth and Tidy Towns Maynooth are delighted to announce that their next event on Saturday 8th December will be run in conjunction with the Nu Wardrobe. The following article explains the benefits of this organisation.

The Nu Wardrobe- 'You don't need 50 dresses. You just need 1 dress and 50 Nu. friends'.

Nu. is a female-led, online platform to share clothes. Born in Ireland, the start-up has quickly expanded across colleges and communities and is now being enjoyed by like minded people in London, Oxford, Bristol and Cambridge.

With Nu, you can have access to a constantly changing and sustainable wardrobe no matter what your budget. As a community we recirculate clothes, reduce waste and bypass all of the social and environmental impacts of the fast fashion industry.

We are committed to building a strong community through grassroots sustainable fashion events, a network of brand ambassadors and close relationships with local groups, sustainable businesses and third level institutions.

Sharing clothes with your friends, is an excellent habit and one of the best ways to reduce our environmental impact. Every time you share you clothes you offset 25% of the resources used to make a new item. This means we can all make a massive impact with the wardrobes we already have!

By coming to our Swap-Shop you can give a new life to those pieces in perfect condition but sadly are left sitting in your wardrobe. By swapping clothes in your community, you ensure that clothes don't waste in landfill but instead get to be worn and loved many times over.

The team at The Nu Wardrobe are are committed to:

- 1. Recirculating clothes as much as possible, so we can collectively reduce the negative impact of the fashion industry.
- 2. Raising awareness of the environmental impact of the fashion industry
- 3. Building a community of changemakers
- 4. Helping women to feel confident and represented in the clothes they wear

With the recent 2018 IPCC report, emphasising the 12 short years we have to keep rising temperature below 1.5 degrees celsius, we need to start sharing clothes now more than ever. The fashion industry is the second biggest polluter (behind the oil industry). The time to recirculate clothes is now.

How does the Swap-Shop work?

- Bring those pieces you have in perfect condition, that are living a lonely life in the back of your wardrobe
- Please do not bring items that you would not like to receive (i.e. stains, odours, fit for recycling etc.)
- You will get a token for the amount of pieces you bring and can swap your pieces for the same amount (3 items of clothing can be swapped for 3 items of clothing)
- If you don't see anything you need this time, hold onto the token for the next Swap-Shop!

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Zero Waste Maynooth December Event

Featuring **Nu.Wardrobe** for a fashion swap shop and a sustainable market



Saturday 8th December 2-4pm Maynooth Community Space



Maynooth Cycling Campaign



#Allocate4Cycling

Cycle advocates are very interested in expenditure on cycling by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. It had been thought that expenditure was around 2% but it is now estimated that it could be as low as 1.26% or even lower depending on progress on Bus Connect. This is a long way short from the #Allocate4Cycling campaign level of 10% so the campaign continues.

Bus Connect

The National Transport Authority has gone to public consultation on the preferred route for the first four core bus routes between Dublin city centre and Clongriffin (north Dublin), Swords, Blanchardstown and Lucan. The initial impression of the cycling infrastructure on the Lucan route is a proposed 2m wide uni-directional cycle track on each side of the road which is a good start. However, the apparent details on priority at side roads, bus stops and the shared paths at junctions are disappointing as they are not best practice and lead to a potential conflict with pedestrians.

Climate Change

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns that there are only twelve years to limit global warning to 1.5°C beyond which even half a degree more will significantly worsen the risk of droughts, floods, extreme heat and poverty for millions. Meanwhile, civil servants tell the Dáil Committee on Climate Action that civil servants in other Departments are responsible for lack of action and the recent EPA Lecture by Prof Hugh Montgmery on Climate Change and Health paints a pessimistic picture of the future.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the appointment of Richard Bruton as the new

Minister for the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment. With Ireland already far behind on its commitments to tackle the problem, the Minister has sought Cabinet approval for an all-government plan to respond to climate change and will set out targets for the different sectors, in particular transport and agriculture. Meanwhile, in the recent US mid-term elections, efforts to reduce the effect of climate change by measures such as carbon tax were turned down in a number of states due to opposition and massive spending by oil and gas interests.

Extinction Rebellion IE

In October, approximately one hundred academics signed a call to action about the ecological crisis facing mankind. It was prompted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) reporting that humanity had wiped out 60% of animal populations since 1970 and

"that current consumption is destroying the web of life, billions of years in the making, upon which human society ultimately depends for clean air, water and everything else".

Following this, a protest - the first Extinction Rebellion - was organised in London. The protest aimed to influence the government and global environmental policy through non-violent protest. Civil disobedience has been used previously to highlight injustices across the world in countries such as Ireland, the US and India. An Extinction Rebellion (IE) demonstration took place on November in Merrion Street. Other Rebellion protests have been or are planned for Australia, Canada, France, Germany and the United States.

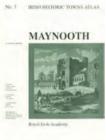
Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

cuclist.ie

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

Have some fun doing your own research Local History – people, place and time

Maynooth is full of history - we have the Castle, the College, Carton House and nearby Castletown House linked by two of four sisters of the Lennox family – Emily at Carton and Louisa Conolly at Castletown. Maynooth University's Centre for the Study of Historic Houses and Estates partners with Castletown House and the Office of Public works in the study of historic houses and estates.



The town itself is a planned 18th century town with many buildings dating from that period. A case in point is the present day Duke and Coachman built in 1777.

St. Patrick's College Maynooth boasts famous architects such as • Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin (1812-1852) who was • Tithe Applotment Books, 1823 – 37 commissioned in 1845 to design St. Mary's quadrangle which The Tithe Applotment Books were compiled to determine the amount which occupiers of Infirmary are also stunning architectural examples. J.J. McCarthy also added the tower to St. Mary's RC church.

Books about Maynooth

Historic towns Atlas for Maynooth edited by Arnold Horner was published in 1995 by the Royal Irish Academy. This is the essential must have handbook for the history of the town as it notes the history of the development of the town in all its aspects (population, housing, administration, manufacturing, education and entertainment to mention a selection). It is fully referenced and contains a selection of reproduced maps dating from the 18th century up to 1995. This is available from the Royal Irish Academy for €25. For a full list of towns covered by the series and much more see RIA website https://www.ria.ie/research-projects/irish-historic-towns-atlas

Má Nuad-Maynooth: a short historical guide by Mary Cullen, reprinted in 1995.

Cannonballs and Croziers researched by John Drennan. Edited by Patricia Condron, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain and Dominic Nyland. Produced by Maynooth Community Council in 1994. There are a number of publications that members of our local community have also brought out:

1798 and Maynooth written by Liam Chambers and brought out by the Maynooth 1798 Commemoration Group in 1998.

Myth and Memory: the history and story of the graveyards of Maynooth was brought out in 2002 by the Maynooth Local History and Civic Forum Group.

Tombstone inscriptions, Ladychapel and Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare / compiled by Martin J. Kelly. [Maynooth, Ireland: Ladychapel Restoration Committee, 1987?].

Celebrating the past: The golden years 1965-2015.

Maynooth, Co. Kildare: Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee, 2015.

Recollections: memories by senior citizens of Maynooth celebrating Active Age Week and European Year of Older People 1993

Maynooth: Maynooth Old People's Committee, 1993]

Most counties have produced a history of their county. They usually take the form of interdisciplinary essays on the history of the county.

Kildare History and Society is edited by William Nolan and Thomas McGrath (2006).

Maynooth University is also well served by many publications in relation to its history in terms of its establishment, governance and its people. One that comes to mind is Maynooth College 1795-1995 by Patrick J. Corish comes to mind as well a plethora of other titles, many of which came out in 1995. The online catalogue at Maynooth University Library will point to these.

There have been a number of publications on the history of the big house and to help get started on this line of enquiry various research guides have been produced such as The big houses and landed estates: a research guide produced by Maynooth University's Terence Dooley and who has many other publications around the theme of the big house and estates.

Aspects of Irish aristocratic life: essays on the FitzGeralds of Kildare and Carton House / edited by Terence Dooley, Patrick Cosgrove and Karol Mullaney-Dignam. Dublin: University College Dublin Press, 2013.

Maynooth University local history graduates have produced a myriad of publications on local history from different parts of Ireland - check out Maynooth University Library Catalogue and search under Maynooth Local History series. The list is extensive whether it be about the college, town or famous people associated with the place.

Maynooth University Library information for visitors

https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/library

Members of the public requiring access for research purposes or scholarly needs may apply for reading or borrowing facilities. The fees for full access with borrowing are outlined on the website. Go to using the library and information for visitors.

Free online Sources

National Archives - http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/

Genealogical material

- Census of Ireland, 1901 and 1911, and pre-1901 survivals
- Census Search Forms, 1841 51

includes the historic Russell Library and College Refectory. J.J. agricultural holdings over one acre should pay in tithes to the Church of Ireland (the main McCarthy's (1817-1882) design of the college chapel and the Protestant church and the church established by the State until its dis-establishment in

- Soldiers' Wills, 1914 1918
- Calendars of Wills and Administrations, 1858 1922
- Prerogative and diocesan copies of some wills and indexes to others, 1596 1858
- Diocesan and Prerogative Marriage Licence Bonds Indexes, 1623 1866
- Catholic qualification & convert rolls, 1700 1845
- Valuation Office house, field, tenure and quarto books 1824 1856
- Shipping agreements and crew lists, 1863 1921
- Will Registers 1858 1900

National Library of Ireland http://sources.nli.ie/

Check out the NLI catalogues in particular Sources

The NLI has also digitised Catholic Parish Registers that are searchable by parish (not be name of individual) for various years.



National Photographic Archive part of NLI



Detail: Maynooth Station Oct 1968 from the O'Dea photograph collection NLI

Irish Military Archives

http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/military-servicepensions-collection-1916-1923

One can search the Military Services Pension Collection database which was released in May 2018.

It relates to claims lodged by 1,442 individuals (c. 4,000 files), or by their dependants and contains new and unique information on the revolutionary period.

This is a very significant release as it is the largest release of files relating to over 600 female participants.

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(Continued from page 15) Guide to the Bureau of Military History

http://www.bureauofmilitaryhistory.ie/about.html

About the Bureau of Military History, 1913-1921. The Bureau of Military History Collection, 1913-1921 (BMH) is a collection of 1,773 witness statements; 334 sets of contemporary documents; 42 sets of photographs and 13 voice recordings that were collected by the State between 1947 and 1957, in order to gather primary source material for the revolutionary period in Ireland from 1913 to 1921. The Bureau's official brief was 'to assemble and co-ordinate material to form the basis for the compilation of the

"The Maynooth Branch Gaelic League. In the early years of the present century a branch of the Gaelic League was established at Maynooth. Its founder was Domnall Ua Buacalla. I do not know how long it was established when I became a member..... P.R. Pearse appeared in Court on behalf of Ua Buacalla when he was prosecuted for having his name on his dray in Irish".

The Local Studies Department of Kildare County Council Library and Arts Services provides very comprehensive sources relating to Kildare.

This includes secondary sources, original sources and online and research aids. It also includes a link to the **Kildare Observer Newspaper 1880-1935.** There is so much available on this site that it is not possible to mention all in this article. Browse away at your leisure.

There is an index to the *Kildare Archaeological Society Journal* online. The print version is available in the local public library and is also available in the Maynooth University Library. A DVD version is also available.

http://kildare.ie/Library/LocalStudiesGenealogyArchives/





Don't forget our own **Maynooth Community Library** for all their resources related to Maynooth specifically. See Newsletter for open hours and events and classes.

There is the **National Inventory of Architectural Heritage** <u>www.buildingsofireland.ie</u>. where one can find descriptions and an appraisal of buildings in your local town.

