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MAYNOOTH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 17th MARCH 2019

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Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019

This is the 34th Annual parade and we are extremely excited for what's in store. The Committee have been meeting over the past few months to start preparations and we are planning on the biggest parade to date. We are very excited about 2019's parade and we hope you are too. We can reveal that the Theme for 2019 is... "The Town and The Gown".

Maynooth is unique as the only town in Ireland as a University town and is seen by many as the academic capital of the country. In celebrating our unique identity we are asking participants to think of floats and costumes that reflect the academic and student life of the town. Think gowns and books but also feel free to have fun with the Theme.

Application forms can be emailed to maynoothparade@gmail.com or can be posted/dropped into the Maynooth CEP office beside the Post Office (FAO / St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee).

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade committee work on a voluntary basis and we are constantly on the lookout for new volunteers and if you have some spare time to assist, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to help or if you have any queries, please email us or call (086) 728 0050.

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

The deadline for applications is Monday the 11th of March at 5pm.

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Beir Bua, Naoise Ó Cearúil (Parade Organiser) The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

SAVE CARTON AVENUE CAMPAIGN

Following on from our public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 5th November, Carton Avenue Preservation Society volunteers met on 10th December and on 14th January in Maynooth Community Space. Out of the 60 volunteers who signed up at the Glenroyal hotel meeting, 57 attended one or both meetings, or sent apologies.



The meetings nominated Gerry Quinn, Mick O'Reilly, Kalis Pope, Angela Feeney, Margaret Clince and Willie Kiernan as officers.

Gerry Quinn informed the December meeting of the details of the Society's public liability insurance. The policy covers the society's meetings, public meetings, fundraising, door to door petitioning and the erection of posters.

A door to door petition was proposed and agreed. The petition to Kildare County Council requests the following;

- Replace the 5-metre-wide bridge with a smaller 2-metre-wide pedestrian access point.
- Remove the two newly constructed paths on the Avenue and replace with 1 non-intrusive pedestrian path.

- Replant the Hedgerows at the pedestrian access point.
- · Retain Carton Avenue as a pedestrian walkway.

A request to meet with a deputation from Carton Avenue Preservation Society to Maynooth Municipal District Councillors was agreed at the councillors monthly meeting in December. Cllr Timmy Durkan, Cathaoirleach of Maynooth Municipal District, explained the Kildare County Council's protocols for deputations;

A deputation of not more than three people can address the councillors meeting, and a submission setting out the issues to be raised must be forwarded to the council in advance.

The meeting discussed and agreed the issues that will be raised with the Maynooth Municipal District Councillors, at their February meeting in the Kildare County Council offices in Naas. It was also agreed that the society would apply to be included on the Register of Lobbyists.



Carton Avenue, painting by Emma Boyce

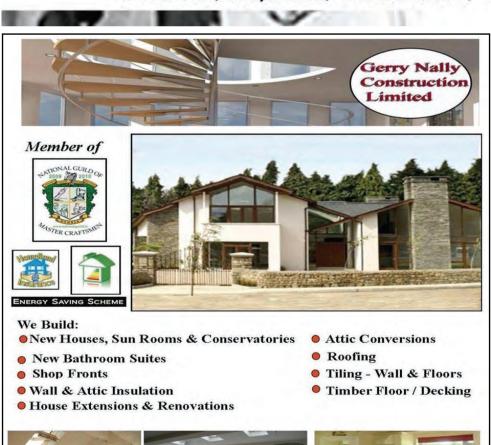
The politicians from the area who attended the volunteers' meetings, or who sent apologies, included Cllr. Timmy Durkan, Mr. Emmet Stagg, Ms. Angela Feeney, Cllr, Réada Cronin, Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil and Cllr. John McGinley.

The next meeting will be held on February 4th. New volunteers are welcome.

If you would like to get involved, please contact us on 0876485799.



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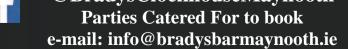
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Carton Avenue

The latest proposal from the Carton Avenue Preservation Society is to look for a reduction in the width of the "bridge" (which is really a gateway) from 4m to 2m. This isn't going to happen as their proposal will endanger pedestrians and cyclists. A bridge is a link between different parts whereas a gateway marks the border between two areas.

Political Lobby Day - Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice

On 5th December, there was a politician lobby day in Buswells Hotel organised by Stop Climate Chaos (SCC). Representatives from several Kildare groups including Kildare Environment Network, Trocáire, Laudato Si as well as Maynooth Cycling Campaign came together to lobby our political representatives in the Dáil. The North Kildare TDs, Bernard Durkan and James Lawless attended. Frank O'Rourke was occupied with a committee in the Dáil but sent his PA and Catherine Murphy was indisposed but sent her apologies. SCC asked for Deputies to sign a letter calling on Richard Bruton, the new Minister of Communications, Climate Change and Environment to take measures to address increasing carbon emissions.

Motion on Cycling

Later that month, on the 20th December, Robert Troy, the Fianna Fáil spokesperson on Transport, introduced a motion on cycling in the Dáil and cycling campaigners including Maynooth Cycling Campaign were invited to the public gallery to witness the debate. The motion was a strongly worded critique of current cycling policy and lack of action by the Minister for Transport. Shane Ross claimed that he was already carrying out most of the measures outlined in the motion but argued against it because of the criticism of government.

Cycling campaigners would beg to differ. There were also speakers in favour of the motion from Sinn Fein, the Labour Party, the Green Party and People before Profit. It was decided to put off a vote until after the recess in order to see if there could be agreement on an amended motion between government and the Fianna Fáil opposition.

On Thursday 17th January, as there had been no agreement, the motion with an amendment by the Green Party calling on the government to allocate 10% of the transport budget to cycling was carried. The vote is non-binding on the government but indicates a groundswell of support for cycling in the Dáil. We shall wait to see how the Minister reacts to it. Meanwhile the #Allocate4Cycling campaign will continue.

Growing Protest over Climate Change

Climate change protests are increasing world-wide and in Ireland.

On the 19th January, a Children's Rally for Climate Action gathered at the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, where some of the young representatives posted a symbolic message of concern to Minister Richard Bruton.

Then on 22nd January the government was in the dock at the Four Courts over their failure of the National Mitigation Plan to meet Ireland's commitment to reduce carbon emissions. This follows similar court cases in the Netherlands where environmentalists took the government to court and won.

Increase in Cyclist Fatalities

In January, the RSA and the government issued their customary report on road fatalities for the previous year. The report stated that the number of cyclist fatalities relative to the previous year had fallen. While this was true, the report failed to point out that the trend in cyclist fatalities has been increasing since 2011. In Kildare, there were 4 roads fatalities including 1 cyclist. Although only 3% of Kildare journeys are by bike, cycling makes up 25% of road fatalities.

Minimum Passing Distance Legislation (MPDL)

Early last year, in response to increasing cycle fatalities and pressure from cyclists, Minister Shane Ross announced that that he would introduce legislation to make illegal the close passing of cyclists by motorists. Some months later, Minister Ross disclosed that the attorney general had reservations about the enforcement of the proposed legislation although it has been introduced in a number of countries. Minister Ross has recently confirmed that he would be introducing alternative legislation to make the dangerous passing of cyclists a specific offence. Cyclists will wait to see the outcome.

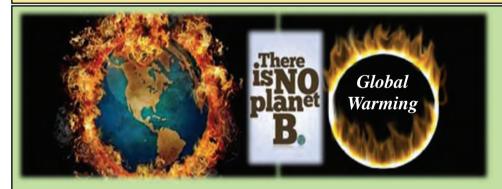
MEPs Vote to Upgrade Rail Passenger Rights

Last October the European Parliament's Transport and Tourism (TRAN) Committee voted to support a proposal to introduce a minimum of eight bicycle spaces on all new and refurbished European trains.

