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MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 17th MARCH 2019 FÉILE LÁ FHÉILE PHÁDRAIG MHAIGH NUAD 17Ú MÁRTA 2019



The 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade was as eventful and fun as ever. While the rain battered all the participants and the crowds, it didn't dampen any spirits. The theme this year was, "The Town and The Gown", celebrating Maynooth's position as the only University Town in Ireland. All of the participants really took to the theme, particularly the Maynooth Educate Together School and the Glenroyal Hotel. We saw some graduations on the viewing stand, graduates in the Tidy Towns and large paper marché academics.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest community event in our town and massive crowds came out despite the weather to see all our wonderful organisations and businesses take part. There were 31 entries into this year's parade ranging from schools to sports clubs and businesses. Prior to the arrival of the floats, Barry Smith aka Tony Savino sang to the crowds and Paul Croghan (MC) laid out proceedings. The parade started with the customary run through the town of the Vintage cars accompanied by the Irish Mini Owners Club and Tractors, reminding us that Maynooth still has a large agricultural community. After the Vintage Cars flew through the town, the ONE Colour Party, comprised of former Defence Forces Veterans introduced the parade into the square, followed closely by the St. Mary's Brass and Reed band.

Community events such as the parade require funding and we were fortunate to receive funding from Kildare County Council and sponsorship from local businesses; Thornton's Recycling, Brady's Bar and Lounge, Kildare County Council, Derrinstown Stud, Manor Mills Shopping Centre, O'Neill's Pub, Dr. John Merrick, McMahon's Bar & Lounge, L'Art du Chocolat, Maynooth Office Supplies, Jim's Shoe Repairs, Romayos, Coonan Property & Gerard Mulcahy Butchers. Please support these local businesses who support community activities.

The parade is run by a committee of volunteers who run the parade in the interest of community spirit and participation. Most of the administrative work is carried out in the Maynooth Community Employment Project's (MCEP) office and their assistance and help is truly appreciated.

It is the volunteers and stewards that help on the day that make my life so much easier. This year, the Men's Sheds were our anchor Stewards and I look forward to working with them for years to come. They were cordial and excellent on the day. My thanks to all the other stewards; Richard and Mary Farrell, Shay Corbally, Brian O'Neill, Colm and Ger Uí Chearúil, Aly Murphy, Freda Kelleher and Proinsios Whelan. My thanks also to Willie Kiernan for orchestrating the PA system and sound for the day. To Séamas Kennedy and Matty Callaghan for the steps, Barry Smith (Tony Savino), Paul Croghan, Inkjet World, The Gardaí, Kildare County Council, ONE Colour Party and everybody who contributed to the day.

My thanks also to Manor Mills Shopping Centre for hosting the excellent Family Fun Day after the parade and allowing us to conduct the awards ceremony there.

Finally I'd like to commend each and every person that took part in the parade from infants to older members of our community. Without you, there would be no parade and we hope that you had as much fun taking part as everybody else did seeing you all.

Until next year, Beirigí Bua!

Naoise Ó Cearúil

Parade Organiser

Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Winners

Best School Float: Maynooth Educate Together School

Best Commercial Float: BASE Entertainment

Best Portrayal of Theme: Glenroyal Hotel

Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness: Maynooth Tidy Towns & Zero Waste

Best Portrayal of Irish Culture (Dr. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Perpetual Trophy): Peelo School of Dance

Best Band: St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Best Shop Fronts

1st NCS Auto Parts, Main Street

2nd Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street

3rd NCBI Charity Shop, Mill Street, Maynooth

Community Person of the Year: Eilis O'Malley

For her lifelong service to the community and people of Maynooth. Eilis has been involved with many local groups but most notably the ICA, Meals on Wheels, Crosscare and St. Mary's Parish



Niamh Kirwan collecting award on behalf of Peelo School of Dance



Neasa Hogan collecting award on behalf of Maynooth Educate Together School



Mary Molly collecting award on behalf of MTT & Zero Waste Maynooth



Ted Robinson collecting award on behalf of the Glenroyal Hotel

(Parade Photo Gallery pages 16 & 17)



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Credit Union donates life-saving equipment to Maynooth Community First Responders

Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) were delighted to accept a donation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) this week from Life Credit Union, Maynooth. Early access to CPR arrest greatly improve survival rates.



Fionnuala Murphy, Maynooth CFR, with Brenda Walsh, Branch Manager, Life Credit Union Maynooth and Kyran Ross of Maynooth CFR.

According to Chair of Maynooth CFR, Cllr Réada Cronin, an AED is a key piece of equipment for the group. "CFR groups are linked with the National Ambulance Service and are dispatched along

with an ambulance to certain emergencies, such as heart attack, cardiac arrest, choking and stroke. The most important piece of equipment in our kit bag is the AED. They are small but expensive so to have received a donation of a defibrillator from Life Credit Union is a huge boost to the group and we are delighted to have their support."

5,000 people die each year from cardiac arrest in Ireland. For every minute that

passes after a cardiac arrest, the chances of recovery are reduced by 7% to 10%. Having early access to CPR and an AED are crucial steps in the cardiac chain of survival, according to the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC).

Brenda Walsh, Branch Manager of Life Credit Union Maynooth, said: "Life Credit Union is community-based and driven. Our aim is always to support those in our community and we were thrilled to support Maynooth Community First Responders by donating a vital piece of life-saving equipment. This will benefit all of us in Maynooth and, while we hope not to have to call on emergency services, it is a relief to know that we have this level of support locally."

Maynooth CFR is a group of 18 volunteers, trained and certified by CFR Ireland to provide life-saving assistance in cases of heart attack, cardiac arrest, stroke and choking, working alongside the National Ambulance Service. The aim is to be on the scene within 10 minutes, providing life-saving assistance while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

The group was established in May 2018 and are now waiting for sign off by the National Ambulance Service so that they can 'go live' and begin to provide life-saving assistance. Maynooth CFR is entirely voluntary. For more information follow them on Facebook @maynoothcfr.

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Mission Statement

The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news.

We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events.

The Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and we hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

The Editorial Board endeavours to ensure independence and balance in the Newsletter content and reserves the right to omit/edit or abridge material which in its opinion might render the Newsletter as a promoter of sectional interests.

In addition we undertake the following:

In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.

In the case of unwittingly or unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person the right to reply.

Any contributor seeking further guidelines in this matter is invited to contact the Editorial Board.

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The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load.

The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

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Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Editorial

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." (Harry Truman). As the 33rd President of the United States, Harry Truman has an impressive record as the holder of the most powerful political office in the world and among his successes was the Marshall Plan which poured billions of US Dollars in aid to Western European countries after World War 11. Truman also had many inspiring ideas and they are as relevant to-day as they were in his lifetime.

Throughout this month's "Maynooth Newsletter" there are photographs associated with the 2019 Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade reflecting the huge level of participation from so many groups in the town as well as the record level of attendance to view the parade despite the poor weather conditions two years in a row. As MC for the parade I had one of the best vantage points from the reviewing stand in Courthouse Square to see everything and it is clear to me that the continuing success of this annual event is that it marks the beginning of the year for many groups. The people of the town want this occasion to come together. So I would like to acknowledge all the groups who took part as you are the reason it is such a success. OK to give credit to just one group – Every event needs people to do the work on the day. A big thanks to Maynooth Men's shed who got involved this year to help in the set up on the day and to assist in making sure everyone was safe.

Another collaboration that is worthy of special mention is the creation by Maynooth Tidy Towns of a sensory garden attached to the Maynooth Pastoral Centre. Maynooth Tidy Towns are true leaders in our community and it is not



Maynooth Tidy Town volunteers working on the sensory garden.

surprising that they are highly respected for everything that they undertake. In recent times they have worked closely with Maynooth Zero Waste to tackle our individual need to reduce our waste. In the past month I note that they are also active in the Climate Change protests. Despite being over sixty years in existence the tidy towns tackles new challenges to help protect our environment.

On the 23rd March there was total traffic chaos at Carton Park as the annual WEEE collection took place. Of course Maynooth Tidy Towns were involved in collecting some of the goods that were recycled. They reported that six forty foot trailers were filled in Maynooth. 350 pallets of white goods, 60 pallets of other electrical goods as well as one pallet of old car batteries and a 45 gallon drum of household batteries. Of course the credit for the volume of recycled goods goes to the people of Maynooth who took the trouble to make sure that you disposed of your electrical and battery waste in an environmentally friendly way.



One of the trucks with the WEEE waste from Maynooth.

So as we look forward to the rest of 2019 it might be worth considering the thoughts of Mark Twain another inspirational person. He said "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too can become great".

Paul Croghan - Editor



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Cllr. McGinley Calls for Safety Measures on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 1st March:

“Can the council clarify what steps are being taken in relation to safety measures on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, during the Cairn Homes construction period and when the Link Road is opened up for traffic”

John got the following reply from Council Officials:

“The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department and the Maynooth Municipal District Office agree with the traffic calming proposals to be carried out by the developer on the Dunboyne Road within the confines of their planning permission. From the council’s analysis, the proposed traffic calming works incorporates some of the specific requests of the local residents. These will help to ensure pedestrian and traffic safety for the duration of the construction activities and will also help to reduce traffic speeds at this location. The construction of the Link Road is progressing well and the date of opening still has to be confirmed by the developer.”

John stated the following:

“The residents of Castlepark housing estate are very unhappy with the lack of an adequate traffic management for the Dunboyne Road during the construction period and they have put forward suggestions for improving the situation to the Council’s Roads Engineer, Jonathan Deane.”

As a result, Jonathan Deane has agreed to meet the residents on site to discuss traffic management plans. This meeting took place on 14 March.

Cllr. McGinley also asked that funding be put in place to remove the very bad bends on the Dunboyne Road at this location as there will be a major increase in traffic using it when the new link road opens at the end of the year.

Cllr. John McGinley had the following Question on the Agenda for the Maynooth MD Meeting on 1st March:

“Can the council confirm what progress has been made on reducing the noise levels on the M4, through resurfacing and the provision of sound absorbing barriers?”

John got the following reply from Council Officials:

“The Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department has allocated technical resources to examine problems at this location and possible solutions will include resurfacing and the provision of sound absorbing barriers. The process will also include a cost estimate of the possible solution considered.”

In moving his Motion John stated as follows:

The noise from the M4 between Leixlip and Kilcock has been unbearable for residents of the area for many years. My house in Maynooth is about half a mile from the motorway and I can even hear it inside the house and it is getting worse.

For houses closer to the motorway the noise is terrible and it is not possible to leave the windows open in the summertime or sit outside to enjoy the sun.

The surface of the motorway is over 25 years old and it is the only motorway in the country that does not have low noise tarmacadam on it.

Normally the surface of such roads are replaced after 25 years.

I first raised this very serious issue with the National Roads Authority some 12 years ago and if have been raising it regularly since, but unfortunately nothing has been done.

I got a commitment from the National Roads Authority 8 years ago that they would put on low noise tarmacadam when they were re-surfacing the M4. We are still waiting.”

At John’s request the Maynooth Municipal District members agreed to ask the Council’s

Director of Roads, Niall Morrissey, to make representations at the highest level possible to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to get them to act.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for a Yellow Box at the Band Hall Entrance

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 1st March:

“That the council restore the yellow box outside the Band Hall, Pound Lane, Maynooth, as agreed by the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department on 04 December 2018.”

John got the following reply from Council Officials:

“The repaired yellow box is narrower than the original box and will be widened to facilitate the pedestrian gate.”

Public Consultation Meeting Proposed for the Harbour Field on 5th April

Maynooth MD Councillors got the Following from Mairead Hunt of Kildare County Council on 14 March:

“The Maynooth Healthcheck assessment was very successfully carried out and completed in November 2018, with a number of projects identified in the Town Renewal Plan for Maynooth.

The overwhelming priority identified by the people of Maynooth is the redesign of the Harbourfield Park.