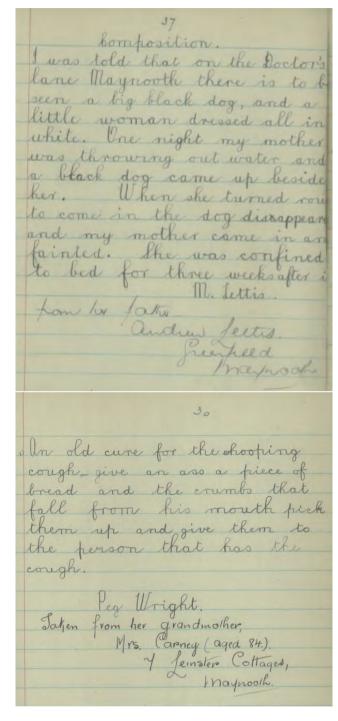
The present day Duke and Coachman



Build in 1777.... Part appraisal.... This former hotel is a fine and imposing Classical-style building that has a prominent impact on the streetscape of Main Street, introducing a formal and sophisticated design to a row of relatively modest structures. Of social and historical significance, the former hotel attests to the coaching tradition in Maynooth in the late eighteenth century...

The Schools' Collection (from the UCD Folklore Collection)

Approximately 740,000 pages (288,000 pages in the pupils' original exercise books; 451,000 pages in bound volumes) of folklore and local tradition were compiled by pupils from 5,000 primary schools in the Irish Free State between 1937 and 1939. This collection can be viewed at https://www.duchas.ie. Mother Borgia from the Presentation Convent was in charge of submitting students' work to this project. The UCD Folklore Department has further plans to digitise other material over the coming years.



Two local accounts from the Schools' Collection written by M. Lettis, Greenfield, Maynooth and Peg Wright whose grandmother Mrs. Carney lived at 7 Leinster Cottages.

Maynooth Newsletter Digital Archive

http://www.maynoothcep.com/Archives/javadropdown/Archivepage1.html

Produced and maintained by the Maynooth Community Employment Project. This contains digitised versions of the *Maynooth Newsletter* going back to the mid-1970s. It is a resource that records life in Maynooth from that time to the present.



And this is only a start! There is so much more out there. Enjoy the detective work! *Susan Durack*

Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community

Throughout November, Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) held three meetings to further progress their plans to formally launch the SEC group in early 2019. The meetings were a great success with strong attendance and representation from the wider community.

The group discussed a wide range of issues and a number of ideas were put forward as to how Maynooth can become a low carbon community in a way that delivers huge benefits to local residents including;

- Lowering energy bills;
- Increasing home comforts;
- Improving air quality;
- Creating green jobs, and;
- Lowering emissions.

Upcoming Events

Our next meeting will take place on January 16th in Maynooth University and all are welcome. Please contact Peter Hamilton at peterrham6@gmail.com for more

Top Tips for Saving Energy this Christmas!

1. Switch to LED Bulbs

Switching to LED bulbs is one of the easiest changes we can all make to save energy. LED bulbs are 85% more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs. They can also last for up to 25 years! So while they're a little bit more expensive to buy, you can make your money back in one year through energy savings and continue to save money each year.

Maynooth Community is

committed to become one of

We are working together to

children and grandchildren

Ireland's role-model sustainable

create a healthy and low-carbon community for all of our residents, and a safe clean future for our

2. Fix those Leaks

A hot water tap that leaks just one drop of water per second can add up to a whopping 620 litres of water over the course of a month. That's more water than the average person uses in two weeks! By fixing leaky faucets you can save a huge amount of water, and

3. Drop the Thermostat

18 - 20 degrees is the ideal temperature for living areas in a home. If you lower your thermostat by just 1 degree it could knock as much as 10 per cent off your heating bill, saving around €150 in a typical family home.

4. Close the Curtains

A lot of heat loss from a house occurs through the windows, particularly if they are single-glazed. Keep curtains closed at night and ensure that the curtains don't hang over the tops of the radiators to help retain heat.

5. Insulate, Insulate, Insulate

Insulation is a really effective way of saving energy in your home. Insulating your attic and walls could save you 30-40 per cent on your home heating bill.

For those who enjoy a long shower, did you know that heating water uses more energy than anything else in your home and can account for half of your annual electricity costs? You can reduce your water heating costs by up to 30% just by properly insulating your tank.

Grants for insulation are available from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. Visit www.seai.ie

6. Check your Washing Machine

An energy efficient washing machine can save a huge amount of water as well as save up to 50 per cent more energy than older models. Also, a warm wash doesn't clean your clothes any better than a cold wash, and it uses a lot more energy!

It can take about 95 litres of hot water to fill the bathtub, whereas a quick shower may only use 25 litres! That's a big water and energy saving over the course of a year.

8. Leave the Washing Up

A modern dishwasher uses about 22 litres less of hot water than washing by hand. That's a massive 7570 litres less a year, and one less argument about whose turn it is to clean the dishes!

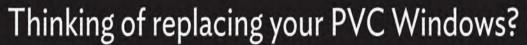


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Christmas Crafts & Decorations

These activities should be supervised with younger children





Make a Snowman from Paper Plates

Make a cute snowman decoration using two paper plates. This makes a nice decoration to put on a door or hang in a window

* 2 white paper plates, * Construction paper (black, red) or wrapping paper, * An orange pipe cleaner (for the nose),* A short length of yearn or ribbon, * Hole punch, * Marker or crayons, * Scissors,* Glue, *

Optional: googly eyes, large buttons

Step One



On one of the paper plates, cut off the outer rim, making a smaller plate.



Step Two

Punch a hole near the rim on both plates.

Step Three

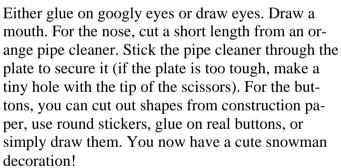


Tie the two plates together, using the yarn (or ribbon).

Step Four

On black construction paper, draw and then cut out a top hat and two boots. On coloured construction paper (or gift wrap paper), draw and then cut out two mittens.

Step Five

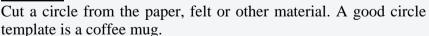




Shooting Star Christmas Tree OrnamentA simple-to-make Shooting Star Christmas Tree Ornament.

Materials: A small piece of thick paper, felt, or other flexible, easy-to-cut material - one or two colours, * Scissors, *,Pencil, * Reinforcements (optional), * Glitter (optional), * Markers (optional), * Glue

Step One





Step Two

Starting at the edge, cut a spiral going to the centre of the circle. Decorate with glitter or markers.



Step Three

Cut a small star, about 1 or 2 inches wide. Make a tiny hole in the star. The ornament will hang from this hole, so you might want to use reinforcements (these are doughnut-shaped pieces of plastic used to reinforce the holes in notebook paper and are available at stationery stores). Decorate the star with glitter or markers.



Step Four

Glue the star to the centre of shooting star

Brown Paper Christmas Stocking

Make a great Christmas stocking from a brown paper grocery bag. You can hang it from your mantle and stuff it with Christmas goodies.

Materials: Thick brown paper (like grocery bag paper) or brown felt, Pencil, Scissors, Glue, A holepunch, Yarn, Markers or crayons.

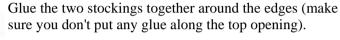


Step One

Draw a large stocking on thick brown paper (or brown felt). Cut out two copies of this stocking.



Step Two





Step Three

Punch holes around the edges of the stocking. Weave yarn in and out of the holes. Leave a loop of yarn at one end, and tie it in a knot.



Step Four

Decorate your stocking with crayons, markers, stickers, construction paper cut-outs, or glitter.

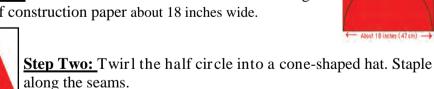


Santa Hat or Decoration

This cute Santa Hat is easily made from construction paper and cotton

Supplies: A large piece of red construction paper (one large, one regular size) [If you only have regular-size paper, you can use these hats as great decorations, but they will be too small to wear. You can also use a brown paper bag to make the hat, colouring it with tempera paint.] * Small scraps of black, yellow, and pink paper, * A pencil, * Scissors, * Hole punch, * Red crayon or marker, * Stapler, * Glue, * Cotton balls.

Step One: Draw and cut out a half circle from a large piece of construction paper about 18 inches wide.





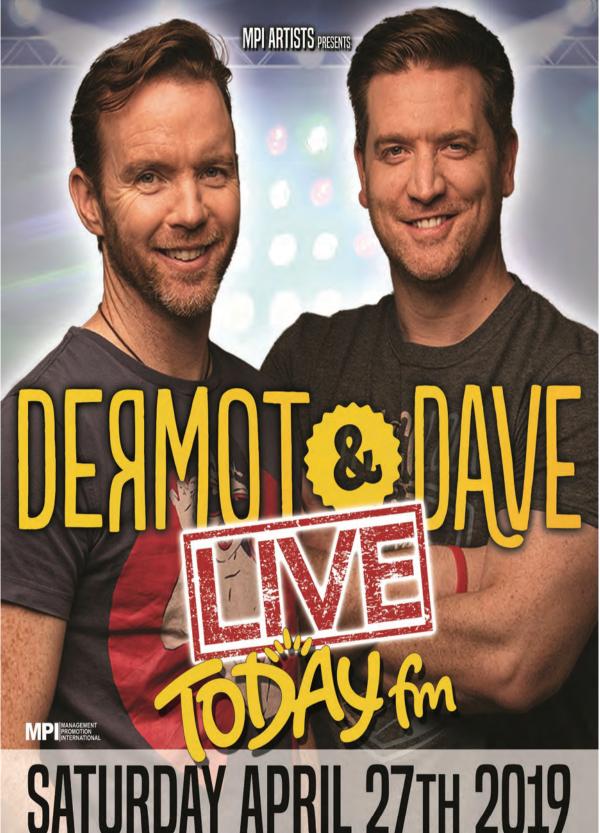
Step Three: Cut a small circle of pink paper for Santa's face. Glue it to the cone. Cut a strip of black paper and glue it to the cone as Santa's belt. Cut a small yellow rectangle for a belt buckle. Glue it to the belt.





Step Four: Glue a cotton ball at the top of the cone for the top of Santa's hat. Glue some cotton balls around the cone just above Santa's face this is the bottom of his hat. Glue cotton balls around the face for Santa's beard.

Step Five: Cut out 2 tiny black paper circles using a hole punch (these will be his eyes). Glue the eyes to Santa. Draw a mouth. Now you can wear your Santa hat for Christmas!



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SAVE CARTON AVENUE CAMPAIGN

On Wednesday 21st November, at Kildare County Council's Maynooth Eastern Ring Road consultation, a map showing KCC's plans for the Avenue was in the display. The map shows two additional cycle lane access points extending on to Carton Avenue. The Avenue's pedestrian path is also marked for a cycle lane. The cost of the three accesses plus the cost of the cycle lanes will exceed €127,000.00 and is therefore subject to planning permission. With your support we will object to this plan. This "change of use" of the Avenue may also require planning permission. It appears from the map below that the intention is to fully incorporate Carton Avenue into an integrated Cycle/Pedestrian network.



Our recent public meeting was attended by over 150 people with 60 people joining the campaign. We will be holding a meeting for the volunteers in early December, if you would like to get involved please leave a message on 0876485799. At the meeting we also announced our new petition which calls for a reduction in the width of the opening of the bridge from 4 metres to 2 metres. A 2 metre wide opening (wider than most paths in Maynooth) will allow wheelchair access to the Avenue. The original entrance to the Avenue from Main Street is 3 metres wide and the accesses at the Blacklion Road end are less that a metre wide. The pedestrian path on the Avenue is only 2 metres wide.



