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"SAVE CARTON AVENUE CAMPAIGN"

Carton Avenue Preservation Society is seeking your support for its campaign to Save Carton Avenue. The historic 18th century 1 kilometre long avenue was originally designed to link Maynooth with Carton House and it is the only publicly owned dedicated walk in Maynooth. To facilitate the construction of a cycle lane, an opening 12 metres wide was made in the Avenue's hedgerow. A bridge was built on the Avenue's boundary, along with a 4 metre wide lane, that links the Dublin Road cycle lane to Carton Avenue's 2 metre wide pedestrian footpath. The cycle lane encroaches onto the linear green-way damaging the aesthetics of the Avenue. The society's immediate aim is to have this wholly unsuitable intrusion onto the Avenue reversed and the damage repaired.

To further the "Save Carton Avenue" campaign and to expand its activities, Carton Avenue Preservation Society is organising a public meeting for people who support its aims. The agenda will include a report on the campaign to date. Suggestions as to how we might best progress the campaign will be discussed. People who wish to help or join the campaign, please attend the meeting or leave a message on 087 6485799.

To date the people of Maynooth have followed the example of our local Councillors, who are working together on this important issue. To succeed in our aims, we the people, our Councillors and our TDs must unite so as we can ensure the proper preservation and upkeep of our wonderful historic walk. At the October meeting of Maynooth Municipal District Council, there were four motions put down for discussion about Carton Avenue, by Councillors John McGinley, Naoise Ó Cearúil, Timmy Durkan and Teresa Murray. A 5th motion from Cllr. Reada Cronin about guardianship of Carton Avenue will be discussed at their next meeting. In advance of the meeting, we emailed the councillors, appealing to them to work together, to halt this unwanted development and rectify the damage already done. We are glad to report that they did work together. They supported each other's motions which required Kildare County Council to undo the work on Carton Avenue. The motions were passed unanimously.

In response Kildare County Council officials refused to halt the work and told our elected representatives they would not implement their motions. The officials claimed that the people of Maynooth supported this development on Carton Avenue. The officials refused to rule out more works of a similar nature.

We in Carton Avenue Preservation Society are puzzled by this claim of public support for Kildare County Council's work on Carton Avenue.

We know the details of the work on Carton Avenue were not included in the planning application in 2014. The plan for the work on Carton Avenue was not finalised until March of 2018. When and how Kildare County Council measured the support of the people of Maynooth, claimed by its officials, is unknown.



Carton Avenue Preservation Society

We are a group of Maynooth Residents who are concerned and opposed to the ongoing negative developments occurring on Carton Avenue.

Mission Statement: "To preserve and protect the structural and cultural integrity of the historical amenity that is Carton Avenue Heritage Walkway for the benefit of all."

Save Carton Avenue

**Public Meeting
on Monday 5th Nov
@ 8pm Glenroyal Hotel**

**Organised by
Carton Avenue Preservation Society**

Maynooth Remembers WW1 Armistice Centenary
See Pages 21 & 22



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**Tidy Towns 2018
Adjudication Report**
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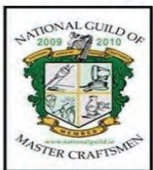
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An Nuadha Players Panto Time and Children's Competition

Behind the scenes furious rehearsals for Jack and The Beanstalk are taking place. All sorts of creative designs are being finalised and the usual Panto mayhem is progressing a pace. But that is all par for the course and what we are well used to in An Nuadha Players. We go through this every year and wonder if everything will come together in time – and it always does despite all appearances to the contrary!

We have a real mixture of performers this year – some completely new faces, some old faces and some faces that have not graced the stage in a few years but are now back with a bang! Some of the cast from our first production of Jack and the Beanstalk in 2001 are appearing in different guises. We have principal characters who were in the children's scene in 2001 and our choreographer this year was also one of those kids in that first production. Others from the first cast are bringing their grandchildren to this production and so a whole new generation gets to enjoy the delicious fun that is panto!

Jack and his Beanstalk have also been out and about getting their second competition in place. Look at the picture and find out what tree Jack and the Beanstalk are hiding. Remember to get your entries on a card with your name and contact details and you could be the winner of two tickets to this year's panto. Entries please to the special box in Maynooth Bookshop. Closing date is Friday Nov. 23rd and winners will be notified in time for the panto which opens on Thurs. Nov. 29th.

Panto dates are Nov. 29th at 7.30, Nov. 30th at 7.30, Sat 1st Dec at 2.30 and 7.30 and Sun 2nd Dec. at 2.30. Tickets are on sale at Maynooth Bookshop or online at buytickets.at/annuadhaplayers. You can also contact us at 085 7830942 or annuadhaplayers@gmail.com.

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Cllr. McGinley's Emergency Motion on the Intrusion onto Carton Avenue Walk from Limetree Hall

Cllr. McGinley made the following statement when moving his emergency motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 5 October:

"In 1981, Carton Avenue was given as a public amenity in the care of Kildare County Council by the then owner, the Honorable David Nall Cain.

Carton Avenue has been in existence since 1750 and it has by and large been well maintained by Carton House, Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County Council over the years.

That is until Friday, 28 September, when a 4m wide opening and two 2.2m wide footpaths were constructed from Limetree Hall housing estate onto the Avenue.

The incursion is an appalling eyesore and is completely out of character with the Avenue.

The incursion was not covered under the Planning Permission applied for or Granted for Limetree Hall Ref: 14/660. The Planning File shows that two Council Officials met the developer of Limetree Hall on site in October 2017 and they agreed the detailed proposals for the entrance and the two footpaths/cyclepaths onto the Avenue.

These two Council Officials did not have the authority to make decisions on such an important matter, without referring to the Local Councillors, and in actual fact, given the sensitivity of the area any such proposal should have gone to Part 8.

The general public were not aware of what was proposed for the Avenue as no Planning Sign was erected on the Avenue, so that they could object.

I'm now asking that the Council order the developer of Limetree Hall to:

(A) Immediately remove the two walkways on Carton Avenue and reinstate the green area.

(B) Narrow the opening from Limetree Hall to cater for pedestrians only with a gate also to be put in place.

(C) Trees which have been removed must be replaced with Mature Trees.

I would imagine that the developer will ask the Council to cover the cost of the work as it was the Council that asked that it be done. So, I'm asking the Council to agree to cover the cost in order to speed up the restoration of the Avenue."

The Motion and other similar Motions were passed unanimously. Council Officials present said that they would ignore the decision of the Members as in their view it was an Executive function.

Emmet Stagg has sought legal advice from Labour Lawyers in relation to the actions by Council officials.

Cllr. McGinley's Motion on Amendment No.1 to the Maynooth Local Area Plan (LAP) was Adopted at the Maynooth MD Meeting on 9 October

This Amendment to the LAP was to facilitate the construction of the much needed ring road from the Leixlip Road to the Celbridge Road, behind Parklands and Rockfield. Cllr. McGinley's amendment was in support of the residents who opposed the access points onto their estates from the new development.

Prior to the debate Cllr. McGinley made the following statement:

"As a result of the Council's vandalism at Carton Avenue, Maynooth, 10 days ago, we are now well aware of what Council Engineers will do when they see an opening suggested between two estates.

At Carton Avenue they constructed a 4m wide tarmac road and no doubt they would do the same at Parklands and Rockfield unless we prevent them from doing so in this LAP amendment.

It is a very sad thing to say but after 25 years on the Council I lost trust in Council Officialdom At Fridays MD Meeting. Members were treated like dirt by the Officials present.

Following Fridays meeting I have no doubt that my fellow members will have no difficulty acting as one and passing all of the Motions on the Agenda this morning."

The Amendments were passed and the following is now the position:

(A) The ambiguity in relation to possible vehicular connections into either Rockfield or Parklands Estates has been removed and the Plan now states that - **'There shall be no vehicular routes into the Estates of Parklands or Rockfield to the West of Key Development Area Railpark'.**

(B) The proposed pedestrian and cycle connectivity into Rockfield and Parklands Estates has been removed from the Plan and the Plan now states - **'To ensure that residential amenity is not reduced there shall be no pedestrian or cycle connectivity at either Rockfield Park, Parklands Lodge or Parklands Lawns to the west of Key Development Area Railpark'.**

(C) The Potential Access Point to the Celbridge Road between the Rockfield Exit and the Schools has been removed.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Bad Corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, to be Removed

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 5 October:

"That funding be provided in the 2019 - 2021 Capital Programme to remove the bad corner on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth near Pebble Hill House and funding for a footpath from Castlepark Housing Estate up to the roundabout on the Blacklion Road."

John got the following response from the Council:

Report: There is no funding available in the three year Capital Programme 2019-2021 for these projects without removing other more strategic projects from the programme. The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department will consider these projects and determine if another source of funding could be secured.

Issued by: Ms E Wright, Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety.

Report: An Bord Pleanála's decision on the Mariavilla Strategic Housing Development includes a condition (no.28) providing for a development contribution of €3.6 million in respect of public infrastructure and facilities. Issued by: Mr K Kavagh Senior Executive Office, Planning and Strategic Development Department."

Update on Newtown Road Footpaths

The Maynooth MD engineer advised Cllr. McGinley that the Council were going to tender in mid-October for improvements to the existing southern side Newtown Road footpaths. Cllr. McGinley and two other Councillors have allocated funding for this work. The engineer also stated that he had made significant progress with the residents in providing a new footpath on the Northern side of Newtown Road from Beaufield to Bond Bridge.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Survey of the Trees on Catron Avenue

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November:

"That a Tree surgeon be employed to carry out an Audit of the trees on Carton Avenue and replaced in accordance with the Jim McConville & Associates Consultants Report of 2002 prepared for Kildare County Council, entitled "Specification and Schedule of Works for Tree Surgery to Existing Lime Trees". Funding for this work can be taken from the 405,294 euro allocated for Carton Landscaping in the 2018-2020 Capital Programme."

Cllr. McGinley Submits Motion to Improve Safety at the Kingsbry/Straffan Road Junction

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November:

"That yellow box junctions be put on both sides of the Kingsbry exit with the Straffan Road, similar to those at the Parklands junction."

Cllr. McGinley asks for the Two Vacant Houses in Old Greenfield to be allocated

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 2 November:

"When will the two vacant Council houses in Old Greenfield be allocated (house 1171 and 1 Brookview)?"

Feeney Selected for Labour in Maynooth

Angela Feeney was selected as the Labour Candidate for the Maynooth Local Electoral Area in the Local Elections to be held next May at a Selection Convention held in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth on Tuesday 25th September. Angela, married to Barry with three grown up children, is Head of the School of Languages, Law and Social Sciences at DIT. A former Secretary of Maynooth Labour Branch, Angela has vowed to continue the tradition of Labour's commitment to serving the Community in Maynooth and throughout the electoral area, following the decision by Cllr. John McGinley not to seek re-election next year.

Angela was proposed by Emmet Stagg and seconded by Cllr. John McGinley and was unanimously endorsed as Labour's Candidate for the Local Elections. Emmet Stagg stated that he was honoured to propose Angela Feeney as the Labour Candidate. She was a member of a family with long Labour tradition dating back to Billy Norton's time. Angela is heavily involved in her Community through Maynooth Community Council, Old Greenfield Residents Association and previously served on the Maynooth Playground Committee which successfully lobbied and negotiated the development of the Harbour Field Playground facilities. Angela has also been an active member of the Board of Management of Maynooth Post Primary School as an elected parents' representative.

In accepting her nomination Angela thanked her proposer and seconder, and everybody who attended the selection convention. She vowed to retain the Labour Seat, held by Cllr. John McGinley with such distinction over the past 25 years, and committed herself fully to working for the Community.

Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community



On Monday October 8th the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a significant report which made clear that urgent action is required to slow the impacts of the climate change we have seen very clearly in the multiple extreme weather events of this year. The report says that the next twelve years are critical to slow the rate of global warming. Every half degree of warming will have very significant effects in raising sea levels, causing more desertification, environmental damage and destruction of agricultural land around the world. These pressures are increasing the mass population migration and resulting social and economic tensions we are already seeing all over the world. The consumption levels of the advanced western economies are responsible for almost all of the warming which has accelerated rapidly over the past 25 years.

Meanwhile the next day October 9th our government released a populist electioneering budget that dodged the bullet, once again showing no courage or significant action on climate change. The government avoided electorally unpopular carbon taxes which would go a long way to motivate us all to reduce our emissions and could be used to fund greater support for clean energy which is urgently needed.

The Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community sees a brighter future for our children and grandchildren by leading and encouraging activities right now in our community. Our aim is to raise awareness and help the community take the simple and highly effective actions every family and business can do to reduce their carbon emissions.

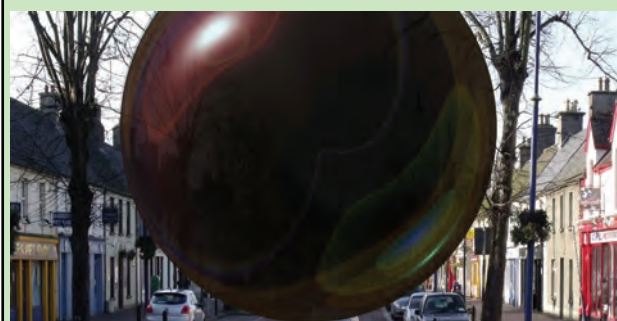
Maynooth Town Sustainable Energy Community Steering Group meeting in Maynooth University October 4th

The Maynooth SEC is setting a vision 2025 which states that “The Maynooth community is proud to be one of Ireland’s best and role-model near-zero carbon towns”. We are already working in partnership with the Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Maynooth University, the Maynooth Zero Waste group, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and our partner sustainable energy communities all over North Kildare.



Other valuable partnerships we seek include local schools, the Maynooth Business Community, church and faith groups and financial institutions who can support the funding of energy improvements.

‘The Meat Lover’



One metric tonne of Carbon in Maynooth Main Street.

