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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



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 breakthrough for Firhouse Clover. The more attacking style proved key in the 75 minute. Carl Forsyth picked up the ball before tearing towards goal, firing the ball past the Maynooth keeper to put Firhouse Clover ahead.



Maynooth Captain Jake Corrigan with Mick Dempsey & Noel Dempsey

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 Ilunga 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).



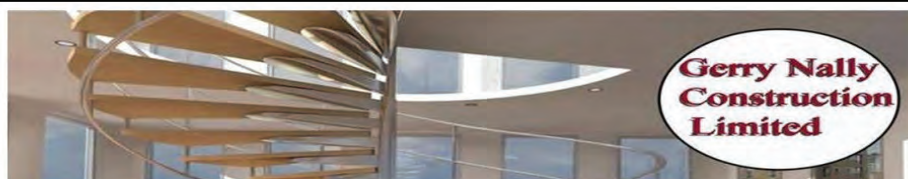


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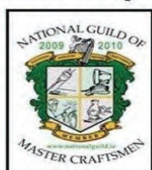


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Zero Waste Maynooth The Final R – Rot!

In the previous months we have been covering the Rs that are the foundation of living zero waste. So far the Rs covered have been: **Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**. 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 startling 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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Proposed Amendment to Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP)

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 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 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 was a success.

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. Ó’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 traffic?

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 Road

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 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 Appraisal 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 Moyglare 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 Maynooth.

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 the Outer Relief Road at Moyglare Hall Estate to Moygaddy 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.

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

Seniors Alert Scheme

Question

I am a pensioner and live with my daughter who works full-time. I am on my own a lot of the time and I'm worried about my safety. I would like to get a personal alarm but I can't afford one.

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?

Answer

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

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

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?

Answer

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.

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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.
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 Amen.

Say this prayer for three days, Promise publication and prayer and favour will be granted, no matter how impossible.

Never known to fail
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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

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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!

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Create your own BFG character with Sarah Tully

Thursday 21st June, 3.30 – 4.30

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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 months.

“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 next.”

“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 reported 4% increase in funding for Housing Adaptation Grants to

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 €8,000 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 €3m. 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 building.

“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 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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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.



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, Killeel, 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 Ní Dhochartaigh-Madrigal - Fídl

Róisín Howley - Fídl, 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

Band

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 – Fídl & Ceilí Band

Déaglan Ó Conchúbhair – Miscellaneous

Instruments

Kieran Hensey, Tara Rafferty and

Amelia De'Orá

Well done to all above who performed with distinction and did themselves

proud. Winning in the competition is not the be all and end all of the branch but preparing for, and performing in the Fleadh, is something from which the students learn an enormous amount – and hopefully have a lot of fun along the way. We'll have the full roll of honours in next month's edition, but for now maith sibh 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



The 2018 teachers played for parents and teachers and are shown here, complete apart from Jimmy Cahill.

Backrow, from left; Caoimhe Reynolds, Ellen Godley, Jason McGuinness. Front Row; Aimee Farrell Courtney, Seán Tracey, Lauren Tracey and Karen Tracey.



Craobh Mhaigh Nuad's first entry at Ceilí Band, finishing second in Kildare and qualifying for the Leinster's in Carlow.

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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.

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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.



Maynooth Gospel Choir, Lifeline Ambulance, Chill Downtown, Dunnes Stores, Eurosaver, Lidl, Condon's Fruit and Veg, DJ K. Reilly, Hot Heads Hair Salon, Willow and Wild, McCormack's Pharmacy, Coyne Butchers, Maynooth Bookshop, McCartan's Pharmacy, Glenroyal Hotel, Stone Haven Restaurant, Express Fix, Gaelscoil Uí Fháich, Elite Bakery, Maynooth, Maynooth Scouts, the Liffey Champion, Maynooth 10k Times & all who volunteered their time so willingly.



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 on 12th May.

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 charge.