Having regard to the level of engagement and the detailed discussions concerning the Harbourfield which took place between the Community and Cathal O’ Meara Landscape Architects over the course of three very well attended public consultation workshops, Cathal O’ Meara Landscape Architects have been engaged to hold additional public consultation workshops to solicit the ideas and views of the Community for the redesign of the Harbourfield specifically, progress a design for the Park to Part 8, and also provide the required plans and drawings to support an application for funding under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund.

I propose that the first public consultation event be held in the Harbour Field on Friday 5th April from 3pm until 7pm. If this date clashes with any other event in Maynooth could you let me know as a matter of urgency please so that I can look at alternative dates.”

Cllr. John McGinley got the Following Update on his Motion for a Skate Park at The Harbour Field:

The provision of a skate park was not one of the priorities identified by the community of Maynooth during the recent and very successful Health Check process. However, as part of the development of a design for the Harbour Field, should the people of Maynooth desire it, a skate park may be included in the design.

Cllr. McGinley believes that the Harbour Field is the ideal location for a Skate Park and hopefully will make that point during the public consultation process on 5 April.

Update on the Provision of a Footpath from the footpath/cycle path at the bottom of The Harbour Field to the Playground

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update to his motion at the Maynooth MD meeting on 1st March:

“A meeting was held with consultants last week to discuss the preliminary options for the overall planning of the Harbour Field. It was agreed that with all potential options, there will be a requirement to complete the footpath in question from the current location of the adult exercise equipment as far as the new Harbour Field cycle link. Accordingly, the council will start planning for the delivery of this section of path but a source of funding has not been yet identified.”



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Tidy Towns/Zero Waste Float - Float 17

This float, and the lady in the GOWN represent the crucial work being done in Maynooth by Tidy Towns volunteers to protect, preserve and enhance

biodiversity in our area – from planting native trees and hedgerows, promoting the growth of wildflower meadows by reduced mowing regimes (e.g. along Carton Avenue,) the installation of bird and bat boxes (Carton Avenue and other locations) to creating pollinator friendly flowerbeds and safe nesting sites for our bees and other valuable bugs.

One area focused on is the implementation of the All-Ireland

Pollinator Plan. Pollinators, such as bees, are very valuable to our economy, and for our health and well-being. However, **one third of our wild bee species are threatened with extinction** from the island of Ireland. This is due to many factors including lack of food (wildflowers) and safe nesting habitats due to the overuse of pesticides in our landscapes. Wild Pollinators are also **highly vulnerable to climate change**.

Tidy Towns volunteers are providing our pollinators with the necessary food and shelter to help them survive and thrive and do their valuable work.

The majority of the materials used to create the float have been donated, reused or borrowed and all put together by Zero Waste Volunteers (particularly EDEL) We are all connected.

“The earth is what we all have in common” – Wendell Berry





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Brexit Impacting Garda Allocation as

6 Additional Garda Allocated to Kildare Division - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been advised by Human Resources at Garda Headquarters that an additional 6 Probationary Gardaí have been assigned to the Kildare Division following their graduation on Friday 8th March.

Two probationary gardai have been assigned to Leixlip Garda Station, Naas Garda Station and Kildare Garda Station, and they took up their posts on 22nd March.

Mr. Stagg stated that the allocation of 6 Probationary Gardaí will bring Garda Numbers to 391 in the Kildare Division by the end of March or a ratio of 1 garda for every 568 people in Kildare. The total number of Garda Recruits allocated to the Kildare Division since April 2015 is 119. Unfortunately the additional allocation of Gardaí appears to be impacted by Brexit stated Mr. Stagg with reports that one third of all recruits graduating in March being allocated to the four divisions in the border region. If a Brexit deal is done in the end then these recruits must be reallocated to Divisions where there is under-manning such as the Kildare Division. Mr. Stagg stated that we must keep the pressure on the Commissioner and the Policing Authority to continue to reduce the unacceptable historical imbalance that existed in the Kildare Division and a concerted campaign to attract in Gardaí from other divisions must be maintained.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that we must keep up the pressure and ensure that the demands of the people of Kildare are met by an increased strength Garda Force.

14,450 People Took Guided Tours of Maynooth Castle in 2018 - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg was in contact with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform about the number of visitors to Maynooth Castle in 2018, who availed of Guided Tours.

The Minister has advised Mr. Stagg that 14,450 people availed of guided tours of the Castle in 2018 whilst a further 8,496 people visited the Castle.

Welcoming the figures Mr. Stagg stated that the opening of the Castle for guided tours in 2018, seven days a week from Mid-May to September had seen a 25% increase in the number of tours taken. The Guided Tours are fantastic and are great for anybody who is interested in History but are also very educational and enjoyable for children.

The Tour Guides are top class and in the Vaulted area there is a visual display of the Castle

History and a 3D replica of how the Castle looked in the 12th Century. Mr. Stagg stated, if you have not taken the Tour with your family, do it this Summer.

Maynooth Castle was founded in the 13th Century and remodelled in the 17th Century. It was the home of the Kildare Branch of the Geraldines.

Just under €2 Million stated Mr. Stagg was spent in 2,000/2001 on the Phase 1 Restoration Works which involved the development of the ground vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2 of the Restoration works, which have never been carried out, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium. It's disappointing that Phase 2 was not put in place and Mr. Stagg vowed to continue to press for its implementation.

Stagg Lodges Submission in Support of Intel Planning

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has lodged a submission in support of Intel's Planning Application for an extended and revised manufacturing facility at their Headquarters in Leixlip.

In his submission Mr. Stagg stated that the proposal is part of a strategic initiative by Intel Leixlip to ensure that the campus is optimised and is in a competitively placed position to compete for the next generation of investment with the Intel Corporation, when major future capital investment decisions are being considered. It is envisaged that 3,000 people will be employed in construction for 4 years, up to 6,000 at peak construction for a period of 6 months, and when operational there will be 1,600 full time permanent jobs on site.

Mr. Stagg also stated that the proposal was supported by the Current Leixlip Local Area Plan and Kildare County Development Plan and various regional and National Strategies and Guidelines. To date Intel have invested \$12.5 Billion at its Leixlip Plant between Buildings and Process Equipment, which is a major investment not just in Leixlip and Co. Kildare but the State overall.

Mr. Stagg further stated that granting planning permission would reinforce Intel Leixlip as a Centre of World Excellence in the Knowledge Based economy.

A decision is due on the planning application on March 28th and in conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg called on Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for the extended and revised manufacturing facility given its importance to the County and the State.



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New Gaelscoil for Maynooth to be Temporarily Located at Maynooth Education Campus - Feeney

Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney has welcomed the announcement that the New Primary School for Maynooth will be a second Gaelscoil for the Town following the announcement by the Minister for Education of the Patronage for the New Primary School.

The recommendation to the Minister by the New Schools Establishment Group was accepted by the Minister and clearly shows that parental preference for the new Primary School was for a second Gaelscoil. Whilst the other bodies who sought Patronage, KWETB, Educate Together, Church of Ireland and Scoil Sinead will be disappointed, parental preference won out on the day stated Ms. Feeney.

The school is due to open in September 2019 and Ms. Feeney stated that the Department of Education have sought temporary planning permission on 21st February for the new Gaelscoil on a site at the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth. A decision is due on the planning application by 17th April.

In conclusion Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney congratulated An Foras Patrúnachta on their success and looked forward to the opening of the new school in September next.

7 Contractors to be Invited to Tender for Completion of Maynooth Education Campus -

Angela Feeney has welcomed the fact that 7 Contractors are been invited to Tender for the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus

Ms. Feeney stated that the project will go to tender very shortly and that tenders for the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus are being sought from 7 contractors and that the timeframe for receipt of tenders is expected to be in mid April with a view to getting on site early in the summer. It is fully expected that the buildings will be available for occupation prior to September 2020.

Ms. Feeney welcomed the fact that tenders will finally be invited shortly to complete the Campus as is the renewed commitment that the buildings will be available for occupation prior to September 2020. At present a contractor is already on site completing the external fabric of both school buildings.

The Maynooth Education Campus, stated Ms. Feeney, is the largest ever school building project undertaken in the State which will see two 1,000 pupil secondary schools and a Shared Sports Facility built on the Moyglare Road in Maynooth.

In conclusion Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney stated that she would, along with her colleague Emmet Stagg keep the pressure on the Minister for Education and Skills so we can

complete this most important Education Campus in Maynooth.

Further Information Request on Additional Car Parking at Maynooth Train Station suggests Investigation of Possible Exit onto Bond Bridge - Feeney

Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney has reviewed the Further Information Request issued by Kildare Co. Council in relation to the planning application for an additional 34 car parking spaces at Maynooth Train Station on lands adjoining Bond Bridge.

Ms. Feeney stated that Kildare Co. Council have requested Iarnród Éireann to investigate the possibility of providing a left turning access for vehicles and pedestrians from the train station at Bond Bridge onto the Rathcoffey Road. A minimum road width of 3 metres is required and a 2 metre kerbed footpath. The additional exit would, stated Ms. Feeney, relieve pressure on the already overstressed Straffan Road access, and it is policy under the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 to investigate the possibility. My colleague Cllr. John McGinley raised this issue with the Council to see if it is possible. The existing pedestrian exit point is very narrow stated Ms. Feeney and it's hard to see how it could be widened to allow for both pedestrian and vehicular exiting, but we will see what Iarnród Éireann come back with. The investigation will only look at an exit point as there is definitely insufficient room to have an entry and exit point.

Other issues raised by Kildare Co. Council in their Further Information request include the provision of a pedestrian facility from the proposed new car park extension through to the existing car park at the train station, widening the road between the existing car park and the additional car park, provision of additional cycle parking, provision of Independent Road Safety Audit and the submission of a Construction Management Plan.

In conclusion Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney stated that it was important that Iarnród Éireann respond to the Council in a timely fashion to ensure that work on the additional car parking can take place as soon as possible, given the promise by Iarnród Éireann to provide 73 additional car parking spaces this year at Maynooth Train Station with the 34 under this planning application and 39 being provided on the south side of the station.

Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2019

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2019 in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens will take place on Sunday April 28th. All proceeds from the walk go to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee. The walk will depart from Maynooth GAA Clubhouse at 3 pm on April 28th and will follow a route along Main Street and Carton Avenue into Carton House Estate.

If you would like to take part in the Walk please contact Angela on angelaemfeeney@gmail.com.



Zero Waste Maynooth

“So , why all this fuss over a plastic bottle??”

It’s a question I have asked myself, and seen in the faces of others, since I started down the Zero Waste path. Sometimes it seems that when there are so many big and complicated problems in the world, why should we put our energy and focus in this seemingly less urgent problem?

After lots of pondering these are the answers I have to the above question:

1. A plastic bottle might look innocent – especially now with the emphasis on recycling. But that plastic bottle is made of oil. Oil, a finite fossil fuel, is used to make something that will be used for approx. 20mins and then put in the bin. Oil is used to make the plastic and oil is used to power the manufacture and transportation of that bottle. Something precious like oil is used to produce something that is 100% disposable - it seems crazy to take natural resources and just throw them away.
2. Once you start thinking about the logic (or lack of it) behind the plastic bottle, a new world is opened up to you. From the starting point of the plastic bottle, you begin to question other everyday items and behaviours. You begin to realise that when you throw something “away”, there is no magic land of “Away” - that bottle could be downcycled eventually ending up in the landfill, or in a stream, or breaking down in the ocean, or in a whale’s stomach. Realising that our lifestyle and our choices are having a detriment effect on Nature is the first step in improving the natural world.
3. That first step can lead you to see how all our problems are linked – for example climate change is causing drought and famine which is resulting in people fleeing their lands and/or conflicts to flare up over resources. Most importantly it is not just the problems that are linked but the solutions to climate change will result in a better, cleaner world for everyone. For example education for girls was found to be a powerful tool to reduce climate change – and it is also a proven way to reduce poverty and infant mortality. “Drawdown” lists the top solutions to climate change and shows a fair, peaceful world is achievable.