The dramatic picture on the left shows the scale of a single tonne of carbon gas. This helps us imagine the scale of the hundreds of billions of tonnes of greenhouse gasses we emit every year. The ‘high consumption’ family will

produce over 20 tonnes of carbon per year while the ‘energy superstar family’ can reduce this by more than half to 7-8 tonnes of carbon per year.

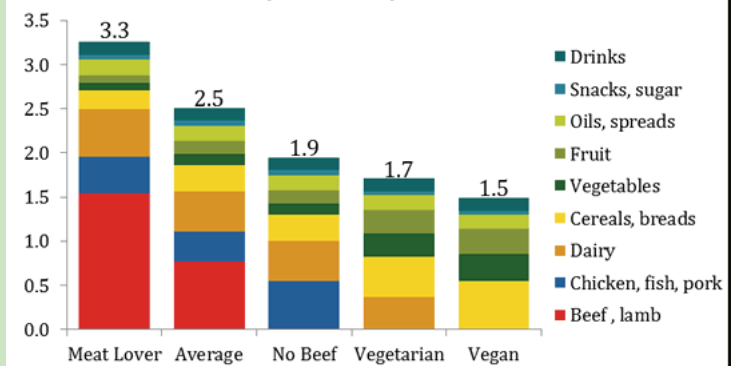
A dedicated ‘meat lover’ will cause 3.5 tonnes of emissions from one person’s diet alone or up to 12 tonnes for a family of four. Half of that comes from red meat production. A diet that eliminates or saves it for a rare treat causes less than 2 tonnes of emissions per year for each person. Former president Mary Robinson has shown leadership in publicising the impact of diet and food-chain.

Full or part-time vegetarian and vegan diets can even further reduce our footprint. We have a responsibility to begin a diet change and work with Irish agriculture on herd reduction and policies to support diversification away from high dependence on the main ruminant animals and beef, dairy and sheep.

On the good news side of the equation an acre of mature forest in Donadea wood will absorb 15 tonnes of carbon per year but we would need significantly more of this, and a rich organic garden can absorb up to a tonne of carbon. Best efforts in this area do not come close to the level of carbon absorption we would need for our current lifestyle.

The Energy Superstar Family
A high consumption family of 4 can easily have a carbon footprint of more than 20 tonnes per year based a rich meat diet, relatively high mileage in a large SUV, poor energy use at home and long-distance air travel. A moderate consumption family has a footprint of about 13 tonnes or less helped by fuel efficient cars, less mileage, more bike and foot travel, a reduction or elimination of red meat and a well-insulated and energy managed home.

Foodprints by Diet Type: t CO₂e/person



Note: All estimates based on average food production emissions for the US. Footprints include emissions from supply chain losses, consumer waste and consumption. Each of the four example diets is based on 2,600 kcal of food consumed per day, which in the US equates to around 3,900 kcal of supplied food.

Sources: ERS/USDA, various LCA and EIO-LCA data

Shrink That Footprint

The energy superstar family can reduce its footprint well below 10 tonnes per year by significantly reducing or eliminating red meat, electric vehicles, public transport and cycling, and with major energy retrofits at home. With a world population of over 7 billion people that is still growing rapidly and a total of 2-3 billion cattle, sheep and other ruminant animals on earth this results in the emission of hundreds of billions of greenhouse gases every year.

We are not all ready to be energy superstars yet, but starting today with some basic steps can produce very big benefits. Simple things which can begin this weekend include turning down the thermostat one degree, reducing the heating timer an hour and using your timer and radiator thermostats carefully, buying some LED or low energy lights, eliminate one day of red meat per week and add a vegetarian day, and roll out some 300mm insulation in your attic.

Some Good News in our community ... Green shoots.

Over the past 6 months our community has already taken some very positive steps. Maynooth University continues to be a leader in sustainability. The campus services vice president Liz Dunne and the campus energy manager Ciarán Coffey are giving full support to the SEC. The college has just completed its sustainable campus master plan, is completing new smart energy building designs and has invested heavily in LED lighting upgrades and sustainable transport options for students. It has received the Green Campus certification and has a very active Green Campus team of students and staff. In the town low energy LED public lighting upgrades have begun by the canal and in some housing estates. Community groups are starting plans for bike rental schemes and the Maynooth Town Health Check process led by KCC has sustainability as a main theme.

The Maynooth Zero Waste group has been very successful with the reusable and recyclable coffee cup campaign and many package and plastic free product events. The University has just begun a meatless Monday in the cafeterias and has eliminated single use cups at water fountains. Green shoots if the pun is not too unbearable.

Next steps and November meetings

For next steps the SEC have two meetings scheduled in November on Wed 7th and 28th at 8pm in the university. We will confirm the exact location for these meetings in social media and email and everybody in the community is most welcome. Our aim is to have key officers appointed by November 28th and charter and objectives agreed so we can be fully and formally constituted under the SEAI scheme (sustainable energy authority of Ireland). Their 2019 programme and financing run from January to October so our aim is to be ready with a few strong submissions for Maynooth Town for 2019.

In our plans we discussed a set of priorities and focus areas:

- Home energy improvements and healthy homes
- Communications throughout the community to support education on sustainable energy
- Financing initiatives to help people deal with grants, financial institutions and to understand entitlements under energy poverty and other schemes
- Transportation to support the increase and improvement of lower carbon transport

Longer term we will also address business, the public sphere and possibilities for community energy generation. We also would love to meet some residents’ associations in the near future to brief them on home energy and the grants, financial supports and other help available.

Please drop me an email if you are interested to join the team.

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Budget 2019

The budget has seen some small improvements but housing, health, and transport links still require significant investment. I have detailed some of the changes to payments and other budgetary measures for your interest.

- Increase in weekly social welfare payments by €5.
- Christmas bonus increased.
- Increase in minimum wage.
- Recruitment of up to 800 Gardaí.
- €2.3 billion to the housing programme for 2019.
- Increase in income tax rate bands.
- Extra €84 million for mental health service

Government sits on hands as commuters stand on trains

National Transport Authority has confirmed to me that refurbished carriages will now not be ordered to increase capacity on trains serving Maynooth and Leixlip.

It has now emerged that refurbished carriages are not a financially viable option to expand the rail fleet. This now leaves commuters stuck. The only short term option appeared to be these refurbished carriages which would have come as great relief to those in Maynooth, Kilcock, and Leixlip.

The Minister has this hands off approach which is clearly not working. We need to be creative and assess what carriages will work for this route. The DART for example has much more standing room and space on board. Perhaps this is an option. What is needed is a Minister who will come at the problem with innovative ideas. At present he does not seem to be doing anything.

I am calling for an emergency debate in the Dáil and immediate intervention from the Taoiseach. Something

needs to be done before there is a tragedy due to overcrowding on the Kildare rail line.

Restoration of Town Councils Needed

We know that decisions are best made by those closest to them. That includes local Government. Places like Celbridge and Maynooth did not have a town council so it is important that if we re-establish them, and I hope that we do, it is done in such a way that it is uniform and balanced across the country.

There was an idea a few years ago that Ireland was over-represented and had too many politicians but if we look at local government, France has one councillor for every 118 people, Denmark has one councillor for every 115 people and Ireland has one councillor for every 4,800, so we are actually at the opposite end of the scale. We are hugely under-represented in local government.

When the abolition took place, the cost savings amounted to €15 million over the 72 town councils abolished. It reminds me of the 132 Garda stations that were closed for a cost saving of €2 million. There was a general populism at the time, which we might put at the door of Fine Gael. It was a kind of anti-quango talk, of which the current Taoiseach was to the fore, calling for the abolition of various agencies, when all he was doing was abolishing public services. It was a populist, anti-expert kind of mood because the figures do not bear it out.

I would welcome the return of town councils to Kildare provided that there is uniformity across the county to see all towns have local residents representing their community.

Kildare Tourism will take Hit with VAT Increase

The additional funding allocated to the tourism sector must

be targeted to support areas of the industry potentially affected by the increase in the VAT rate in Budget 2019. This increase in VAT will be devastating to those small hoteliers in Kildare. Places like Leixlip, Naas, and Johnstownbridge all have fantastically successful hotels who will see a significant increase in their tax bill. However, the surge in booked up hotel rooms in Dublin has not extended to Kildare at the same level. The increase in VAT for hotels across the country is unwise. Minister Ross must ensure that additional funding is used to support the marketing of Ireland to international audiences to ensure that we maintain our strong visitor numbers. Smaller businesses in the tourism sector outside of the capital are paying the price for perceived buoyancy in the overall tourism sector which in reality is only being felt in Dublin and larger urban areas. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport must engage with regional stakeholders and introduce supports to businesses that may lose out because of this VAT increase.

Irish tourism cannot be viewed as one homogenous group. There is a gap in terms of profitability between the major cities and the rest of Ireland, and a targeted approach is now required to ensure that the regional tourism economy is supported.

Maynooth Constituency Office

My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or your organisation with.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

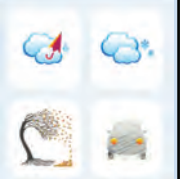
Planning Applications received from 20/9/18 to 25/10/2018

Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
181268	Kildare County Council	Dermot Darcy	Windgates, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	18/10/2018
181245	Kildare County Council	Roz and Frank Norton,	73 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/10/2018
181179	Kildare County Council	Health Service Executive, Kildare / West Dublin,	Celbridge Road (with access off Lawrence's Avenue), Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	26/09/2018
181168	Kildare County Council	Ciaran & Karen Whelan	No.7 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, County Kildare	25/09/2018
181155	Kildare County Council	Colm O'Rourke	Laragh Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	20/09/2018
181158	Kildare County Council	E.B.S. d.a.c.	corner of Fagan's Lane and Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	20/09/2018

Be Winter Ready

You, Your Health and the Winter



Keeping well and warm:

Keep warm and eat well. Eat regular hot meals and drink plenty of fluids. Ensure you have sufficient supplies of your prescription medicine. Keep active indoors and avoid unnecessary travel. Have sufficient fuel supplies to maintain adequate heating in your home. Keep the telephone numbers of your GP, relatives and friends to hand.

Personal Safety – staying safe

In icy weather, wear well-fitting shoes with non-slip soles but try to avoid walking outside during the cold weather where possible. Consider wearing a personal alarm so that family or neighbours are alerted if you fall.

Fall prevention in your home

Leave a low energy light on at night. Use a non-slip shower or bath mat. Make sure wires or cords do not trail where you walk. Arrange furniture so that you can easily move around all of your rooms.

Cold and Flu

Symptoms of a cold include a sore throat, sneezing, blocked or runny nose, cough and feeling unwell. While symptomatic with a cold you should drink plenty of liquids, get lots of rest at home and eat healthily. Most adults will start to feel better after 3 or 4 days and be fully recovered by 7 days.

Flu is a virus that comes on suddenly and makes you feel quite unwell. Symptoms of Flu include sore throat, fever and muscle aches, which develop quickly, along with feeling very unwell. You should start to feel much better after 5 to 8 days although a cough and general tiredness may last for 2 to 3 weeks.

Most Flu can be treated at home by drinking plenty of liquids, getting lots of rest and eating healthily. Contact your GP by telephone if you don't improve or if you start to improve and then get worse.

Flu can be prevented by vaccination. Flu vaccine is a safe, effective way to help prevent Flu infection, avoiding hospitalisation, reducing Flu related deaths and illnesses.

Remember:

- Know your Eircode
- Know your GP's contact details
- Get Flu Vaccine
- Wear a personal alarm
- Keep warm, eat well and avoid unnecessary travel

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Maynooth Men's Shed – *Update & thanks* *From 'dilemma' to success*

In February last year we were homeless. Following a request in the Maynooth Newsletter and the Liffey Champion, together with personal approaches to local landowners we eventually struck gold.

Having purchased a portacabin, Mr Roger Satchwell kindly offered us a site on his property close to the Meadow Lodge Fisheries on the Dunboyne Road. With financial assistance from Kildare Co. Council, Maynooth/Kilcock Lions and Tesco, the portacabin has now been adapted for our use and is almost fully fitted out.

Initially, our main problem was the supply of electricity for heating, lighting and power to our workshop. We are grateful to Kildare Co. Council for a grant from the Community and Cultural Department which enabled us to purchase a generator and electrical fittings. With support from Maynooth/Kilcock Lions Club we constructed an access walkway to the portacabin in the form of a deck, stairs and a wheelchair accessible ramp. Tesco kindly provided us with a TV and finance for other furnishings.

We continue to meet every Wednesday morning at 11 am. Visitors are always welcome.



The Alzheimer Café Leixlip Co Kildare



Join us at the next Alzheimer Café,
Wednesday November 14th
in "The Conservatory",
Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm

Our speaker will be Dr Siobhan Kennelly
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Maynooth University Town F.C.

Our excellent start to the New Season was maintained in recent games after a series of tough games.

Leinster Senior League. Division One Sunday Wayside Celtic 2 Town 2.

Town looked dead and buried in this game but would not lie down. Against a side with title aspirations themselves this was always going to be a potential banana skin. Conceding two goals in as many minutes midway through the first half Town looked in dire trouble but held out to half time without conceding further ground. Town were transformed in the second half and threw everything at Wayside. Darragh Reynor reduced the deficit when heading home in a crowded area. Town were on the front foot now and kept up the pressure and a Cillian Duffy cross was nestled in the corner following a deflection by a Wayside defender. Town battled away but could not get the winner.

Leinster Senior League. Division One Sunday Edenderry Town 0 Town 0.

Following a pulsating game in Edenderry, Town can consider themselves unlucky not to have taken all three points. A controversially disallowed goal with fifteen minutes remaining took the gloss off a top class performance. The home side went on the defensive for most of the game and seemed happy with a draw which they hardly deserved.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup 2nd Rd Town 3 Portmarnock 1 (A.E.T.)