In November, the European Parliament backed the proposal that will entitle passengers to take bicycles on board all trains, including on high-speed, long distance, cross-border and local services. Over to you Irish Rail!

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.



The effects of climate change can be clearly seen, the most evident effect can be seen in the increased temperature. Temperatures have risen by 0.7°C between 1890 and 2008 and most significantly by 0.4°C between 1980 and 2008. These increased temperatures have had knock on effects on Ireland's natural environment, it has changed the growing season affecting farming and has increased the number of animals suited to warmer temperatures. An increase in the frequency and impact of storms has also been recorded in the last few decades.

If the rate of global warming continues to increases and the climate continues to change there could be severe adverse effects on Ireland. As an island nation we are particularly vulnerable to increasing sea levels with coastal regions facing issues of flooding. More erratic weather conditions could lead to both increased rainfall and storms as well as water shortages in summer. Increased rainfall could lead to flooding and in turn this would have adverse effects on water quality.

Changing weather could also have devastating effects on the plants and wildlife of the country. Warming of the climate is happening and it is extremely likely that man has been the main cause of global warming since the mid-20th century. Observations show that global average temperatures have increased by 0.85°C since 1850 (IPCC, 2013). The atmosphere and oceans are warming and sea levels are rising while the amount of snow and ice is falling. The impacts can be seen on all continents.

Research at national level has shown that changes in Ireland's climate are in line with global trends. Even if GHG emissions fall to levels required to stop the worst impacts of climate change some changes are still likely to occur. This is because the climate system is slow to react and some changes are already locked in. For Ireland, climate change impacts are expected to increase over the coming decades and could include the following;

- sea level rise;
- more intense storms and rainfall events;
- increased likelihood and magnitude of river and coastal flooding;
- water shortages in summer;
- increased risk of new pests and diseases;
- adverse impacts on water quality;



The Irish Government is not doing enough to tackle climate change as a new report warns of climate chaos unless major changes are made in all aspects of society. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report has warned "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes" are needed in all aspects of society to avoid climate chaos.



"Change only happens when individuals take action"

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 19th February 2019

Editorial

By now we are all asking how January seemed to go so fast but also happy that it did as for most people the arrival of the January payslip is a welcome relief after the Christmas spending. There is no doubt that in 2018 the feel good factor has finally returned for people generally and there was certainly a busy shopping period in Maynooth.

As the saying goes "a rising tide rises all ships" and when you look at the facts there are definitely more people working which brings wages and spending into the area. However, while the economists say that nationally we are close to full employment again a close look at local "live register" statistics shows that we still have some way to go. The table compares the number of people by age and gender who are on the "Live Register" for Maynooth, showing the improvement from December 2016 up to the end of last year.

As at	Male	Male	Female	Female	Overall
Date	over 25	under 25	Over 25	Under 25	Total
Dec-16	1,755	171	1,680	123	3,729
Dec-17	1,511	166	1,577	118	3,372
Dec-18	1,089	105	1,323	73	2,590

(Live Register numbers for Maynooth District office)

It is clear that the number of people recorded as unemployed and available for work has fallen over the period which is in keeping with the trend in most places. However, we still have 2,590 people who are seeking work in the area. The numbers of people in each category are still at levels where we need to continue to provide supports and options to assist people into finding work or training. Maynooth Community Employment Project continues to provide the opportunity for local people to get valuable training and work experience on the Community Employment Project.

All of us benefit from the services provided by the Project to the community. With the numbers of people available it is imperative that the community employment project continues to provide the opportunity for those that want to take the benefit from participating and in the process getting themselves valuable training and work experience.

Being around Maynooth during the day in January has opened my eyes to some things that I was not aware of. Even with Maynooth University still closed until the end of the month the traffic levels surprised me. I had to make a number of trips from the Moyglare area to the Celbridge Road area. After a few trips I decided to avoid the town centre and travel from the Moyglare Road to the Dunboyne Road and to complete the journey I went from the Leixlip Road to the Celbridge Road via Pike Bridge.

Both of these roads are narrow and do not even have a central road marking on the entire route. I was surprised at the number of cars and trucks using these routes which made the journey reasonably hazardous. I know that there are future plans for improved local roads but these are still some years away. These roads were never intended to take the levels of traffic now using them so if you need to use these routes please drive carefully.

Elsewhere in this publication you will get lots of local information about things that will happen in Maynooth this year. The long awaited improvement for pedestrians and cyclists using the Moyglare Road is expected to start in February and continue up to the end of August. Being local to the area I both welcome the planned improvements but fear the disruption that the works will cause. I also heard that the Moyglare Road will be closed to traffic in July and August to facilitate the works. Could this be true?

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Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on the Provision of a North Kildare Public Swimming Pool Complex

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 December

"That the council immediately set up a dedicated team to apply for funding for a North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex in partnership with Maynooth University, and that the issue of chargeable title be dealt with at an early stage, given the announcement of funding available under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund for swimming pool complexes."

John was given the following response by the Council's Director:

The council is aware that the programme is open and has a closing date of 17 April 2019 and will discuss the details with Maynooth University, including the title issues and will then revert back to the members."

The Director further advised Cllr. McGinley that a team had been set up and that they have already been in touch with Maynooth University

Update on Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 7 December:

"That the following be put in place, in advance of the Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme, to try and make it safer for motorists turning right exiting the Moyglare Hall Road, onto the Moyglare Road, Maynooth:

(A) Extended Yellow Box Markings either side of the exit.

(B) Provision of Mirror on Crewhill side of the road faced towards Maynooth to give a view of oncoming traffic.

Given the current serious traffic hazards for motorists exiting the Moyglare Hall Road." John got the following reply to his Motion:

"The new Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme has gone to tender so no line marking works are planned in advance of this. The Council do not provide mirrors for private use."

When Cllr. McGinley asked for details on the Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme the Council Engineer advised as follows:

"The tenders are due back on 12 December.

The work will begin in February or March and will finish on 1 September.

Cairn Homes will be doing their junction with traffic lights and 150m of the road at the same time. It is a big project that extends from the pedestrian crossing at Mill Street to the Moyglare Hall junction. There will be road closure during July and August.

The Kilcock junction at the Church will be upgraded to give a new right turning lane from Moyglare Road to the Kilcock Road. The left turning lane from Mill Street to Kilcock Road will remain (there was an earlier proposal to remove it)

There will be traffic lights at the Moylare Hall junction.

There will be a 4m wide shared pedestrian/cycle lane on the east side of Moyglare Road and an upgraded 2m wide footpath on the west side of the road."

Given the problems exiting the Moyglare Hall Road Cllr. McGinley has asked that the Traffic Lights at the junction of Moyglare Road and Moyglare Hall Link Road be prioritised under the Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme.

New Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road is Scheduled to open by the end of the Year

Cairn Homes have advised Cllr. John McGinley that they hope to have the new road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road open to the public by the end of 2019. However, they concede that this target is ambitious as the construction of the bridge could cause delays.

Road from Moyglare Hall to Moyglare Road at Eircom Building to Open in Mid 2019

Kildare County Council have been advised by the developer of Moyglare Hall that the entrance to Moyglare Hall on the Moyglare Road was not proposed to be opened until summer 2019.

Update on the Provision of Creches in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update on his Motion at the December meeting of the

Moyglare Hall, Mariavilla, Maynooth, Co. Kildare:

A crèche was originally approved as part of the development under PL. Ref. 02/2491 (ABP Ref. PL09.206437). This permission expired on 15 August 2012, at which time part of the housing development and crèche were not complete. A new crèche, generally in the same location as that previously approved, was subsequently approved under PL. Ref. 14/73 (ABP Ref. PL 09.243724). The crèche has not yet been constructed however the permission does not expire until 16 June 2020. There is no condition on Ref. 14/73 (ABP Ref. PL 09.243724) which requires the crèche to be constructed and/or operational prior to any specific stage or phase of development. Condition 25 relates to the provision of road infrastructure and is not explicit in respect of a timely delivery of a crèche.