So the role of the plastic bottle is very important – it is only when our eyes are opened that we can begin to act to protect our beautiful world.

If you are looking for a way to start off your Zero Waste journey please come along to our next event. Nu wardrobe will be holding a clothes swap so you can “shop” guilt and cash free! Bare necessities will have dried, loose goods available – so reuse those jam jars and bags. Reuzi will have zero waste essentials for sale also.

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Come early and enjoy our continuing series of short Irish language films curated by writer and filmmaker Caroline Farrell. Complementary tea, coffee, water is available and for those who can stay late – join us for an informal discussion following the screenings.

Films are screened in The Iontas Building, North Campus Maynooth University. Parking is Free! Paid parking is not enforced on campus in the evenings.

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IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MAYNOOTH

On the 23rd of February the ICA Maynooth hosted an afternoon tea event in the new Parochial Hall for over 100 parishioners.

On the day, we certainly went back to the days of elegant dining with snow white tablecloths and lavish, colourful china on all the tables. Moira Baxter from our local gardening and flower club provided beautiful flowers to adorn our tables.

There was a buzzing atmosphere on the day with friends arriving and a great element of surprise on seeing the room all ready for the afternoon tea. Delicious homemade sandwiches and a variety of cakes and scones were all donated by the ICA members and friends and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The music was provided by a trio of gentlemen Philip, Gerry and Christy who played while people were arriving and also during the tea being served. Everyone enjoyed the music and joined in singing with the musicians which added to the day.

We finally concluded our afternoon with a raffle. A wide variety of prizes were in abundance.

The afternoon tea event was very successful, as we raised €2,500! We were delighted to be in a position to give a donation to our parish priest Fr. Frank McEvoy which was presented to him in the ICA Hall.

We would like to thank all the people who contributed in any way toward the day making it such a triumphant event for us.

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Gabriel Martin.

The Alzheimer Café Leixlip Co Kildare



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National Broadband Plan likely to be delayed again – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has expressed his disappointment at the fact that further delays are likely to the long awaited and much vaunted National Broadband Plan. Deputy O'Rourke was commenting as it emerged that the Minister for Communications is set to open dialogue with providers Eir and Imagine to discuss the implications of their recent announcements for the overall project.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "In the past two weeks, Eir and Imagine both announced plans to provide broadband services within the intervention area which will cover 400,000 premises.

"While greater broadband coverage is always welcome, especially for homes and businesses in parts of Kildare where there is virtually no connection, these announcements present yet another headache for the National Broadband Plan as the rollout cannot take place in areas where there is already a commercial operator."

The Minister needs to urgently clarify the impact of these announcements on the tendering process and give an indication of any further delay. Previous reductions to the intervention area have already led to changes in both the scale and price of the project. It's prudent and reasonable to assume these announcements will do the same.

"Across Kildare there are homes with parents who cannot conduct basic online banking transactions; children who cannot do their homework; students who cannot file their assignments; farms and farmers who cannot access the Department of Agriculture schemes and small business that cannot trade online. The timely rollout of the National Broadband Plan is not a luxury for these people. It's a necessity", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke calls for dementia-specific day care centre in North Kildare

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has called for the provision of a dementia-specific day care centre in north Kildare. Deputy O'Rourke was questioning the Minister of State for Older People and said, "There is no day centre in north Kildare for people with dementia, an area with a population of approximately 120,000.

"There are currently 1,229 people with dementia in Kildare so that's quite a significant number of people who require a service which is simply not in place. We know that where a person has dementia there are three family members also directly affected. They provide care for them on a day-to-day voluntary basis and their own health deteriorates as a result.

"Providing a two-day per week care centre to help people living with dementia in north Kildare has been costed at approximately €70,000. In the grand scheme of things this is reasonable money, yet people living with dementia in north Kildare are starved of services at the moment because the funding is not available.

"As it stands, most people living with dementia in this region must travel to other locations like Dublin and south Kildare to access services. They should be able to access care as close to their community as possible and without impediments. The nature of the disease is such that routine and consistency are key to helping a person cope.

"It's worth remembering that over the next 30 years, the number of people in Ireland over the age of 65 will double and the number over the age of 85 will quadruple, while the population of north Kildare is rising rapidly. It is not unreasonable to request support for some of our most vulnerable people and their families", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Patronage arrangements agreed for Leixlip and Maynooth – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has welcomed the announcement of patronage arrangements for Leixlip and Maynooth. Deputy O'Rourke was commenting following an announcement from the Minister for Education that An Foras Pátrúnachta have been awarded the patronage of a new primary school in Maynooth while Educate Together have been awarded the patronage of a new primary school in Leixlip.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "For quite some time the people of North Kildare have been seeking a new Educate Together School in Leixlip. The area has been identified as being in need of increased school diversity, likewise in Maynooth, parents and students are keen to see a greater array of ethos options.

While it's great to see these patronages being announced, in particular in line with parents preferences, patron bodies must be supported by the Department of Education when establishing the new schools. The focus must be on delivery of these schools for September 2019.

"The Department must follow this announcement with details on the permanent sites and buildings for these schools and proper supports for the patrons. Without additional Departmental supports, parents and local communities will be forced to continue to do the heavy lifting to deliver these schools, it has been expected of them in the past but cannot be allowed to continue", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Insurance costs continue to cripple customers while companies see profits soar – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Deputy Frank O'Rourke has said insurance providers need to pass on some of their massive profits to consumers and called on the Government to immediately implement the recommendations of the Cost of Insurance Working Group.

Deputy O'Rourke was commenting following reports that three insurance companies in Ireland made a combined profit of €200 million last year and said, "Insurance companies are raking it in by imposing huge premiums on consumers for their home, motor and business insurance.

"Individuals across Kildare cannot keep up with rising motor and home insurance costs and businesses such as nightclubs, marts and childcare facilities are considering closing down because of the massive increases in public liability and business insurance.

"While I accept that the personal injury awards are far too high in Ireland and that they are a key contributor to the rising insurance costs, I do not accept insurance companies not passing on some of their profits to their customers - that just makes good business sense.

"Insurance premiums continue to rise far in excess of what is fair or justified. These rising costs are a huge burden on customers, business, charities, and sports clubs. It is very important that the recommendations of the working group, formed to tackle rising insurance costs, are implemented immediately. So far it appears little has been done in this regard.

"The establishment of a national claims database is just one step we can take. The legislation for this database was enacted some time ago, yet it languishes in the Department. In addition to the database the establishment of a dedicated Garda insurance fraud unit is one action which is often brought up by businesses and communities as an essential measure.

"The Department must do more to prevent rising insurance costs. There are options on the table but little has been done to date while premiums continue to rise. The Minister ought to take this matter more seriously and step up efforts before we see the closure of more businesses and homeowners taking risks with their homes", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

New Footpath and Cycle Track for the Moyglare Road says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the announcement that a footpath and cycle track (shared surface) will be provided on the Moyglare Road in Maynooth.

"I have made representations, on behalf of the residents on the Moyglare Road, to have a footpath and a cycle track provided on the Moyglare Road. Given the growth in residential properties and the new secondary schools coming on stream together with the existing houses and GAA Club this is an important piece of infrastructure. This work is planned to be completed by September/October of this year."

"The footpaths will be repaired in Highfield Estate in Kilcock and a new signalised junction layout will also be provided at the entrance to Highfield Estate and Kilcock GAA to assist with traffic management and road safety for the existing and new development which is taking place. I welcome this news."

"We must continue to provide adequate footpaths to encourage people to walk and cycle." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.



Happy Easter to all our Advertisers, Contributors and Readers





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Efforts to reduce speed on the Celbridge Road

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has met with parents and teachers from Maynooth Educate Together and Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich in relation to speeding on the Celbridge Road. He has secured an LED speed display sign to be installed in the next few weeks. He is also looking at further works such as ramps.

Lollipop person for primary schools in Maynooth

Speeding outside primary schools continues to be a problem. The Girls' school is the only school with a lollipop person at present and Cllr. Ó Cearúil is looking for additional ones on the Celbridge Road and outside the Boys' school to ensure that children remain safe.

Traffic Plan for the Dunboyne Road

With the increase in traffic and construction traffic on the Dunboyne Road, Cllr. Ó Cearúil has called for a proper traffic management plan for the area to protect vulnerable road users. He is also looking at ways to remove the dangerous bend that is susceptible to flooding.

Severe Weather Plans

March saw horrendous weather yet again and Cllr. Ó Cearúil has asked that the Council is prepared for severe weather regardless of the time of year. Due to climate change, we are seeing freak weather further into Spring and Summer. This includes gale force winds and flooding.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil organised the St. Patrick's Day Parade for the fifth time this year with the assistance of the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. There was large participation and attendance at this year's event.

Local Elections 2019

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil will be contesting this year's local elections once again. The NAOISE '19 team are looking for more people to join them. There is room for anybody who would like to join. There are a variety of roles such as canvassing, leafleting, marketing and social media management. If you would like to be part of a dynamic innovative team, email cllrnaoise@gmail.com with your name and phone number.

Carton Avenue Preservation Society



Carton Avenue Preservation Society at the St Patrick's Day Parade, Maynooth 2019

ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Thanks to all our volunteers who braved the elements to take part in our walking float in the St Patrick's Day Parade and thanks to the people of Maynooth for their warm reception. It was great to see so many groups and businesses taking part and the crowds who turn up to view the parade. Congratulations to the organising committee and their volunteers for a job well done.

PRO PEDESTRIAN

Since our formation Carton Avenue Preservation Society supported retaining Carton Avenue as a pedestrian amenity and will continue to do so.

NOT ANTI CYCLING

We welcome the plan to construct 2 new cycle facilities that run parallel to Carton Avenue on the old Dublin side (see map). When finished these routes will provide for cycling on the east side of Maynooth. Thanks to all who contributed to the discussion.

ADOPTED OR NOT

The Cycle/Pedestrian route shown on the map below for Limetree Hall and the old Dublin Road are already under construction.

The map also shows two more Cycle/Pedestrian routes that also connect Carton Avenue to the Maynooth cycle lane network. A new cycle lane on the Blacklion Road which borders Carton Avenue is also planned.

We believe the construction of these Cycle/Pedestrian routes will lead to a substantial increase in cycling on the Carton Avenue footpath by groups of long distance cyclists passing through Maynooth.

The cycle lane enthusiasts tell us the 2 metre footpath on Carton Avenue is suitable for this increase in use.

In response to a motion calling for a code of conduct for Carton Avenue, Kildare County Council officials proposed their own Canal/Greenway code of conduct be applied to Carton Avenue. Obviously KCC is planning for increased cycling on the avenue.



DEPUTATION

At our last meeting we heard from Cllrs Timmy Durkan, Reada Cronin and Naoise Ó Cearúil. The response to the points we made in our presentation to the Maynooth Municipal District Councillors of Kildare County Council on the 1st Feb is not ready and the proposed code of conduct is not finalised. No vote was taken for technical reasons on Cllr Cronin's motion to retain Carton Avenue as a pedestrian avenue.

Gerry Quinn, Chairperson of CAPS.



Maynooth
Tidy Towns
Caring for our environment



The theme for Maynooth Tidy Towns St Patrick's Day Parade float was The Town and the Gown we linked up with Zero Waste Maynooth.

Many thanks to Zero Waste Maynooth who designed the float, also thanks to John Kavanagh and his team for putting the float together.

Thanks to our Committee, Volunteers and Zero Waste Maynooth for joining with us in the St Patrick's day parade. We stayed with our Climate Action theme that we have been promoting.

Thanks to Edel Keane from Zero Waste for all her help with our Float, all items used are reuse, repurpose and the Mannequin will be returned to Elverys, Manor Mills, with our thanks.

We won the Environmental Prize again.

Thanks to all who walked with our float. Elsewhere you can read script for our Float.