Our second game in defence of our title proved tougher than the scoreline suggests. Being from a higher Division than Town the visitors showed early signs of their high standing. Town grew into the game and were showing why they are the holders. Daniel Burke pounced in the box to fire home and put Town in front. "Port" equalised before the break with a shot across goal. Town took the lead in 62nd minute when "Macker" was pushed over in the area and Darragh Reynor duly dispatched the penalty. Town were now displaying their full array of skills and Macker deservedly got on the score sheet when he scored Towns third to close the scoring.

THE MIRACLE PRAYER

DEAR Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked you for many favours. This time I ask for this special one (mention favour). Take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour not mine. Amen

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

Never known to fail C.M

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O'Rourke calls for changes to Housing Assistance Payment to tackle homelessness

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North Frank O'Rourke has called on Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy to make changes to the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) to help tackle the homelessness crisis.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments after securing a special Dáil debate on the issue earlier this week.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Ireland is in the midst of a severe housing crisis. It is impacting on communities right across Ireland with urban areas in Kildare being particularly hit. There simply aren't enough homes to meet the rising demand leaving many people unable to find alternative accommodation when they are served notice to vacate their rental accommodation.

"One of the key issues affecting people is the difficulty they face in getting a deposit together to rent a property. Many people are unable to access upfront deposits until very close to their eviction or get-out dates. It can be extremely difficult for such people to find homes at short notice and many are at risk of becoming homeless.

"Assistance is provided to people under the HAP scheme to help them get the finance they need to rent a property. However people are unable to get finance for a deposit under the scheme until very close to their eviction date. This means that many people are becoming homeless unnecessarily as they are not provided with the support they need to secure alternative accommodation prior to their eviction.

"Changes also need to be made to the payment under the HAP scheme to help bridge the gap between payments under the scheme and the real rental market value. This should be temporary in nature until such time as new housing supply is brought on steam which in turn should lead to a fall in rental costs.

"Fundamentally, the Government needs to build more social and affordable homes. However, in the meantime we need to protect people from becoming homeless."

Planned improved services for Maynooth and Leixlip Bus commuters says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the planned improvement to Route 66, 66A, 66B and a new Route 66E, which will increase the capacity and the service on the bus routes servicing Leixlip and Maynooth.

"The National Transport Authority has confirmed that it plans to increase the frequency of Routes 66, 66A and 66B servicing Maynooth and Leixlip in the coming months."

"In addition, a new Route, 66E, will be introduced to connect Maynooth to Merrion Square via Glen Easton in Leixlip, Chapelizod and the City Centre. This is a service I have been campaigning for on behalf of the people who live on the Glen Easton road."

"I am delighted with this proposed increase in services, which have come about as a result of Dublin Bus resources, drivers and vehicles, being freed up as a result of a switchover of routes from Dublin Bus to Go-Ahead. I am due to meet with Dublin Bus and will continue to make representations for further improvements on the 67 service."

"I will continue to campaign for increased Bus services for the commuters of North Kildare. We need to protect the services we have, in particular the direct services from Celbridge and Riverforest in Leixlip to the City Centre. Bus connect proposals has offered some new necessary routes and improved frequency, which is positive. However, we must not lose any service, we must improve the services," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

An Post is a welcome entry to the Mortgage Market says O'Rourke.

Fianna Fáil Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, Frank O'Rourke TD has welcomed An Post's announcement that it intends to enter the Irish mortgage

market in 2019. Deputy O'Rourke has repeated calls for increased competition in the mortgage market as Irish mortgage holders are paying significantly more than other EU mortgage holders.

"For some time now, the Irish mortgage market has been badly in need of a major shake-up. The average standard variable rate for a mortgage in Ireland is currently around 3.2%. This is nearly 1.4% higher than the average Eurozone rate, which stands at 1.8%. This is what makes the statement from An Post so significant."

"This means that a borrower with a mortgage of €200,000 is paying €250 per month more than they would be paying in the average Euro area country."

"If An Post can deliver a mortgage product at up to 1% cheaper than the existing banks, consumers, and the local economy, will be the winner. An Post is in a positive position to enter the mortgage market as it does not have to deal with legacy issue such as the high rates of non-performing loans. With the right partner, An Post has the potential to offer an exciting mortgage product and at much cheaper rates than currently available."

"As I have said before, we also need to review the restrictions on long term lending currently in place that prevents Credit Unions from reaching their potential as a mortgage lender."

"Since I got elected last year, I have worked with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, to keep a focus on the concerns of mortgage holders. All of the instruments available to the Government and the Central Bank must now be used to ensure that Irish mortgage holders receive fair treatment when compared to other EU countries."

"As I have said in the Dáil, the higher mortgage rates in Ireland is taking money out of our local economy and adding to the bank profits. I have previously called for an EU approach to securing better rates in Ireland. However, An Post's entry to the market is welcome news" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Maynooth Tidy Towns 2018

Huge Congratulations to Maynooth for taking Gold in the National Tidy Towns Awards 2018. Maynooth has shown what Community involvement can do. This is very well deserved and well done to Maynooth Tidy Town Committee and all the volunteers who have helped achieve this recognition.

Bus Stop set for Carton Wood in Maynooth says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by Kildare County Council and Dublin Bus that a Bus Stop is going to be provided at Carton Wood and Grove in Maynooth on the Dublin Road.

"A Bus Stop will be provided at Carton Wood on the Dublin Road in Maynooth in the coming weeks. It is important that we improve the public transport services for North Kildare commuters."

"I continue to meet with management from Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann and the National Transport Authority to press for increased services."

"There is little point in trying to encourage people to use public transport if the level of service is not adequate to cater for the increased demand. The solution is clear, increased frequency and capacity."

"We have seen improvements in the service of Route 115 for Kilcock commuters, Orbital Bus Route 139 linking Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, is attracting more commuters and we have Bus connect proposals which have some positive elements for bus commuters, including an orbital route linking Maynooth to Tallaght via Celbridge and Newcastle."

"I will continue to press for better public transport" concluded Deputy O'Rourke

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Flu vaccine

Question

I'm thinking of getting the flu vaccine. Can you tell me about this vaccine?

Answer

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

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

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

If you are aged 18 or over, you can get the vaccine from your GP (family doctor) or pharmacist. Children can get the vaccine from a GP.

The vaccine itself is free of charge if you are in one of the recommended groups. However, doctors and pharmacists may charge a consultation fee when they give you the vaccine.

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

You can read more about the flu and the vaccine on hse.ie.

Maternity leave

Question

I am pregnant but I have only been working with my employer for a few weeks. Am I entitled to maternity leave?

Answer

If you are pregnant while in employment, you are entitled to maternity leave, regardless of how long you have been working for the organisation or the number of hours worked per week. You can also take additional unpaid maternity leave.

The Maternity Protection Acts 1994 and 2004 provide your statutory minimum entitlements in relation to maternity at work, including maternity leave.

You are entitled to 26 weeks maternity leave. You can also take up to 16 weeks additional unpaid maternity leave, which begins immediately after the end of maternity leave.

Under the Maternity Protection (Amendment) Act 2004, you must take at least 2 weeks before the end of the week of your baby's expected birth and at least 4 weeks after. You can decide how you would like to take the remaining weeks. Generally, employees take 2 weeks before the birth and the remaining weeks after.

If you qualify for Maternity Benefit (see below) you must take at least 2 and no more than 16 weeks before the end of the week the baby is due.

Your entitlement to pay and superannuation during maternity leave depends on the terms of your contract of employment. Employers are not obliged to pay you if you are on maternity leave. You may qualify for Maternity Benefit from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection if you have enough PRSI contributions.

However, your contract with your employer could provide for additional rights to

payment during the leave period, so that, for example, you could receive full pay less the amount of your Maternity Benefit.

Grants for solar panels

Question

I heard that there is a new grant scheme for installing solar panels in your home. How does the scheme work and do I qualify?

Answer

The Solar PV scheme gives grants to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and a battery energy storage system at your home. This means you can generate and use renewable electricity in your home and reduce your electricity costs. The Solar PV scheme is a pilot scheme administered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI).

To qualify for a grant you must:

- Be the owner of a home built and occupied before 2011 (or a home constructed after 2011 that was built to the 2008 Building Regulations)
- Use new materials and products that were not already covered under another grant programme
- Use a registered contractor from the SEAI's Renewable Installers Register for Solar PV
- Have the electrical work completed by a Safe Electric Ireland electrician
- Apply to be connected to the electricity distribution system using the ESB Networks NC6 form (pdf)
- Have a Building Energy Rating (BER) carried out after the work is completed
- Agree to participate in SEAI research about the scheme

The grant covers materials and labour, unless you are a contractor doing the work in your own home. In this case only the cost of the materials is covered.

When the SEAI payment system opens (in October 2018) you can claim your grant online and it will be paid directly into your bank account.

National Car Test (NCT)

Question

My car is due an NCT soon. Have the NCT rules changed recently?

Answer

Yes, recent changes to the National Car Test include how defects are classified and how vintage vehicles are treated.

All cars over 4 years old must take the NCT. If your car is liable for testing, it is an offence to drive your car without displaying a National Car Testing Service (NCTS) disc.

How regularly your car is tested depends on its age. The test must be repeated:

- Every 2 years, if your car is over 4 years and less than 10 years old
- Every year, if your car is over 10 years, but less than 30 years old
- Every 2 years, if your car is between 30 and 39 years old and you are not using it for commercial purposes (this used to be every year)

Since 13 August 2018, defects identified during the NCT are classified as minor, major or dangerous.

Minor: the vehicle has passed the test with minor faults. These faults must be repaired and the car must be re-inspected by the NCTS before you can get an NCT certificate.

Major: (previously fail refusal): the vehicle has failed the test. You must get it repaired and have it re-inspected by the NCTS within 30 days. If it passes re-inspection, you will get an NCT certificate.

Dangerous: (previously fail dangerous): the vehicle has failed due to a dangerous defect that poses a direct or immediate risk to road safety. The NCTS will put a 'failed dangerous' sticker on it. It is illegal to drive a vehicle with a dangerous defect.

Maynooth Scouts Cake Sale

This is the first fundraising event in the beautiful new Pastoral Centre at St. Mary's Church in Maynooth.

Photos from the recent Maynooth Scouts Cake Sale



Maynooth Girl Guides and Brownies supported the cake sale.



Maynooth Girl Guides and Brownies baked to support the cake sale. Pictured here with leaders Jackie McGloughlin (left) and Carmelia Jordan, as well as Johnny Dowling from Maynooth Scouts.



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Sarah Breslin Wellness

Sarah is originally from Maynooth in Co. Kildare growing up in Leinster Park. Having lived in many places over the years she has finally made it back home and set up Sarah Breslin Wellness in 2014.

Sarah realised that she really wanted to do something that made a difference to someone every day so embarked on her education into Wellness therapies in 2000 with massage and beauty and continued on with further training over the years. In 2011, while working at a health retreat in Spain, her journey with Colon Hydrotherapy began.

Sarah says she loves her work as a Massage Therapist. Being able to help clients feel better just makes her day! Massage is a wonderful tool to help improve your physical and overall health. The main benefits of massage are relaxation, improved circulation, stretching and lengthening the muscles, reducing tension and pain. But there are always other improvements almost as a side effect. Clients report sleeping better, feeling less stressed, better mood, more energy to name a few.

Cupping massage is a great way to get deep work without the discomfort. It's great for drawing fresh clean healthy blood to the area and getting the muscles re-hydrated so they can move better. It also helps to soothe the nervous system which can then help the client to relax more, even after the treatment is finished. It's a great way to ease aches and pains in a comfortable relaxing way and is suitable for all types of clients from young to old and feels great!

Her other main treatment is Colon Hydrotherapy which is an internal bath for the bowel. The main benefits are rehydrating the bowel and helping to release bloating, constipation, IBS symptoms. However clients often report a reduction, in headaches, migraines, fatigue, skin irritations and more. A colonic is a great way to help your body help you by clearing out the waste it is carrying around!

Sarah has just launched her shop on her website where massage packages and Gift vouchers are now available to buy online.

Tidy Towns Competition 2018

Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth - County: Kildare - Category: G
Ref: 377 - Mark: 332 - Date(s): 02/08/2018

Area	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2017	Mark Awarded 2018
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	53	54
Streetscape & Public Places	50	42	43
Green Spaces and Landscaping	50	46	47
Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality	50	37	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	20	21
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	55	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	33	34
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	37	38
Total Mark	450	323	332

Community – Your Planning and Involvement / An Pobal - Pleanáil agus Rannpháirtíocht:

Cuireann an moltóir seo fáilte roimh Maigh Nuad Maynooth chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2018 agus chuig Ceiliúradh 60 Bliain an Chomórtais.

Maynooth is very welcome to the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition 2018. You are to be congratulated on your Gold Medal win in 2017. Thank you for your comprehensive submission together with maps and key list of projects undertaken over the previous year. Your 5 year Biodiversity Action Plan provides a strategic vision and activities to be undertaken by your Committee in conjunction with Kildare County Council, Local Schools, Local Residents and Businesses. This is highly commendable and demonstrates a wonderful commitment for the future development of Maynooth. The input of volunteers is the lifeblood of the Tidy Towns movement and special mention is due to Mr Mattie Callaghan who has volunteered with Maynooth Tidy Towns Association for over 30 years. It is noted that you have 11 members on your main Management Committee assisted by a further 25 volunteers for clean ups and specific projects.

You have a wide membership representation across 14 residential areas in the Town thus ensuring a consistency of approach and best practice in relation to the various works undertaken. It is terrific that your members assist in relation to the organisation of community events such as Darkness into Light, Maynooth 10K etc.as these events serve to enrich the local community and foster community spirit. You engage well with local businesses to ensure the standard of presentation of business premises is maintained and enhanced. Your Saturday morning gathering of volunteers after works are completed is also important in encouraging social contact and teamwork. A very wide range of organisations support your activities through sponsorship, provision of advice and facilities etc. You have established an extensive range of communication methods for engaging with the general public and schools and having a dedicated PRO and schools Liaison Officer helps you to focus on getting your message out to the public.