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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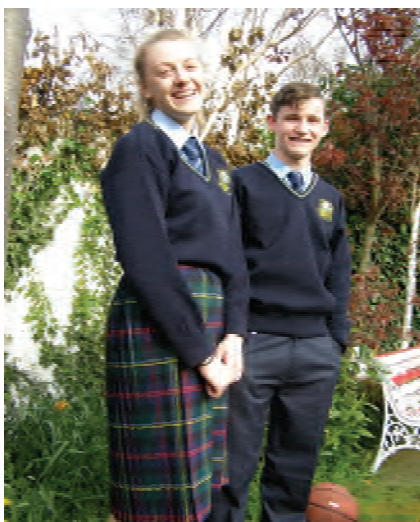
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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



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 ruled 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.



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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 Róisín 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.

Suaímhneas 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 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 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, Canberra.

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 1816.

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.

Macquarie formally adopted the name Australia for the continent, insisted that traffic kept to the left-hand side of the road and established its first bank, the Bank of New South Wales. In 1812, 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 piece.

During this time, manufacturing was encouraged and the 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

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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 website 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 Cearuill & 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 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 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

Our annual AGM for all ICA Guilds across Ireland will be held in 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 never know who you might meet and what you might learn.



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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I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in The Glenroyal Hotel New Members Welcome Contact: MCC Office for more details</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group (Maynooth) Meeting Mondays 12 - 2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</p>
University of Third Age (U3A)	Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group	Maynooth Men's Sheds
<p>Weekly meetings on Friday at 11am in Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth New Members Welcome Contact Ger : 0874133505</p>	<p>Every Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am Maynooth Community Space Unit 11/12 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth</p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries Dunboyne Road Maynooth. For further details contact John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
Maynooth Tidy Towns	ALZHEIMER CAFÉ LEIXLIP	Maynooth Community Church
<p>Volunteers required to help with this work. Contact Number 087 3153189 Meet every Saturday at 10.00am in the Square</p>	<p>Join us at the next Alzheimer Café, Wednesday June 13th in "The Conservatory", Ryeval Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. Speaker this month is John Costello who is a solicitor. John will talk about legal factors when living with dementia. Call 0894933533 Email: alzheimercafeleixlip@gmail.ie www.alzheimercafeleixlip.com</p>	<p>1st Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill) Service times every Sunday morning from 10.30am www.maynoothcc.org Everyone most welcome</p>
Maynooth Senior Citizens	DIARY ENTRIES	ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND
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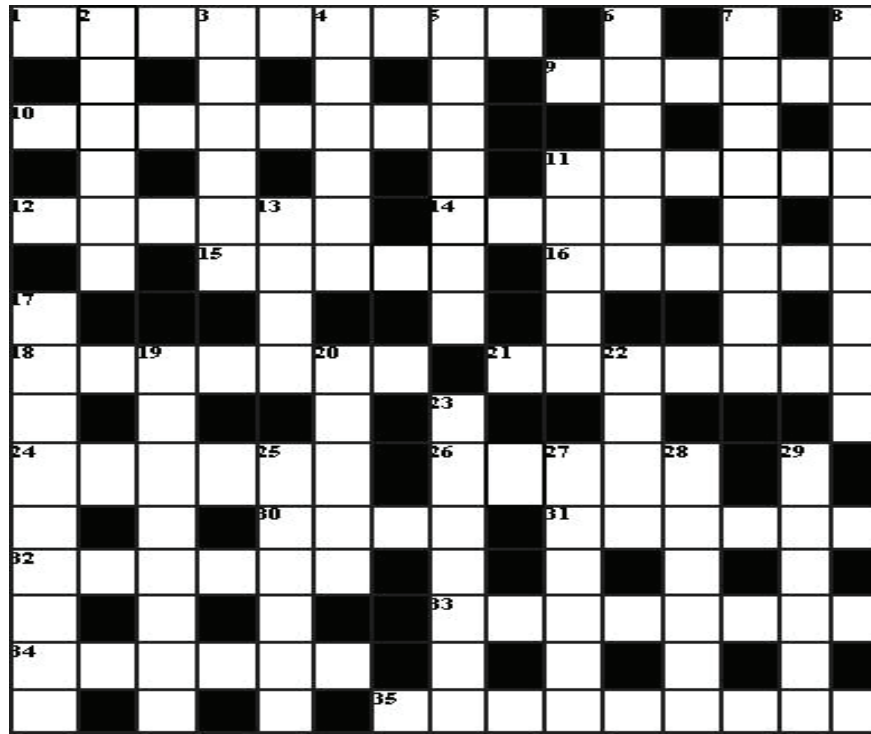
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Clues Across