Later on St. Patrick's Day in Manor Mills, Mary Molloy was presented by Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil with a trophy for the Environmental Awareness section of the parade on behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns and Zero Waste Maynooth.

We wish to congratulate Eilis O'Malley who received the Community Award, well deserved.

An Taisce's National Spring clean will be held Saturday 6th April, meet at the Courthouse Square @ 10am.

Our target this year is to retain the National Tidy Towns Gold Medal which we won in 2018.

Projects to date are the Sensory Garden adjacent to the Pastoral Centre, Joan Slade River, O'Neill Park.

Tesco Community Fund via the Blue Tokens, cheque were presented on 26th February by Liz Nolan Leigh to Maynooth Tidy Towns. We would like to thank all who contributed. We also wish to congratulate Wide Kildare and The Royal Canal Amenity Group who received cheques



We have started back during March, cleaning up and planting will be starting back in April on Wednesday nights @ 7.00pm meet at Courthouse Square, on Saturdays meet the Courthouse Square @ 10am and for Sunday morning clean ups meet at the Courthouse Square @ 7.45am. If you have an hour or two to spare we could do with your help

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Climate Chaos

Our children are showing the way

On the 15th of March almost 30,000 people all over Ireland joined almost 2 million school and university students around the world in a Strike for Climate Action to highlight the risk we face from rapid uncontrolled climate change. In Maynooth square almost 300 school and university students and community members gathered to show they care deeply for our planet and the world we will leave for our children and grandchildren.



(Kildare Green Party team joined 300 people at the Climate Strike in Maynooth on March 15th; Joe Buckley Policy Officer, Marion Buckley Secretary, Moira O'Flaherty, Peter Hamilton Maynooth Local Election Candidate, Vanessa Liston Celbridge Candidate, Maebh Ní Fhallúin our 2016 General

Election Candidate and John O'Flaherty with John's children form Maynooth Educate Together)

In December, Maynooth resident Lorna Gold stood alone for the first Friday protest outside Dáil Éireann and started the whole movement in Ireland. Her book 'Climate Generation' provides a compelling explanation of the challenges we face. Drop into your local Maynooth Bookshop to get a copy. We are privileged to have Lorna in our community.

The time to be nice has passed. Last October the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) issued a report telling us that we have only twelve years to change our habits to keep global warming below 2 degrees C. That was last year, so now it is 11 years and counting. Scientists agree the target of 1.5 C will protect us from the most dangerous and unstable conditions. We have eleven years to change our habits completely.

Denial

There is evidence that anti-climate change activists, funded by significant amounts of overseas money, operated in Kildare during the 2016 election with false information about renewable energy. This was an illegal interference in our democratic process similar to the interference that has been proven in the Brexit referendum and in the US Presidential election. These groups are funded by interests who support the US oil industry and the current unsustainable US way of life. So please don't believe the 'pied pipers' of climate denial.

Rural Investment

In Kildare we still have highly subsidised employment that is based on our peat bogs. Our government needs to invest in alternative sources of power while at the same time supporting retraining and alternative employment for workers who will lose their jobs. We need to support the people and communities who were not responsible for causing the problem in the first place. The centre of our country has been hollowed out under successive governments, while our city-based industrial growth has been very successful. The Green Party is calling for significant and focused investment in the rural economy to create sustainable jobs and to put life back into our neglected villages, towns and countryside.

Community Healthcare

Primary care in Maynooth and Kilcock

A strong society cares about community and environment as well as about healthcare, education, affordable housing and a safe place for our children to grow. Our hard work and strong economy should be able to support these things for everybody. Yet our healthcare system is under constant strain despite the expenditure of 15 billion euro per annum.

Why are we still discussing free healthcare for children in 2019? Most other countries in the EU have had it for decades. Why does the state own the largest private health insurer serving only half the population? Why do we have a crisis in GP availability? Why are we the only country in Europe without universal primary care, the only country where you pay €45-€70 per GP visit?

According to Maebh Ní Fhallúin, Kildare resident and public health policy researcher & advisor, *'multidisciplinary primary care centres in the community would provide the type of humanised care we want, away from the unfamiliar setting of the large and busy A&E hospitals. We need fast access to hospital care for when we are acutely sick but more importantly we need multidisciplinary primary care centres in the community with GPs, public health and community health nurses, community physiotherapists, occupational therapists, counsellors, and social care services all working together to deliver the best possible care for the local community. This teamwork approach is proven to provide better outcomes for patients, carers and families and a better working environment for healthcare professionals.'*

The Green Party supports timely access to care, based on medical need and not on ability to pay. It calls for the provision of fully resourced primary care centres in Maynooth and Kilcock.

'Sawdust' at Maynooth University

Many residents were saddened to see mature trees in the Maynooth University Campus being felled in the first few weeks of March. The University has informed us that this has been done to prepare space for an innovative new Student Centre on the campus to be completed in 2021.

'The Student Centre will be built and operated to the highest sustainability standards, including an innovative "outdoor living room" under a sustainable canopy, blurring the distinction between indoor and outdoor space and creating a unique space and resource for student life.'

Green Campus Master Plan

Last summer I met with the University Vice President for Campus Services and the Energy Manager. They explained many initiatives the college is undertaking to modernise heating systems and install ultra-low power LED lights. Across the campus trees are being planted and natural pollinator-friendly environments are being created. I encouraged a focus on our indigenous deciduous trees for a positive impact on our environment that will last for centuries. The Green Campus team is supporting many positive initiatives including a drive to eliminate plastic bottles from campus.

While many residents close to the college still suffer from traffic congestion and parking problems in their estates, the college has taken measures to increase public transport use significantly. Over a period of about five years they have increased the number of students using public transport from 35% to 66%. This progress has been made through an innovative initiative with local transport companies to identify the towns students are coming from and put in place bus services targeted at these students.

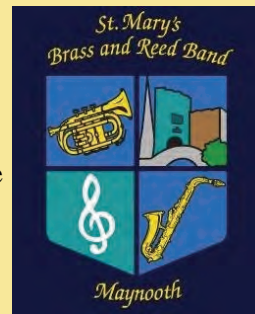
The Green Campus is an inspiration for much of the rest of the Maynooth community to follow and we will follow its progress with interest.

You can contact your Maynooth local area Green Party candidate Peter Hamilton at 087 231 6308 or by email at peter.hamilton@greenparty.ie. Alternatively write to us at kildare@greenparty.ie



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

We are delighted to report that we survived St. Patrick's Day 2019 getting through three Parades, Maynooth at 11.30. Kilcock at 1.30 and Clane at 3pm with a short recital at Manor Mills, our Sponsors for the day, at 12.15. We were especially pleased to see our President Michael Dempsey, who has been ill for some time, being able to meet us at the Greenfield junction. He has done so much for the Band since he first joined it in 1955. The Rain gods were kind enough to us with not a great deal of rain to contend with but the fleeces that were bought last year made sure that we were both warm and dry over the six hours we were out on the day during which, as we were informed by one band member, we did 15,000 steps. What did we do before Fitbits????



Our concert with the Parish Choir is taking place on Sunday 14th April at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Parish Church. This concert is similar to the one performed in the College Chapel last February and we are delighted to have Rev. Eugene Griffin and Joanna Griffin joining us on the night. It promises to be a really enjoyable evening. Tickets are only €10 and they will be available from The Parish Centre, Maynooth Bookshop, and any Band or Choir member but you can also pay at the door on the night. Watch out for posters and the Band Facebook page to remind you of the date, Sunday 14th April at 7.30pm

We have had some experienced musicians from Lucan, Celbridge and even Mullingar come to join us in recent times so over the next few months we will be looking for people to come to play with us at our Monday night rehearsals at the Band Hall on Pound Lane from 7.45 to 9.45.

We have been told that we are a very friendly and welcoming band so please do come and see for yourself. You can call 087 2537 906 if you need any further details.

Prelude to Easter Concert

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band and Maynooth Parish Choir

with special guests
Rev. Eugene Griffin
Joanna Griffin

in
St. Mary's Parish Church Maynooth
on
Sunday 14th April at 7.30 pm

Admission €10

Tickets available from The Parish Centre,
Maynooth Bookshop
or by calling 087 253 7906

Tickets also available at the door

**CELEBRATING
50 YEARS**



1969-2019

Introduction

MTFC is a Community Club which will celebrate 50 years of football in the community in 2019. MTFC provides opportunity for all to participate and enjoy at a level which reflects ability.

Our 50th anniversary as a club provides the opportunity for reflection, of who we are, what we have achieved, who we serve and what we aspire to in the future.

We acknowledge and thank the many people in our community who have contributed their time, energy and skills to our growth and development over the period. As a club we are open to all, socially inclusive, and cater for teams at all levels.

With over 450 playing members we host 35 teams from 6 years to Senior and over 35.

We have created and maintained the opportunity for participation in football for young people, while achieving consistent progress at all playing levels, and we aspire to enhance our competitive standards in the future.

With MUTFC the collaboration and partnership of Maynooth Town Football Club and Maynooth University, we have raised the standards of club senior football and provided a pathway for young players at club and college to play at the highest level.



The outstanding success of MUTFC in winning the FAI Intermediate Cup in 2018 provided a signal moment in our history, creating a

special occasion of celebration between club, university and town community. Who can forget the Aviva stadium 11th May as MUTFC equalized in injury time and went on to defeat Firhouse Clover 4-1 in extra time.

With MUTFC seniors competing at the highest level, we hope their success will continue to attract and inspire our young players for the future.

To this end we have completed our strategic plan for period 2019-2024 to support our future direction as a club.

MTFC Vision

A model for community participation in football, for players, parents and members.

A whole of community club which provides and supports the opportunity for all in the community to participate, progress, develop, and enjoy football at level appropriate to their ability and talent, and to maximize the potential of our young players to achieve their goals.

MTFC Mission

Aspire to highest standards, in governance, management, accountability, and volunteerism.

Promote and support the sustainable development of our club through the active participation of our members.

Attract, support and manage the resources professional, technical and financial, to achieve our goal for continuous development of our standards and facilities, for the benefit of our members and the wider community.

Our primary focus on player welfare and development, to be inclusive of community, providing equal opportunities for participation, development, and achievement in football at all levels.

MTFC Objectives

Agreed objectives for direction and development of club next 5 years 2019-2024

- High level planning objectives on
- Football pathways development
- Identity and profile
- Governance and participation
- Qualifications and standards
- Financial sustainability
- Facilities investment
- Strategic partnership

MTFC Actions

Football Pathways

- Develop and adopt football development plan for universal application to the club.
- Adopt implement club coaching qualifications and standards.
- Achieve FAI quality mark for club policy and standards



Identity and Profile

- Enhance communication across all platforms on our product offering
- Promote, identify and market the club within community.

Governance and participation

- Review and strengthen governance standards and create opportunities for greater participation in decision making.
- Attract new skill base for personal, administrative and professional support
- Review policy standards, protocols and guidelines to ensure internal and external compliance.
- Volunteerism policy, recruitment and training.

Financial Sustainability

- Increase membership base
- Enhance membership revenue return
- Identify new funding streams
- Eliminate capital debt
- Maximise capital asset opportunities

Facilities investment

- Complete all weather capital project
- Renewal and upgrade existing facilities
- Identify potential additional land opportunity
- Identify potential facilities sharing through strategic partnerships

Strategic Partnerships

- Build further on success of our collaboration with Maynooth University
- Strengthen Schools partnership
- Build Community and Business Partnerships
- Support MCEP Community Employment Partnership

To mark our 50th Anniversary Year 2019 we will

- Complete all weather training facility at Rathcoffey Road
- Adopt and implement a new Club Football Development Framework
- Create a new MTFC Academy for early skills development
- Celebrate 50th anniversary with some key events

MTFC want you to be part of our future.

To achieve our objectives and support our key actions

WE need Volunteers

A little of your time, for now but not for life

Coaches /Mentors

- To support our Academy
- Build our coaching capacity across the club.
- Full support and training for qualifications

Communications expertise

- To lead communications across all platforms

Funding & Events organisers

- To help us organize events,
- 50th Anniversary dinner ,
- Fund raising activities, Lotto etc.