Carton Avenue Preservation Society Public Meeting

At the County Kildare Joint Policing Committee's annual public meeting held in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 22nd November, responding to a question from the floor, the Garda Authorities told the meeting they were not consulted by Kildare County Council about Garda resources for the policing of the new bridge and the planned new cycling lane on Carton Avenue. Also at the meeting a complaint was made about cyclists on Carton Avenue, a couple described how a group of 5 cyclists forced them off the pedestrian footpath on the Avenue. Another member of the public criticised the lack of joined up thinking in Kildare County Council's permeability plans and cited the Rockfield, Railpark, Parklands plan and the Lime Tree Hall, Carton Avenue plan as examples.

Carton Avenue Preservation Society

Reelin in the year 2018



ATribute - Hilda Dunne (1937-2018) Hilda was a person whose civic life revolved around the inter-connected themes of history, storytelling, community service and activism. Hilda

enjoyed meeting new people and continued to widen her circle of new friends, she was loyal, dependable, fair and kind, a great communicator and an achiever who completed what she set out to do. **R.I.P. Hilda**.

As Maynooth recovered from the Beast from the East.

Nobody was expecting that St. Patrick's Day would be subject to even further snow showers. As unpredictable as the Irish weather is, we were forecasted snow! Early Saturday morning didn't look too well for the upcoming parade at 11am but however cold it was, thankfully the snow and rain held off. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest community event in our town and massive crowds turned out once again to witness all of our local organisations and businesses take part.

The parade is organised by a committee of Maynooth Community Council CLG with help from the staff on the Community Employment Scheme as part of their training. Their help and assistance was invaluable to the organising committee and a big thank you is due to everyone on the scheme



Community Person of the Year 2018
Josephine Moore (Pictured above with
Naoise O'Cearúil).

33rd Annual Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Parade Winners 2018

Best Portrayal of Theme: The Glenroyal Hotel

Best Commercial Float: Dino Experience / Reptile World

Best School Float: Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich

Environmental Awareness Award: Maynooth Tidy Towns

& Zero Waste Maynooth

Best Band: St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band **Muireann NÍ Bhrolacháin Perpetual Trophy:**

The Glenroyal Hotel

Best Shop Front Winners 2018

1st Place:

Maynooth Bookshop

2nd Place:

The Glassdoll

3rd Place:

NCBI Charity Shop



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Maynooth Tidy Towns win Gold again at The National Tidy Towns Awards in The Helix Theatre, DCU for 2018.

We are absolutely delighted and thrilled with this win we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers, committee and sponsors who helped us out during the year.

Congratulations and well done to Maynooth University on being awarded the Green Campus Flag by An Taisce on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education. The Flag raising ceremony was on Tuesday 25th September.

FAI Intermediate Cup Final We are going to the Aviva 12th May 2018



Front row L/R: Stephen Mullins, Eoin Mc Dermott, Killian Duffy, Conor Mooney, Shane Harte, Jake Corrigan (Capt.) Daniel Burke & Dylan Kavanagh. Back row L/R: Coly Maye, Malachy Tobin, Pouyan Farramand, Darragh Reynor, David Travers, David Sterio, Ciaran Whelan, Darragh Gannon, Conor Dunne & Youssef Balhout.

Panel Members not available for photo shoot: Gavin Kinsella, Tommy Illunga, Cian Hutchinson & Fionn Talbot

Maynooth Town Football Club reaches a milestone in club history, as it's senior team Maynooth University Town meets Firhouse Clover in the FAI Intermediate Cup Final at the Aviva stadium on 12th May 2018. Established for intermediate football association teams outside the League of Ireland, the FAI Intermediate Cup is the second most prestigious national cup competition after the FAI Cup. It has a long history and tradition since the inaugural cup final in 1926 won by Drumcondra.

Come on the Town!
Gerry Folan - Chairman
Maynooth Town Football Club





Reelin in the year



Maynooth Pastoral Centre Official Opening The new Parish of Maynooth Pastoral Centre was officially opened by Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin on Sat. May 19th. Canon Frank McEvoy welcomes Archbishop Martin to Maynooth.



Maynooth was well represented in the M18 EHF European championships which took place in Austria in August of this year.

Thanks to the passion, skill and hard work of Maynooth resident Olena Karpenko, Olympic Handball is now a well-established sport in the

Heritage Week got off to a flying start at Maynooth Castle on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

OPW guide Alan set the pace at 12 noon with a very informative and exciting recount of 'Silken Thomas' rebellion against the English crown in 1534. More than 25 people listened attentively as he recounted how cannon balls fired from Crew Hill damaged the castle roof but that the castle actually fell because of the bribe offered to the Castle Constable who got the garrison drunk on the FitzGerald family's Spanish wine stored in the undercroft.

Maynooth Remembers WW1 Armistice Centenary

Flashback to 2018

Dympna (Dee) Farrelly Clifton – Exciting Life and Times

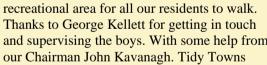
Dympna (Dee) Farrelly was born in Buckley's Lane, Maynooth in 1921. Her parents were Florence (Flo) Melia and Ned Farrelly. Ned came from the Straffan Road. Florence's family came from the Naas area. Ned was a telegraph boy and his bothers Joe and Tommy were mechanics in Dawson's Shop on the Main Street. The family moved from



Buckley's Lane to No.1 Pound Lane which was the house overlooking the Pound. It was the biggest house of those set of houses but had the smallest garden. Dee's grandmother lived at number 8 Pound Lane which was the smallest house with the biggest garden. Her grandmother later moved to a house on the Main Street where the chip shop currently stands. Around the age of 26 Dee decided to go to England to gain work and widen her experience. She went to Manchester, but did not like it as it was a dismal place after the War and was in the process of being rebuilt. She went to London and got employment with LMS British Railway in their office at Euston Station. Her uncle worked for this company as well. She lived in the Staff House attached to the firm.

Maynooth Town Soccer Club U16 Clean-up Carton Avenue

Maynooth Town Soccer Club U16 boys were very busy Sunday morning 11th February helping to make Carton Avenue



Volunteers in the making. In their picture you can see some of the proceeds from the clean up. A lot more than just litter. We really appreciate the hard work and effort.



Members of The L.D.F. Maynooth taken in 1942 Back Row: L/R: Sergeant Rossitor, Jack Keys, Phil Brady. Laurence (Lar) Keely, Matt Weafer, Des Caulfield, Dick McKenna, Middle Row: L/R: Stephen Keane, -?-, -?-, Paddy Freyne,

Davie Lawlor

Front Row: Dick Bean, Mick Kelly, Joe Leonard May they all rest in peace





MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY



Gardaí from Maynooth stopped by to meet Maynooth CFR.

New First Responder Group to Offer Life-Saving Support in Maynooth

Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) was established in May 2018 to create a group of trained volunteers who will respond to cardiac medical emergencies in the town and surrounding areas. Early intervention is key in cases of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking and having a First Responder group locally will ensure that a trained team is dispatched and on the scene within 10 minutes, providing life-saving assistance while the ambulance is on its way.

Upon receipt of a 999/112 call for one of these emergencies, Community First Responders are dispatched, along with the **National Ambulance Service**



5K runforoisin raises €4,000

On Sunday morning 22nd April 2018, a larger than expected number of runners, joggers and walkers took part in the Anam Cara 5K 'runforOisin' held in the grounds of St Patrick's College Maynooth. Over 200 had

registered online and the same again registered on the day. On a nearly dry day the community of Maynooth turned out to show their support for Gordana Quigley and her family and to contribute to the cause of Anam Cara.





MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 17th MARCH 2019 FÉILE LÁ FHÉILE PÁDRAIG MAIGH NUAD 17Ú MÁRTA 2019



34th Annual Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade 2019

It's time to start preparing once again for Maynooth's biggest event, the St. Patrick's Day Parade! This is the 34th Annual parade and we are extremely excited for what's in store.

The Committee have been meeting over the past few months to start preparations and we are planning on the biggest parade to date. We are very excited about 2019's parade and we hope you are too. We can reveal that the Theme for 2019 is... "The Town and The Gown".

Maynooth is unique as the only town in Ireland as a University town and is seen by many as the academic capital of the country. In celebrating our unique identity we are asking participants to think of floats and costumes that reflect the academic and student life of the town. Think gowns and books but also feel free to have fun with the Theme. Being a University Town brings its difficulties but this theme is to celebrate all the positive aspects.

Application forms can be emailed to maynoothparade@gmail.com or can be posted/dropped into the Maynooth CEP office beside the Post Office.

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade committee work on a voluntary basis and we are constantly on the lookout for new volunteers and if you have some spare time to assist, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to help or if you have any queries, please email us or call (086) 728 0050.

Le meas, Naoise Ó Cearúi (Chair) On behalf of Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Committee.

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Anyone can be a victim of financial fraud, at any time and through many different channels. FraudSMART, a fraud awareness initiative developed by Banking & Payments Federation Ireland (BPFI), is raising awareness of the types of fraud and scams that older people are being targeted with. One such fraud is currently on the increase is a phone scam known as 'vishing'

'Vishing is a sophisticated phone scam where a person receives a call from someone claiming to be from their bank, telling them that there is an issue with their account and requesting certain details be shared to rectify the issue. This can ultimately lead to a loss of funds from the person's account. Fraudsters are operating ever more sophisticated techniques therefore consumers need to be one step ahead by education and empowering themselves with the right information and advice to protect themselves.

FraudSMART is urging people to protect themselves using three simple ABC steps:

- Always be alert to unexpected calls. Do not give personal/financial information.
- 2. **B**ide your time. Tell the caller you will need to verify their identity and take the time to do so.
- 3. Contact your bank. Check in with your bank by calling the number on the back of your bankcard.

Cards with the ABC steps are available in Age Action charity shops across the country.

Follow the ABC steps and be wary of any unsolicited calls asking for banking details. Fraudsters will attempt to create a sense of urgency, take your time, do not be rushed and contact your bank directly if you have any concerns.

For more information on fraud and tips for protecting yourself, visit www.fraudSMART.ie where you can find a host of information, resources and can sign up for fraud alerts.

For further information on the FraudSMART campaign, please contact info@FraudSmart.ie

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Domhnall ua Buachalla A Maynooth man that we should remember



Domhnall ua Buachalla (1866-1963)

As part of my research for this article I read "Domhnall ua Buachalla, Rebellious Nationalist, Reluctant Governor, by Adhamhnān Ō Sūilleabhāin who was a grandson of Domhnall ua Buachalla. This book gives a full insight into the revolutionary, political and family life of his grandfather and I highly recommend it as a very accessible read. I would hope that after this article

that you will want to read his book to get more insight into the life and times of this great local patriot and have a better understanding as to why I think we should honour his achievements. Domhnall ua Buachalla died in October 1963 having lived for over 97 years. He was granted a formal State Funeral which was attended by President de Valera, Irish Government and political leaders of the time as well as many other dignitaries of State and Church at his burial in Laraghbryan Cemetery in Maynooth. From his first election in 1918 to the First Dail Ua Buachalla went on to have a political career in national politics. The years that followed were eventful in Ireland with the War of Independence (January 1919 – July 1921) and the Irish Civil War (June 1922 – May 1923) and Ua Buachalla was on the Anti-Treaty side. He was also elected on a number of occasions to Kildare County Council and held the position of Chairman.

To understand why he took the anti-treaty position requires us to look back to the last years of the previous century and the beginning of the twentieth century and the issues that occupied his interests. In his book \bar{O} Sūilleabhāin outlines his grandfather's background and how the family came to settle in Maynooth where Ua Buachalla was born in 1866. He was 50 years old when he was an active volunteer as one of the Maynooth 15 that went to Dublin to take part in the 1916 Easter Rising. At that stage he had a family business in Maynooth which was started by his father Cornelius at 25 Main Street in 1853 and continued in the family until the retirement of his grandson Joe Buckley in 2005. It was Domhnall ua Buachalla's involvement with the Gaelic League since 1893 in Maynooth that seems to have been the first steps on his journey into becoming a rebellious nationalist. His desire to support the Irish Language is well documented and his own legal case was significant in the fight for the language.