Griffin Rath Hall, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare:

A crèche facility was approved as part of the development under PL. Ref. 04/2890. The crèche was

built and remained unoccupied for a number of years. A change of use planning permission from crèche to community day, operated by St. John of God, was granted by Kildare County Council under PL. Ref. 10/767. The justification for the change of use was based on no identified commercial demand for a crèche facility in the period since construction, with the application supported by a letter from a local estate agent to that effect. The use of the building as a community day care centre has planning permission and is therefore compliant with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Castlepark, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare:

A crèche was approved under the parent permission PL. Ref. 06/1925 (ABP PL09.225882). This permission expired on the 03 October 2018 and the crèche has not been constructed. A more recent planning application by the same developer (PL. Ref. 14/637 / ABP PL09.245305) on adjoining land to the north, sought permission for houses and also a crèche that would be big enough to serve the Castlepark Estate. Permission was refused for this development. The non-compliance with Condition 1 on PL. Ref. 06/1925 (ABP PL09.225882) - non-construction of crèche - has been referred to the Enforcement Section. It is understood from the Building Control Section that the developer intends to apply again for planning permission for a crèche on the adjoining site with an increased size crèche.

Newtown Hall, Maynooth:

The crèche has been built.

Update on Newtown Road Footpaths

The Maynooth MD engineer advised Councillors that he intended to carry out re-surfacing work on the footpath on the Beaufield side of the Newtown Road in February and that he would do a kerb on the other side at the same time. He stated that he was going to have further discussions with residents about a footpath on the northern side.

New Outdoor Gym Equipment for Harbour Field

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's Motion, the Council issued a tender for the design and construction of outdoor gym in the Harbour Field. The contract will be in place in early 2019.

Fagan's Lane to Become One-Way

It has been agreed that Fagan's Lane will become One-Way, with traffic prevented from entering it from the Main Street. The signs will be put in place in mid-February.

Planning Application Number 18/1484, Maynooth Train Station for 34 Additional Car Parking Spaces

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission on this Planning Application: "The Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 states under Clause 7.5.1. **Public Transport:** It is the policy of the Council:

PT 3 To investigate the feasibility of the provision of a new vehicular access to the railway station from the Rathcoffey Road.

As the Planning Application is for an additional 34 car parking spaces at the South-West of the train station i.e. at the Rathcoffey Road/Bond Bridge end, I believe that is incumbent on the Council to activate Policy PT 3 now and make it a condition of the Granting of Planning that a new vehicular access be provided from Bond Bridge to the new car park.

The provision of a new access road would relieve pressure on the already overstressed Straffan Road access road to the train station."

Cllr. McGinley Demands an Explanation for Cattle Grazing on the Council Amenity Land at Carton Avenue:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD meeting on 11 January:

"Can the Council explain how cattle were allowed to graze on the Council owned land, between Castlepark Housing Estate and Carton Avenue for the last two months, resulting in cattle trucks driving on the walkway on Carton Avenue?"

John got the following highly unsatisfactory response:

The amenity lands along Carton Avenue have been illegally encroached on over a number of years. Last year the council allowed permission for use of the land for agricultural purposes to prevent this type of activity. The access to some of the lands is off Carton Avenue; this is why a cattle truck accessed the avenue and the amenity lands.

Cllr. McGinley then stated as follows:

"It is astonishing that the Council would see it as appropriate to lease out the amenity lands at Carton Avenue.

Worse still for the Council to see nothing wrong with cattle trucks using the walkway on the Avenue is incredible.

Council Officials will be aware that the cattle broke out of the Amenity Lands to the adjoining Lyreen Park housing estate three times and the residents did not have an easy job putting them back out of the housing estate.

Also, a new gate has been installed to access the fields from the Avenue.

I'm now demanding that none of the amenity lands at Carton Avenue be leased out for grazing and that the proposed master plan for this amenity land be produced and implemented as a matter of urgency."

The Council Official stated that he would prefer to keep cattle grazing there until the Master Plan was implemented (rather than have cattle and horses grazing there illegally).

John said that he completely disagreed with what the Official had said.

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Maynooth Labour News (cont)

Tenders for Completion of Maynooth Education Campus to Be Invited Shortly - Stagg

Labour's General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus and specifically the invitation of Tenders from the shortlist of contractors to complete the Campus.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg on January 15th that the pre-qualification process for contractors has been completed and that Tender Documents are expected to issue to the shortlisted contractors shortly with a view to having a contractor on site in Quarter 2, 2019. The Minister further added that it is fully expected that the buildings will be available for occupation prior to September 2020.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would keep the pressure on the Minister for Education and Skills so we can complete this most important Education Campus in Maynooth.

Stagg Welcomes Confirmation of September 2019 Opening for Maynooth Gaelcholaiste

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board on Friday January 18th, that the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste will open in Maynooth this September.

The school stated Mr. Stagg will be an Irish Medium, co-educational, multi-denominational, state run, post primary Community College under the Patronage of KWETB. An Foras Patrunachta will also be a trustee partner for the school. KWETB will immediately commence the process of appointing a Principal for the school.

In addition to the enhanced the first departure from Ma is now at the earlier time of 6-05 am. There is also one on Saturdays and the first so 35 am instead of 5-40 am.

Commenting on the announcement Mr. Stagg stated that this was great news for pupils who wish to continue their education from Gaelscoils to Secondary Education in the Irish Medium. It has been a hard fought campaign by parents but finally we have an opening date confirmed.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that it was important that KWETB sourced appropriate accommodation for the new school as soon as possible in addition to appointing a Principal for the new school.

Enhanced Sunday services on Route 66 Serving Maynooth and Leixlip

Labour's Emmet Stagg has welcomed the significant enhancement in Sunday Services on Route 66 serving Maynooth and Leixlip since Sunday January 20th.

Mr. Stagg stated that the number of Sunday services from Maynooth, to the City Centre increased from the previous 17 services to 25. The number of services from the City Centre on Sundays to Maynooth increased from the previous 16 services to 25 services. (Timetables available at

www.dublinbus.ie)

In addition to the enhanced Sunday service on route 66 the first departure from Maynooth, Monday to Friday is now at the earlier time of 5-45 am from the previous 6-05 am. There is also one additional inbound service on Saturdays and the first service on Saturdays is at 5-35 am instead of 5-40 am.

HSE Prioritising Securing Site for New Primary Care Centre for Maynooth - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been pressing the HSE about the provision of a New State of the Art Primary Care Centre for Maynooth to replace the old Maynooth Health Centre which has seen better days.

Last October HSE Primary Care advised Mr. Stagg that HSE estates were looking for a site to locate a New Primary Care Centre in Maynooth to meet the needs of the growing population. Mr. Stagg sought an update on progress on securing a site recently and was advised that no site has been secured todate but that HSE Estates continue to work on securing a site as a priority.

Mr. Stagg stated that the existing Maynooth Health Centre was not fit for purpose and a New State of the Art Facility was required in Maynooth, similar to the excellent facilities that have been provided at both Celbridge and Kilcock. We are at the early stage of delivery of the Maynooth Primary Care Centre but it is vital that a site is secured so we can progress the project. The existing Health Centre will remain in place until the new Primary Care Centre is delivered.



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Local Election candidates selected in Maynooth Area

I am delighted to be supporting Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil in his bid to be re-elected to Kildare County Council. Cllr. Ó Cearúil was selected by party members in Maynooth to contest the forthcoming local elections. I have worked with Naoise on many projects in the area and have seen how hard he works first-hand. I will also be supporting Cllr. Paul Ward, also selected for the Maynooth district, who primarily covers Kilcock and Newtown. I am certain this team will make an excellent choice for the Maynooth Municipal District if fortunate enough to be re-elected to Kildare County Council.