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

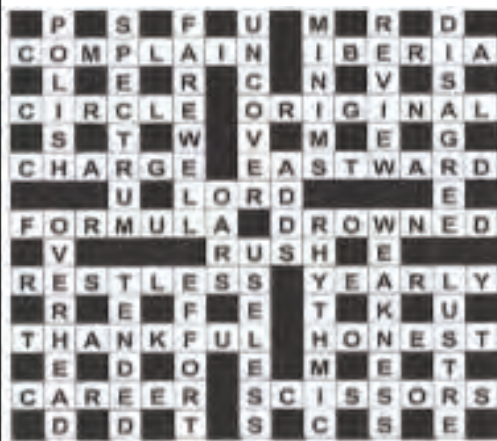


Clues Down

2. Not smooth (6)
3. Building assembled from pre-manufactured 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)



Solutions to Crossword No. 468



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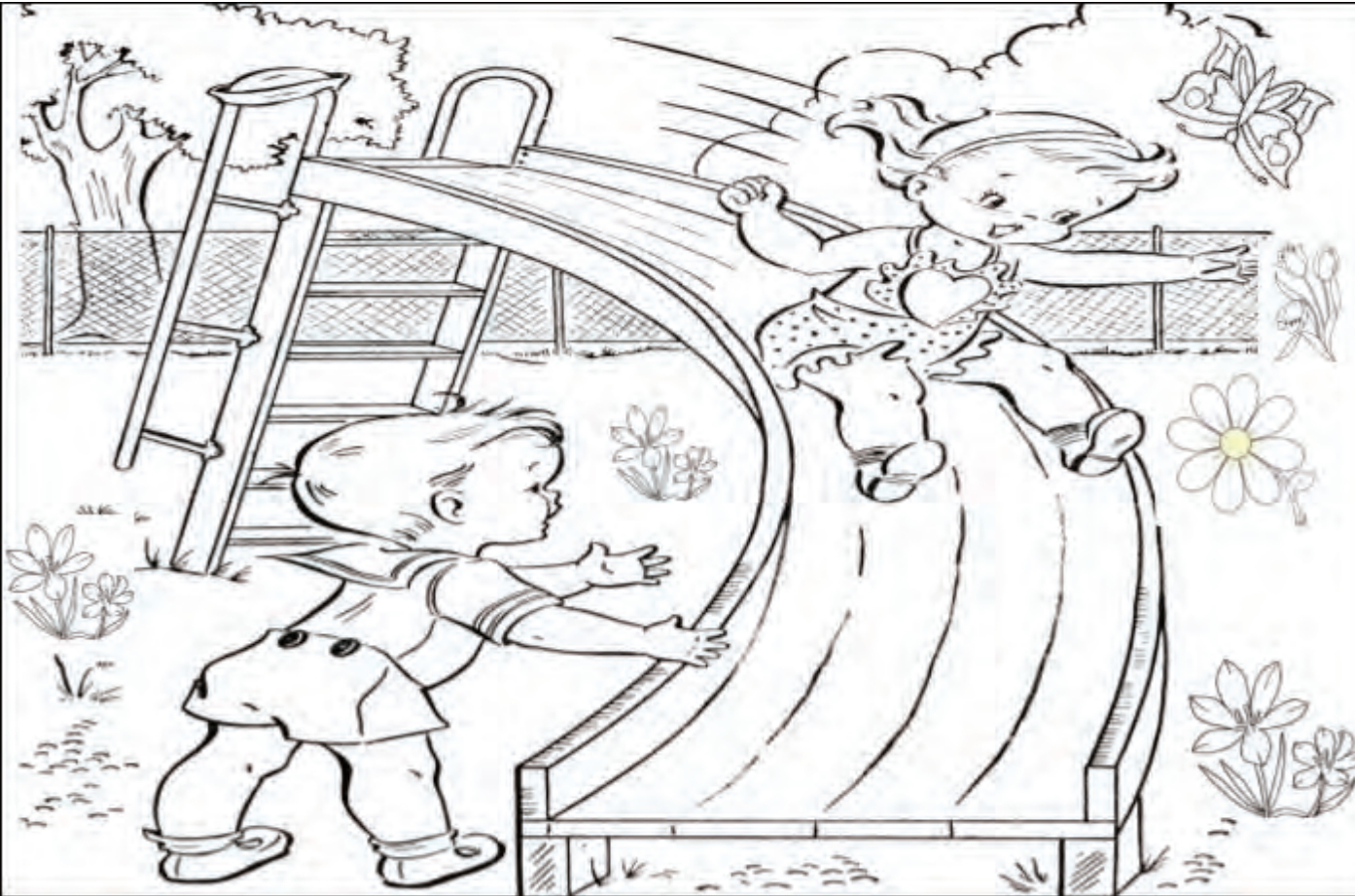
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Crossword