While Ua Buachalla started to use the Irish version of his name in 1901 it was illegal not to display your name in English on your business vehicles. Represented by Pādraig Pearse (in one of only two cases where he acted as a barrister) having been charged at the Celbridge Petty Sessions in 1906 for having his name in Irish on his delivery cart, the matter was taken to the Kings Bench Division 1 where the court decided to confirm the decision taken in the Petty Session. While the penalty was a fine having lost the case, Pearse called it as a victory for the Irish as the decision effectively declared the use of the Irish language to be illegal. Ua Buachalla had already taken another stand for the use of the Irish language when his delivery men were turned away by Captain Tuthill of Moyglare House because his cart displayed the heathen language and Ua Buachalla refused to make future deliveries and declined any more of Captain Tuthill's business.

One Hundred Years on from the 1918 General Election – The Election that changed everything

December 14th marks the centenary of the 1918 General Election which of course was an election which changed elections and the results in Ireland changed the path on which the political future of our country was to move. The 1918 General Election was called just after the British Government signed the Armistice with Germany which ended World War 1 and it had been eight years since an election as the previous election was held in December 1910.

On several fronts the events of the years since the 1910 General Election meant that it was an eagerly awaited opportunity to effect political change. While little political change happened from the result of the election in the UK, there were changes in who voted in that election and in Ireland the result of the election was dramatic. The 1918 General Election was the first election where the provisions of the Representation of People Act 1918 came into effect. It was thus the first election in which women over the age of 30, and all men over the age of 21, could vote. Previously, all women and many poor men had been excluded from voting. While women had been granted the vote in other countries such as New Zealand in 1893, the campaign for a vote for women in the UK got more focus when Emmeline Pankhurst formed the Women's Political and Social Union, later known as the Suffragette Movement which led a campaign of civil disobedience and targeted political leaders. The start of World War I meant that the suffragettes campaign was suspended and while women over 30 years old voted for the first time in the 1918 General Election it would be another ten years before women gained electoral equality with men when the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act 1928 gave all women the vote at age 21 in the UK. In Ireland, equal franchise was secured in 1922 under the Irish Free State.

As mentioned before the 1918 General Election results were dramatic and changed the course of our history. The 1910 General Election in Ireland (remember this was a 32 County Ireland at that time) returned 73 Irish Parliamentary Party members under the leadership of John Redmond out of the 103 Irish seats in Westminster. Their campaign for Home Rule for Ireland

There was clearly a good relationship between Padraig Pearse and Ua Buachalla. His son Joe (who himself would play his own role in the fight for Irish freedom) attended St. Enda's the school run by Pearse in Dublin. I recently took the Glasnevin Cemetery tour where we were treated to the delivery (by an actor) of Pearse's oration at the funeral of O'Donovan Rossa in 1915. If Ua Buachalla was present that day he would have been encouraged to continue his part in the struggle from Pearse's famous words that day. The sacrifice of Pearse and the other friends in 1916 was a setback but despite going a political route from the 1918 election Ua Buachalla continued to support the physical force route as well. During the War of Independence Ua Buachalla asked the IRA to burn his home in Maynooth in case it would have been occupied by the Black and Tans. Ua Buachalla also spent a number of periods in prison including in the infamous Frognoch prison in Wales after the 1916 events.

As an anti-treaty supporter he became closer to Eamon de Valera and while they fell out for a number of years they both had the same vision for the future of Ireland. Like De Valera he took the political route and served as a member of Dail Eireann until he lost his seat to a competitor (Tom Harris) from his own party Fianna Fail. Ua Buachalla was always willing to do whatever was asked of him in the national interest.

Ua Buachalla was asked by De Valera to take the vacant post of Governor-General and he became the last person to hold that post. The position which was to represent the English monarch in Ireland was abolished by the Irish Government when Ua Buachalla signed the Constitution (Amendment no.27) Bill 1936 into law. He succeeded with De Valera in their aim to remove the impact of the UK on Ireland. A campaign that he had started over forty years earlier when he joined the Gaelic League in Maynooth. In writing this piece I talked to Joe Buckley his grandson who made the point to me that in those turbulent years in Ireland there were many others like his grandfather. However, I contend that not many achieved as much as Domhnall ua Buachalla and we need to do more to remember this great man.

Buckley's House

Since moving to Maynooth almost thirty years ago I have seen his original home next to Maynooth Garda Station closed up and empty having changed ownership a number of times. While we all refer to it as Buckley's House the original name of the house was Leinster Lodge (later changed to Gleann Ailighe). Ua Buachalla served for many years on Kildare County Council and was a former Chairman. I would urge that Kildare County Council should



take ownership of the house and that it could be converted into a museum. The Ua Buachalla papers are in a number of other museums and I think that it would be fitting tribute for Maynooth that his house be restored as a local museum and that all his papers be displayed here. There is already a Ua Buachalla collection that could be displayed there. The space available here would never be enough to tell the full story of the life and motivations of Domhnall ua Buachalla but I hope that you like me realise that a person of his importance in the fight for Irish Freedom should have a pride of place in their local community.

By Paul Croghan

was the reason for their success and it is the case that this would have been achieved except for the unexpected outbreak of World War 1. By the 1918 General Election the emphasis had changed in Ireland where the campaign for independence for Ireland was now the more popular objective of the people. The events of Easter 1916 and the aftermath in Ireland had changed the expectations so that when the people of Ireland got the first opportunity to pass judgement on the UK policies in Ireland in the 1918 General Election they responded by replacing the Irish Parliamentary Party with the more radical Sinn Fein and elected 73 Sinn Fein members out of 105 seats.

Kildare North, like much of the rest of the country returned a Sinn Fein candidate. Maynooth general trader, Domhnall ua Buachalla celebrated his first electoral success against his only opponent the outgoing member John O'Connor. The total electorate was 13,274 (8,887 men and 4,387 women) There were sixteen polling places in the North Kildare constituency. Maynooth was part of the Celbridge polling district where there was a total of 2,832 registered voters of which Maynooth had 1,131.

However there was another factor that influenced the 1918 Election. In Ireland 20,057 people were reported as having died of influenza (known as the Spanish Flu) in 1918 and 1919. In addition, an increase in deaths caused by related illnesses, most notably pneumonia (from which over 3,300 died above what would usually have been expected), can be attributed to the flu epidemic. Votes in Maynooth College would have been important as most seminarians had votes and there was a strong belief that most of these would have gone to Sinn Fein but the College could have been closed in an effort to reduce the potential impact of the Spanish Flu. On the day 8,701 total votes were cast in Kildare North. Domhnall ua Buachalla was elected securing over 68% of the vote on his first electoral outing. Of course the newly elected Sinn Fein members refused to take their seats in Westminster and instead set up Dail Eireann in Dublin which met for the first time on 21st January 1919 less than one month after the declaration of the election result. Among those in attendance was the newly elected Domhnall ua Buachalla from Maynooth.

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Clarity Needed on North Kildare Gaelcholáiste

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has called for clarity from the Department of Education regarding the practical arrangements for parents of children hoping to enrol when the school opens as anticipated in 2019.

A parliamentary reply from the Minister for Education Joe McHugh to Catherine Murphy shows that the Department has once again satisfied itself regarding the demand for a Gaelcholáiste in North Kildare. Catherine Murphy said parents are now understandably anxious about arrangements for children who are coming close to finishing in Gaelscoil and thinking about their second level options.

"The school year 2019-2020 is not all that far away and parents of children coming to the end of primary cycle in local Gaelscoileanna are anxious to know what options will be available to them and what they should do regarding the planning of secondary education. Those parents of students who wish to continue their education through immersion in Irish deserve to know if they can do so locally in North Kildare and if so, what arrangements will be in place to facilitate that in the coming months."

Three New Educate Together Schools for North Kildare

Social Democrats TD Catherine Murphy has received confirmation from the Minister for Education, Joe McHugh, that three new schools will be established in North Kildare with the liklihood that they will be Educate Together schools. According to the Minister's response to a question tabled by Deputy Murphy; Educate Together schools in Maynooth and Leixlip will be established in 2019 with the Naas school to be established in 2021. Deputy Murphy said that while the Minister's reply indicates the willingness to create Educate Together shools, it is important that parents engage in the patronage process when it opens for submissions.

Catherine Murphy TD welcomed the news saying:

"There has been a clear demand amongst parents for both non-denominational and multidenominational school options in North Kildare and it was clear that the previous model of patronage divestment wasn't releasing enough schools to meet that demand. The reply to me from Minister Bruton shows that the Department have carried out numerous assessments of the areas and concluded that there is both the desire for the Educate Together model and the population to serve the schools and as a result they will be provided to meet the demand.

There will be a process to formally agree the patronage model for the schools and i would urge parents to engage in that process to ensure that we get agreement on the Educate Together model of patronage."

"Parents now need a lot more detail regarding exactly where these schools will be located and what the likely enrolment policies will be so that families can begin planning their education arrangements. The Department must provide a lot more practical information for those families hoping to enrol children in 2019. They need clarity and assurances that the buildings will be agreed and in place so that parents know the details of the choice they are making regarding their children's future education"

Royal Canal Cycleway Rolls On

Social Democrats TD for Kildare North Catherine Murphy tabled a series of questions to the National Transport Authority regarding the progress of the proposed cycleway from Maynooth to the Dublin Docklands along the Royal Canal. In response, the NTA has confirmed that Fingal and Kildare County Councils are currently working on the development of the route and design options for the project. It is envisaged that the project will be completed by 2020.

Meanwhile, in a welcome development, Iarnrod Éireann and the Commission for Railway Regulation have indicated that they do not have any objections to Phase 2 of the Royal Canal Cycle Scheme which will allow for a full cycle route between the city-centre and Maynooth.

Catherine Murphy TD welcomed the reply, saying:

"Greenways and cycleways have proven to be extremely popular and have worked very well in the areas where they are established - from both a tourist and a commuter perspective. The development of this route would give people the option to cycle directly between Maynooth and the city-centre without facing the usual concerns of road cycling and traffic

"In addition, we are awaiting the outcome of a feasibility study by South Dublin County Council regarding the extension of the cycleway from the Newcastle Road to the Hazelhatch Road. This would further extend the safe cycling options available to people in North Kildare"



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Maynooth Tidy Towns received an invitation from Kildare County Council to the County Awards in the IONTAS Building in Maynooth University on Wednesday 1st November 2017. A wonderful evening took place culminating with a certificate being presented to Vinny Mulready by the Mayor of Kildare Sean Power for winning our third Gold Medal.

Speaking of which Maynooth Tidy Towns will be presented with our third National Gold Medal at the Regional Awards on 6th December in Abbeyshrule, Longford.

Congratulations to Moira Baxter who was presented with a cake to celebrate her 70th birthday.



At time of writing Maynooth Tidy Towns will finish all our planting of bulbs and we plan to resume in early 2019. We thank all who volunteered and supported us during 2018

After Christmas please recycle your Christmas tree in Kildare County Council depot yard beside the Fire Station in Leinster St. Maynooth.

Also remember to recycle your bottles and cans in Glenroyal shopping centre, Tesco and Aldi after Christmas.

The WEEE Ireland Collection of electrical goods and batteries will take place in March 2019 in the Tesco Shopping Car Park date to be advised.

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns we wish Staff, Editorial Board and readers of Maynooth Newsletter and all who supported us a very **Happy Christmas and litter free New Year.**

Richard Farrell PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns Mobile no.0873153189... Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter







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Maynooth Community First Responders Fundraising Night

Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) are holding an 80's night in Brady's Clockhouse Maynooth on Saturday 29th December. The group has raised almost half of the €10,000 need to purchase life-saving equipment so it can get up and running in the new year.