Intel expansion in the works

It is very welcome news to those employed and living in Kildare North that Intel are about to begin to take the next steps to commence a possible expansion of their base in Leixlip. With two caps on, as a TD for the area and my party spokesperson on Science and Technology, I have regularly engaged with the microchip manufacturer. I am well aware of their commitment to our area and this will be another significant act commuters. Is he still considering hiring second-hand trains to cope with demand? of this assurance

I believe the plans are part of a wider global manufacturing move by Intel. I am aware Minister to travel from Kildare to Leinster House by train still stands. they see Ireland playing a significant role in this. While the details are not yet announced, and this may be a multi-year project, Intel recently announced an investment of €4.3 billion at its Israel plant last year. Something similar could be expected here in Kildare. I look forward to continuing to work with Intel to support their efforts in increasing presence in Kildare and seeing the formal plans over 2019 which can only be a benefit for our community.

Gaelcholáiste for Maynooth confirmed

I welcome confirmation from the Minister for Education that a Gaelcholaiste will be provided for Maynooth. The school will be an Irish-medium, co-educational, multidenominational, state-run, post-primary Community College under the patronage of KWETB.

This is a project I have raised with the Minister previously on and also worked with Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil on. I will be enquiring further regarding location, enrolment etc. This is something I have campaigned for and is great news for those who wish to pursue their education through the medium of Irish.

New rail carriages not due until end of year

The allocation of funding to provide new rail carriages will do little to alleviate the overcrowding challenges faced by passengers in the short and medium term in Maynooth and further along the line following reports that Irish Rail is expected to get approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA) for the purchase of €100 million worth of new rail carriages.

I welcome this long overdue investment in Irish rail services, which is now serving a record number of passengers each year. It is vital to invest in Ireland's public transport, if we are to reduce the congestion and environmental pollution that is plaguing our country. While the funding for new carriages is to be welcomed, it is disappointing that the first contract, for 41 new carriages, is not due to be awarded until the end of the year.

We are at the end of the first/second working week of the year for many and my office has been inundated again with commuters left standing in cramped conditions on trains to and from their day job.

This end of year delivery will do little to reduce overcrowding on trains in the short to medium term as the lead-in time for the delivery of all carriages is extremely long. Irish Rail has also dropped plans to refurbish older carriages in the fleet, ruling it out

Minister Ross needs to explain what he will now do in the short-term to support Irish Will he lease trains immediately to alleviate overcrowding and if not will alternative transport services, such as buses, be provided along busier routes? My invite to the

Eircode process for new builds must be faster

I have called on the Government to instruct their providers to speed up the issuing of Eircodes to new homes. I am aware of some residents who have put effort into building a new home only to have to wait months before being active on the Eircode system. This delay has concerning consequences for the home owner.

The time it takes to be issued with a new Eircode means they are months without access to telephone lines or broadband services. More concerning is in the event an ambulance or other emergency services are needed to the home there is no identifying code to be provided. Since introduction the Eircode system has proven to be effective. However the lag in issuing codes to new builds is evident. It has to be improved and

The Minister for Communications did concede to say his Department would have the process expedited. I will continue to advocate for these new home owners to ensure the process is streamlined.

Maynooth Constituency Office

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

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Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area
Planning Applications received from 23/11/2018 to 22/01/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
1947	Kildare County Council	Andrew Brown	48 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/01/2019
1940	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle	Pike Bridge, Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	21/01/2019
191	Kildare County Council	Filatore Limited	Main Street, Fagan's Lane, Pound Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	02/01/2019
181542	Kildare County Council	Darragh Carr & Joanne McEvoy	No. 12 The Paddock, Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/12/2018
181544	Kildare County Council	Alan Tansey	511 Newtown Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/12/2018
181526	Kildare County Council	Templewood No. 1 Partnership Limited	No. 22 Temple Wood, Carton Demense, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	17/12/2018
181527	Kildare County Council	Suzanne Bannon & Paul Mooney	Site no. 25 Temple Wood, Carton Demense, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	17/12/2018
181506	Kildare County Council	Colette Burns	7 Castlebridge, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/12/2018
181496	Kildare County Council	Briargate Developments Maynooth	Carton Wood, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/12/2018
181479	Kildare County Council	Kieran and Niamh Swift	13 Meadowbrook Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.,	10/12/2018
181482	Kildare County Council	Fergal O'Boy	Greenfield House, Moneycooly, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/12/2018
181483	Kildare County Council	Patrick O'Boy	Greenfield House, Moneycooly, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/12/2018
181484	Kildare County Council	Iarnród Éireann	Maynooth Train Station,l, Greenfield Townland, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/12/2018
181474	Kildare County Council	John Coakley	Oldcarton, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/12/2018
181471	Kildare County Council	CDS (Superstores International) Limited	The Range, Carton Retail Park, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	06/12/2018
181454	Kildare County Council	Roy & Gloria McKay	8 Rockfield Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	03/12/2018
181421	Kildare County Council	Southport New Homes Limited	Lyreen Lodge, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	23/11/2018

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Delivery of New Rail Carriages too slow - O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said the allocation of funding to provide new rail carriages will do little to alleviate the overcrowding challenges faced by Kildare commuters in the short and medium term.

"Irish Rail is expected to get approval from the National Transport Authority (NTA) to purchase new rail carriages worth €100 million. While this investment is welcome, it is long overdue and given the timeline for the delivery of the carriages, there will be no benefit in the short to medium term."

"It is disappointing that the first contract, for 41 new carriages, is not due to be awarded until the end of the year. The lead-in time for the delivery of the carriages is up to 2 and 3 years. As of now, there will be no space for additional passengers to travel on peak train services from Sallins / Hazelhatch or Kilcock, Maynooth / Leixlip."

"I welcome this long overdue investment in Irish rail service. It is vital to invest in Ireland's public transport. Irish Rail currently has approximately 630 carriages. We have a capacity issue now and we need to resolve it now."

"I called last year on Irish Rail to secure to refurbish the 28 rail carriages that had entered service in 1998 and are held in storage since 2012. I understand that they have ruled this option out. I am now calling on Irish Rail, with the support of the Minister for Transport, to immediately lease or hire carriages." "I will continue to press on the Government to fasttrack investment for our rail services. In the meantime, we need to urgently lease rail carriages."

O'Rourke presses for additional Home Care Packages

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has pressed the Government for additional resources to be provided for Home Care Packages for the Kildare region, a region falling behind other areas in terms of the number of packages needed.

"Winter can be a very difficult time for older people and their families. It's also a period when hospitals are under pressure. As I established earlier in 2018, the Kildare/Wicklow region has a significantly higher waiting list for Home care packages than any other area. In June, we had 724 people on the waiting list, which proportionally was much higher than other areas."

"From my clinics, I come across people who are recovering from stroke, dealing with cancer and older people who need additional home supports, all requiring Home Care Packages."

"It makes little sense to delay giving home care supports to people that need them and have been approved by the HSE to get them. It goes against the Government's stated aim of ensuring people can continue living in their home if they so choose to do so. It is also leading to unnecessary overcrowding in our hospitals. There are many older people in hospitals that are ready to be discharged but are unable to return home as the necessary home care supports have not been put in place."

"Minister Harris and his Government colleagues need to ensure that the Home Care Support Scheme is properly resourced. We all know that there are limited resources, but the current situation is only leading to increased costs in the long run, due to overcrowding in hospitals and a scarcity of beds in nursing homes."

"I continue to fight for additional resources for older people. I was delighted to introduce a Bill - the Housing (Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill - last month, in the Dáil, which will reduce the time for processing the Housing Adaptation Grants. We must press for additional resources for Home Care Packages" concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Open up Mortgage market says O'Rourke as 'monopoly' exist in Irish Banking system

Local Fianna Fáil TD Frank O'Rourke has called for increased action to open up the Irish mortgage market to ensure that Ireland enjoys the same mortgage rates as other EU countries.