Streetscape & Public Places / Sráid-Dreach & Áiteanna Poiblí:

Maynooth is a very attractive, picturesque and historic town. It is evident the town is well maintained and standards are high. Outdoor seating associated with commercial premises i.e. cafés & restaurants together with the public seating areas add to the vibrancy of the town providing opportunity to gather and rest. The quality and splendour of the public spaces associated with the entrance of both Maynooth University and Carton Demesne are most impressive and were greatly admired. These areas were also maintained and presented to a very high standard. The general streetscape is enhanced by the line of mature lime trees and attractive street lighting and the general presentation of shop fronts. It is noted the water point

along the main street has been freshly painted following last year’s adjudication comments. The move to a more aesthetically pleasing shop front development scheme is to be commended. A number of commercial premises have invested in the upgrading of their shop fronts and premises in the past year which has significantly contributed to the improved streetscape in Maynooth.

There remains a number of premises which currently detract from the streetscape and require further work. This is always a challenge for your Committee when you are trying to encourage all property owners to support your vision for the Town - but keep up your good work. Floral displays provided colour but were not overpowering and were most attractive particularly at O’ Neill's Licensed Premises. The area known as The Pound has extensive paving and you may consider a softer landscaping treatment to enhance this area in the future. The important civic space of Maynooth Town Square is a great attraction and feature as one enters the Town providing a space to explore for visitors and local residents alike. It has been developed and maintained to a very high standard with the use of high-quality paving materials. to a very high standard with the use of high quality paving materials.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

Your committee has been very active in relation to this category throughout the last year with many fine projects undertaken. The planting schemes installed throughout Maynooth, many of which include pollinator friendly and herbaceous perennial plants, enhance the townscape and were greatly admired. Extensive daffodil and bluebell bulb plantings have been provided along the Meadowbrook Link Road, although these are not visible during the summer months. Bulb plantings have also been carried out in tubs for Winter through to Spring colour. These projects are important as they provide a sense of enjoyment and wellbeing to the volunteers who carry out the work and residents and visitors alike. The maintenance of tubs and planters is a challenge for volunteers particularly in view of recent drought conditions.

However despite this, planting schemes showed little sign of stress and were on the whole growing well. Maynooth Tidy Towns are to be commended for their dedication in monitoring these plantings for any presence of weed growth, litter or drought stress and ensuring their contribution to the standard of presentation of the townscape does not deteriorate. The planting of a native hedgerow along the post and rail and wire fence at Beaufield was noted and was growing well. This will enhance the boundary of the open space at this location. The Birch tree planting on the Straffan Road in the vicinity of the Maxol Station was noted and it too was establishing well. The support provided by local businesses in many of these projects is partnership at work. The planting carried out along the emergency roadway on the open space known as the Harbour Field will enhance this area.

There are many fine facilities including a children’s playground in this area of parkland, however the overall standard of maintenance here could be improved. The nearby Canal Harbour was visited and this area has great potential for future amenity purposes. However, the canal possibly due to the recent hot weather was choked with aquatic weeds and algae. Maynooth GAA, Castledawson Residents Association and Kingsbry Residents Association are to be applauded for planting large numbers of native tree whips in their local areas.

Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality / An Dúlra agus an Bhithéagsúlacht i do cheantar:

Maynooth is surrounded by a natural environment consisting of agricultural land, native hedgerows, trees, woodlands, canals, lakes, wetlands, rivers and streams. Due to the many housing schemes currently under construction there is significant loss of natural habitat on lands bordering the town. There is an understanding and appreciation of this by your Committee. It is very important that every effort continues to be made by Maynooth Tidy Towns to highlight the need to conserve and protect as many of these natural areas as possible which may be under threat. This important natural vegetation including bramble and scrub which at times can be regarded as unsightly and thus removed is actually extremely important for it’s wildlife value - keep up your efforts in this regard.

You have undertaken a number of Biodiversity Projects this year. Deserving of special mention is the Joan Slade Riverside Enhancement Project on Parson Street where the committed work of volunteers involved the removal of willow trees from the Joan Slade watercourse. The clearance of unwanted vegetation in accordance with your BAP has enhanced the environs of the waterway at this location from a

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visual and wildlife perspective and will encourage wildflowers to develop with an additional benefit in reducing the potential for flooding. You have also undertaken Daubenton's bat survey along the Royal Canal and it is noted a further survey will be done this year. Trees suitable or the erection of bat boxes were identified and bat boxes and other monitoring equipment purchased. The significant commitment of the Committee to this category as evidenced by the range and quality of projects undertaken is acknowledged and should provide enormous benefits in the future.

Sustainability – Doing more with less / Inmharthanacht - Mórán ar an mbeagán:

The continued involvement and commitment of the local schools and colleges together with the numerous and wonderfully creative awareness campaigns is of immense importance in this category. Of special mention is the establishment of the Zero Waste Maynooth group whose objective is to advocate for sending minimal amounts of waste to landfill or incineration. Groups such as this provide energy and motivation for changing behaviours by others in the interests of the environment. It is acknowledged that Maynooth Tidy Towns have partnered with the Zero Waste Maynooth group to work on mutually beneficial and aligned projects. The waste awareness campaigns in which you have participated have been diverse, including Sick of Plastic Day and Conscious Cup Campaign. The involvement and support of local Businesses in the latter campaign is very constructive and you are to be congratulated on this.

Your involvement in the WEEE Ireland Collection is noteworthy and the inclusion of the quantity of waste goods collected in your report emphasizes the importance of your involvement in the overall management of waste. The energy saving measures mentioned in your submission including the location of electric car charge points as Tesco SC and Maynooth University and the use of electric cars in the University encourage and promote energy efficiency. These measures are environmentally friendly and progressive, which together with the ongoing commitment to reducing car dependency and CO2 emissions is building towards a sustainable future. For next year you could consider further initiatives under this category such as promoting the use of low carbon vehicles, pursuing the installation of further e-car charge point(s) in the Town and extending cycle parking facilities in the Town.

The further promotion of grant aid for the installation of wall and attic insulation on older building stock, the greater use of solar panels on roofs and heat exchange units to reduce energy consumption by households/businesses is a worthwhile initiative to consider. The greater use of water butts for the watering of private gardens during the Summer period might also be further encouraged. The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland website has good information in relation to the development of Better Energy Communities.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Overall the level of tidiness and litter control in Maynooth is highly praised. It was noted that segregated big belly bins are available on Main Street. There was evidence of cigarette butt litter at certain locations but this was very localised. Education and campaigning in this area is a constant requirement and will always be a challenge – keep up the good work. The issue of redundant poles is an ongoing issue and it is noted you continue to take steps to deal with this. While advertisement through street sandwich boards is an ongoing issue mentioned in your submission giving rise to visual clutter and a hazard to pedestrians it may be possible to deal with this under a future repaving scheme. The car park including the recycling facility at Doctors Lane was visited and found to be generally very clean and well presented.

Residential Streets & Housing Areas / Sráideanna Cónaithe & Ceantair Tithíochta:

Many of your Estates and housing areas were visited. The overall impression was one of residents having significant pride in the presentation of their local area. In general terms open spaces were found to be well maintained with appropriate planting. Margins along roads were found to be neat and tidy with a variety of good street trees planted and Estate entrances enhanced by attractive and appropriate planting. Brookfield Avenue was visited and some attention should be given to suckers growing from the base of trees here. Brookfield Park has attractive ornamental pear trees. At Beaufield Green the name sign here would benefit from renewal and it was noted the new hedge planting here is doing well. Carton Court was well maintained however some attention to weed growth along kerbs is necessary. The uncut wildlife retreat areas around the trees at Kingsbry were particularly admired.

The open space at Straffan Way benefits from impressive boundary planting. Rockfield Estate was superbly maintained with flowers and use of mulch around the base of trees. Griffin Rath Manor benefits from an impressive avenue of young trees along the entrance road. The large well planted open space at Moyglare Hall was admired as was the entrance to Moyglare Abbey with its impressive avenue of Field Maple trees.

Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes / Bóithre Isteach, Sráideanna & Lánaí:

The addition of the Tidy Towns gold medal sign on the approach from the N4 into Maynooth is noteworthy and well located and presented. It was good to see the grass left uncut underneath the horse chestnut trees in the vicinity of the new sign providing an excellent space for a wildflower meadow to prosper. In general terms the road surface markings, cycle tracks, kerbing, boundary walls, perimeter plantings and roundabouts on the many approach roads into Maynooth are presented to a very high standard. The impact of residential development currently in progress was noted in a number of locations although in time this will cease to be an issue.

Concluding Remarks:

The commitment and enthusiasm of Maynooth Tidy Towns Association and volunteers is clearly evident from your submission and the many projects visible on site. All involved can take pride in your achievements as Maynooth Town continues to evolve in a historically sensitive and environmentally sustainable manner. We wish you every success with the continued implementation of your BAP and the completion of ongoing development projects.

Second Round Adjudication:

We welcomed the opportunity to visit Maynooth – a growing and thriving town bordered framed by the beautiful grounds of Carton House and the stunning NUI Maynooth campus. We are most impressed with your approach and hard work in the non-visible categories, i.e. 'Community Involvement & Planning' and 'Sustainable Waste & Resource Management'. It is encouraging to read of your many comprehensive projects under the 'Nature & Biodiversity' category and indeed we saw some of the results on the ground, e.g. native hedgerow planting, wildflower meadows and low impact grass management regimes in place. We welcome the fact that you have received professional guidance in the form of your 5-year Biodiversity Action Plan (2017 – 2021). Maynooth has an attractive structure and layout. We note some improvements to shop front presentations to make them blend in better with your historical town and more aesthetically pleasing to locals and visitors alike.

Do please continue to persevere with your efforts in this regard and work in conjunction with Kildare County Council Planning Department to monitor the situation and implement an appropriate signage policy. There is often grant-aid available in terms of suitable streetscape painting schemes and colour consultation. Properties such as Atelier, Permanent TSB and Brady's caught the eye. Your immense landscaping efforts were admired throughout the town. You are striking a good balance in terms of formal planting at strategic locations and lower maintenance/pollinator-friendly planting in others. The 'Trees on the Land' project is a wonderful investment in the future landscape of Maynooth. We note your awareness of the high rate of construction, removal of natural habitats and your efforts to combat or offset same. Well done and keep up this good work.

The pleasant tree-lined Main St was very clean with plenty of litter bins. There were just a few minor instances of littering throughout so keep up your active campaign in order to maintain a high standard. We acknowledge your challenges regarding litter and tidiness due to the transient nature of your population. The Straffan Rd roundabout is an impressive taster of what lies ahead. The nicely landscaped Maynooth Business Campus enhances this approach as does the beautifully presented NUI North Campus on the Kilcock Rd. Some road markings could be refreshed around the town centre. We would like to see more focus by local groups and local authority on promoting Maynooth as a model of a living sustainable town, e.g. encourage more cycling and pedestrian connectivity between new residential developments, towns and schools. Maynooth has excellent transport links and fantastic amenities such as the Royal Canal that can feed into this. Your positive engagement with both local and outside agencies ensures that you are successfully achieving your goals and making Maynooth a more attractive town in which to live, work and play. This adjudicator concurs with the generous marks awarded by your 1st round adjudicator. Thank you for an excellent presentation and we wish you well in future projects.



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Opening Up Of Carton Walk – A Positive Development For Maynooth

The Carton Walk Preservation Society (CWPS) has recently commented on the new cycling and walking link from Limetree Hall to the adjacent Carton Walk.

In particular, a spokesperson has been reported as stating that no one would want a cycle link. Maynooth Cycling Campaign strongly support the provision of cycle facilities between the residential estates and Main Street as it would be a safe route for children attending the nearby school. The alternative route on the Dublin Road has no cycle facilities and would involve a road crossing. Judging from the above photograph, the pupils at Presentation Girls School would appear to agree with our view.



The CWPS also argue that there has been no consultation on the proposal. The proposed walking/cycling link was shown in the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013–2019 which went to public consultation and was subsequently approved by county councillors. The work is not of a scale which warrants a separate public consultation, so Kildare County Council got it right this time. Opposition to improved walking and cycling is both mean spirited and detrimental to a more active community. A more detailed consideration of the issues is available on our website.

#Allocate4Cycling

Cyclist.ie members, including Maynooth Cycling Campaign, was very disappointed with the results of Budget 2019. Although the Taoiseach accepts that Ireland is a laggard in meeting its international obligations to reduce carbon emissions, there was anger at the Finance Minister for ignoring climate change and failing to introduce a carbon charge as recommended by the Climate Change Advisory Council chaired by John Fitzgerald. This followed the warning from world's leading climate scientists that there is only 12 years for global warming to be kept to a maximum of 1.5C. Cyclist.ie had sought an allocation of 10% of the transport budget to be allocated to cycling to enable the government to meet its own target of 10% of trips by bike. Minister Shane Ross revealed that 35% of the record budget went on sustainable transport (including cycling) with 22% on national roads. However, he omitted to reveal that he was allocating a further 20% on regional and local roads which made sustainable transport the poor relation and with cycling getting leftover crumbs. On the positive side, the #Allocate4Cycling campaign was supported by Fianna Fáil, Labour, Green Party, Social Democrats and People before Profit parties with support also coming from a number of individual Fine Gael TDs.

Obesity & Smoking

Obesity is set to overtake smoking as the principal cause of cancer in 25 years. With falling rates of smoking, obesity will be one of the main drivers for cancer in the future at great personal and economic cost. In a recent interview on radio, Prof Donal O'Shea has said that in order to get back to obesity rates of 15-25 years ago, parents need to take responsibility for physical activity and food. Obesity rates are down a little in better off social groups but still getting worse in less well off. He said that people want to be healthier but that we need to change obesogenic environment in order to enable active travel to school and work.