Live band and DJ on the night. Tickets are €10. To support contact Fionnuala on 087 4116925 or email fundraising.maynoothcfr@gmail.com

St Mary's Brass & Reed Band

The big event of last month was the launch of the Christmas CD in the Band Hall on Saturday 19th November which was recorded only five weeks previously. The CD has a great mix of well known Christmas pieces featuring the Band and special guests the Parish Choir and the Choir from the Presentation Girls' School. Considering we produced 12 tracks in only seven hours the finished product sounded really well.



The CD is now on sale in The Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street, Donovan's Centra in Greenfield and The Parish Centre, They are also available in the Girls' School for parents with children there. The Band will also be selling in Supervalu in the Glenroyal Shopping Centre on Saturday 8th December with grateful thanks to the Supervalu Management. If you have any problems getting a copy of the CD call 0872537906.

Our next public appearance is our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Glenroyal Hotel where we hope to get everyone in to the Christmas spirit with lots of festive numbers. Our Junior Band, which is the future of the Maynooth Band, will also be making an appearance under the baton of Daniel McGonagle and they are working hard to make an impression on the night.

We will also be taking part in the Church of Ireland Ecumenical Service on Sunday evening, 16th December which has been a regular part of our December programme for many years and it will be quite different from our last Ecumenical Service in Bad Orb Germany last September. We will end 2018 with our annual carol playing outside the Church after 11.30 Mass on Christmas morning, a tradition that has survived through rain, snow and frost for decades,

The past year has been exceptional for the band with our first recital in St. Patrick's College Chapel in February, the Bad Orb Music Festival in September and the CD recording in October, just wondering how on earth we can top that in 2019. Finally may we extend a sincere thank you to all those who have been of great support to the band this year and every year, your help is really appreciated and can we wish you and all your family and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Oh and don't forget the CD.



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Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Oíche Shamhna is over and the march to Nollaig commences! The branch lessons are well The singing competition was next up, and here, the crowd were under way with the term making good progress. Membership has grown again this year & it's always great to look at our set of players and think how far they've come in a few short years.



Trad for Trocaire at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich saw many of our local branch member playing for worthy global causes.

Up to 2,000 Trad for Trócaire events have taken place across Ireland and also in the UK and USA since 2010 and Comhaltas members continue to be prominent events organised. The money raised is now supporting communities in many countries across the developing world who are struggling daily with extreme poverty and injustice. Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich has a proud record in this respect, have raised an amazing 35,000 Euro since its inception. This year was continued this proud record and Wed 17th saw all-day events at the school, culminating in a

fantastic evening concert. Special call out to Caoimhe and Seán K for their solo performances at the event. Maith Sibh agus go raibh maith agaibh do na múineteoirí agus na daltaí!

Sult na Sollán is a community group set-up in Sallins, North Co. Kildare to promote the Irish language and traditional Irish music and culture. Every October they hold celebration of culture across all its dimensions and it typically draws a fantastic attendance from musicians from right across North Kildare. A session was held in the Railway Inn on Saturday afternoon which allowed our members to share tunes with the other branches around the county. Thanks again to "na Sultaí" for a wonderful weekend.



Róisín, Kirsten, Caoimhe and Caoimhe lashing out the tunes in Sallins.



Saturday Session in the Railway Bar in Sallins.

Scór is the cultural arm of the GAA, and this year Maynooth went all in with a local qualifier round for Junior Scór that saw teams from across the town compete in a table quiz, music and dancing competitions. Organised by the indefatigable Rita Doyle, mother of Kildare GAA super-star Neil Flynn, a great evening's craic was had by all on 11th Nov.

The first event up was the quiz, with quiz master Aiden Minnock running the show. Hotly contested by all, Parents and Juniors alike, this round was won by "The Trad Lads" pictured right Seán, Riobáird, Tom, Iarla and Conor.

The winning Scor team of L to R – Conor, Iarla, Tom Riobáird and Seán



Next up was the dancing competition, where the dancers from the Rita Doyle school of dance once again dazzled.

The Girls in Blue shown qualifying in the Maynooth heat – they will go on to represent the club in Allenwood at county level.

delivered a real treat with powerful performances from all contestants. Róisín qualified for Maynooth Football while Áine claimed the berth for Maynooth hurling. These sweet voices will be worth the trip to Allenwood alone and both are very well placed to take County and maybe Leinster honours, so fingers

The musical group were up next where a number of barnstorming appearances were delivered. In this category of events, we again had 2 winners. The Comhaltas group featuring Caoimhe, Aoife, Róis, Róisín and Conor delivered a polished performance to claim first prize for Maynooth football, while the Trad Lads pumped out two stirring tunes, The Rolling Wave and The Rookery Reel, to take the spot for Maynooth Hurling.



Maynooth Football winners on the podium – **Left -Aoife**, **Caoimhe**, Róis, Róisín and Conor, while the Maynooth Hurling winners - Iarla, Riobáird, Tom and Seán look on



Áine and Róisín will represent Maynooth GAA in the Kildare county singing competition.

This last event wrapped up proceedings and left the crowd thoroughly entertained and gasping for more – so best of luck to all competitors in the county's and beyond perhaps.

Last year, Kildare Comhaltas' five branches met up for an evening's music and seisúin that was such a resounding success that it is threatening to become an annual event. Compered by Tom Dillon, the Kildare County Chairman, all Cill Dara's five branches put together 20 mins of music, bringing young and old, beginner and seasoned musicians to the stage for performances. The program was kicked off by Leixlip and followed by our own team, Clane, Kilcock and finished by Kilteel / Eadestown, hosts of this year's Fleadh Chill Dara. Our own Craobh performed a set of jigs, reels, hornpipes and a polka and



Róisín got up for one of her trademark serenades. Overall a really wonderful night of music from Kildare musicians which was followed up by a session and (ahem) refreshments in the bar of Kilcock GAA afterwards.

Craobh squad at the Kildare Comhaltas get together consisted of Róisín, Tom, Katie, Seán, Kirsten, Caoimhem Conor, Seán, Aoife and Derek.

Our lessons started for the autumn term in September and will start again for Term 2 in January so if you've any

unfulfilled hankering to take up an instrument, then please drop down for a term – lessons are lots of fun and unbeatable value.

Also – if you're stuck on an idea for a Christmas present, why not a gift on an instrument and a term of lessons in the January term. We've lots of adult members – both returnees to playing as well as novices. We've even an instrument bank put together with support from KBC, if you just want to give a particular instrument a lash for one term.

As usual, keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances. We'll be also in attendance at those kids sessions in Springfield Hotel organised by Leixlip. Our adult session group continue to motor on with their sessions - PM us for detail on same if you're interested in joining a welcoming improvers session.

Outside of this if you are looking to enjoy traditional music in the town, the Maynooth University Trad Soc have a nice session on Tuesday evenings in Brady's bar; The Newtown Inn has a nice session on Thursdays, as does Brady's lounge, while MJ and friends are ever present in The Roost Bar on Friday evenings. Míle Buíochas

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Footbridge Over the Lyreen River at Manor Mills

Naoise has been working on this for some time and the council are in land take discussions at the request of the National Transport Authority. This means that the footbridge is on track.

Castledawson taking in charge

In order to take Castledawson Estate in charge, Newtown Hall must be firstly taken in charge, as the pump station serving Castledawson is in the control of the developer of the Newtown Hall Estate. Newtown Hall is in the process of completing the snag list as issued by Kildare County Council Development Control Section.

Conolly's Folly/The Obelisk

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has asked that the fencing around the Obelisk is changed and that a more appropriately aesthetic fence is put in place. A letter from the council has been issued to the Office of Public Works (OPW).

Childcare places in Maynooth

Naoise has raised the lack of childcare places and has asked that a review is carried out of the current and projected demand. He is awaiting a response from the county childcare committee.

Newtown / Rathcoffey road capacity and safety.

At the last meeting of the Maynooth MD, Naoise raised the issue of the capacity of this road and the need for a pedestrian crossing. The council responded by saying "This will require examining by the Road Design Section as part of the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG) projects currently awaiting assessment and a source of funding would need to be identified for any traffic calming measures and pedestrian crossing facilities, if deemed warranted."

Public Footpath through Hayfield Estate

Cllr. Ó Cearúl asked why the public footpath outside the Hayfield Estate on the Straffan Road been removed and if the council could confirm that all pedestrian traffic is now expected to go through Hayfield. The council said that the footpath is in accordance with a 2010 planning application and that pedestrians would have to go through the estate. Cllr. Ó Cearúil argued that a decision such as this, that has a drastic impact on the residents of Hayfield and the public in general, should never have gone ahead. He also said that an application from 8 years ago with such a condition should have been highlighted to prospective buyers of homes in Hayfield and the community.

Ó Cearúil calls for new Local Area Plan for Maynooth

Cllr. Ó Cearúil called on the the council to proceed with preparing a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for Maynooth as the current plan runs until 2019 and preparations should begin now. He continued saying that the current LAP is not fit for purpose considering the increase in population in Maynooth and the drastic impact traffic is having on the town. The council said that the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy will necessitate a variation in the Kildare County Development Plan and that they are currently preparing the LAP. Naoise raised concerns that the LAP would not be dealt with during the lifetime of this council and that there should be more urgency in developing the plan.

Carton Wood Bottle Bank

A number of residents from Carton Wood contacted Naoise after learning of plans to put a bottle bank in the estate beside the proposed playground. Naoise created a petition, with the residents, to stop this from happening and succeeded in stopping the bottle bank from going ahead.

Carton Avenue debacle continues

Naoise has been battling the council alongside local residents and his council colleagues. At the most recent meeting of the Maynooth MD he asked what action the council has taken to enact the democratic motions enacted by councillors in relation to Carton Avenue. The council responded by saying that the works which had been carried out were in compliance with a valid planning permission (condition 6 of Planning Permission 14/660 refers) and that the planning condition had been included because of an objective in the Maynooth Local Area Plan. Naoise was infuriated by this as the planning application never encroached onto the Avenue as has happened in reality. He is committed to reinstating this historical amenity to its prior condition.

New Primary School

The Minister for Education announced that Maynooth is to receive a new primary school as places at all present schools are extremely limited and the population of the town has grown drastically. Potential patrons are asked to submit applications to the Department.

Gaelcoláisto

The campaign for a gaelcoláiste in Maynooth and in the North of the County has continued for many years. Minister Bruton announced in 2016 that the Gaelcoláiste was to open in September 2019 under the patronage of the KWETB and an Foras Pátrúnachta. While both patron bodies have met, further progression and a timeline for the opening is needed. Naoise's fear is that the delay in the Maynooth Education Campus could have a knock on effect on the opening of the Gaelcoláiste and this should not be allowed to occur.

Register to Vote

You can obtain the forms to register or change your address on the www.checktheregister.ie You can also check if you are registered on this site.

Join the Team

Are you interested in local issues or would you like to help Naoise continue his work in Kildare County Council? We're preparing for next year's local elections. We need people to help with online communications, canvassing, leaflet dropping and strategy. If you've read the leaflet this far, you're probably who we're looking for! So please reach out.

Representations

As always if you require any personal assistance or advise, please feel free to get in touch with Naoise on (086) 728 0050 or cllrnaoise@gmail.com. All correspondence is confidential.

Nollaig Shona agus Ath-Bhliain faoi Mhaise

I'd like to wish everybody a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Years. I hope everyone enjoys the Christmas Lights organised by the Maynooth Business Association and would encourage you to contribute with as little or as much as possible.

To: The Editor, Maynooth Newsletter.

Don't it always seem to go, That you don't know what you've got Till it's gone They paved paradise And put up a parking lot..."