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Sail
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Sister Susie
went to sea
To see the sea
you see
The sea she saw
was a saucy sea,
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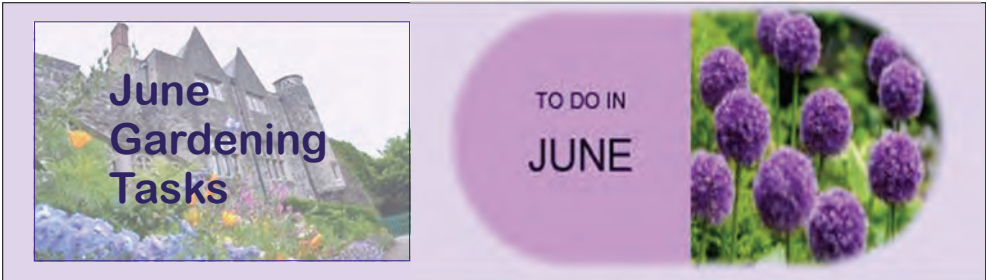
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Not including the barren winter season, the gardening year is broken up into three seasons: spring, summer and Autumn. Each season has its own collection of vegetable varieties that grow best during its particular weather. Although many cool weather-loving 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 plants. 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 tomatoes
- A large handful of Kalamata olives, pitted
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method:

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

Method:

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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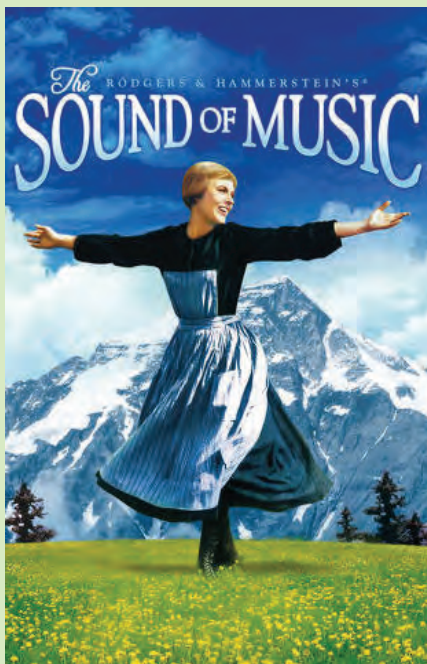
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CLASSIC MUSICALS ON THE BIG SCREEN



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 Lovely*, *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 Stellan 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 does 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 Schönberg'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.

Answers to May Film Quiz

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