"Ireland's mortgage rates are entirely unjustifiable and the banks must be tackled to ensure that fairer mortgage rates are available to Irish home owners. Irish mortgages are double that of the average in the EU, 3.3% as opposed to EU average of about 1.7%."

"An Irish mortgage holder, with a 30 year term of €50,000, is paying €1085 per month. This is around €188 per month, equivalent to €2,200 per year or €68,000 over the lifetime of the mortgage, more than they would be paying in the average Euro area country."

"This massive differential is impacting negatively on the quality of life of hundreds of thousands of individuals and families around our country and depriving local economy of much needed stimulus."

"Now, according to the Head of the European Central Bank (ECB), Mario Dragi, the Irish mortgage market is an effective monopoly and this is contributing to the high mortgage rates in Ireland. AIB and Bank of Ireland have 60pc of new mortgage lending. More competition is required."

"Over the last 10 years, people's wages have increased very little and we need to focus on reducing the cost of living to ease the pressure on wage inflation. Reducing people's mortgage repayments is one mechanism to reduce the cost of living. We can do this by opening up the market to other EU Banks. I have called for this approach as well in relation to motor insurance."

"Since I got elected to the Dáil, I have worked with our Finance Spokesperson, Michael

McGrath TD, to keep a focus on the concerns of Irish mortgage holders. All of the instruments available to the Government and the Central Bank must be used to ensure that Irish mortgage holders receive fair treatment when compared to other EU countries" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Orbital Bus Route linking Straffan, Ardclough and Maynooth on the agenda says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has confirmed that the National Transport Authority is considering providing an orbital bus route linking Ardclough, Straffan and Maynooth. The NTA confirmed the proposal following a recent meeting I had with officials.

"I received confirmation from the NTA that it will seriously consider providing an orbital bus route linking Ardclough, Straffan and Maynooth. This orbital route would provide residents in Ardclough and Straffan a link to a regular bus and rail public transport service in Maynooth, to the Maynooth Business Park, and a link to NUI Maynooth, opening up this area to the rent a room scheme for student accommodation."

"We have seen the success of another Orbital Bus Route 139, which links Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip. This route is attracting more commuters and we have Bus connect proposals which have some positive elements for bus commuters, including an orbital route linking Maynooth to Tallaght via Celbridge and Newcastle." "However, we need to expand the public transport services that we have and I am delighted that the NTA will now positively consider my request an orbital bus route linking Ardclough, Straffan and Maynooth," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Government lack of action on Insurance keeping rates high says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has criticised the government for delaying legislation which would clamp down on insurance fraud.

"Recent findings published by the insurance industry has labelled half of all personal injury claims brought to court as "potentially fraudulent". False and misleading claims have negative consequences for Irish policyholders and drive up the cost of insurance premiums."

"The cost of both motor insurance and business insurance remains stubbornly high for households and businesses across the country. The average annual cost of motor insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%." "Fianna Fail introduced the Civil Liability and Courts (Amendment) Bill 2018 last year. It passed the Second Stage in the Dáil, where it received unanimous support from all parties in the House, including government." "Our Bill is designed to combat the excessive costs of insurance for businesses and customers. It specifically gives Judges the power to pass information to the Director of Public Prosecution where a fraudulent claim has been made."

"Reducing the high cost of Insurance is a priority for Fianna Fáil and for myself, it is an issue I have regularly brought to the floor of the Dail. It is unacceptable that after two years of the publication of the Cost of Insurance Working Group report, many of its recommendations have not been implemented. I am urging the Government to allow our Bill to proceed to Committee stage so that it can be enacted by the Oireachtas without any further delay and support An Garda Siochana establish an anti-insurance fraud unit in the force."

"The government has been found wanting on insurance reform and tackling the high cost of insurance. This Government must provide greater focus on this issue and enacting our Bill would be one step towards achieving lower costs of insurance."

FF Bill to regulate 'vulture funds' signed into law - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil Deputy Spokesperson on Finance and Kildare North TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the passage, in Seanad Éireann, of the Fianna Fáil Private Members' Bill to regulate so called 'vulture funds'. "Our Private Members' Bill has now passed through both Houses of the Oireachtas and was sent to the President to be signed into law. The bill will come into effect in January." "Now this Bill is signed into law, 'vulture funds' can be directly inspected and investigated by the Central Bank. The regulator will also, if necessary, be able to take enforcement action against these funds. Up until now, these Vulture Funds were not regulated and were untouchable."

"The Central Bank will now, for the first time, be able to have direct contact with these funds and apply strict regulation directly to them. We have seen acceleration in the trend of banks selling off their loans to 'vulture funds' in recent months. Permanent TSB, Ulster Bank and AIB – to name just a few retail banks – have progressed loan sales in recent months. Significantly, Bank of Ireland has not ruled out loan sales into the future. Mortgages, business and farm loans are now being sold on in very significant numbers."

"The passage of this Bill is an important step forward. However, Fianna Fáil believes that further reforms are needed to tackle the tens of thousands of legacy mortgage arrears cases. The current process sees nearly half of all personal insolvency arrangements failing. As a result, it has been judges who have prevented large scale repossessions rather than the government. The bank veto needs to be removed and fair and sustainable loan solutions need to be put in place. We also have the unacceptable high level of variable mortgage rates, double the EU average. There needs to be action in relation to this as well." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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Know Your Rights: Applying to college

Question

The closing date for applying to college was 1 February. Can I still apply?

Answer

You apply for almost all full-time undergraduate courses through the Central Applications Office (CAO). This includes, for example, university, technical university and institute of technology undergraduate courses such as Higher Certificates at Level 6 and degrees at Levels 7 and 8.

The closing date for 2019 CAO applications was 1 February 2019. However, you can still apply. Late applications are allowed up to 5.15pm on 1 May 2019. There is a fee to apply for courses through the CAO and late applications are subject to an increased fee. Late online applications cost €60.

You can change the courses you picked or the order of courses on your application from 5 February to 1 March at 5:15pm for a fee of €10. Another Change of Mind facility opens on 5 May and closes on 1 July at 5:15pm and is free of charge.

You must apply to the CAO by 1 February 2019 if you want to be assessed as a mature applicant, or if you want to be considered for the HEAR and/or DARE schemes. There are also some restricted courses which you cannot apply for after 1 February 2019.

The CAO provides a handbook that lists all the courses on offer and gives information on how to apply.

Decisions on offers of places are normally made in August and September, after the results of the Leaving Certificate have come out. You can find a detailed schedule of the offer rounds in the CAO handbook.

It is important to note that there is no central applications body for Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses. Students must apply directly to the individual colleges. You should check the closing date for PLC courses with the individual college. Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre above.

Know Your Rights: Jobseeker's Benefit and subsidiary employment

Question

I was working full-time and was also doing a few hours with another company in the evenings. I recently lost my full-time job. Can I claim Jobseeker's Benefit and continue working a couple of hours each evening?

Answei

Jobseeker's Benefit is a weekly payment from the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) to people who are out of work and are covered by social insurance (PRSI).

As a general rule, you cannot get Jobseeker's Benefit for any day you are employed or self-employed. However, it is possible to do some subsidiary work and still get Jobseeker's Benefit for the day in question.

Subsidiary employment is work that could have been done while you were in full-time employment and outside your normal working hours. For example, you may work a full-time job during the day and have a part-time job in the evening. The part-time job is known as subsidiary or secondary employment if you were able to do the part-time work without it affecting your full-time job for a period of at least 6 months.

If you have subsidiary employment, you should always check with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection to see whether or not your Jobseeker's Benefit will be affected.

If you have less than 117 paid PRSI contributions in the 3 years before becoming unemployed there is a limit on the amount you can earn from subsidiary employment while getting Jobseeker's Benefit. From 1 January 2019, the amount you can earn has increased to €144 per week (or €7,500 over 12 months). There is no earnings limit if you have more than 117 paid PRSI contributions.