Project Facilities Support

- To provide technical professional support for new facilities development

Administrative Support

- Assist on club administration, finance, league matters, child welfare

Contact us

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Come on the Town!





Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019 Photo Gallery





Mórshiúl Lá Fhéile Phádraig Mhaigh Nuad 2019





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

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Maynooth School Campus Update

Catherine Murphy TD has recently asked the below Parliamentary Questions in the Dáil seeking to update constituents as to the progress of the Maynooth Schools Campus. The responses are below.

The Deputy has also confirmed that the Minister McHugh has agreed to meet the Maynooth Schools Group in order to go through the details of the progress including:

The number and type of rooms required to accommodate all of the students enrolled for the academic year 2019/2020. A clear scope of works outlining the planning, specification and installation of the required classrooms.

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills the reason the number of prequalified contractors have been reduced from 10 to eight in the retendering process for the two schools in Maynooth education campus; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that KWETB has reduced this number to seven prequalified contractors and that the tender is to go out the week ending 8 March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply

I can inform the Deputy that only eight valid submissions were received for the prequalification process in respect of the retendering of the project to which she refers. One of those submissions failed to meet the minimum prequalification criteria. In that context, tender documents for completion of the project will issue to seven contractors next week.

Reply

For Written Answer on : 12/03/2019

Question Number(s): 159 Question Reference(s): 11989/19

Department: Education and Skills

Asked by: Catherine Murphy T.D.

Question

To ask the Minister for Education and Skills if a report was composed by the team from his Department that visited Maynooth education campus in August 2018 which determined the application for additional accommodation to be refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Reply

I wish to advise the Deputy that the matter of temporary accommodation was discussed during a site visit relating to the major capital project currently being undertaken at the school. The Department clarified to the patron, Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board, that there is

adequate accommodation available at the ETB's property at Manor Mills to accommodate additional enrolments pending construction of the new permanent school buildings. A report was not composed relating to this matter following the site visit.

I understand that the new school buildings will be going to tender shortly with a view to going on site early in the Summer and the project remains on target for occupation in September 2020.

NTA Update

The National Development Plan 2018 – 2027 has allocated €2 billion to the Dart Expansion Programme, prioritising the delivery of the non-tunnell elements of that project for delivery by 2027. This includes the electrification and re-signalisation of the Maynooth Line to Maynooth as well as the electrification of the branch to the M3 parkway, facilitating DART services to operate on these lines. At present there are no plans to electrify the Maynooth line to Kilcock.

Over the next two years, the NTA, in conjunction with Iarnród Éireann, will be developing proposal for the electrification and re-signalisation of the Maynooth line in addition to preparing proposals to address the level crossings along the route. Accordingly, it is too early to provide detailed information regarding the specific works to be undertaken.

In advance of full electrification, the DART Expansion Programme includes the acquisition of bi-mode rail fleet which can operate in electric mode along sections of the line in addition to preparing proposals to address the level crossings along the route. Accordingly, it is too early to provide detailed information regarding the specific works to be undertaken.

The new fleet to be deployed under this DART Expansion Programme will then allow some of the existing commuter train sets that are currently providing services on these lines, to be redeployed to increase capacity on other services across the remainder of the rail network. In other words, the purchase of the new bi-mode DART fleet will release some of the existing commuter train fleet to supplement other services on other routes. Accordingly, the acquisition on new DART fleet is essential to address capacity issues on all line.

At this stage the NTA have engaged a specialist rail advisory firm and are working in collaboration with Iarnród Éireann to develop a fleet specification that will enable seek tenders to be sought for these bi-mode DART train sets. It is expected that the formal fleet acquisition tender process will be initiated in the next two months and that the fleet manufacturing contract will be awarded either at the end of this year or at the start of next year. However, the process of having rail fleet built is a lengthy one and it will take between three and four years after the award of the contract before the new fleet will start to be delivered, probably during 2023. However, it is not possible to confirm exact delivery dates until the fleet supplier is appointed.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 22/02/2018 to 21/03/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
19287	Kildare County Council	Robert and Bronagh Kennedy	Junction of Main Street and Doctor's Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/03/2019
19268	Kildare County Council	Ciaran and Nicola Doherty	No. 20 Temple Wood, Carton House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/03/2019
19254	Kildare County Council	Alex O'Dwyer	37 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	14/03/2019
19238	Kildare County Council	Maynooth GAA Club	Maynooth GAA Sports Club, (lands adjacent to Moyglare Hall), Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/03/2019
19226	Kildare County Council	John & Noleen Gillick	13 Rockfield Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/03/2019
19227	Kildare County Council	Karl Lyons	Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	08/03/2019
19220	Kildare County Council	Tesco Ireland Limited,	Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/03/2019
19211	Kildare County Council	Catherine Hayes and Neal Johnson	282 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	05/03/2019
19212	Kildare County Council	Catherine Hayes and Neal Johnson	282 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	05/03/2019
19208	Kildare County Council	Loretto McDermott	46 Newtown Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/03/2019
19174	Kildare County Council	Catherine Hayes & Neal Johnson	282 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	25/02/2019
19175	Kildare County Council	Catherine Hayes & Neal Johnson	282 Old Greenfield, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	25/02/2019

**Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be
Tuesday 23rd April 2019**

This year Maynooth 10K/5K will be on the earlier date of Sunday April 7th at 10.30am. Maynooth Post Primary School was founded in 1971 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021 and next year will be the 10th anniversary of this fundraising race. The 10K/5K committee are beginning these celebrations this year by organizing a 3-year lead-in set of collectable stylish medals. We greatly appreciate the sponsorship of these medals for this year and the coming years by Pearls Dental.

The 10K will start off in St. Patrick's College beside Rhetoric House and proceed through Main Street, and out the Leixlip road. The participants will then make their way into Carton House Hotel grounds and finish on historic Carton Avenue. The 5K will start at Convent Lane and follows a similar route. The event is a fundraiser for the up-keep of the multi-purpose playing fields shared with Maynooth GAA at Mariaville on the Moyglare Road. This year we will also start to raise money towards a Multi-Use Games Area to be located on the new schools Campus

This is our ninth year organising this event. Each year we call on all sectors of the community to assist us and without fail they gather and give of their time and expertise. This positive aspect of our community is greatly appreciated. Without the support we receive from our business community, volunteers, sponsors and associate organisations the organisation of the 10K/5K would not be possible. Financial support is vital to cover organisational costs, including health and safety measures,



Collectable Medal

which alone cost over €2,000. We also greatly appreciate the technical support we receive from the Community Employment Scheme office with the production of the Maynooth 10K Times.

Enter on-line through www.maynooth10k.ie or in Maynooth Education Campus on Saturday 6th April (the day before the 10K/5K) where registration will take place from 2pm until 4pm and on Sunday 7th, check-in resumes at the Post-Primary School from 8am and will continue for as long as is feasible before the race. Entry fees are €20 for an individual or €40 for a family, 2 adults and one or more children. This year we would like to welcome businesses or groups to enter teams of 4 at a discounted rate.

Both the 10K and 5K race get underway at 10.30am sharp. All participants and friends are invited to join us in Maynooth Education Campus after the race for our prize giving ceremony and refreshments, provided by our hard working MEC PTA Committee and our local ICA Committee.

We hope to welcome hundreds of runners, joggers and visitors to our town on Sunday April 7th. We wish all the participants in the 10K/5K, a most enjoyable day. Each participant will receive one of our stylish collectable medals and we hope that they will return for the coming years to collect all three.

We are very grateful to St Patrick's College and Carton House Hotel for allowing us to avail of this scenic route and all of our generous sponsors and volunteers on whom we depend to run this great event.

Maynooth 10k +5k FAMILY RUN SUNDAY 7TH APRIL @ 10.30am

www.maynooth10k.ie

- Registration from 8am
- Entry €20 or €40 for a family
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- Post-race Refreshments
- New team discount and prizes

Basketball breakthrough in Maynooth!

Basketball continues to grow in Maynooth. Last month, a team of 10 players represented Maynooth in the u10 age group in Kildare Community Games. The tournament was held in the Presentation Girls National School. For many of the children, this was their first taste of competitive basketball.

Meanwhile, membership of North Kildare Basketball, the new club based in Maynooth Post Primary School, has passed the 100 mark. The club has five underage teams which train or play twice a week (Wednesday/Thursday and Saturday). There is also a weekly academy for children aged 6 to 10 years on Saturday morning.

The Club is running a two-day Easter basketball camp on 18th and 19th April. The camp will have two age groups: a morning camp for 6 to 10 year olds and an afternoon camp for 11 to 17 year olds. The camp is open to all children.



The head coach at the camp will be Jamie Sherburne, who has played collegiate basketball at the highest level in America. Jamie's philosophy is that sports changes life: 'As a teacher and coach, I am excited to become a role model and mentor for young people who want to develop their basketball skills.'

Bookings for the camp can be made through Eventbrite.ie or by email at northkildarebasketball@gmail.com.

NORTH KILDARE BASKETBALL

SPORT CHANGES LIFE.

Easter Basketball Camp

Sports Hall, Maynooth Post Primary School

Join coach Jamie Sherburne to bring your skills to the next level!

April 18th & April 19th

6 to 10 years: 9:30 - 12:30 PM
11 to 17 years: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

€20 per child
€18 for 2nd + child

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April Events at Maynooth Community Library

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Work Matters at the Library: Support for Business & Employment

Maynooth Community Library provide support to agencies, small business, entrepreneurs, students and job seekers.

As a core service we provide the following:

- Meeting Space [pre-booking essential]
- Free Wi-Fi and access to PCs
- Free access to Vision Net and Mintel online resources
- Access to our library catalogue at www.kildare.ie/library
- Books, periodicals and business newspapers (including the Financial Times and the Economist)
- eLearning: Free online continuing education courses
- eLanguage: Free online language courses.

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 17th April, all day

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

Work Matters Event

Social Welfare Entitlements and Returning to Work/ Education.

Presented by Carol Burke & Bernadette Melbourne.

North Leinster Citizens Information Service

Wednesday 10th April 10am- 11am

Citizens Information officers will give this presentations in Maynooth aimed at people who are considering a return to work or education. These presentations will provide a comprehensive run through your social welfare entitlements and how they may be affected should you decide to take the next steps in your personal development.

Booking required

Library Events

All events at Maynooth Community Library are free of charge but **Booking may be required.**

Special Events

Free CPR training with Hands for Life and the Irish Heart Foundation

Thursday 25th April 11:30am- 12:10pm

CPR is an easy skill to learn and once you know how to do it, you could save someone's life.

It is an hour long course including a practical element of performing CPR on a manikin. The course will be delivered by an experienced Irish Heart Foundation instructor. For more information on the course visit the Irish Heart Foundation website.

Booking require

Let's Talk about Parenting Event:

How children develop and learn through play

Presented by Marie Dowdall of Kildare Child Care Committee

Tuesday 30th April 7pm

Have you ever wondered why your toddler likes to empty your kitchens presses and utensil drawer, or why your baby is still laughing at the 20th time they have dropped your car keys and you have picked them up? There are so many times in the day that your child is learning. Come along to this workshop to find out more about Aistear the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework and how it can support you to help your child learn through everyday activities and routines, such as getting food ready for meals, going to the shops, and checking the post. Aistear shows how important play is for your child's learning and development, and gives ideas for ways you and your child can play and learn together. And the good news is that this doesn't mean you have to buy expensive toys. Aistear has a long list of low-cost and free resources for play.

Booking required

eEmergency eServices Clinic

First Wednesday morning of every month (3rd April)

Tablet not agreeing with you? Need to resuscitate your reading habits? Did you know you can access free audio books, eBooks, magazines and online training courses with your library card?

Schedule a consultation with our eServices *Doctor to learn how to access our eServices on your own device.

*not a qualified medical practitioner

Booking essential.