Participation in Sport

Sport Ireland recently published the Irish Sports Monitor Annual Report 2017. It found that participation generally was unchanged but that there are some declines across some specific sports. The most popular participation sports in 2017 were the same as in 2015 with cycling in fourth place behind exercise (gym), running and swimming.

Bus Connect

The Bus Connect project was designed to modernise the bus service by rationalising bus routes. The existing network developed around a growing city in the last century and is now inefficient and failing to serve the needs of 21st century. Part of the project will involve the provision of high quality segregated cycle lanes beside bus lanes. However, it is understood that all the locations with segregated facilities will be in Dublin.



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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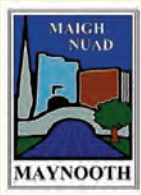
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Maynooth Tidy Towns extends their sympathies to Paul Croghan on the death of his Father and Aunt, also to Richard Farrell on the death of his Sister- in -Law and to Aidan Flood on the death of his Mother-in-Law.

Thanks to all who Congratulated us on winning our Third Gold Medal in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Elsewhere you can read the judges report of which all members of the community of Maynooth can be proud. The Gold Medal will be presented at the Regional Awards Ceremony later in the year.

On the 29th September Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers were presented with a cake from The Elite Cake Shop to mark our third Gold Medal.



To thank the volunteers for all their hard work during the year, a Halloween themed party was held in the Maynooth Scouts Den on Saturday October 13th.

Kildare County Council's Tidy Towns Community Awards will be held on 1st November in Maynooth University @ 6.30pm.

Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to Congratulate Maynooth University Green Campus Committee on their receiving the Green Campus Flag. Mary Jennings is Maynooth Tidy Towns representative on the Green Campus Committee.



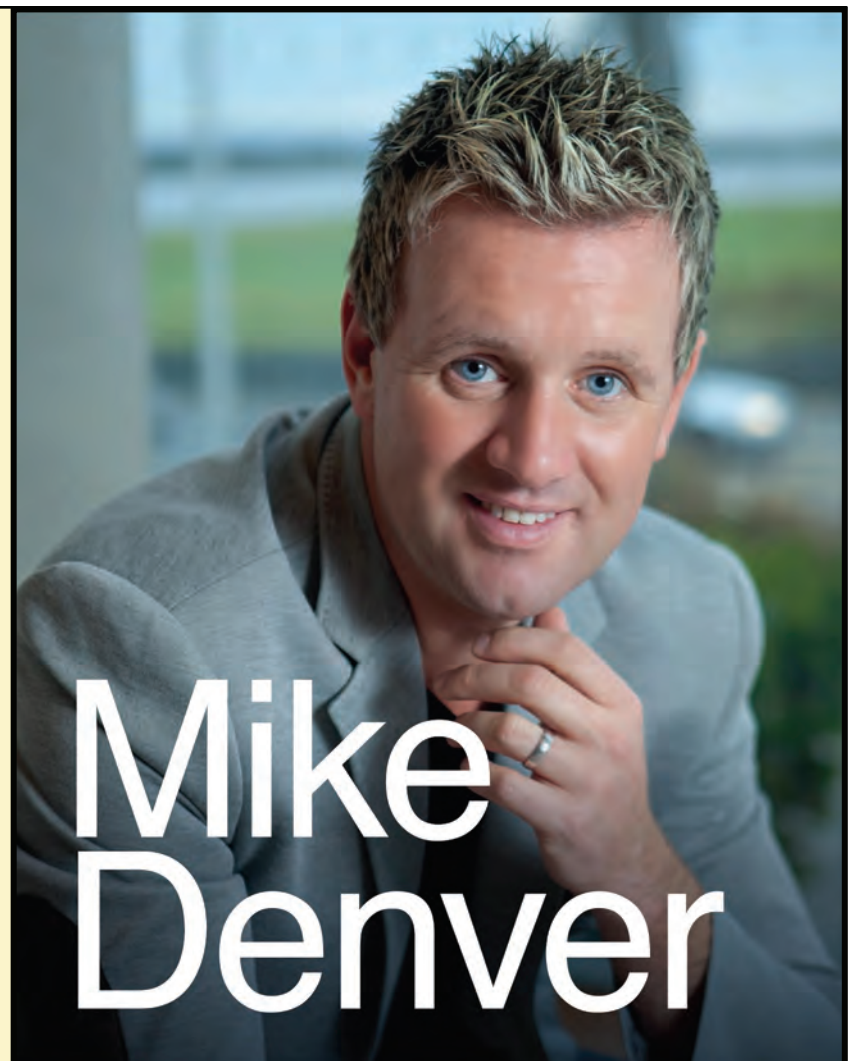
Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers planted hundreds of bulbs of various kinds on Saturday 20th October around Maynooth.

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

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

Please see pages 14 & 15 for Tidy Towns Competition 2018 Report

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Maynooth Community First Responders continue to raise funds to 'go live'

Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) continues to raise funds for training, equipment and insurance, in a bid to 'go live' early in the new year. The group, which is entirely voluntary, will join the nationwide CFR network when all members have completed certified training - connecting it to the National Ambulance Service and allowing it to receive call outs to cases of cardiac arrest, chest pain, stroke and choking.

Chairperson Cllr Réada Cronin says: "We have a dedicated committee and team and we're delighted with the reaction from the local community and business community as we attempt to raise the funds we need to get up and running. We have been in contact with local businesses and hope to secure their support, as this group is of huge benefit to the entire community."

The group recently received a generous donation of €1,000 from Main Street business Maximus Grill. "This generous donation is so gratefully received. One defibrillator costs around €1,200 and we need two, as well as replacement pads, battery packs, training equipment, the training itself, insurance and other equipment which adds up to just over €9,000 in total," explained Cllr. Cronin.

The group will also be the beneficiaries of The Roost's annual Christmas raffle and are holding a fundraising night in Brady's on 29th December. If you'd like to learn more about Maynooth CFR they will do a CPR demo in Tesco on Saturday 10th November. Find them on Facebook @MaynoothCFR.



Pictured above l-r are: Fionnuala Murphy, PRO of Maynooth Community First Responders, with manager of Maximus Grill Cristin Tugulea and owner Tatiana Mazilu.

New Basketball Club serving North Kildare

A new basketball club, North Kildare Basketball, has been established to serve Maynooth and other areas in north Kildare. The club has 5 teams up-and-running, with two boys teams (u12 and u14 and three girls teams, u12, u14 and u18). It caters for over 50 juveniles from Maynooth, Celbridge, Rathcoffey, Clane and Johnstownbridge.

The club is playing in the Midlands league and will host almost 50 home games during the season in Maynooth Post Primary School. Speaking about the new club, Jim Walsh, the director of coaching, said: 'Basketball has really taken off in Maynooth and surrounding areas'. We have a lot of children from migrant families joining the club, especially from countries where basketball is a national sport. Clearly there is a demand for an indoor sport that is technical rather than physical in nature and is not weather dependent.'

The club runs an academy for younger children (6 to 10 years) who are beginners to basketball. The academy takes place every Saturday morning, again in Maynooth Post Primary School. Over 30 children attend the academy. "The academy introduces children to basketball in a fun and social context", says Walsh. 'It's non-competitive and children can find their feet without pressure from coaches or parents to perform.'

The club also provides basketball coaching in primary and secondary schools. This is provided in conjunction with Sport Changes Life, a charitable organisation which funds an American basketball scholar to coach in local schools.

Jim Walsh explains: 'Our scholar, Jamie Sterburne (pictured opposite), works with children to build their confidence through sport. She is an inspirational figure, especially for girls, showing what can be achieved in sport through dedication and hard work. Our schools programme reaches all children in primary school classes, giving them the opportunity to explore a new sport without any cost or equipment barriers.' Coaching is currently being provided in Maynooth Post Primary School, Presentation girls school and Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich. The club is happy to extend its coaching programme to other schools.

For further information about North Kildare Basketball, see our fb page or email northkildarebasketball@outlook.com.



The Country House and the Great War Exhibition at JPII Library Maynooth University

This exhibition is currently running until 11th November in the foyer of the JPII Library at Maynooth University during library opening hours. General opening hours 8.00am-Midnight. Sat and Sun 10.00am-17.00pm and Fridays library closes at 18.30pm.

Free admission.

The Country House and the Great War Exhibition is a collaborative effort between the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE), the OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre (OMARC) and Maynooth University. As part of Maynooth University's Commemoration 2018 Programme, it offers a unique perspective of the Great War, focusing on the experience of Big House families, on this the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. The exhibition draws on material from more than ten country house archives, and it displays previously un-exhibited material from the archives of Ballindoolin House, Co. Kildare and Airfield, Dundrum



Science Week

Wednesday 14th Nov Alumni Lecture, Dr Emily Gleeson (7 – 8pm Iontas Lecture Theatre)

"Weather Forecasting: Crystal balls or Cutting Edge Science?"

Dr Emily Gleeson is a graduate of Experimental Physics and Chemistry from Maynooth University. Following this, she pursued a Ph.D. in Astronomy and a Masters in Meteorology which led to her current career as a research scientist at Met Éireann, the Irish Meteorological Service. Emily also worked as a weather forecaster and a climate change researcher. In her talk, Emily will give an insight into the science behind weather forecasting. Her talk will include an overview of weather observations and new types of useful data for meteorology, the computer models used for forecasting and how far ahead weather predictions can be made using these models. She will also talk about where the science of weather forecasting is going and will give an overview of some of the new projects that Met Éireann is involved in.

Thursday 15th Nov Maryanne Dalton and Cyril Borie (7 – 8pm Iontas Lecture Theatre)

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Friday 16th Nov 6.30 – 8.30pm

Science Night for all the Family

Open Labs Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Psychology Engineering and Robot Soccer and National Science Museum (South Campus) guided exhibition 6 -8pm



Maynooth Golf Society

Our latest outing was the John Tiernan Cup in Carton House. We had great weather for this time of year and a great turn out of 28 players. The course was in really good condition and this event was kindly sponsored by Mc Mahon's Bar and Lounge.



John Tiernan Cup

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2's	John Thompson, James Keegan, & Pat Connolly	

Next outing is the Trevor Cassidy Memorial Scramble in Trim Golf club on November 17th in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens. This is a team event and all visitors are welcome.

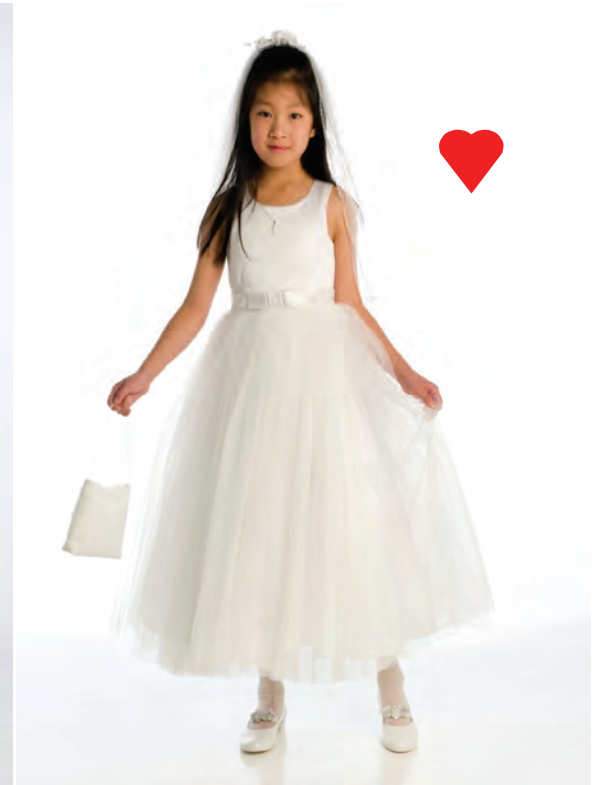
Photo below: Norman Kavanagh (Treasurer) and Gerry Mc Ternan (handicap Secretary) of Maynooth Golf Society presenting a cheque for €1,000 to Josie Moore (Maynooth Senior Citizens) for funds raised from the Trevor Cassidy Memorial Scramble 2017. This annual event is sponsored by Ronnie & Brian Cassidy and kindly supported by Maynooth Golf Society Members, Friends and Family.



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Special Olympics Ireland Table Quiz

I would like to thank everybody who supported the Table Quiz on 14/9/2018 in aid of Special Olympics Ireland World Games 2019 in Abu Dhabi. As there would be too many people to thank individually I would like to express my thanks to - Dermot, Jamie and all the staff in O'Neill's Pub, Paul O'Mahony and Ann Dillane for their commitment on the night, collecting answers, checking them and selling tickets.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the anonymous donations received & to all the Business's in Maynooth including the Golf Clubs who donated prizes for the additional raffle. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Paul Daly who initially suggested having the Table Quiz and really came on board in the organisation of same. A brilliant Quizmaster, Auctioneer, he made the night so enjoyable for everyone who attended.

Please note the total amount raised on the night was €4,625.00 this will really help Special Olympics Ireland in the World Games.

A letter of thanks was received by me on 3rd October from Anita Carty (Regional Fundraiser Coordinator) extending her gratitude to all those who supported the Table Quiz in O'Neill's Maynooth and the generous gift of €4,625.00 for the Special Olympics Ireland. A copy of this letter can be viewed on the Notice Board in The Maynooth Community Employment Project Office, Carton Retail Park, Maynooth.

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The Armistice 11th November 1918 by Rita Edwards

The 11th of November 2018 marks the centenary of the signing of an Armistice between the Allies of World War One and Germany, thus bringing to an end more than four years of brutal and bloody warfare on a scale that had never been experienced before. The Armistice (cessation of hostilities on the Western Front) was signed at 5.00am on Monday 11th November at Compiègne in northern France.

Throughout the last hundred years, this event has been commemorated by different countries according to their own cultural traditions on or close to the 11th of November each year. Great Britain and Northern Ireland commemorate Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday as do most of the Commonwealth nations who remember members of their armed forces who died in the line of duty. Armistice Day is also commemorated in France and Belgium. Veterans Day in the United States remembers all those who have served in the Armed Forces.