This verse from the old Joni Mitchell classic 'Big Yellow Taxi' (1970), perfectly sums up for me the reasons why we should, indeed we must 'Save Carton Avenue'. Whilst there is no suggestion at the moment that Carton Avenue is to disappear forever, (or to vanish under tarmac?) the fact is that the works already carried out on the Avenue, and the future works planned, will irrevocably and irredemingly change the nature and character of this wonderful amenity for good. Or rather, not for good.

The town of Maynooth is changing and growing constantly. As someone who has lived here for almost all of my 56 years I have witnessed many of these changes and have welcomed most of them. But growth, and change, must be planned and managed carefully. It cannot simply be a case of 'out with the old, in with the new'. If we do that ,we are at real risk of throwing out the baby with the bathwater. OK, that's enough clichés for now!

We are blessed in Maynooth with the historic artefacts and built heritage that abound here. To name a few there are the Geraldine Castle, St. Patrick's College, Conolly's Folly, the Royal Canal and Harbour, Carton House and grounds, and of course, Carton

Avenue itself. This beautiful, historic tree-lined pedestrian walkway dates back to 1751 and is absolutely essential to the unique character of Maynooth and indeed contributes massively towards the quality of life in the Town. It has always been thus, find me one person in Maynooth who disagrees with this sentiment and I would be very surprised!

Let me explain what I mean. Carton Avenue has always been there for the people of Maynooth. Essentially unchanged, for almost two and three quarter centuries. A green oasis of peace and tranquillity in an ever changing, ever expanding and increasingly busy town. It was our adventure playground as kids, our courting ground as teenagers, and the place where we brought our wives, kids and pets after that. Still do, in fact. We walk or jog there for exercise, go there to paint, take photos, meet people, spend quality time with an elderly parent or relative, or simply to get a much needed break. Carton Avenue was and is a destination in itself, rather than a route by which to get to somewhere else.

Most importantly, it was always a pedestrian walkway. The clue is in the entrance off the Main Street. Look at the pedestrian stiles, each side of the main gates, (which are themselves only three metres wide). These narrow , 'V' shaped apertures were clearly not designed with any kind of vehicles in mind, other than 'Shank's Mare'! The gates themselves were always kept locked up to recent years, but they were then opened to facilitate wheelchair users and mobility aids for the elderly or infirm. The pathway on the Avenue itself is only two metres wide, just

enough for two people to walk side by side. The linear nature of the Avenue, with no official lateral access (up to now), meant that one did not have to worry about cross-flowing traffic of any kind entering from the sides. The continuous, uninterrupted treelined visual aspect of the Avenue is one of it's strongest features and should always be retained.

Now the Avenue is imminent danger of, if not actual destruction, then grave and possibly irreparable damage. A four metre wide tarmac road and bridge threatens it on one side, with more planned for the near future. It appears from recently viewed maps that the intention is to incorporate the entire walkway (only two metres wide, mind), into a cycling/ pedestrian network, all in the interests of "permeability". Already complaints have been received from pedestrian users on the Avenue about overly assertive cyclists looking to claim 'their' space. If Carton Avenue and surrounding areas were being designed today from scratch, rather than being part of our historic legacy and built heritage, then perhaps the people of Maynooth would accept what is being foisted upon them. This is not the case however. Carton Avenue is the only public, pedestrian walkway in North Kildare, something it has remained for hundreds of years. It is not something we will relinquish easily, or without a fight.

Michael O' Reilly, (Committee member), Carton Avenue Preservation Society.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

No Tea-Dance to report on, this month because, as you know by now, November is all about fundraising. I say you know, because you responded so well it is almost overwhelming. You bought up all our tickets for our monster draw, you welcomed our people who called to your doors, you delivered hundreds of items to the hall and then you came in droves to buy it all back. Where else would you get it only in Maynooth. So take a bow people, this is community spirit at its' best. Many thanks to you all for your continued support. I also thank our sponsors, Maynooth Post Primary School, Thornton's Recycling, Sean Donovan, SuperValu, Manor Mills, Frank Walsh, Willie Kiernan, Ger McMyler, Gerry & Pam Flood and Barton's Transport.

Many thanks to all who came along on the day to help the sale, especially the young scouts who were magnificent and of course Johnny and Tony who harnessed their energy, and not forgetting all those people who came from our neighbouring towns, all of which helped to raise €0,720.31. As there are some outstanding donations this figure will rise after this item has gone to print. All monies raised will be spent, in its' entirety, for the benefit of our older people. It is also worth mentioning here that this money will go back into the community as it is our policy to support local businesses. Once again many thanks, we do appreciate your support and if I have left anyone out, it's not because your contribution is insignificant, It's because my memory isn't as good as it used to be.

Speaking of which, our committee is getting older now and so we would love to see younger members joining and bringing some new ideas. There is always room for a fresh pair of eyes. Do give it some thought.

Congratulations to all who won prizes especially Nora McMahon, Muhussey, Monster Hamper. Eabha McLoughlin, Maynooth. €200. Lucy Sherlock. Maynooth. €100. Mathew Carrol. Maynooth. Philips 32" TV. And numerous other prize winners ,well done to all.

Our next event will be our Christmas shopping and extravaganza afternoon, courtesy of SuperValu, dancing in the isles....if you will. This will all happen at 3pm on Sunday December 2nd.

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Sunday December 16th at 3pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. Please note the time as it is an hour earlier this year. All names of those attending should be in by December 4th.

Our morning club will close from December 6th until January 8th 2019.

In the meantime may I wish you all a very happy and joyful Christmas and peace throughout the coming year.

Josephine Moore. - Chairperson.



Christmas Children's Events at Maynooth Library

Christmas Puppet Show with No Strings Attached Puppet Theatre

Friday 7th December, 10- 11am

No Strings will present their Christmas puppet show for the library called the "The Little Lost Bear"

Contact library to book

Carnation Theatre presents "Turkey" the musical.

Saturday 8th December 2pm

Featuring live music, puppetry and a choir of turkeys. Come to see the Carnation Theatre perform their Christmas musical.

Booking required.

Horrid Henry Art & Craft Saturday 15th December 2pm- 3pm

Enjoy the hilarious antics of the infamous Horrid Henry, Miss Battle- Axe and Peter Perfect with this art and craft where children will create their own Horrid Henry felt puppet using felt and fabric glue.

For ages 6-9 years

Booking Required.

Kids' Christmas Secret Cinema

Tuesday 18th December 6.00pm- 7.45pm

All board this festive season and get in the holiday spirit with a classic family film. No booking required. This film has a universal rating.

Christmas tree decoration painting art & craft

Friday 21st December 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Get ready for the festive season with this fun craft where children will paint beautiful wooden Christmas tree decorations to make their Christmas tree extra special this holiday season.

For 7- 11years.

Booking required

Story time

Winter Tales Story time

Friday 14th December 10am- 11am

This week's stories are all about winter scenes and animals in winter. Come and listen to some winter tales to celebrate this magical time of year. Listen to (and join in with!) some fun rhymes and songs and spend some quality reading time with your toddler.

No booking required

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Happy Holidays Story Time

Friday 21st December at 10am

Come listen to and enjoy stories to celebrate the holiday season. Listen to and join in with some fun rhymes and songs as well and spend some quality reading time with your toddler. Colouring pages will also be provided.

Booking required

Parent and Toddler Yoga with Nicola Foxe Thursday 8th and 13th December 9.30- 10.30 am

Join Nicola from Yo-Yo Yoga for a fun-filled and beneficial yoga session for toddlers and their parents or caregivers. Sessions are lively with an emphasis on spending time together doing yoga through song, stories, games and cuddles. Suitable for little yogi's from 1 year (crawling) to 4 years of age. Sessions are child led and very relaxed.

Booking required

Smart Tech Classes

The Smart Way To Use Technology: To Connect With Loved Ones

Begins 10th January 2pm

10th Jan 2pm iPhones (week 1 of 2)

17th Jan 2pm iPhones (week 2 of 2)

24th Jan 2pm iPads (1 week only)

31st Jan 2pm Android Phones (week 1 of 2)

7th Feb 2pm Android Phones (week 2 of 2)

14th Feb 2pm Android Tablet (1 week only)

Your smart phone and tablet provide an amazing way to feel connected to the people you love! You can stay in touch by text, create a shortcut to your favourite contacts so you can phone them quicker, and see photos/videos of your family/ friends. So to ensure your smart phone/tablet makes your life better, come along to these easy-to-follow classes and learn through a step-by-step process. The trainer Fiona Ashe would be delighted to answer all of your questions!

Fiona is a filmmaker and journalist, who specialises in how to communicate effectively. She is looking forward to helping you to use technology to connect and communicate.

Contact library to book.

Ukulele workshop for beginners and all ages Saturday 1st and 8th December 3pm

If you have a ukulele and are interested in learning or improving your skills Maynooth Community library has a beginners and improvers workshop for you. Contact the library to book.

Introductory Irish Classes with Pat Lonergan

Final class Thursday 6th December (Final Week) 10:30am - 12pm

Looking to improve your Irish since you left school or just needing to brush up on your pronunciation and conversational abilities? Pat Lonergan is running the class for you!

Booking Required.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Berlin Visit

In former times, on reaching manhood, one took the Grand Tour but I was twenty-eight when I ventured alone into Europe. The year was 1965. Back then the Cold War was flourishing and divided Berlin was its most potent symbol. Only two years previously JFK had made his famous speech, 'Ich bin ein Berliner' (I am a Berliner) in front of the infamous wall. I had flown from New York to London in June, from there to Amsterdam then on to Copenhagen. After spending a few days in the last two cities, I sailed to Oslo, from where I took a steamer up the coast of Norway to the Lofoten islands, north of the Artic Circle. While there, in the 'Land of the Midnight Sun', I fell in with two German fellows and together we climbed a mountain, which was partly covered in snow, then attended a midsummer bonfire.

Afterwards, I travelled south again via Stockholm to Hamburg and on to Wolfsburg, close to the East German border. In Wolfsburg I picked up a new Volkswagen Beetle in the factory and, to familiarise myself with its performance, drove to Hanover, about 40 miles away. Now I was ready to venture into Berlin. At Marienborn I had to pass a West-Allied checkpoint and then an East German one before getting onto the hundred mile long autobahn through the Deutsche Demokratische Republik that led to the capital. While driving merrily along I was overtaken by a patrol car. On halting, the policeman, pointing to a symbol in his traffic book, indicated that I had overtaken another vehicle, something that was verboten. Naturally I drove carefully after that but on approaching the East German checkpoint at Drewitz, outside Berlin, I was told to pull into an area where my car was checked thoroughly, a trolley with a mirror even being shoved under the chassis. Once nothing was found I proceeded through the British Sector checkpoint into West Berlin, which also had a French and an American sector.

Following that dramatic entry I drove to a hostel crowded with Western students and backpackers and got accommodation. Afterwards, while I was walking abroad, the sky darkened and soon an electric storm engulfed the city. Never till then had I experienced such thunder and lightning. It seemed as if nature was dramatising the dangers that threatened this free enclave in a communist world.

Next morning the hostel supervisor began to bawl out a fellow he had caught smoking. While the smoker was obviously at fault, the Hitlerian fury shown by this martinet was excessive and I expected someone in our free-spirited, multinational group to protest but we all stood speechless like a flock of sheep. Is it possible that if we were there in Der Fuehrer's time we would have acted no differently?

That day I decided to visit Dahlem museum to see the bust of Nefertitti. Well, that was the plan but while driving and simultaneously checking a street map, I made a left-hand turn and was struck by an oncoming car. My head hit the roof and when I got out I found that the front of the Beetle had been driven against the tyres. Now I saw the usual, helpful face of the Germans. A young man tied one end of a rope to my bumper and the other end round a tree trunk then reversed the car, freeing the wheels. After that, a friendly policeman drove ahead of me while we made our way to a VW garage. Having dictated a statement for insurance purposes, I was now, apart from a severe head pain, free to explore this divided capital.