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We appreciate all who brought Christmas Trees for recycling to the KCC Maynooth yard in Leinster St. and the shredded material will be used locally.





Work on the Sensory Garden for the Community adjacent to the Pastoral Centre started on Saturday 19th January. We hope to start back in March with our usual planting, clean-ups and general maintenance.

WEEE Ireland collection will be held on Saturday 23rd March more info in next Newsletter.

A number of Café`s in Maynooth are taking part in the Zero Waste Conscious Cup Campaign, further details on the Maynooth Tidy Towns Facebook page.



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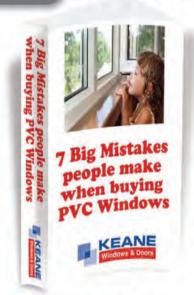
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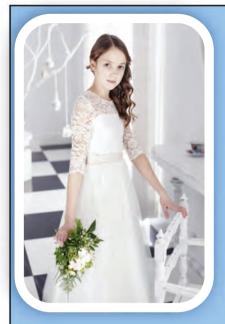


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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Well here we are into a brand new year with the days stretching out before us, the birds singing and the plants awakening, can spring be far away ?....ok so that might be a little optimistic but we can always hope. Our Club is well under way with all the usual faces and a few new ones as well. Remember all senior citizens in our area are welcome to join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster street from 10.30 – 12.30. Our next tea-dance will take place on Sunday February 17th in the GAA club, Moyglare Road. This will be our Valentine's event so come along and share the occasion of fun and romance.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday March 5th at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. We would like to see some younger people joining our committee, so why not come along and see if you can make a difference.

Finally, our sincere sympathy to the families of Noreen Hopkins, Mary Gargan, Lil O'Rourke, Christopher Tracey and Stasia Moran who passed away recently.

Suaimhneas agus Síochain dóibh.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.





Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Christmas 2018 was notable for its mild weather, so there was no excuse not to be out and about enjoying a few tunes.

The branch Christmas party was ably hosted by the newly refurbished GAA club, and it was a great opportunity for members new and old to come together over a beverage and enjoy the musical talent on display. We were even regaled with a song from a visitor in a red suit, which was followed by a session from all levels of players from young beginners to less-young masters of their instrument.



Push for Porter, the hardest working session in showbusiness, grafting all through Christmas!

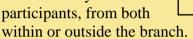
Santa crooning a beautiful version of Silent Night, before he dashed off on his sleigh.

Once Christmas came rolling in, things quietened in terms of core branch activities, but the local session scene remained vibrant, with the usual regular slots still going strong. The Newtown Inn on Thursday evenings sees a fantastic group come together – Push for Porter (http://pushforporter.com).

This session has been going for many years and is often frequented by branch members. Great friends of the Craobh, they're a fine example of how to enjoy music in a welcoming and open fashion, and there's scarcely a better way of whiling away a Thursday evening

The next term of lessons has started, at our usual slot of Wednesday 7-9 in Maynooth Post Primary. This year the fleadh is on in May and it will be the climax of the year's activities in the sense of learning and musical development. It is a great opportunity to play in a very nerve wracking

environment, and most importantly gets students to really focus in on the 2 pieces of music needed. The duos and trios are also an early opportunity to collaborate in small groups and are enjoyed by all participants. The Craobh is also planning a Grúpa Cheoil and a Céilí Band and would love to hear from any interested participants, from both





Caoimhe, Kirsten, Seán and Riobáird at the Christmas Party

Our junior sessions recommence the last Sunday of the month by the fireside in the GAA club & all are welcome to both listen and play – there's something for all levels at these evenings.

To all our officers, members, friends and supporters, best wishes for a lively 2019! Go néirí an cheoil linn i 2019!

Lots more information on www.ccemaighnuad.com and Facebook & Twitter (CCEMaighNuad).

Slán go fóil Derek Carroll, PRO Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Katie, Niamh, Ailbhe and Fionnuala enjoying a glass of mulled wine ;-)

The Legend of St. Valentine

Every February 14, around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome.

When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

According to another legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl–possibly his jailor's daughter–who visited him during his confinement.



Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today.

During the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

In the poem, Charles uses the term "Valentine" referring to his wife, but his expression of love was more somber than the holiday greetings that we're usually accustomed to. However, given the grim circumstances under which the letter was written, that's no surprise.

My very gentle Valentine,
Since for me you were born too soon,
And I for you was born too late.
God forgives him who has estranged
Me from you for the whole year.
I am already sick of love,
My very gentle Valentine.



Having been imprisoned for 25 years, Charles was never able to see his wife's reaction to the letter. She died sometime between 1430 and 1435, before reuniting with her husband or bearing any children.

Zero Waste Maynooth

If you are considering cutting back on your waste and doing your bit for the environment this year, moving towards Zero Waste is the way to go. Here is some motivation to keep you



It Can Save You Money

Many people considering a move to zero waste think that it will end up costing an Some Final Tips for Going Zero Waste arm and a leg. However, this is not at all the case.

There are so many ways in which you can save money on a zero waste lifestyle, such as growing your own food, using reusable containers as opposed to disposable ones, and making your own cleaning supplies. Thinking "Zero Waste" also cuts back on unnecessary purchases and means you look at alternative options rather than buying brand new, such as second-hand shops or borrowing.

You Can Become Healthier

By moving away from un-recyclable plastics that can often be toxic, you can become healthier while also helping the environment. Trying to cut back on packaged food also means that you tend to eat healthier food. Many people aiming towards a zero waste life also make their own natural products rather than using generic store-bought products. This includes items such as cosmetics, cleaning products, fragrances etc., reducing your exposure to toxic and harmful chemicals.

It's Easier Than You Think

Moving towards zero waste does require you to make some slight changes in your life. However, it's important not to think of it as a process which needs to be an all or nothing decision. Taking small steps to reduce your waste will have a substantially positive effect on both the environment and yourself. Start with some minor changes such as using reusable shopping bags and refillable water bottles, before making the change to a more environmentally-conscious lifestyle.

The benefits to the environment of going zero waste can't be stressed enough. Even the smallest of changes that you make contribute to the longevity, life and healthiness of our planet. Start small and build your way up to reach your zero waste goal. Reducing the use of plastic bags, bottles and other non-recyclable plastics will also substantially reduce the negative effects on local wildlife. Each non-recyclable product you say no to means one less in landfill - or worse, in our oceans.

- It doesn't have to be instant don't feel bad about taking gradual changes towards zero waste, there's no rush
- Avoid fast food most fast food restaurants use unnecessary packaging that can't be recycled
- Use reusable containers opt to use reusable water bottles and food containers rather than disposable plastic containers
- Consider your food waste if you've cooked too much food, freeze it or add it to compost
- Clothes rather than only purchasing new clothes, consider second-hand clothes from your local charity shop

(Credit to instantwaste.com.au)

Please join us at our next event on Saturday, 9th February in the **Community Space for a cuppa** and a chat about how we can all do our bit to help the environment.



Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community January Update

Happy New Year from Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community! The group got 2019 off to great start with our first meeting in January where we discussed exciting energy saving projects for the local community and welcomed some new members. The group has grown each month and now includes local residents, business owners, energy experts, Tidy Towns, Maynooth University, and County Council representatives.

What is a Sustainable Energy Community?

A Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) is a community in which everyone works together to develop a sustainable energy system for the benefit of the community. This is achieved by:

- Aiming to be as energy efficient as possible
- Using renewable energy where feasible
- Adopting smart energy solutions



There are many benefits to becoming an SEC, including:

- Achieving financial and energy savings
- Enhancing comfort and health from energy efficient buildings
- Boosting local employment
- Supporting community development
- Building capacity and access funding
- Accessing a range of supports from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

The SEC Network

The SEC network is made up of over 200 communities around Ireland who are interested in community energy. Some communities have been influencing local energy use for years, while others are thinking about it for the first time. The aim of the network is to encourage and support a national movement in every part of the country.