In the context of this article it is appropriate to mention that Volkstrauertag (people’s day of mourning) is a public holiday in Germany observed on the Sunday closest to the 16th November. It commemorates members of the German armed forces and civilians who died in armed conflicts, to include victims of violent oppression. It was first observed in its modern form in 1952.

Ireland however, with its history of contested memories has had an uneasy relationship with such commemorations. Prior to World War Two and even for a time afterwards, while some expressed sympathy with the relatives of Irishmen killed in the war, any public display of British emblems often caused division and civil disorder. The first National Day of Commemoration was held on 13th July 1986 in the Garden of Remembrance, Dublin. Old IRA veterans objected to the venue as it commemorated those who had died fighting for Irish freedom being used to honour British Army veterans.

Today, the National Day of Commemoration commemorates all Irishmen and Irish women who died in past wars or on service with the United Nations. It takes place on the Sunday nearest 11th July, the anniversary of the signing of the truce on 11th July 1921, bringing the War of Independence (Jan1919-Jul 1921) to an end. The principal ceremony is now normally held at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin.

With regard to Armistice Day in Ireland, it took until 1991 for Mary Robinson to attend the Armistice Day commemoration service at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin in her official capacity as President of Ireland. And on Sunday 11th of November this year, in 2018, in order to embrace all the traditions on the island of Ireland the 100th anniversary of the Armistice will be marked.

What was it like for those who went through those turbulent times? As already mentioned, after more than four years of brutal and bloody warfare on a scale that had never been seen before, hostilities were scheduled to cease on the eleventh hour (French time) of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

For weeks beforehand, there had been speculation among the general public and the Press on both sides of the Irish Sea that the war with Germany was coming to an end. An Armistice on the Russian front the previous December had already taken place and with Bulgaria and Turkey seeking terms and with the fall of Austria, Germany had become isolated, leaving it vulnerable to attack from the south by the Allies.

The Irish Independent of 7th November reported: “The German Delegation to conclude an Armistice and take up peace negotiations left Berlin for the Western front

yesterday” – the indication being that the Germans were prepared to go through with the Armistice, no matter what the conditions.

Rumours that the war was at last coming to an end had also reached the front. As the day approached, families at home and those at the front waited and hoped, some with disbelief. Others didn’t know how to react. Perhaps the Germans were bluffing? Some wondered what they were they going to do with themselves now, if the fighting was really over.

What had started out as a rumour became a reality. Some were told to “unfix” bayonets and to stand by for further orders. The orders which eventually came through read: “Hostilities will cease ... 11th November, at 11.00am”. As the hour approached, those who were in a position to do so both at home and on the battlefield anxiously watched their clocks and watches.

That morning the US 2nd Army (which entered the war in April 1917) then near Metz in north-east France had been attacking the German army in force, with heavy bombardments being hurled in each direction. The Irish Independent of 14th November stated: “Exactly at 11.00am like a final thunder crash clearing the storm, the guns of both armies stopped abruptly”. Then after a further brief exchange of gunfire, there was silence, and then cheering erupted on both sides.

What followed bordered on fraternizing with the enemy, but given the momentous occasion that it was Americans and Germans mingled along a narrow stretch of ground that they had been fighting over minutes before, with the Americans offering cigarettes, chocolate and chewing gum. The Germans, who reciprocated with offers of hot coffee, bread and sausages, were surprised at the number of Americans who spoke German.

Elsewhere on the front where the British forces were fighting it was reported that the last shots fired from German machine guns were aimed high in the air with bullets falling c. two to three miles behind the lines. Then a sudden silence. “As 11.00am approached it was said that you wouldn’t have heard a pin drop” and at the ceasefire “each battalion sounded a bugle and the Germans stood up, took off their hats, bowed to us and walked away”. But unfortunately due to a delay in orders getting through to a number of posts, and due to a cruel trick of fate, firing continued for a time in some areas, resulting in the death of the combatants.

One young man wrote in his diary that evening: “Peace at last.” But it was an uneasy peace. A year after the Armistice, it was recorded that between twenty and thirty wars were raging in different parts of the world.

The Leinster Leader of the 16th November reported that at the Armistice: “Scenes of almost delirious joy were witnessed through Great Britain and Ireland, the celebrations lasting all day and far into the night. The cities were beflagged by day and illuminated at night and large crowds paraded the principal streets singing and shouting. In Dublin they said that the demonstrations were “almost unparalleled”. A 100-ton crane flew the highest Union Jack (now often referred to as the Union Flag) at the seaward end of the new North Wall extension.

The Kildare Observer stated that when the news of the Armistice reached Naas, “the Union Jack was hoisted over the Courthouse and there was a general feeling of relief, but little outward manifestation of jubilation. Towards evening there was some flag waving by the military and flags displayed in some houses”. It also noted that there was flag waving in Kildare and Newbridge. Maynooth is not mentioned in this connection in either newspaper.

One of the Press headings at the time announced: END OF THE GREAT WORLD WAR – CRUEL NIGHTMARE ENDED. But for some, the nightmare continued and many families were in deep mourning at the loss of their loved ones. While numbers are inconclusive, it is now generally accepted that c. 206,000 men, who included c. 28,000 Irish -born regular soldiers and c. 30,000 reservists who were called up at the start of the war were in the British army. A further c. 148,000 voluntarily signed up during the war. (The Irish Times 1/8/2014)

There is still no agreement on the number of Irish casualties but the figure of c.31.000 is considered to be the most accurate. Among those who died in the conflict (or from ill health later, as a result of combat) were a number of men from the Maynooth area.

Matthew Sherry from Leixlip is included in this list because he is buried in Donaghmore Cemetery, Maynooth. No. 19 Mountjoy Square in Dublin where he died was at the time a hospital staffed by members of Voluntary Aid Detachment. A VAD unit was a voluntary unit of civilians who provided nursing care for military personnel. In this instance the VADs were students and undergraduates of Trinity College, Dublin.

1914 November – Moreland, William (21), Moyglare, Maynooth, died in Belgium.
1914 November – Rafferty, John (25), Maynooth, died in France.
1915 April – Kennedy, Simon (27), Maynooth, died in Turkey.
1915 May – Byrne, Patrick (19), Maynooth, died in Belgium.
1915 June – Creed, Charles Odell (35), Moyglare Rectory, Maynooth, died in France.
1915 September – Johnston, William Arthur, Maynooth, died in France.
1916 March – FitzGerald, Lord Desmond (28), Carton House, Maynooth, died in France.
1916 March – Mooney, Michael (20), Maynooth, died in Belgium.
1916 April – Murphy, John (38), Maynooth, died in France.
1916 April – Regan, James, b. Maynooth (resident of Leixlip), died in France.
1916 July – Reilly, James (20), Maynooth, died in France.
1916 August – O’Brien, Timothy John A (24), Grangewilliam, Maynooth, died in France.
1916 October – Fennell, James, (22), Crewhill, Maynooth, died in France.
1917 August – Mulligan, Patrick (26), Maynooth, died in Celbridge Hospital – cardiac disease, interred at Moyglare Church of Ireland Churchyard.
1918 March – O’Reilly, Patrick, Maynooth, died in France.
1918 June – Sherry, Matthew (26), Ryebrook, Leixlip, died at 19 Mt Joy Sq., Dublin – heart infection/cerebral haemorrhage, interred at Donaghmore Cemetery Maynooth.
1918 July – Mulligan, Laurence (23), Maynooth, died in Egypt.
1918 October – O’Toole, Christopher, Maynooth, thought to have died in France.
1919 February – Nolan, William (34), Maynooth, died in the King George V Hospital in Arbour Hill (now St Bricin’s Military Hospital) Dublin – influenza and pneumonia, interred at Ladychapel Graveyard, Maynooth.
1923 February – Coughlan, Patrick J (Sonny) (28), who had attended the Boys’ National School in Maynooth. He died in Newcastle Sanatorium, Co. Wicklow – shell shock and effect of mustard gas on his lungs, interred at St Brigid’s Graveyard, Clara, Co Offaly.
Irish Soldiers who survived the war were gradually discharged and found their way home. But the Ireland they had left was not the Ireland they came back to. The Rising of 1916 and its aftermath had transformed not only

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attitudes but politics. The families and friends of those who died during Easter week and afterwards were also in deep mourning. While the Rising was perceived by many to be a failure, the promotion of Home Rule as advocated by the Irish Parliamentary Party led by John Redmond (d. Mar 1918) had also failed and radical nationalism was on the rise.

In Dublin on Armistice Day a number of the (Catholic) National University students tore down some of the Union Jack flags that had been erected on various buildings. In Glasnevin one woman was very upset because someone had burned her upstairs window flag with a sod of turf held aloft on a long handled fork. Throughout other parts of the country members of Sinn Féin (We Ourselves) the original political party founded in 1905 by Arthur Griffith, disrupted the celebrations, and when members of the public sang "God save the King", their members responded with "God Save Ireland". On several occasions the police had to intervene to restore law and order.

At the same time, those who had no relatives in the army were more preoccupied with not contracting influenza, the epidemic that had originated in the United States and was sweeping through Europe and Ireland at the time and also with the forthcoming general election in December. It was the first general election to be held after the Representation of the People Act 1918. It was thus the first election in which women over the age of 30, and all men over the age of 21 could vote. Previously, all women and most working-class men had been excluded from voting. This election would prove to be a key moment in modern Irish history.

Shortly after the Armistice was announced, the MP TP O'Connor, originally from Co Westmeath, who sat for the Liverpool constituency, stated that now, the "Irish Question" should be settled in accordance with the principles laid down by President Wilson of the US "all nations large and small should have free self-determination, as to their form of government ... principles the Allies ... are fighting for in every other country". But as history has shown there was no room for an Irish delegation at the Peace Conference held in Paris in January 1919.

The question is often asked why did Irish men volunteer to fight for what was considered by many for King and Empire. The reasons they volunteered are as varied as the individuals themselves. Most didn't know what they were letting themselves in for. Whatever their motivations, what we know now is that Irish history is complex and multi-layered.

One of the volunteers was the 17-year old Kerry-born Tom Barry. "I had decided to see what this Great War was like. I cannot plead I went on the advice of John Redmond or any other politician, that if we fought for the British we would secure Home Rule for Ireland, nor can I say I understood what Home Rule meant. I was not influenced by the lurid appeal to fight to save Belgium or small nations. I knew nothing about nations, large or small. I went to the war for no other reason than that I wanted to see what war was like, to get a gun, to see new countries and to feel a grown man. Above all I went because I knew no Irish history and had no national consciousness."

Barry later became a prominent guerrilla leader in the IRA during the Irish War of Independence (Jan 1919-July 1921), when he was commander of the 3rd West Cork Flying Column. He took the anti-Treaty side in the Irish Civil War (Jun 1922-May 1923).

According to Myles Dungan, broadcaster and author, from 1919 to 1923 "more than 120 ex-soldiers were shot by the IRA or by those on the anti-Treaty side". The historian Jane Leonard informs us that, "the vast majority appear to have been killed simply as a retrospective punishment for their service in the Great War. As ex-members of the British Forces, they formed a marginalised and unwelcome group in Irish Society"

One other volunteer described as "a nationalist in a British uniform", was the Slane poet Francis Ledwidge who died aged 30 prior to the third battle of Ypres in 1917. "I joined the British Army because she stood between Ireland and an enemy common to our civilization, and I would not have her say that she defended us while we did nothing at home, but pass resolutions."

In hindsight, the concept of "an enemy common to our civilization" is apt. Records indicate that the seeds of 20th

century fascism were already sown in the minds of a number of German elite officers in 1917. Their distorted interpretation of Charles Darwin's theory of "natural selection" and the survival of the fittest would germinate and grow.

Germany surrendered unconditionally in November 1918 and the conditions imposed were severe. However, there were a number of young men who had fought for the Fatherland and survived, who would never accept defeat. Among them was a 29-year old aspiring artist from Austria. His autobiography entitled *Mein Kampf* (My Struggle) was published in 1925. It promoted vicious anti-Semitism, intolerant ultra-nationalism and violence. It also promoted a specific form of fascism. The author was a man who, in 1933 was democratically elected (by fair means or foul, mostly foul) Chancellor of Germany and then Führer in 1934 – his name? Adolf Hitler.



Photo depicting the conditions at the Battle of Passchendaele (July 1917). Following the battle staff officer Sir Launcelot Kiggell is said to have broken down in tears. "Good God", he said, "Did we really send men to fight in That"?!

<https://todayinhistory.blog/tag/passchendaele/>

(While every care has been taken, the list of Maynooth casualties may not be complete – for full details see www.kildare.ie/library - Local Studies Department – WW1 Appendix: List of Co Kildare Casualties.)

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

October 21st was a most enjoyable day as we celebrated Halloween with great music from Philip English and a great crowd who know how to party.

Many thanks to Gerry and Norman from Maynooth Golf Society who presented us with a cheque for €1,000, proceeds from the annual tournament which is the Trevor Cassidy Trophy. This is a two way event which remembers a talented young player who left us far too soon and which also benefits our senior citizens.

And now to fundraising. Our Sale of Work will take place on **Sunday November 18th** at 3pm in the Post Primary school. [see poster] In the meantime we will be sending out flyers and our people will be calling to your doors and all we ask is that you will be as generous now as you have been in the past. Our ticket sellers will be at Manor Mills on Friday Nov. 2nd and at SuperValu on Nov. 8th, 9th and 10th and I thank you all for your support in anticipation.

Our Christmas shopping afternoon will take place on Sunday Dec. 2nd at 3pm courtesy of SuperValu and our Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday Dec. 16th at 4pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. All names of those attending should be in by the 4th December

Josephine Moore.
Chairperson.