Well, I did visit Dahlem and various other attractions, including a nightclub where one could phone or send written messages via a metal tube to any girl at another table that caught ones fancy. Did this place feature later in Cabaret? Anyway, it had the slightly risqué atmosphere of that musical, which was set in the time of the Nazis' rise to power. In general, I found that a beleaguered, though friendly, atmosphere prevailed in Berlin, as if the inhabitants were reassured by the presence of us 'Free World' visitors.

After seeing major attractions such as the Brandenburg Gate, the zoo, Checkpoint Charlie and the infamous wall, it was time to venture into East Berlin. To do this I travelled on the S Bahn, the over-ground train system, from a station near the Tiergarten. The official exchange rate was one Deutschemark for one Ostmark but since the West German mark was, in reality, worth about four East German marks there was a temptation to do some private trading. This, however, the East Germans sought to prevent by making one declare how many Deutschemarks one had on entering. Should the number be less when returning one could be detained.

I will never forget the atmosphere in the station when I disembarked from the train; it had that sense of hidden menace found in a James Bond movie. There was a nervous-looking man who seemed anxious to speak to me, while a cold-eyed individual in a trench coat, probably a member of the Stasi, watched us from a corner. What did the nervous fellow want? A map? News from the west? Maybe he just wished to exchange some Ostmarks for Deutschemarks? I was tempted to greet him but with Trench Coat watching I decided that discretion was imperative. Feeling decidedly unheroic, I set off into the Communist Fast

At that time apologists for Marxism were still extolling the soviet system but the shabby appearance of East Berlin compared to thriving West Berlin gave the lie to their views. I remember in particular visiting a recently built skyscraper whose rattling elevator proclaimed the shoddy workmanship in the entire building. At an upper-storey restaurant I was served a forgettable Wiener schnitzel. When I had finished eating I decided to see if my waiter would frown on the decadent capitalist custom of tipping. Needless to say he didn't!

Apart from that meal and seeing Unter den Linden Avenue and some buildings that still bore marks of the 1945 Russian bombardment I remember little of my visit to this bastion of the communist world. No wonder that a wall had to be erected to keep its inhabitants from bolting! Grateful for my own liberty to travel freely, I took the S Bahn back west.

Next day a German friend showed me the bell tower of the Kaiser Wilhelm Church on Kurfurstendamm; it was a stark reminder of the relentless bombing of Berlin by the RAF and U.S. air force during World War 2. This imposing ruin with the modern church erected alongside seemed to symbolise the resilience of Berliners, who only sixteen years previously had also endured the Soviet blockade, a threat that was overcome by the Allied Air Lift

Since it would take another fortnight for my car to be repaired I travelled south through Bavaria and Austria to Italy. There further adventures, including climbing a mountain beside Lago di Garda and narrowly avoiding disaster on the descent, awaited me but that part of my 'grand tour' will be recounted later.

P.G. Nerney

Maynooth College Revisited

Returning with my grownup children to these august, walled-in grounds, from high-up in an evergreen an unseen raven croaks an intermittent, guttural warning.

Past austere, cut-stone buildings, autumn has transformed the trees into a glowing, magic canopy, spread leaf carpets on tarmacked paths to welcome our return, but in the midst of this munificence I can't forget our former walks, my children racing eagerly ahead, adult angst undreamt of still. Now lively talk keeps cares at bay, while I am grateful for this interlude, the dying season's kindliness.

We come back by the cloistered garden, my old retreat when cares beset; today the place is bleak and drear its flowerbeds dormant promises?

Colin Scott

A piece from Matthew's Gospel

Ná bígí ag ceapadh gur chun síocháin a chur ar an talamh a tháinig mé. Ní síocháin a tháinig mé a chur ann ach claíomh. Óir tháinig mé chun duine a chur bunoscionn lena athair agus an iníon lena máthair agus bean mhic le máthair a chéile, agus is iad lucht a theaghlaigh féin is naimhde do dhuine

An té arb ansa leis athair nó máthair ná mé, níl sé diongbhála dom; agus an té arb ansa leis mac nó iníon ná mé, níl sé diongbhála dom; agus an té nach nglacann a chros agus mise a leanúint, níl sé diongbhála dom. An té a fhaigheann a anam, caillfidh sé é; ach an té a chaillfidh a anam mar gheall ormsa, gheobhaidh sé é.

Matha, 10, 34-39

Gabriel Martin

THE UNMARKED GRAVE

Your comrades lie in the murdering ditch at Ovidstown, unnamed, we know the place,
You, Citizen Norris, lie at Ladychapel Graveyard in an unmarked grave,
Brought there for burial by your family.
Two hundred perished at the Battle, armed only with Pikes, bravely facing horses and cannon fire.

II

You, Citizen Norris, escaped after the slaughter but were taken prisoner at Kilcock
Your wife pleaded with the Col. of the Yeos
To spare you, suddenly a volley was heard from the shrubbery, ending your young life.
On hearing this the Col. replied,
By God woman, I fear your pleas are too late
Two hundred years later we still strive for your ideals.

A poem by the late Hilda Dunne From the book 1798 and Maynooth by Liam Chambers

**Probabilished by Maynooth 1798 Commeration Group

**Ixom this town all is confusion..."

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Mission Statement

The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news.

We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events.

The Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and we hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

The Editorial Board endeavours to ensure independence and balance in the Newsletter content and reserves the right to omit/edit or abridge material which in its opinion might render the Newsletter as a promoter of sectional interests. In addition we undertake the following:

In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.

In the case of unwittingly or unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person the right to reply.

Any contributor seeking further guidelines in this matter is invited to contact the Editorial Board.

Copy date for receipt of articles is published in the Newsletter. We must stress that material submitted after the copy date cannot be accepted.

Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage - www.maynoothcep.com.

The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load. The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 22nd January 2019

Editorial

Personally 2018 was one of the years that I will remember with sadness because of the death of my father in his 96th year and my aunt who was ten years younger both passing in October. Without mentioning names I am very conscious that we lost many good people in Maynooth this year so in reading this please take a few minutes to think about people you know that passed away in 2018. Of course this is the time of the year that families get together and a time when we can reach out to people who do not have family to spend Christmas with. There can be many reasons as to why people are alone. Remember not everyone can be in the Christmas spirit but connections made to people now will last well into the future. Elsewhere in this issue one of the editorial team takes a look back at some of the stories covered by the "Maynooth Newsletter" during 2018.

Another thing that crosses our minds as 2019 approaches is to review what we are doing and consider changes for the future. While I am loath to make general statements on politics or finance, there is no doubt that the economic state of Ireland has continued to improve based on statistics of jobs growth and domestic spending. Of course it does not mean that everyone is better off than they were at the start of 2018. As you will know the "Maynooth Newsletter" is produced by Maynooth Community Employment Project who provide employment and training experience for people who want to update their skills so that they improve their chance of getting full-time employment. It is great to be able to report that people leaving the project in 2018 were able to secure employment elsewhere. While it has never been difficult to find new people to fill the places on the project it is getting harder because of the low level of unemployment in the area at this time. The project will adjust to make sure that, in as much as possible, there will continue to be places for people to join us so that they can benefit from the range of training and work experience that we can provide.

Having the Community Employment
Project is a great resource for Maynooth
and aside from the "Maynooth
Newsletter" the employees are involved in
other activities in the community. While
being often confused with others our team
based in Maynooth Harbour are there to
keep the towpath of the Royal Canal clean
and tidy. I can remember in the past when



The Harbour area in Maynooth

we closed for summer holidays the harbour area would be covered in litter in a couple of days. As is often said about someone – you are never noticed until you are not there. We also have a team working in the Maynooth Town Soccer Club where they maintain the sports grounds in excellent condition so that the club volunteers can focus on other aspects of club activities.

More needs to be said about the value of the "Maynooth Newsletter" as a resource to the people and businesses of the town. As well as charting the social history of Maynooth it still retains the role of highlighting the very valuable work done by over fifty different community groups whose activities cover a large spectrum from sporting, cultural, environmental and social activities. On average we cover forty different active community groups in each edition of the "Maynooth Newsletter". In addition, we provide the space for a similar number of local businesses to advertise to the local community. Of course without their support Maynooth Community Employment Project could not raise the funds that they must provide to financially support the project. Government funding is provided by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection but is mainly used to pay wages and paying the ongoing bills is mainly funded by Maynooth Community Employment Project activities.

The project staff also provide support for other activities in Maynooth even though the wider public may not be aware of the fact that they are key to these activities being a success. The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day parade receive administrative support from the Maynooth Community Employment Project Also the Maynooth Community Space, based close by the office in Carton Retail Park, is also supported by the project. This facility is used on an ongoing basis by over thirty community groups who provide activities covering all ages from toddlers to the active aged and many others. This important facility for the town is provided through a partnership arrangement between Tesco Ireland, Kildare County Council and Maynooth Community Employment Project. It is unquestionable that Maynooth Community Employment Project is an invaluable resource to Maynooth. The changing economic conditions particularly in terms of the Irish economy reaching close to full employment means that the projects such as this must continue to evolve and continue to be able to provide employment and training as well as so many community resources.

Being involved in such positive organisation as editor of the "Maynooth Newsletter" is a privilege. My thanks to all my colleagues for their support in 2018. On their behalf and mine we wish you a Happy Christmas season and if you can please support local Maynooth businesses this year because part of the money spent locally makes its way back to you.

Paul Croghan - Editor

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I.C.A.

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

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome
Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Volunteers required to help
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Contact Number
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Meet every Saturday
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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.

Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

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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

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
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New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
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11/12 Tesco SC
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For further information contact Bernadette at 6286288 or Lena at 01 6285128.

DIARY ENTRIES

E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition.

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Bridge Club

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Contact Katherine Cooney
086 8205910

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Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
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Meeting Mondays
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Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every
Wednesday at 11am
at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries
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For further details contact
John Fleming - 087 2041334

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E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie
Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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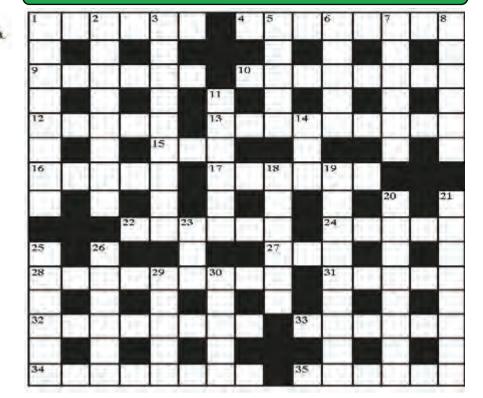
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Clues Across

ACROSS

- Specialised piece of equipment or tool (6)
- 4. Raised flooring or stage (8)
- 9. Not faint or feeble (6)
- 10. Holiday (8)
- 12. "I will... and go now (Yeats) (5)
- 13. Be present at (9)
- 15. Uncooked (3)
- 16. It's as strong as its weakest link (5)
- 17. Untie a relative (6)
- 22. Counsel (6)
- 24. Hasten (5)
- 27. Soluble substance for staining (3)
- 28. Capacity to become something (9)
- 31. Relative magnitudes of two quantities (5)
- 32. Soaks, douses (8)
- 33. Gluey, adhesive (6)
- 34. Daisies (8)
- 35. Fully developed animals (6)

December 2018 Crossword - No. 475



Clues Down

DOWN

- 1. The space between two places (8)
- 2. Perpendicular (8)
- 3. Feeling or showing worry or solicitude (9)
- 5. Lowest or smallest (5)
- 6. Coach, develop (5)
- 7. Where something begins (6)
- 8. Social unit living together (6)
- 11. The 50th US state (6)
- 14. Take food (3)
- 18. Annoy, tantalise (6)
- 19. Received from an ancestor (9)
- 20. Urgent or carping (8)
- 21. Interchangeable words (8)
- 23. Animal doctor (3)
- 25. Prised out the 8-legged creature (6)
- 26. Mental or emotional strain (6)
- 29. More pleasant (5)
- 30. Part of the small intestine (5)

Solutions to Crossword No 474

Across: 1. Stack, 4. Charm, 10. Tango, 11. Revenue, 12. Eastwood, 13. Silo, 15. Little, 17. Ganges, 19. Jail, 20. Misnomer, 23. Crucial, 24. Beast, 25. Melee, 26. Flesh.