Knit 2 together: Expression of interest

Thursday 4th and 18th April 4-5pm

A new inter-generational knitting group for learners and helpers.

Are you aged 8-12 and interested in learning to knit? Or are you an experienced knitter who wants to pass on your skills? Maynooth Community Library are keen to create a group where young people can learn the craft and where yarn veterans can help inspire the next generation of knitters, facilitated by a library staff member who loves wool as much as books.

We are considering meeting every 2nd Thursday from 5 to 6 but could be flexible depending on interest and availability. Some wool and needles will be made available and any donations would be gratefully received.

Register your interest today, as a novice or a knitter with details of days/times that suit and we will be back in touch with more details. Teenagers or adults who want to learn to knit are also welcome to register their interest.

Contact library for more information

Approaches to the Literary Novel and Short Story with Paul Lynch

A Kildare Library and Arts writer in residence workshop

Thursday 28th March, 4th April and 11th April 6.15pm- 8.15pm

Approaches to the Literary Novel and Short Story with Paul Lynch

This course will explore some techniques of craft, with an emphasis on the literary novel and short story. We'll take a fresh look at fundamentals such as authenticity, voice, persuasion, detail and character. We'll explore eye-opening perspectives so that we can learn to see like a writer, and learn to read like a writer, with extracts from an array of canonical writers, and creative exercises in-class. Experience is helpful though not essential.

Booking required

Easter Children's Events

Family Friendly Board Game morning

Saturday 6th April, 10am – midday

Have a digital detox and enjoy some old fashioned fun in our newly refurbished multipurpose zone. Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be made available for your gaming pleasure. Feel free to bring your own treasured games along too!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Easter Egg Painting Art & Craft

Friday 13th April 3.30 pm- 4.30 pm 5-8 year olds

Children will paint their own colourful polystyrene 3D Easter eggs to decorate their home just in time for the Easter holidays!

Booking Required

Adventures in Watercolours with Doodlebox Studios

Wednesday 17th April, 2.30- 3.30

Learn all the techniques and correct names for paints, paper and brushes while experimenting with wet on wet, wet on dry, dry on wet, dry on dry, making puddles, washes etc.

Booking Required

String Puppet Theatre with Moon and Sixpence Puppet Theatre

Thursday 18th April 3pm– 4pm 6-12 yrs

Come and see a cheeky version of Red Riding Hood, which features the classic fairy-tale characters and a talking dustbin, who encourages children to pick up litter. This string puppet production includes a moral in the tale, showing the importance of patience and friendship. The show, lasting fifty minutes, is performed live with music and sound effects and draws plenty of audience participation, as much from adults as from children.

Booking Required

Kids Secret Cinema

Saturday 27th April 2.30– 4.00 pm

This month's Kid's Secret Cinema is on a space theme and tells the story of three friendly aliens and what happens when they crash land on Earth! **PG 7+**

All welcome!

Spring into Story Time

Face Painting and Balloon animals with Genie Mackers & Fairy Tale Story time

Friday 5th April 10am – 11am for 2-5 year old

This week's stories are retellings of classic fairy tales. Come and join in with some fun rhymes and songs. Meet your favourite fairy tale characters too! This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler. Colouring pages will be provided

Booking required.

Easter Story time

Friday 12th April 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year old

Come and listen to some festive stories to celebrate the Easter holidays. Join in with some fun rhymes and songs as well. This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler. Colouring pages will be provided.

No booking required.

Dinosaur Story time

Friday 26th April 10am – 11am for 2-5 year old

This week's stories are all about Dinosaurs; big and small so come along and join in with some fun dinosaur rhymes and songs ...and maybe a Roaaaaaar or two as well! This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler. Colouring pages will be provided

No booking required.

Regular Events

Fit Line

Thursday 11th and 25th April 10 am-12 noon

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

All welcome. No booking required.

Make Time

Thursday 4th and 18th April, 6pm – 7:45pm

A time and space to craft and chat on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Get together with like-minded makers to work on your latest project and swap tips over tea.

No booking required.

Maynooth Women's Group

Saturday 6th and 27th April, 11 am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Group

Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practise their conversational Irish. All welcome.

No booking required.

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April Events at Maynooth Community Library Cont/....

Maynooth Creative Writing Group

Tuesday 2nd April, 6:15pm

Tuesday 16th April, 6.15pm

A bi-monthly meeting for writers in the Maynooth area. Beginner writers always welcome.

No booking required.

Spanish Conversation Exchange

Thursdays, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

An informal meeting where people can practice and converse in Spanish. All adults welcome from novice to expert.

No booking required.

Relocation to Ireland: Women's Meet Up

Saturday 6th and 27th April, 3 pm

A Gathering of women who have moved to Ireland and would like to meet up with other women who have also made this country their home. The library would become a meeting place, to chat, make new friends and share stories – good and bad – about their transition from their native land to their present address.

Returning expat women are also welcome to share their experiences.

All Welcome

'All Aboard' Adult Board Games night

Thursday 25th April, 6.00 pm

Following the success of our bi-monthly family-friendly board games mornings, Maynooth Community Library is launching a monthly adult board game night - 'All Aboard.' Join us in our new multi-purpose space on the last Thursday of the month from 6pm with your favourite board game for a digital detox - from backgammon to Buckaroo, chess to Catan. Board games aren't just for Christmas!

Book & Film Clubs

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

Ex Libris book club

Wednesday 24th April 11am

Ex libris will be discussing Donal Ryan's 'From a calm quiet sea' in the groups third meeting. This book club is now fully booked but please register your interest in book clubs with library staff if interested.

Readers of the lost Ark Book Club

Tuesday 9th April 6.30pm- 7.30pm

This month, the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club will be discussing "New York 2140", by Kim Stanley Robinson. New members always welcome. Please contact the library for further details.

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 14th April, 11.30 am

A book club for men and women of all ages, with tea and biscuits provided. March's meeting will be a chance to discuss "The Book of Dust" by Philip Pullman

There are some spaces in the group, contact the library for more information on 01-6285530 or maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie

Reel Good Film Club

Tuesday 30th April Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm

All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. April's pick will be a French hit from 2016 starring Isabelle Huppert and directed by Paul Verhoven.

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday the 25th April 11am- 12 pm

This month, the Jane Austen book club will be discussing 'Persuasion'. New members welcome.

Please contact the library for details.

Helpful Hints for Avoiding Fines at Maynooth Community Library

Please note the ways you can avoid paying fines at your local library:

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Telephone: Ring us at (01) 6285530 with your card number and a member of staff will renew your items for you. We are available Monday to Saturday from 09.30am to 1pm & from 2pm to 5pm (until 8pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Email: Contact us at maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie with your card number and we will renew your items for you.



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Rainbows over Maynooth as the musicians move down towards the square under the Gaelscoil banner.

St. Patrick's Day in Maynooth started with a phalanx of ominous clouds hovering over Maynooth but, a couple of early viscous showers notwithstanding, the weather cleared up and the remainder of the day had some glorious sunshine. No float in the parade this year, didn't stop our member getting involved across the early morning's events, with most members nonetheless keeping their powder dry for the big gig in Maynooth GAA that evening.

Once the club finals were complete the gig rig was set up in the newly refurbished bar and members young and old embarked on a tune marathon from half past five until late into the night – the last members seen sidling out close to the midnight hour.

Looking forward to April, the Ceardlann Earraigh event takes place on the weekend of 13th April. Every year their renowned workshops with Top Tutors from around Ireland fill quickly. Make sure you book your place early to avoid disappointment for what is a bumper day's learning.

Workshops will take place in Scoil

na Mainistreach in Celbridge and will feature an incredible array of talent with musicians such as Tara Breen, Padraig Rynne, Dave Sheridan, Colm Murphy, Liam O'Connor, Daithí Gormley, Padraig McGovern, Conal Ó Gráda & James Harvey.



Craobh Members Seán, Seán & Lauren joined by the seasoned campaigners from Push for Porter for the St. Patrick's Family Day at Maynooth GAA

As usual, the event was rounded off by a Grand Concert in the Glenroyal on Sat 13th March

Beyond Easter

Kildare Fleadh entry process will start soon in preparation for the is running from 12th to 19th May. It will be hosted in Naas, moving toward South Kildare, where the existing Kildare branches were joined in December by a new branch Athy Comhaltas Group is being established to celebrate and promote traditional music.

Fleadh weekend is always good for sessions and a buzz around the town, so please attend for both the sessions and to look at the up-and-coming young performers. For traditional musicians, both within the branch and outside, it offers an opportunity to hone and refine your playing in a pressurised environment, providing a huge boost to your technical proficiency, so definitely one to think about.

Beyond the branch, there are lots of sessions still running too, both for our younger member and those not so young, who are doing us proud playing regularly in Maynooth GAA on Sunday evenings – keep an eye on Twitter or Facebook for details.



Nothing beats playing tunes for dancers!



The Branch were joined for a couple of songs by Amber & Áine, with a lovely version of Caledonia in the shot above

<http://www.ccemhaighnuad.com/>

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Derek Carroll, PRO, Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



Darkness into Light in Maynooth

Join us for a 5k walk on Saturday morning ,11th May 2019.

Every May hundreds of thousands of people gather around the world to walk from the darkness of the night into the first light of the morning to help Pieta House and its international partners in the global fight against suicide and self-harm. Growing from 400 people in Phoenix Park in Dublin in 2009 to over 200,000 people in 200 locations across 5 continents in 2019, Darkness into Light has truly become a global movement.

The Maynooth chapter, organized in partnership by Maynooth town and Maynooth University, grew from its inaugural walk in 2015 to over 3,700 walkers in 2018.

Join us on Saturday 11th May at 04.15 am on the North Campus of Maynooth University for this annual 5k walk and help raise funds to support Pieta House deliver vital programs in this local area.



Darkness into Light participants passing the Maynooth University Library during the walk

To register, go to <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/event/maynooth> or come and meet us in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre on Saturday, 13th April from 11.00 to 14.00 where we will be available for any questions and to help with registration, if needed.

We are more powerful walking and shining our lights together!
Darkness into Light Maynooth Organizing Committee



MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB



ANNUAL SPRING SHOW TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2019



Pre-Entries and Enquiries to:	Mary Cleary (087 9441229)
Entries & Staging:	Tuesday 2.00pm to 4.30pm
Judging:	Tuesday 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Open to Public:	From 7.30pm
Presentation of Prizes:	9.00pm
Dismantling:	9.30pm

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MAYNOOTH SUMMER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Summer Festival 2019

Press Release

Maynooth Summer Festival 2019

Following upon last year's sabbatical the Maynooth Summer Festival Committee will stage a 2 day event this coming season. The Festival will take place over the weekend of 31st. August – 1st. September and will encompass a wide range of activities and entertainment to cater for all age groups. Whilst the format is still in the early planning stage the committee want to hear from local community groups/organisations interested in showcasing their activities during the Festival. The organising team can be contacted at maynoothfestival@gmail.com

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

I will start with a huge thank you to all who stopped in the wind and rain to support our church gate collection after all the Masses on March 9th & 10th. You donated €1, 810, for which we are most grateful. I will also thank, in anticipation, Dave Moynan and his colleagues in the Labour Party who are organising the Tony Smith Memorial Walk as I write. This event will take place on Sunday April 28th.

As you know the walk is an annual event in aid of our Senior Citizens and if you wish to take a sponsorship card they are available through the Labour Party or our Committee. So why not take a healthy walk through scenic Carton Demesne while helping a good cause.

As our St. Patrick's tea-dance had to move over to make room for the Saint himself, I can't report on this event until next month. Our next event will be our Easter Tea-Dance and Bonnet Parade on Sunday April 28th at 3pm in the GAA club to coincide with the sponsored walk. All involved in the walk are then welcome to join us for tea on their return.

Finally may I congratulate Eilis O'Malley on receiving this years' Community award. Well done comrade.

Josephine Moore.
Chairperson.