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Writers’ Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Mountain Climb in Norway

I had reached Norway by travelling on a ship from Copenhagen through the Kattegat and finishing the journey on a coastal patrol vessel. The year was 1965 and I was on my ‘Grand Tour’ of Europe. How I ended up on the patrol vessel deserves explanation. I had managed to survive the Kattegat without getting seasick by occasionally holding onto the deck railing while spray drenched my face. Finally, lulled by a crowd of exuberant Norwegian teenagers singing pop songs (‘*We meet every night at eight / And don’t go home till late / Baby, a long, long time*’) I fell asleep on a deck chair. When I awoke in the greyness of early morning people were disembarking and, my head groggy, I followed. Just as the ship pulled away I realised that I wasn’t in Norway but on some island. Knowing that mistakes often bring unexpected benefits, I didn’t panic.

A friendly Norwegian girl walking along, accompanied by her mother, came to my rescue. She told me that a patrol boat was about to leave for Oslo and in no time I was on board. What an exciting experience that last leg of the journey was. The skipper pointed out various features of our surroundings and on entering Oslo fjord showed me on the radar a German ship that had been sunk during World War 11. Eventually we arrived in Oslo just as my former shipmates were disembarking. What I particularly remember from that occasion is a crowd of nubile blond girls at the ship’s railing ‘oohing and aahing’ like pop fans at a delighted black youth down below on the quay. Later, sailing north on board Kong Olav V, a *hurtigruten*, or coastal steamer, I was to observe similar behaviour when male passengers practically ignored the blond girls in favour of one dark-haired Nordic beauty - obviously, the appeal of the unfamiliar.

But I’m getting ahead of my story. The voyage up along the coast was fascinating. Most of those on board were probably heading home after a visit to the south, travelling by boat instead of by bus or train. The fellows were much like the Irish, fond of a drink and looking you straight in the eye as if ready for a laugh or a fight. We kept to a stretch of water between the mainland and various islands, occasionally sailing up fiords to remote picturesque villages, many of whose inhabitants trooped down to the piers at our arrival.

After passing Brønnøysund the sea got bleaker, the scenery wilder, with scarves of fog stretched across isolated rock islands resembling the Skelligs. Gulls hovered above our wake, an occasional trawler sailed past and a weather-beaten man in a sailor’s cap leaned on the railing, eyes fixed on the horizon like a Viking lookout. Soon we had travelled above the Artic Circle into the Land of the Midnight Sun. In time we reached the Lofoten Islands, where houses, some made of wood, were built in the shelter of snow-veined, rugged mountains. Rough wooden wharves, occasionally with fishing boats tied up to them, flanked little harbours. An unusual feature was the presence of large open-air racks resembling high pitched roof rafters on which rows of gutted fish, probably cod, were drying.

I got accommodation in a hostel, which, like most of those in Scandinavia, provided clean rooms and wholesome food at reasonable prices. There were very few guests and my only complaint was that someone, perhaps a maid, took a pair of hushpuppies, which I had left under my bed.

Next morning while walking through the village I encountered two German fellows with whom I struck up an acquaintance. They were a contrasting pair, one of them, Hans, an ebullient outdoor type, the other, Günter, more pale-faced and reserved. Since they didn’t speak English we mainly used sign language to communicate. They had decided to climb a middle-sized mountain that loomed above the main street and though, apart from climbing Kirkogue, in Connemara, I had no experience of this activity, I decided to tag along. My shoes contrasted with my companions’ sturdy boots but I wasn’t going to let a small matter like that deter me.

The first part of the climb was fairly easy, the only serious obstacle being a stretch of snow about thirty feet wide. What if by venturing onto it we caused an avalanche? Hans and Günter didn’t hesitate and, encouraged by their example, I kept my nerve and followed. Once across, I took a moment to enjoy the panoramic view of the village then hurried after my companions.

The gradient was steeper now but still not too arduous. Soon, however, we had to clamber up heather slopes through which rocks jutted to reach the next level. Here we came upon a deep, wintry valley with snow-filled crevasses. Sitting on heather beside a sheer drop I gave Hans my Minolta and got him to take my photo before we headed off again. I remember at one point that Hans pointed to a small vessel out on the sea while imitating its put-put-put sound. He was excitedly trying to convey that it was a two-stroke engine, or something technical like that. Surprisingly, he also tried to tell me about some ship that had been sunk there during the war, but whether by the British or Germans I’m not certain.

Before we attempted the final peak of naked rock Gunter, despite wearing proper boots, indicated that he was going no further. Hans pressed on, however, and determined not to be outdone, even if it meant risking a broken neck, I followed. So it was that I eventually reached the mountaintop and stood up to my full height on its rocky summit. Hans, nimble as a goat, had meanwhile made his way across to an adjacent peak, a feat of daring I had no wish to emulate. He signalled to me that he wished to take my photo with his

camera and, raising one arm in triumph, I posed. Months later I received a set of prints from West Germany in my New York apartment and on the back of this particular shot Hans had written *König des Bergs* (King of the Mountain). Well, it may not have been a very difficult mountain to climb but it had won me the respect of my German comrades.

That evening we went to a Midsummer bonfire at which my two companions and I were the only outsiders among a crowd of local youths and children. A rough chipboard floor had been laid down for the dancers and musicians – one of whom had a saxophone, another a bass fiddle. There was no drinking, so the fun and merriment never became boisterous. At first the girls, probably because he was German, were slightly hostile to Hans, but soon he had captivated a fresh-faced beauty. I can’t say if Günter was equally successful. I enjoyed the conviviality and took photos of the children, especially those with impish grins, but since I was feeling a bit tired from the morning’s exertions I walked back to the hostel not long after midnight.

Next day, travelling back south on the steamer to Trondheim, from where I planned to take a train to Stockholm, I stopped off at Brønnøysund. On my first night there I got a lift with a group of young people, mostly students, to an island where there was a singsong around a bonfire. Since the songs were in Norwegian I can’t say that they meant as much to me as to the singers but the fact that there was still pale sunlight at about 1 or 2 am is indelibly etched on my mind, as is the friendliness and charm of my companions.

P.G. Nerney

Smaointe

Tá mé buartha faoi dhúnmharú Jamal Khashoggi. Tá lagar spride orm agus tá súil agam gur mar sin atá an scéal ag daoine fíréanta ar fud na cruinne. Cháin sé na boic mhóra agus ní luíonn sé sin go réidh leo siúd! Chaithfí é a chur ina thost. I gceann mí nó dhó, afach, beidh sé imithe as ár gcuimhne agus beidh a áit tógtha ag ábhar éigin beagthábhachtach. Mar a gcéanna le Óscar Romero, Dietrich Bonhoeffer agus na céadta eile nach iad. Agus ar ndóigh, Íosa Críost féin. Cháin seisean na húdaráis agus d’íoc sé go daor as. Ach is annamh a chuimhníonn muid ar Íosa mar cháinteoir na n-údarás ná ar a chéasadh mar a bhfreagra siúd ar na líomhaintí a chuir sé ina leith. Cathain a chuala muid aitheasc ar a leithéid? Curadh de chuid an chine daonna ab ea é siúd agus in áit glacadh lena chomhairle cad a rinneamarna? Chuireamar chun báis é!

Cad é bhur dtuairim faoi seo?

«Sheol siad Íosa ansin ó Cháiafas go dtí an Prétóiriam. Bhí sé moch ar maidin. Ní dheachaigh siad isteach sa Phrétóiriam ionas nach dtruailleofaí iad, ach go mba fhéidir dóibh an cháisc a ithe.» (Eoin, 18, 28.)

Gabriel Martin.

‘Our Sea-wall’d Garden’
(A Brexiteer’s complaint)

Although our wall is ten foot high
they keep arriving,
across the top
or round the eastern corner:
dog roses, woodbines, knotweed
and, worst of all, wild ivy
that once it’s gained a foothold
will cling like glue to concrete blocks.

A few invaders can look fine,
those pink and cream and yellow blooms
massed above our purple clematis,
and if they only peeped above the wall
they’d add a nice, exotic contrast.
But press ahead they must -

and we’ve our own unwanted:
couch grass, thistles, dandelions...
We’ve risked our necks high up on ladders
trimming back new growth with shears
and clippers,
contemplated adding extra blocks
to raise the wall another foot or two,
we’ve even thought of asking neighbours -
who, we suspect, may dislike borders -
to keep their burgeoning plant life
checked before ‘this scepter’d isle’** is
swamped.

*Shakespeare, *Richard 11*, Act 111, Scene 1V
** Ibid, Acc 11, Scene 1
Colin Scott

Dear Editor

I would like to acknowledge the very informative article in the October issue on the late Mariga Guinness by P.G.Nerney. I found it very interesting as I remember seeing her around Leixlip many years ago where she cut a very striking figure as she walked around about her business. As my Son's-in-law live near Stuttgart, I am familiar with Schloss Lichtenstein which is still in the ownership of her father's family Von Urach.It is known as the Fairy Tale Castle of Baden Wuertemberg. Recently they were here in Maynooth for a visit and I showed them her grave at the Obelisk or "Conolly's Folly" if you like. The people of Kildare owe a debt of gratitude to Mariga and her husband Desmond for saving Castletown House from becoming a concrete jungle. It has proved to be a wonderful amenity for the Celbridge area and indeed the wider County.

While the preservation society's plans for Carton Estate did not come to fruition, I think what has ultimately transpired there, has not been too bad let us hope it remains as is.

Paul Connolly

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EDITORIAL

This month we mark the centenary of the ending of World War 1 with a major article by Rita Edwards. With few exceptions none of us around to-day were alive at that time but in many towns around Ireland this month people are remembering their relatives who gave their life in World War 1. At that time Ireland was part of the British Empire and although there was no conscription it is estimated that close to 210,000 Irish people took part in the war of which 58,000 were soldiers and reservists and almost 150,000 volunteers. The estimate for Irish people that died in the war is 35,000. In particular, we are keen at this important anniversary to remember the people from Maynooth known to have died in World War 1.

While on the topic of history, there is no doubt that despite living in a modern age people continue to respect our past and our heritage. Therefore it is noteworthy that a group of concerned people have become active to ensure the preservation of the Carton Avenue Lime Tree Walk. In the late 1990s, I was privileged to work with a group that secured funding from the Kildare Leader Company and Kildare County Council to resurface the footpath and undertake other much needed remedial works in the avenue. At the time the assistance of the late Mr. Willie Carroll as Director of Services with Kildare County Council was invaluable as he spearheaded the funding for the project and politics aside a certain Charlie McCreevy, Minister for Finance at the time was not found wanting when we sought his financial support.

It is now time to consider the planting of new trees as the current trees are over 200 years old and in planting new ones the avenue will be secured for future generations of Maynooth people to enjoy this amenity. Carton Avenue is one of the key features of Maynooth which even to-day is still one of the best examples of a purpose built landlord village. Of course by landlord I am referencing the connection between the beautiful cottages in the streets just off Main Street as these were built for the workers from Carton Estate and their landlords the Dukes of Leinster living in Carton.

Talking about developments, the amendment to the Maynooth Local Area Plan was passed by Kildare County Council in October. The plan permits very significant residential growth in the next decade. One of the worries is that housing will come before other important infrastructure such as roads and school. To this end it is good to see that the Maynooth Educate Together NS permanent school building has commenced on their site on the Celbridge Road. (Photo Right) While the new building will increase the capacity of the school to take more pupils it will not be enough to cater for the increase in demand for primary school places.



It is estimated that between now and 2023 an additional 1,500 new housing units will be built in Maynooth with a further similar number being built by 2027. So we need to plan now for a second Educate Together primary school in the town to cater for the demand for primary school places. If not we will condemn our young children to be educated in larger classes than necessary because we failed to plan schools for this new population that will be looking to call Maynooth their home just like we do.

And on education, Maynooth University make great efforts every year for National Science Week (11th -18th November). There are some interesting lectures this year. If you have not gone before I recommend that you go along this year.

Paul Croghan - Editor

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Maynooth Monthly Diary Planner

Community Library	Maynooth Multiple Births	Bridge Club
<p>Opening Times Mondays & Fridays 2pm to 5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays 1pm to 8pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm & 2pm to 5pm Sat 9.30am to 1pm</p>	<p>Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you. For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910</p>
I.C.A.	MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP	Arthritis Ireland
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in The Glenroyal Hotel New Members Welcome Contact: MCEP Office for more details (Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)</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>We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC</p> <p>Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members. New members welcome Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062</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	St Joseph's young Priests Society	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>St. Joseph's young Priest's Society meet monthly on the second last Wednesday between 8pm and 9pm in Parish Centre, Maynooth. For further information contact Bernadette at 6286288 or Lena at 01 6285128.</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
<p>Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St. Contact Josephine on 087 9002296</p>	<p>E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition. E-mail: office@maynoothcep.com Phone: 01-6285922</p>	<p>Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie</p>

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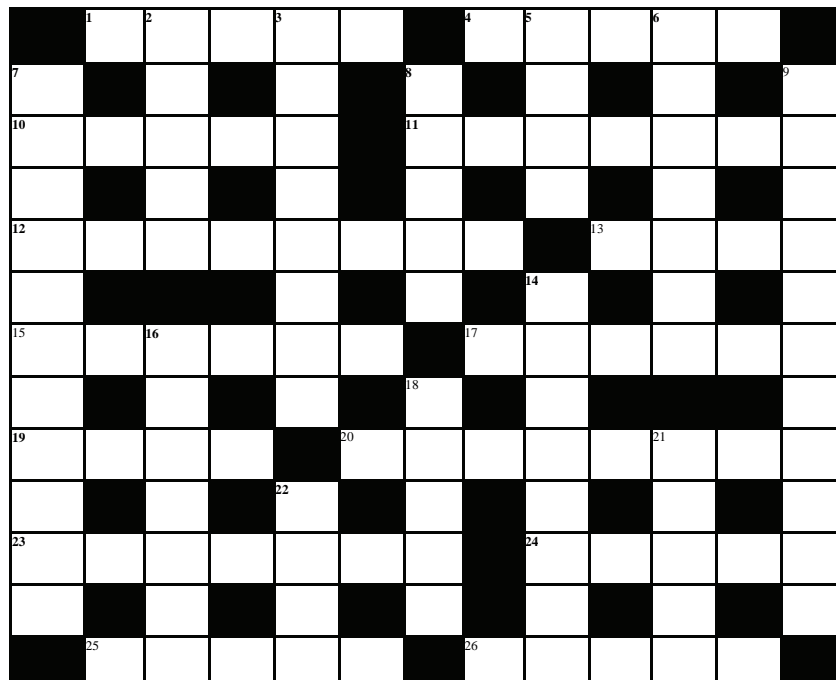
Clues Across

1. Smoke outlet (5)
4. Fascinating quality (5)
10. Ballroom dance (5)
11. Income (7)
12. Clint __ __, US actor (8)
13. Fodder store (4)
15. Diminutive (6)
17. Indian river (6)
19. Prison (4)
20. Inappropriate name (8)
23. Critical (7)
24. Creature (5)
25. Scuffle (5)
26. Meat (5)



Ooops! Due to a technical error the Crossword & Sudoku in the October Issue was a repeat. Apologies Hope we didn't spoil your fun!!!