Next Meeting - Date: Monday, 4th February Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pmLocation: Maynooth University - All welcome! **Please contact Peter Hamilton** at peterrham6@gmail.com for more information.

Householders, schools, and workplaces can take part in a Sustainable Energy Community



Homes: Householders can actively take part in the SEC, either with or without a financial investment. A combination of actions will increase the amount of energy saved. Such actions may include turning down thermostats, switching off lights and electrical appliances when not required, adding extra insulation and considering alternatives to fossil fuels. By adopting simple behavioural changes in the home, we can all save energy.



Schools: SEAI has teaching resources and energy management tools for both primary and secondary schools. The annual One Good Idea Campaign receives support from schools around Ireland. This initiative provides a platform to discuss energy issues and climate change.



Workplaces: All places of work can save energy. SEAI has developed several tools and supports to help save energy in the workplace, whether energy management is being introduced for the first time or as part of business plans to upgrade existing efforts.



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Government shows callous indifference to plight of renters

"Renters really have their backs to the wall, with many struggling to keep roofs over their heads while living with the daily fear of unaffordable rent hikes or sudden eviction notices."

Social Democrats co-leader Catherine Murphy TD has accused the government of callous indifference to the threat of homelessness hanging over people and families in the private rental sector.

Deputy Murphy was commenting on a recent report by Threshold of a dramatic rise in the number of calls it has received from renters in danger of losing their homes because their tenancies are coming to an end.

Deputy Murphy said:

"Renters really have their backs to the wall, with many struggling to keep roofs over their heads while living with the daily fear of unaffordable rent hikes or sudden eviction notices"

"They are right to feel they have been totally abandoned by this government, which has spectacularly failed to keep rents in check and to bring in protections needed to give tenants more security.

"The solutions are staring the government in the face, yet all we are seeing is more callous indifference. A nationwide rents freeze must be introduced as an emergency measure. While rents are already out of control and far beyond what many people can afford, we have to do what we can to stop them spiralling further until supply catches up with demand."

"The government is also dragging its feet when it comes to bringing in a rental register so that people can look online to see the level of rent paid by tenants in specific areas. At the minute, even where Rent Pressure Zone rules restrict landlords from increasing rents for new tenants by more than 4 per cent, there is no way for incoming tenants to know how much the previous tenants actually paid."

NTA Unable to extend Bus 139 service to Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown

Catherine Murphy TD has corresponded with the NTA seeking that the welcomed 139 service from Naas to Blanchardstown be extended to include Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown as its final stop.

Catherine stated that a number of constituents would have regular appointments at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown and would really welcome a direct bus service.

The NTA have responded to Catherine explaining:

"In the planning of Route 139, the NTA held discussions with Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown about the possibility of operating / terminating the bus service on the hospital grounds. However, it was not possible to come to an arrangement in the matter due in particular to the reluctance of the Hospital authorities to accommodate a bus terminus on the hospital grounds."

As a result, the NTA examined other potential locations for the terminus of the service, including the Sport Ireland campus and IT Blanchardstown.

Following discussions with both bodies it was decided that IT Blanchardstown would be the most suitable alternative terminus for the new bus service bearing in mind that there is a dedicated terminus facility on the campus as well as significant travel demand to access the campus from areas along the catchment of route 139.

IT Blanchardstown were also particularly enthusiastic about facilitating a new service operating to their campus and they saw the huge value in having a reasonably frequent service operating directly to their campus.

It is important to point out that Route 139 operates via Blanchardstown Shopping Centre where passengers can easily transfer to routes 17a and 220 which provide frequent connections for the short onward journey to Connolly Hospital"

Women's World Day of Prayer 2019

SLOVENIA

'Come-Everything Is Ready'



DATE: Saturday 2nd March

TIME: Refreshments 10.30 am

Prayer Service 11.00 am

PLACE: Maynooth Community Church

First Floor Manor Mills (entrance next to Chill)

EVERYONE WELCOME



Rhythmic National Group Championships

The Rhythmic National Group Championships competition was held last December 1st at the National Indoor Arena.



Our kids group won the gold medal and they are left to right: Amellie Wells, Isabelle Maher, Ruby O'Brien, Camille Quigley and Layla Whitston.

They did a free hands routine.

Our Hopes group are left to right: Issy Wells, Alexandra Kuling, Saoirse Kelly, Adrija Kruminaite and Hannah Jordan.

They had a routine with 5 balls and they won the gold medal as well.



Coaches are Marga Salom and Irene Cabello -Excel Gymnastics Club Celbridge

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HEALTHY TASTY BREAKFAST DRINKS

One of the best things you can do for yourself is to add healthy breakfast drinks to your morning meal. These drinks are packed with vitamins and minerals and when added to good breakfast foods, they can give you energy, stamina and clarity all day. They can also help you to lose

weight. You will require a blender or juicer to make these drinks.

For weight loss a glass of water with a dash of lemon juice or slices of lemon will help stimulate your digestion and wake you up. Adding a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar to your water (240 ml) helps increase a proper balance of acids in your stomach, clears the kidneys and stimulates the liver and gallbladder. If you are not used to taking apple cider vinegar start with a teaspoon.

To make healthy drinks for energy, you want to make sure you have a good amount of vegetables and foods with healthy proteins in your shake . The simplest breakfast shake recipes are comprised of yogurt, fruits and vegetables.

Blueberry Avocado Banana Smoothie. (For glowing Skin)

1/2 cup Almond Breeze Almond milk Unsweetened Vanilla

1 cup fresh spinach

1 medium ripe banana — peeled

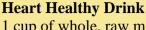
1/2 ripe avocado — peeled and pitted

2 cups frozen blueberries

1 tablespoon ground flaxseed meal

1 tablespoon almond butter

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon



1 cup of whole, raw milk (with cream)

1/2 cup whole, plain yogurt

1 tbsp coconut oil - melted

1 cup of season mixed berries

1 tsp hawthorn berries, finely crushed

Strawberry Banana Smoothie

1 frozen banana, sliced

2 cups frozen strawberries, raspberries, and/or cherries

1 cup yogurt

1/2 cup juice

1 tbsp honey (optional)

Water enough to blend properly

Healthy Strawberry Smoothie Recipe

1 cup strawberries

1 cup whole fat Greek yogurt

1 cup almond milk or whole, organic (raw) milk

2 tbsp lemon juice

Pinch of sugar or honey

Overnight Oats

Another healthy tasty option for breakfast. This is best made from the previous night. Mixed 3 to 4 tablespoons of oatflakes, low fat yogurt and mixed blueberries & raspberries or other fruits together and leave in refrigerator overnight. The berries must be frozen as the juice from the berries moistens the oats.

"The greatest wealth is Health."



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Update on Local Works - Leinster Street

Road users are reminded that Leinster Street is a shared surface for cyclists, pedestrians and cars. The council will lay additional markings and notices to remind people of this.

Manor Mills Footbridge

I've been working on this project for some time and a tender for the works will be issues in May of this year. This is a welcome development to help with the heavy footfall on Mill Street.

Greenway Project

This is progressing further and is an excellent facility to have locally. The section from Maynooth to Ferns Lock in Kilcock has been completed and construction is underway of Cloncurry bridge which brings the project to County Meath where Meath Co. Co. will take over. The footbridge for Cloncurry bridge is under construction in Belfast at the moment.

New Road Sweeper

The Council have acquired a new road sweeper which will mean more regular road sweeps and more effective road sweeps for our estates and roads.

Maynooth Park Resurfacing

Maynooth Park was resurfaced after calls from me at a cost of €17k from LPT funds

Jacksons Bridge

Work has been completed at Jacksons Bridge to improve sight lines and has also included road resurfacing.

Ramps in Maynooth

Ramps in Moyglare Abbey will be completed over the coming weeks.