FEENEY, Angela

Maynooth Labour Party County Council Candidate

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An Nuadha Players are back in action again with a very special show to celebrate their 20th birthday.

In 1999 An Nuadha Players came into being and began preparing for our very first production, ‘Say Cheese’, a play by Bernard Farrell, which went on stage in early 2000. Since then the group has been in constant activity with pantos and plays, dramatic readings and fun fund raisers!

These activities have drawn in wide range of age groups and the present membership counts many who started in our first panto in 2001 as small kids and are now playing slightly more mature roles! There are also those who were playing slightly more mature roles back in 1999/2000 and still have not got any greater sense!

Over the years all of our pantos have been written by a member of the group, Martin Higgins, and many of our plays have been original creations by local writers: Martina Murphy, Orla Gildea, Terry Nealon, Rory Griffin, Declan O’Connor and Martina O’Connor. This is a tradition of which we are particularly proud and hope that it will continue long into the future.

Of course our 20th birthday celebration piece is yet another original from the pen of Martin Higgins – ‘Twisted: A Wicked Fairytale’ where happy endings are definitely overrated. It is a show of humour, of fun, of fantastical characters with a wicked edge that can border on the spooky. It has music and dance, characters that do not resemble anyone, living or dead

(we would say that of course) and we defy anyone to come along and not to enjoy the performance!

The one thing that has been so disappointing for us as a community based theatre group over the years is to see how little has been done by local authorities, in this ever growing commuter belt that is North Kildare, to provide a physical performance space for the arts. Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock and Maynooth, all with vibrant music/drama groups, have no dedicated performance space for their shows. All depend on the goodwill of GAA clubs, local schools, local churches and, in our case, St. Patrick’s College, to bring their shows to the public. There are no performance spaces for young bands to try out a gig, apart from a pub where the members need to be over eighteen to even get in there in the first place.

When times were good we put together plans and begged for a space equipped for performance but our petitions fell on deaf ears. Then the economy turned and we were told there was money for nothing. Things got better again but still the arts in North Kildare are ignored or even find themselves in a worse situation – recently Kilcock lost the small hall that had been their performing home for years. It would seem that in good times and in bad the benefits of the arts are not appreciated. Yet we hear all the time of the wellbeing that comes from singing in a choir, performing to an audience, playing a bit of music – such a pity that there is just no dedicated space to do these things.

‘Twisted: A Wicked Fairytale’ will run from Wed. 8th May to Sat. 11th May in the Aula Maxima in St. Patrick’s College and tickets are available online at buytickets.at/annuadhaplayers or from Maynooth Bookshop or email annuadhaplayers@gmail.com.

Maynooth Golf Society

Next Outing

Saturday 6th April 2019

John Tiernan Cup

Grangecastle Golf Club

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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>

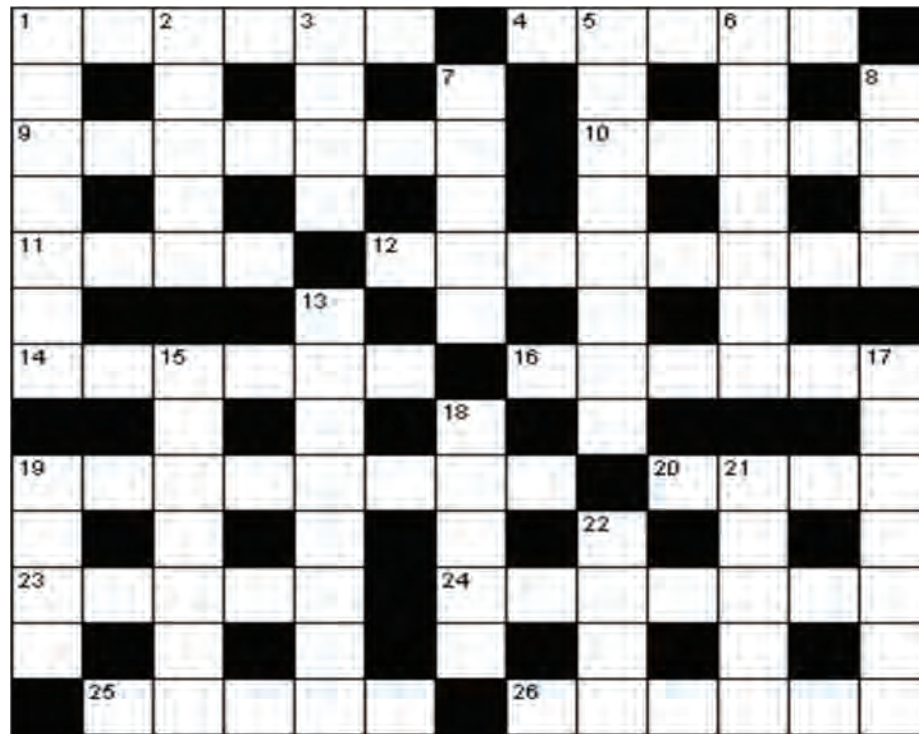
*Diary entries are published free of charge for all non-fee paying Community Groups.
The content of the Monthly Planner Diary is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups in advance*

Clues Across

1. Find a prophet or a clever person (6)
4. Extra dark but found detection device (5)
9. Slipped on wet spot to form a dance (7)
10. Some echo reverberation job (5)
11. Look for a short man, urgently (4)
12. Writhing serpents make gifts (8)
14. A few winks and family for protection (6)
16. Romance hideaway made from a tree (6)
19. Container conduits make music (8)
20. Part of a hat, so correct the deletion (4)
23. Looks like a party could be a hit (5)
24. Mixed up singer, so no rap (7)
25. Acquire knowledge with poker end of the day (5)
26. Some future market comment (6)



April 2019 Crossword - No. 478



Clues Down

1. Can go to confusing shape (7)
2. Fruit and thick skin ? (5)
3. Garbled tale is delayed (4)
5. Romance story involves someone from the past (8)
6. Decorated and redo at random (7)
7. Not together but a role (5)
8. Sounds like a swarm of letters (4)
13. Ended fiendish confusion (8)
15. Leaf insect, a spectacular ceremony (7)
17. Communicate and catch employment (7)
18. Refugee seafarer finds birds (5)
19. Put up with a large carnivore (4)
21. Headdress found in militia ranks (5)
22. Keep eels, found there's a point to it (4)



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Super Difficult

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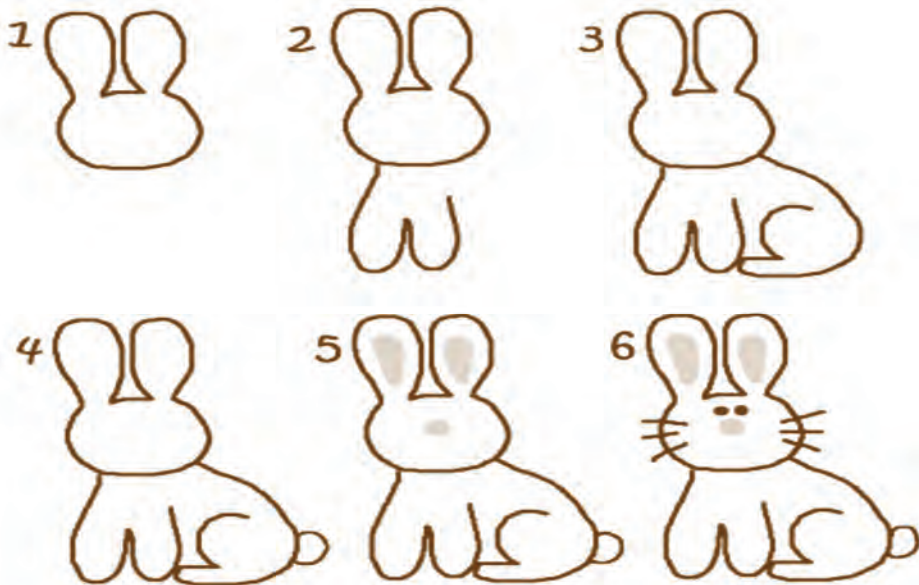
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Junior Puzzle Corner

Learn to Draw an Easter Bunny



The Easter Bunny

Once I saw the Easter Bunny
Come hop, hop, hop.
So I cried, "Dear Bunny,
Will you stop, stop, stop?"

I ran to the window To say "how do you do?"
But he shook his fluffy tail,
And said, "**Happy Easter to You.**"



Easter Word Search



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d	a	b	w	q	o	b	v	m	n
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April Gardening

April is finally here and now the clocks have gone forward we have an extra hour of gardening time to play with in the evening. It also heralds the start of the growing season as leaf buds and flowers burst into colour and the circle of life begins again. Before the last frost plant fruit trees. Till your vegetable garden as soon as the soil is dry and crumbly. Grow cool-season vegetables such as spinach, lettuce, broccoli, beets, radishes, peas, and carrots. Plant asparagus, rhubarb, and berries. Start seeds indoors for summer vegetables and annual herbs. Plant lily bulbs now in pots! If you want to get ahead with your summer lily display, start planting now! I'd always recommend planting in pots. You can simply move them around the patio or into gaps in your borders as they come into flower! Use a good, multi-purpose compost and half-fill a container at least 30cm (12") in diameter and is sufficient for 3 bulbs. Cover with more compost and water in. Once the plants begin to shoot, move them to a sunny position. Feed with a liquid plant feed each week from the beginning of summer.

Dig in compost or manure to prepare for the growing season. Dig in a 5cm (or more) layer of compost or well-rotted manure into your beds to prepare for the growing season. You can also work in a general purpose fertiliser such as pelleted chicken manure or fish, blood and bone. Apply a layer of **mulch** around your perennials, trees and shrubs before the hot weather arrives. Use organic matter such as well rotted manure. **Lift and divide** perennial plants now to improve their vigour and create new plants for your garden.



If any of your garden plants will need supporting this year, put the **supports** in now so the plants grow up through them. Adding supports afterwards is difficult and may damage the plant. Tie in climbing and rambling roses to their supports. **Honeysuckle** and **Clematis** will now be putting on growth, tie in new stems to train the plant along its support. Check any **tree ties** to make sure the tie is not cutting into the trunk. Loosen any that are tight to allow the trunk room to expand. Prune your **Penstemons** now - cut all the old shoots back to the base provided there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves. If you haven't done so already, finish cutting back any dead foliage left on your perennials and ornamental grasses to make way for new growth. Trim **winter-flowering heathers** as the flowers disappear, to prevent the plants becoming leggy. Continue to remove any faded flowers from your **winter pansies** to stop them setting seed. This will encourage flushes of new flowers throughout the spring. Deadhead **daffodils** and **tulips** as the flowers finish but leave the foliage intact allowing it to die back naturally.

In the vegetable garden Dig in a 5cm (or more) layer of compost, well-rotted manure or green waste into your beds to prepare for the growing season. Growing potatoes in grow bags - top up compost as the plants grow. Plant your chitted potatoes outside in the ground or in potato grow bags. Harvest asparagus spears when they are no more than 18cm tall. For quick and easy pea supports push some twiggy sticks around your pea plants now. Thin your carrot seedlings to achieve good-size carrots do this in the evening when fewer carrot flies are around. Many crops can be direct sown into the ground now including parsnips, cabbages and radishes Prepare vegetable seed beds by removing all weeds and forking in plenty of compost. Cover prepared soil with sheets of black plastic to keep it drier and warmer in preparation for planting. **Build raised beds to take the bending out of growing your vegetables.**

In the fruit garden Plant out strawberry beds, making sure you enrich the soil first with plenty of well-rotted manure. Place cloches over your strawberry plants for earlier crops. Protect your fruit blossom from late frosts by covering them with fleece on cold nights. Spray the emerging leaves of peach and nectarine trees to prevent peach leaf curl. Sheltering your plants from the rain will also reduce the risk of peach leaf curl. Mulch fruit trees with well-rotted manure or garden compost taking care not to mound mulch up around the trunk. Top-dress patio dwarf fruit trees with fresh compost and a slow-release fertiliser. Apply a slow-release fertiliser around the base of your raspberry canes, fruit bushes and fruit trees to encourage good crops this season. Try hand-pollinating your peaches and nectarines with a soft-bristled paint brush for better crops this year.