November 2018 Crossword - No. 474

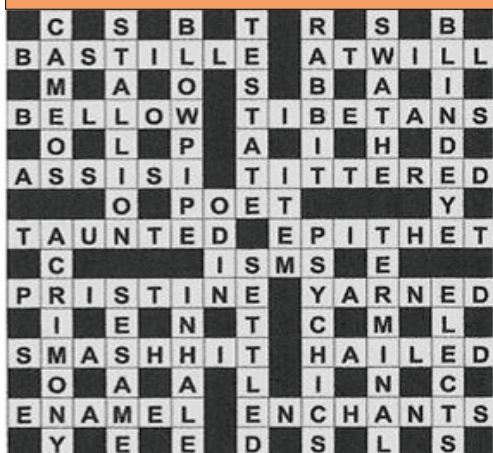


Clues Down

2. Gripping utensil (5)
3. Oliver __ __, soldier statesman (8)
5. Town adjoining Brighton (4)
6. The __ __ Man, Schwarzenegger film (7)
7. High—level worker (11)
8. Shepherd's staff (5)
9. Make objections (11)
14. "The Silence of the Lambs" character, __ __ Lecter (8)
16. Testimony (7)
18. Country residence (5)
21. Funds (5)
22. Fermented juice (4)



Solutions to Crossword No 473



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Winner of Crossword No. 473

Irene Fernandez
Moyglare
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Sudoku Challenge November 2018

Entries must arrive to
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Super Difficult

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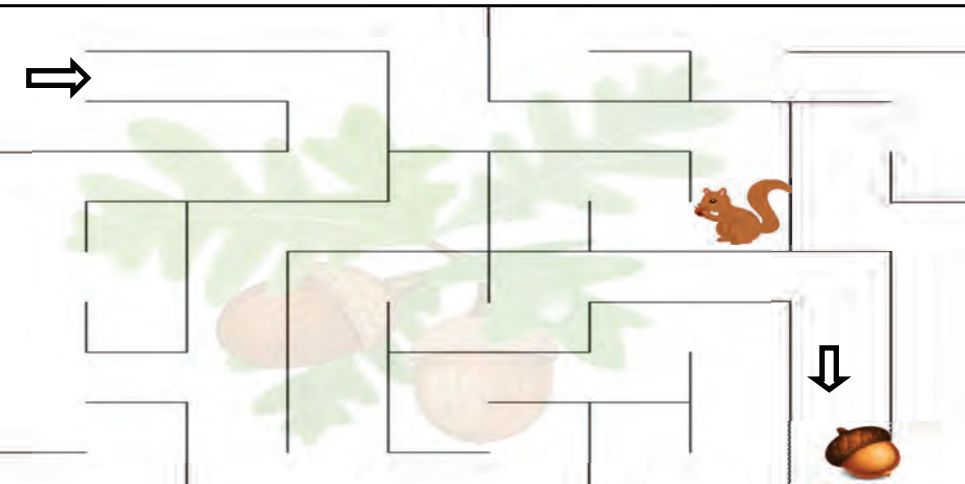
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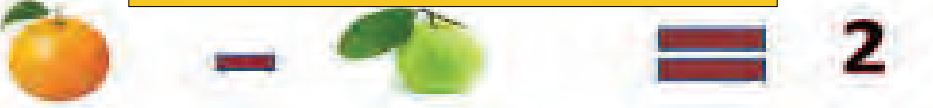


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Junior Puzzle Corner



Help Squirrel find his acorn





Fill in the answer below

Word Search

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h	b	u	e	a	l
a	i	l	k	i	o
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BLUE  

BIRD 

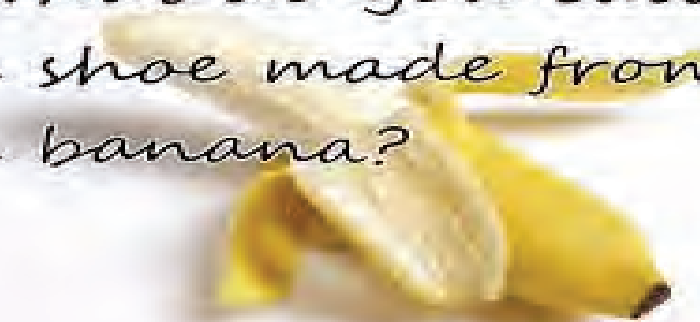
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What do you call
a shoe made from
a banana?



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THINGS TO DO IN YOUR GARDEN IN NOVEMBER

There's still time to **plant daffodil bulbs** and other spring flowering bulbs for a magnificent start to next years display. **Plant tulip bulbs** now to prevent Tulip Fire infection. Plant up a terracotta pot of **hyacinth bulbs** for a simple but stunning display next spring. Plant Magnolias now for a beautiful Spring display. Now is the ideal time to plant a **magnolia tree** for a beautiful spring display. Gather up fallen leaves from around the base of **rose bushes** which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer, to reduce the chance of infection next year. Continue to **lift dahlia tubers**, begonias and gladiolus corms to store dry over the winter months. Remove the dead foliage before storing. Cut back the yellowing foliage of **herbaceous perennials**, and lift and divide overcrowded clumps to maintain their vigour. Cut a few stems of holly for making Christmas garlands before the birds eat them all.



The Final Harvest: **Potatoes** (dry off skins, then store in sacks); **beans** (if any left in the pods, allow to dry, then store in jars for adding to casseroles); **cabbages** (first, check for any slugs, then store in a frost-free shed); **tomatoes & peppers** in the greenhouse (use unripe ones for chutney, or store in the dark in a cool room where they will slowly ripen – a banana will help the process!). **Things to Plant and Sow:** **Onion sets** and **garlic**; **broad beans** (these will do best under cloches or fleece); also, this is the best time to sow sweet peas – not edible but they look lovely around the plot (but protect from mice over winter); **lettuces** (in the greenhouse); **green manures** (if cold and wet, try field beans).

Fruits: Gooseberry 'Hinnonmaki Red' is a hardy variety well suited to northern conditions, which produces sweet, purple-red fruits on upright, easy to prune plants. This is the perfect time to plant them. This is a good time to plant stepover apples, giving them the winter to settle in. Pomona Fruits has a great range. Choose several that will pollinate each other for bumper yields. **Prune roses:** Prune climbing roses, tying them into their supports as you go. The aim is to tie in a framework of branches and to shorten the side branches. You will need a long afternoon and a big dose of patience. The golden rule is to make sure you get hold of 'prepared' or 'treated' bulbs which have been primed to flower quickly once you bring them inside and pot them up. You can force them yourself but that means starting in August/September and involves a lot more preparation.

Remember winter is coming and birds need to **build up fat reserves** to help them survive the colder winter months. November is the ideal time to start feeding wild birds in your garden with high protein **Chirpy Peanuts** and **high protein Sunflower seeds**.



Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots.

Essential advice for the gardener
Grow **Peas** of mind
Turnip to help your neighbour
Lettuce be thankful
Always make **Thyme** for loved ones



Traditional potato pancake
Boxty

Prep time: 30 min
Cook time: 1 hour
Serves: 1 9" pie (8 servings)



- Ingredients:**
- * Potatoes (weighted after peeling):750g
 - * Self-raising flour:350g
 - * Butter(melted):60g
 - * Backing powder:1 teaspoon
 - * Salt and white pepper
 - * Milk or buttermilk to mix

- Method:**
- * Divide the potatoes in half and boil one half in salted water until cooked.
 - * Grate the remaining half into a clean tea towel and wring up the liquid.
 - * Drain the boiled potatoes and mash them.
 - * Mix the grated and mashed potatoes together and add the flour and baking powder.
 - * Melt the butter, stir in and mix to a soft dough, adding milk or buttermilk.
 - * Pre-heat the oven to 200°C.
 - * Place the dough on a floured surface and knead gently.
 - * Shape into four flat, round cakes and mark each with a cross.
 - * Brush with little milk to glaze and place on a greased baking tin.
 - * Bake for 25-30 minutes or until well risen and golden brown.
 - * Serve warm and buttered.

Tips:
The boxty can be cooked on a griddle each side for 15 minutes. It goes well with most dishes but in Ireland you will find it served with bacon and eggs or given a twist with smoked salmon and crème fraîche.

Keto peanut butter cookies

Prep. Time:5 minutes
Cooking time:12 minutes
Servings:12



- Ingredients:**
- * 1 cup of Natural Peanut butter
 - * Half cup of Stevia or granulated sweetener of choice
 - * 1 egg

- Method:**
- * Preheat oven at 350°
 - * In a bowl mix all ingredients together until well combined.
 - * Using a small spoon, scoop enough dough to roll a 1 inch ball in your hand.
 - * Place ball of dough on cooking paper. Press each ball down with a fork, twice, creating a cress cross pattern on each cookie.
 - * Bake for about 12 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving. Store in air tight container.

LEARN HOW TO COOK
Try new recipes,
Learn from your mistakes,
Be fearless and above all have fun



Zero Waste Maynooth

A report from the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) was released in early October. This report was a sobering and alarming read. It stated that we have 12 years to limit climate change catastrophe. In these types of reports there can be a lot of figures and academic speak but the fact that we have so little time left to limit the severity of climate change was clear.

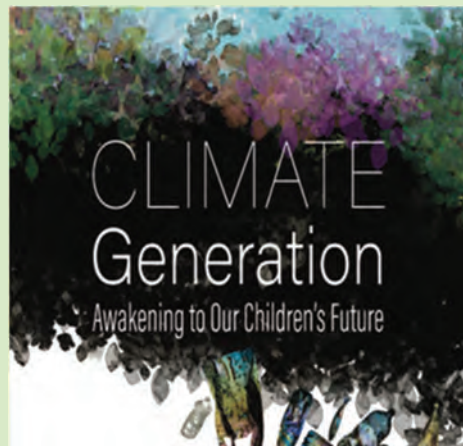
It is important to remember that climate change isn't just about polar bears and pandas. It is an issue that does affect our lives, and will do so increasingly. Climate change will have a major influence on everything – from health, food supply, economic growth, migration, security, societal change, and public goods, such as drinking water.

We need to come together more than ever. We need to make far reaching changes in the way we do things but the result – having a healthy, functioning world and society – will make it worth the effort. Zero Waste Maynooth will be working hard to do our bit – and we would love to have you join with us.

Zero Waste Maynooth were delighted to be involved in the book launch of *“Climate Generation: Awakening to our Children's Future”*. The author is Maynooth local Lorna Gold who has long been involved in campaigning on climate justice issues. This book is a call to action to all those who care about the future of our planet and the future of our children. It is a hopeful book that is the antidote to the bad news of the IPCC report. Lorna calls for individual and collective action.

Our next ZWM event will be on Saturday, 10th November and will be the family friendly book launch of *“Climate Generation”*. There will be talks and activities on the day to show that lower impact living doesn't mean that you are missing out on any fun. This event will hopefully start a conversation amongst the families of Maynooth as to what they can do to make a sustainable future for our children.

There will also be cake to celebrate Zero Waste Maynooth's first birthday!! So please come along for a cuppa, a chat and a slice of cake!



“Climate Generation: Awakening to our Children's future”

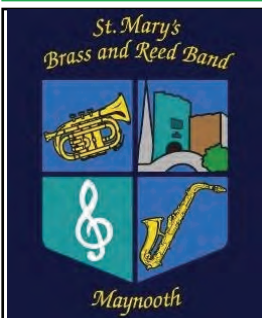
Family friendly book launch

Community Space
@ 2pm
Saturday, 10th November

Talks and kid friendly activities



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Bare Necessities (loose, dried goods)
Cloth Nappy Library



St Mary's Brass & Reed Band

The highlight of last month was the recording session for our first ever CD which took place on Saturday 13th October in the Band Hall where we were joined by the Parish Church Choir and the Choir from the Presentation Girls' School.

It was a long day and we put 12 numbers together between the three groups but hopefully our efforts will be worth it when the CD finally becomes available in early November.

At present the plan is to have it on sale in Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street and Centra in Greenfield while the Parish Centre will also have a supply. We hope to have more details when the CD finally arrives. Apart from buying it as a stocking filler for family and friends locally we feel it would be an ideal small gift for family and friends living abroad as the title *“Christmas Melodies from Maynooth”* says it all.

As mentioned in last month's issue we have our annual Mass for Deceased Members on Sunday 4th November at 1pm during which we will be including some of the pieces which we played at the Ecumenical Service in Bad Orb in Germany in September. Our Christmas Concert this year takes place in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 9th December at 7.30pm and there is no admission charge so all are welcome to hear a great selection of very entertaining music.

Our weekly rehearsals are held every Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45 to 9.45pm and musicians are always welcome to drop in or contact us at sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie.




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