Down: 2. Tongs, 3. Cromwell, 5. Hove, 6. Running, 7. Steeplejack, 8. Crook, 9. Remonstrate, 14. Hannibal, 16. Tribute, 18. Villa, 21. Means, 22. Wine.

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easy Christmas Trivia

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- How many ghosts come to visit
 Scrooge?
- ofour othree
- two Oone
- 2. What ran over Grandma on Christmas Eve?
- a sleigh a train
- a reindeer a truck
- 3. Why didn't the other reindeer like Rudolph?
- his shiny nose
- his good looks
- ☐ Santa liked him best☐ he was the fastest
- 4. What sound did Frosty make as he ran through town?
- ☐ Bumpety-bump-bump
- ☐ Thuddety-thud-thud
- ☐ Slippety-slip-slip
- ☐ Thumpety-thump-thump
- 5. What should children not do when Santa Claus is coming to town?
- lie or cheat
- asing or dance
- Cry or pout
- run or jump



6.In the movie A Christmas Story, what does Ralphie want for

Christmas?

- a puppy
- a Red Ryder bb gun
- a baseball
- a cap pistol
- 7. What color Christmas do people dream of in the famous song?
 - ☐ red ☐ green
 - silver white
- 8. How many horses pull the sleigh in Jingle Bells?
 - two Gour
 - one eight
- 9. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh?
- eight four
- utwelve uten
- 10. What is the another name for Santa Claus?
 - the tooth fairy
 - the Easter bunny
- St. Nicholas
- St. Francis





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It's **December** already, and we can't believe how fast the year has gone! Throughout



the year you have seen your garden transform from being covered in frost, to the colours of spring, the blooms of summer and the fabulous autumnal leaves. The days are shorter, the weather is really taking a wintery turn and chances are, you don't want to be out in your garden in December too much. We definitely can't blame you! And, the good news is, there isn't a huge amount to do in your garden in December. You'll need to

take care of, and protect, anything that is growing at the moment and think about the frosts that may be coming regularly now.

Cover your compost heap with old carpet, or black plastic sheeting, to keep the temperature up. This will make sure decomposition can continue even when it is very cold. Keep turning, it is possible, and watch out for any animal life that may become trapped by your insulating layer. Whilst talking about compost, store at least one bag of sowing compost, one potting-on compost and one multi-purpose now in warm dry conditions. When needed quickly it will not be frozen or waterlogged. Plants and seeds do not do well in sodden, cold compost. Leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage, sprouts and remaining root crops will be ready to harvest. Use them to make some nice warming soups!

Keep feeding those hungry birds, they will be very grateful!

Continue to **remove fallen leaves** from your lawn and beds. And, avoid walking on your lawn as much as possible as not to damage the grass underneath. **Pot on any summer cuttings** that have taken well, showing root growth through the base and healthy top growth. If you're planting them into the ground, the good news is that the soil is still warm enough to encourage roots to take. **Move any containers** with shrubs, or beddings plants into a more sheltered spot. Placing them all together helps protect

the root systems from suffering frost damage. Other plants may need to be **protected from the frost**, so make sure you keep an eye on the weather so you know when cold spells are coming.

Clean pots, seed trays and service tools ready for the new season's work.

Cover a sheltered area of veg. garden with clear polythene to warm it up for early spring sowings. Winter wash dormant fruit trees, using Winter Tree Wash, for a clean start next spring.

Start winter digging on the veg. garden but keep off very wet soil – it ruins the structure If snow is expected encircle vulnerable evergreen shrubs with hoops of wire to hold branches in place that could, otherwise, be bent outwards by heavy falls.

Christmas Trees: Look for a tree with a full well branched shape, even branches spaced from top to toe. The colour of the foliage should be deep green and carry a fresh pine scent. Make sure there is a clean stem to make it easy to place into the stand.

Nordmann Christmas trees-These trees have better needle retention and a more consistent shape from top to bottom. The foliage is deep green with a pine fresh scent.. We recommend a sturdy wide based heavy duty resin stand—large enough to slide the base of the tree into. Ensure there are a number of fasteners to grip the tree securely and a base to hold some water in to help keep the tree fresh.

Tips to get the very best from your tree.

- 1. Cut 4 cm off the base of the stem.
- 2. Use a water holding stand and keep the base of your tree in water
- 3. Keep it away from direct heat above 20°C is too high
- 4. Treat it like fresh flowers water daily



Wishing you a warm, merry flower-brightened Christmas Day with family and friends...and the promise of good things to come in 2019

Christmas Tree Brownie

Preparation: 30 min
Total: 2h 40 min

Servings: 15

Ingredients:

- 1 box (1lb 6.25-oz) Betty Crocker Supreme original brownie mix .Add water, oil and eggs.
- 2 or 3 drops of green food colouring.
- 2/3 cup Betty Crocker Rich & Creamy vanilla frosting (from 16-oz container).
- Red and green candy sprinkles or miniature candy-coated chocolate baking bits.
- Miniature candy canes (2 inch), unwrapped.

Method:

- * Heat oven to 350°F (325°F for dark or non-stick pan). Line 9-inch square pan with foil so foil extends about 2 inches over sides of pan. Grease bottom only of foil with butter or cooking spray.
- Make brownie mix as directed on box for 9-inch square pan. Cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours. Remove from pan by lifting foil; peel foil away. To cut brownie into triangles, cut into 3 rows. Cut each row into 5 triangles. Save smaller pieces for snacking.
- * Stir food colour into frosting. Spoon frosting into small resalable food-storage plastic bag; partially seal bag. Cut off tiny bottom corner of bag. Squeeze bag to pipe frosting over brownies. Sprinkle with decors.

Break off curved end of candy cane; insert straight piece into bottoms of triangles to make tree trunks.





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Rethreading a tried-and-tested movie formula is always a risky proposition. This Christmas, one of the most popular musicals ever made will be re-invented for a new generation of cinema-goers. Emily Blunt is set to fill Julie Andrews's shoes as the 'practically perfect' nanny in the eagerly anticipated sequel to Mary Poppins. Purists will undoubtedly shake their heads in dismay at the temerity of director Rob Marshall daring to take on this old and beloved children's classic.

With Mary Poppins Return in the offing, it's a timely opportunity to revisit the original 1960s musical classic.



The Disney Producer and the Children's Writer

The story behind the making of Mary Poppins is nearly as fascinating as the movie itself. It took magnate Walt Disney nearly 20 years to persuade Poppins creator, P.L. Travers to relinquish the rights to her children's books. The English-Australian author resisted the producer's persistent overtures to her. Travers feared her work becoming, in her words, 'Disneyfied'. Whereas the prickly novelist was cautious, Disney was shrewd and saw the potential for cinematic gold in the Mary Poppins stories.

P.L. Travers continually stalled any cinematic adaptations, fearing that Disney would sand the hard edges off of her curt English nanny, and introduce a dollop of saccharine into the proceedings. In the advent, she was right. But the film was made anyway. The author cried at the premiere of Mary Poppins, seeing it as a betrayal of her original darker interpretation of her lead character. However, in later years, Travers softened somewhat, saying she had 'learned to live with it'.

One Nanny, A Banker, Two Children and a Chimney-Sweep



Stuffy Edwardian father and banker Mr Banks (David Tomlinson), and his suffragette wife (Glynis Johns) advertise for a 'no nonsense' nanny for their disobedient children, Jane and Michael. In due course, mysterious Mary Poppins (Julie Andrews) and her magical umbrella literally float into their lives to help the rather uptight Mr Banks with the task in hand.

This sets in place a chain of events that impacts on the family dynamic in surprising ways. Along the way, Poppins takes the children on madcap, magical adventures (with the help of her chimney-sweep friend Bert) variously jumping into pavement drawings, dancing on London rooftops or levitating on ceilings.



The Julie Andrews Factor

Julie Andrews was born to play the 'practically perfect' nanny. Mary Poppins was her consolation prize for losing the part of Eliza Doolittle to Audrey Hepburn in the big screen version of My Fair Lady. Warner Brothers had snubbed Andrews for the role of the Cockney flower girl (even though she had made the part her own on Broadway) on the basis that she was an 'unknown' quantity. The English actress/singer had sweet revenge though, when she scooped an Oscar for her cinematic debut performance as the quirky nanny in 1965.

Andrews's straight-laced, aloof but charming character transforms the dysfunctional Banks' family life in 'spitspot' fashion. The actress invests the nanny with a subtle anarchic edge underneath a mask of respectability. Her energy is captivating throughout, whether twirling around, sliding up bannisters, administering 'just a spoonful of sugar' or shooting disapproving looks at children and adults alike. The prim and proper English persona of Julie Andrews suited this role to a tee. Andrews nails the nononsense but playful qualities required to bring this beloved character to life. The actress also uses her beautiful Mr Banks. The author utilised elements of her own singing voice to thrilling effect and gives poignant resonance to classic songs like Feed The Birds.



The American Cockney

Dick Van Dyke had established himself on American TV by the time he landed the role of the cheerful Cockney chimney-sweep, Bert in Mary Poppins. His character is a composite of several from Travers's books. Despite a wobbly English accent, Van Dyke's energy is infectious.

He exudes joyful vitality, physicality nimble foot work, and sheer fun as Poppins's loyal sidekick. The talented Van Dyke was at the height of his powers as a physical comic performer. In particular, he excels (leaping around London rooftops) in the lively Chim Chim Cheree and Step in Time dance and musical numbers of the film. There is much entertainment value to be had for the viewer in these rousing sequences.

Froduction Values

Mary Poppins was Walt Disney's crowning achievement in an illustrious career. It was one of the studio's best loved movies and has enjoyed lasting and popular appeal to the present day. The musical won five of the 13 Oscars it was nominated for.

What's not to like about **Mary Poppins**? It is easily one of Disney's best experiments in combining spirited live-action and animated sequences together. Mary Poppins won an Oscar for its special visual effects. A timeless, enchanting story, stunning sets, clever special effects and excellent performances combine to create a movie that doesn't need a 'spoonful of sugar' to go down well with viewers from 9 to 90! The catalogue of memorable songs by Richard and Robert Sherman include: A Spoonful of Sugar, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, Jolly Holiday, I love to Laugh, Let's Go Fly a Kite. The haunting Feed the Birds was said to be Disney's own personal favourite.



Saving Mr Banks

The personality clash of wills between Disney and P.L. Travers formed the basis for the moving 2013 film Saving personal life in the Mary Poppins stories. The character of Mr Banks is loosely based on her troubled father. Watching the modern film makes a really interesting companion piece to the older musical. It isn't the children that Poppins comes to save - it's Mr Banks. The wonderful English actor David Tomlinson is excellent in this role. He brings unexpected emotional depth to his characterisation of the

Mary Poppins was seemingly Walt Disney's favourite of the many films he produced. It has effortless charm and optimism in abundance. The lengthy running time of the movie rarely drags and allows for richer character development. Certainly the passage of time hasn't dimmed the special magic or hold of this classic family film.

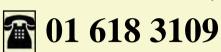






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