Again, waiting as long as possible to rake leaves out of perennial beds is the best idea. Hold off on your spring garden clean up until daytime temperatures consistently reach the 50s, if possible. Scores of beneficial insects – ladybugs, assassin bugs, and damsel bugs, for example – hunker down for the winter in leaf litter as adults. Others do so as eggs or pupae. And, adult butterflies, such as morning cloaks, question marks, and commas, nestle into leaf litter for the winter. Luna moths spend the winter in cocoons that look just like a crinkled brown leaf.

As you clean up your leaves keep a sharp eye out for these insects and do your best not to disturb them.

Always store tools inside in a dry, well-ventilated area, even if you'll be using them the next day. Store small spades and trowels by keeping them in a pot filled with sand that has been soaked in motor oil to keep them lubricated and well-conditioned. You can also hang smaller tools on a pegboard to keep them organized and easy to spot. Larger tools can be hung on the wall, or also on a pegboard. Keep the most frequently used tools within arm's reach.



Spring is Nature's way of saying
"Let's Party!"



Creamy ham and mushroom pasta

Ingredients:

- ◆ 500g bag farfalle.
- ◆ 50g butter, and a little extra.
- ◆ 200g small mushroom, halved.
- ◆ Bunch of spring onions, finely sliced.
- ◆ 50g plain flour.
- ◆ 500ml milk.
- ◆ 140g thickly cut ham, chopped.
- ◆ 140g mature cheddar, grated.
- ◆ Serve with garlic bread and a glass of wine.



Method:

1. Cook the pasta according to pack instruction, then drain. Heat oven to 200°C/Fan or 180°C/Gas 6.
2. Melt a little butter in a large saucepan. Fry the mushrooms for a couple of minutes, then scoop out and set aside. Use some kitchen paper to wipe out the pan.
3. Melt the remaining butter in the pan, then add most of the onions and soften for 1 minute. Stir in the flour for another minute, then gradually stir in the milk until you have a lump-free sauce. Increase the heat and bubble the sauce, stirring for a few minutes to thicken. Turn off the heat, stir in the ham and most of the cheese, then season to taste.
4. Tip the pasta and mushrooms into a large ovenproof dish, then pour over the sauce and mix well in the dish. Scatter over the remaining cheese and spring onions.
5. Bake for 10 minutes until golden.

Cream cheese stuffed churros

Preparation time: 10 min

Cook time: 10 min

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 sheets frozen puff pastry, thawed.
- ◆ 340gr cream cheese(I used fat free).
- ◆ 4 tablespoons butter, melted.
- ◆ 1 cup sugar.
- ◆ 1 tablespoon cinnamon.
- ◆ Optional: chocolate sauce or caramel sauce, for dipping.



Instruction:

1. Preheat oven to 400 and generously grease a baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. Lay your thawed puff pastry sheets out on a clean flat surface. Slice the blocks of cream cheese lengthwise into 12 thin slices. Lay 2 slices of cream cheese end to end on one end of the puff pastry. Lay 2 more end to end in the middle of the puff pastry, and 2 more at the opposite end of the puff pastry from the first 2 slices of cream cheese. Repeat process with second puff pastry.
3. Use a pizza cutter to cut the puff pastries into 3 equal sections. Pinch the sides of the individual puff pastry sections to enclose the cream cheese inside. Cut into two equal pieces.
4. Lay pastries out on prepared pan, careful to leave about 2 inches between each one so they don't touch. Bake 10-12 minutes until golden brown. While they are baking, whisk together sugar and cinnamon in a large bowl. Remove from oven and brush with melted butter on both sides of each pastry.
5. Place pastries in the bowl of cinnamon-sugar, tossing to coat. Sprinkle with powdered sugar if desired (for a fancy touch) and serve with warmed chocolate sauce or caramel sauce for dipping if desired.





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EASTER MOVIES VIEWING



Easter, like Christmas, boasts its fair share of traditional films to watch. The festival typically revolves around religious activities, consuming copious amounts of chocolate and egg hunts. But whether you're celebrating the resurrection of Christ or just the delights of Spring, there's a movie for everyone. These Easter-themed movies for families and kids will get you in the holiday spirit. From religious epics to animated classics, you're sure to enjoy an Easter movie eggstravaganza!

Religious Epics



THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST (1988)

Martin Scorsese's arthouse slant on the story of Jesus was controversial when it premiered in 1988 but this classic film has outlasted the criticism. Written by Paul Schrader, **The Last Temptation of Christ** is an adaptation of Nikos Kazantzakis' 1955 novel of the same name. Like the original novel, the film provoked outrage at the time from certain Christian groups who took issue with the liberties taken from the original gospel narratives. The film tells the story of Jesus grappling to understand who he is and his mission in the world. The American actor Willem Dafoe plays Jesus as a man conflicted and tormented in his desire to live a normal existence and also fulfil his ultimate destiny on the cross.



The excellent cast includes, Scorsese regular, Harvey Keitel as a mercurial Judas (portraying a powerful blend of humanity and rage) and Barbara Hershey, in a Golden Globe nominated performance, as Mary Magdalene. David Bowie in a cameo role as Pontius Pilate is also surprisingly effective.

Scorsese's film is a visceral, passionate, hallucinatory, uncensored depiction of human weaknesses and temptations. It was filmed in Morocco with the sights, sounds, smells and historical detail of biblical Palestine. It is a deeply spiritual film about the eternal battle between spirit and flesh which characterises all human life. Dafoe's excellent central performance as a simple man struggling with various forms of temptations and demons (doubt, fear, depression and lust) makes his Jesus Christ the most human and relatable we have ever seen depicted on screen.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (2004)

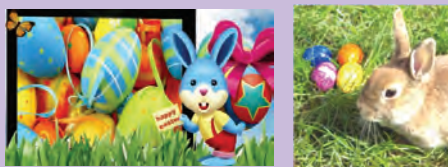
Mel Gibson directed this hugely popular biblical drama that chronicles the agony of Jesus' final twelve hours. It stars James Caviezel in the title role of Jesus. Gibson's film moved audiences to tears during its initial run in 2004. It depicts the Passion of Jesus largely according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Passion of The Christ became an unexpected blockbuster and a world-wide box-office success in spite of its 'R' rating. Unusually for a mainstream film, the dialogue is in biblical Aramaic and Latin with English subtitles.



James Caviezel gives a stunning performance as the downtrodden Jesus. The film is notable for its unflinching depiction of graphic violence and brutality. Not for the squeamish viewer. Gibson's intention (known for his zealous Catholicism in his private life) was to bring audiences closer to the reality of Jesus' suffering and to regenerate and bolster Christian faith worldwide.

The film is not without controversy. It has garnered largely divided reviews, with some critics praising the film as a religious classic while others found the extreme violence on display distracting and excessive. Some reviewers even claim that the film promotes anti-Semitic feeling. Nevertheless, Gibson's **The Passion of The Christ** offers an emotionally resonant, painfully graphic reminder of the suffering and passion of this biblical saviour.



Children's Movies

HOP (2011)

This American, family-friendly, film blends 3D animation and live actors to tell the delightful tale of a rebellious teenage rabbit, E.B., who's next in line to be the Easter Bunny. English comedian Russell Brand voices the son of the Easter Bunny (Hugh Laurie) who has no interest in running the family Easter chocolate factory. Instead, the young rabbit has his sights set on being a drummer in a band, and hops to Hollywood in search of rock n' roll fame. James Marsden stars as his live-action buddy Fred with ambitions of his own. Colourful escapades ensue as the pair team up to save Easter. It's a charming candy-flavoured confection of a film with impressive animation sequences, comedy, fun, and one that will keep the kiddies fully entertained at Easter time

PETER RABBIT (2018)

Peter Rabbit is an American live-action/animated comedy film directed by Will Gluck based on the stories of **Peter Rabbit** created by Beatrix Potter. The troublesome, irreverent Peter Rabbit from Potter's coloured -picture books (voiced by James Corden) fights for the affection of his neighbour (Rose Byrne) against his infamous rival Domhall Gleeson. This partially-animated movie updates Beatrix Potter's classic characters with colourfully charming results. Gleeson and Byrne give engaging performances in their respective roles. The film is a funny, silly, clever and fast-paced take on the classic tale of **Peter Rabbit**. It should keep younger viewers entertained with its story, great animations and get them hopping into the Easter spirit!

WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (1971)

Willy Wonka is possibly the best Easter movie with its chocolate and candy themed excess! This classic Roald Dahl-inspired story stars Gene Wilder as the mysterious chocolate maker who throws open the doors of his factory to a handful of lucky golden ticket holders. Inside is a magical, mysterious, chocolate-filled world that will change at least one little boy's life forever. Wilder is wonderful in the role of the somewhat aloof factory owner, the children are a delight and the songs are irresistibly memorable. Come enter into 'a world of pure imagination...'

MARCH QUIZZES ANSWERS



OSCARS

- 1) Laurence Olivier and Roberto Benigni
- 2) Gone With The Wind
- 3) Jack Nicholson
- 4) High Noon
- 5) Cimarron
- 6) Marty
- 7) The Silence of the Lambs
- 8) Katherine Hepburn and Luise Rainer
- 9) Hattie McDaniel
- 10) All About Eve and Titanic
- 11) All of the above
- 12) Beauty and the Beast
- 13) Jessica Tandy

ST PATRICK'S DAY

- 1) James Mason
- 2) Sean Connery
- 3) Petula Clark
- 4) Michael O'Keefe and Flynn
- 5) Once
- 6) Roddy Doyle
- 7) Tom Berenger
- 8) Two Oscars
- 9) The Guard and Calvary
- 10) John Ford





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NEW STREET LIGHTING

New street lighting has been installed along the canal from the harbour to Bond bridge. This addition will enhance the recreational aspects of the canal. It will also provide extra safety for late evening walkers and those traversing the canal paths from the railway station to home after work. Although this work is complete, the date and time for the official switch on were not to hand at the time of going to print.



New lighting along the Canal

A.G.M.

The Royal Canal Amenity Group, by its remit covers the whole canal from the Liffey in Dublin to the Shannon near Clondra in County Longford. Accordingly this year's A.G.M. is scheduled to take place at the Greville Arms Hotel Mullingar (about half way) on Tuesday 16th. April 2019 commencing at 8.00pm. The meeting is open to all and as always: the more the merrier!

ROYAL CANAL TOUR

As stated in the last edition this year's tour will be to Bonnie Scotland and is set for the weekend of 6th. - 8th. September 2019. It will take in visits to Dumfries House (a Stately Home, like Carton) The famous Falkirk Wheel, The "Kelpies" and the house/museum of poet Robert Burns.

Travelers will stay two nights at the Leonardo Glasgow West Hotel and will have dinner on the first night. The price, which has been kept to the minimum and includes travel, accommodation, entry to all venues & boat trip. Places are scarce so early booking is advisable.

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GREENWAY UPDATE

Work has commenced in the area between Maynooth and Confey. At present these works are based just north of, and to rear of Leixlip Amenities Centre. This is expected to continue for some months. Sections will be closed to walkers / cyclists at different times for health and safety reasons.

Meanwhile, Fingal Co. Council is engaged in public consultations with regard to "The Royal Canal Urban Greenway", which will run from Confey to Ashtown. The plans are currently on view at the civic offices in Blanchardstown Dublin at present.

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The Kelpies



Falkirk Wheel



Burns Cottage & Museum



Package Cost:

Members €330.00, non-members: €350.00, Children (under 14) €300.00. A single room supplement will also apply.

Fare includes: Travel, hotel accommodation, Dinner on first night, Entry to places being visited and boat trip.

Limited places: Don't delay! Book Today!