North South Corridor Phase 6 (Moyglare Road)

The Tender has been awarded to upgrade the Moyglare Road and work is to commence in the next few weeks

New Traffic Lights at the Interchange

Many people have witnessed problems with the new traffic lights at the Meadowbrook interchange. I've asked that a review is carried out of these new lights as I have witnessed myself some near misses.

Calls for Full-Time Garda Station in Maynooth

There was a spate of burglaries in Maynooth on Monday the 21st of January. These burglaries occurred during the evening and a number of vehicles were stolen. Houses in new estates Hayfield and Carton Wood were targeted in this most recent attack. The perpetrators used the "fishing" method on some homes, where they put a fishing rod in through the letter box to pick up keys on nearby tables.

Commenting on the matter, local councillor Naoise Ó Cearúil said, "Once again, the town is being targeted by thugs who have an easy escape onto the N4. My own home has been targeted in the past and this is becoming a far too regular occurrence".

He continued, "I've been calling for a full-time station in Maynooth for years. Taking the burglaries aside, Maynooth is the only town in the country with a University. This means that the town has an additional population of 12,000 which is not accounted for in the census figures and all the additional issues that 12,000 people bring with it.

We are looking at an even bigger population with the leaflet dropp increase in houses in the area. I am unaware of any town like to help. in Ireland with a population of over 24,000 people

without a full-time station.

Enough is enough, It is high time that the Minister for Justice and Commissioner Harris recognise the need for a full time operational station in Maynooth. I have written to Chief Superintendent Wall, Minister Charlie Flanagan and Commissioner Harris calling for a full-time station in Maynooth.

Remembering Domhnall Ua Buachalla

As the country celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the Dáil, we should remember Domhnall Ua Buachalla, a local Maynooth man elected to the first Dáil. Ua Buachalla (Buckley) was elected as a Sinn Féin TD and went on to be one of the founding TDs of Fianna Fáil.

Gaelcoláiste to start in September 2019

The Minister for Education has stated that the Gaelcoláiste will open in Maynooth in September 2019. This will mean that Maynooth Community College will no longer be taking applications to the Aonad.

A location has not been identified as of yet but I will work with the patron, Kildare and Wicklow ETB to find a suitable location and ensure the best start to the school. Any parents that require further information can contact me.

Join the Team

Are you interested in local issues or would you like to help Naoise continue his work in Kildare County Council?

We're preparing for this year's local elections. We need people to help with online communications, canvassing, leaflet dropping and strategy. Please reach out if you'd like to help.



Godderel for Beginners

What need you, who've progressed so much To waste your time on God or Church? To think about the Decalogue, That ancient dance of Man and God. To bend the knee in suppliant prayer, With future souls your life to share! Though recent judgements say it's gone, Creative Ireland will live on.

You should recall those saints of old, Whose names in reverence oft you told, Patrick, Bríd and Colmcille, Their deeds, they echo with you still? Christian love should care for all With special stress on weak and small. The angel's message was made good, At Mary's 'Yes' to motherhood.

Was it for this Christ fled the tomb? To strike out babies in the womb? So shrewd, aware who'd win the day, The once Pro-lifer led the way.

The CV's all when comes the hour, As raw ambition strikes for power. It matters not who pays the price, Another random roll of dice.

Of course, we often missed the mark, We shunned the light, we chose the dark; We judged, we failed to hold a hand, We spurned Christ's gift to understand. But that is no excuse to kill, To block the ears to crying shrill; Two wrongs a right can never make, Life once endowed's not ours to take.

Yet maybe what they say is true, That many voted for the few, Who take the road of lesser strain, For short-term ease and unknown pain. Their trouble to the Lord's best known, To judge them is his right alone. All things he will again make new; Let's trust Him, He will see us through.

Gabriel Martin



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St Patrick's Day Parade



Application Form 2019

This Year's Theme: "The Town & The Gown"

Closing Date for Entries: 5pm Friday 11th March 2019

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Telephone:

- All vehicles entering must have a float, preferably a live band with traditional, rock or pop music
- HGV's, lorries or cars without a float will not be accepted.
- Entry Fee does not include Insurance cover. All participants/Floats should have suitable Insurance cover.

Do you wish to do a demo (2-3 mins) at Reviewing Stand?





Entrance Fees: (Cheques should be made payable to "Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade")

Yes

Commercial Float ~ €50 Club/Organisation ~ €20 First Time Entry ~ €10 Bands ~ Free

Please submit two paragraphs about your club/organisation or business with this application

he categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

1	Best Commercial Float	Trophy	Z	Best Club Float	Trophy
3	Best Band	Perpetual Cup	4	Best School Float	Trophy
5	Best Portrayal of Irish Culture (Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Perpetual Trophy)	Perpetual Trophy	6	Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to: Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Committee c/o Unit 5, Carton Retail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Organised by: Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Committee E-mail: maynoothparade@gmail.com Naoise Ó Cearúil (Chair) Mobile - 086-7280050



Work is progressing on the new 16 classroom building for Maynooth Educate Together NS on the Celbridge Road with phase one to be completed for September 2019.

Green Clean-up on the R405

The 'revamped' Green Party swung into action on Sunday, 20th January, with a clean-up of part of the R405 between Maynooth and Celbridge, inspired by the excellent RTE documentary, 'One Day: How Ireland Cleans Up'. This program was a depressing eyeopener for those of us who had begun to believe that we Irish were cleaning up our act. The clean-up of less than 0.5km of road yielded a dismaying number of plastic bottles, cans, disposable cups and dumped objects. The volunteers collected the refuse (including black plastic bags) in biodegradable green plastic bags and non-single-use containers.

'The die-back of road-side vegetation in winter exposes dumped materials that are not visible during the summer,' said Green Party local candidate for the Maynooth electoral area, Peter Hamilton. 'Plastic always floats to the top and stays in our environment for up to 400 years.' On a positive note, the volunteers noted that the roadside verges were very clean in the vicinity of three business premises in the area: Ray Crofton Motors, SAP Landscaping Group and the County Council Waterworks. So a big shout-out for them!

Businesses are often blamed for contributing to pollution,' Peter Hamilton said, 'but our experience in North Kildare is that companies like Intel and Hewlett Packard and the three mentioned above are proof that this is not so.

The distribution of the litter suggests that people just open their car windows and toss it out. Green thinking starts when we keep the litter in the car and recycle it at home.' Peter also said that our quality of life in North Kildare will improve significantly when we have an electrified train service at least as far as Kilcock and more orbital bus services that link the North Kildare towns with areas like Tallaght and Blanchardstown. 'If commuters had these services,' he added, 'many of them could leave their cars at home.'

So here's a shout-out to the Green volunteers who are planning further outings to keep Ireland beautiful!



Green Party volunteers with the litter they collected on a small stretch of the R405 between Maynooth and Celbridge.'



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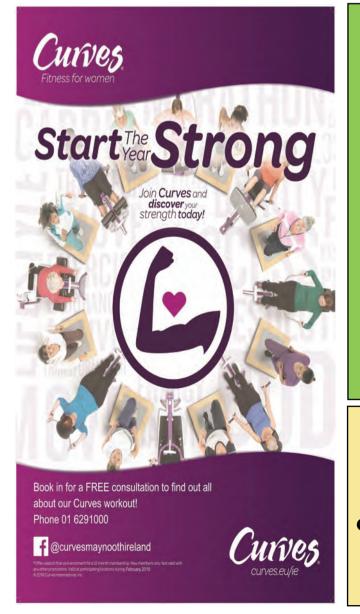


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February Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

For further information contact:

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

As a core service we provide the following:

Meeting Space [pre-booking essential]

Free Wifi and access to PCs

Free access to VisionNet and Mintel online resources Access to our library catalogue at www.kildare.ie/library Books, periodicals and business newspapers (including the

Financial Times and the Economist)

eLearning: Free online continuing education courses eLanguage: Free online language courses

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 20th February, all day

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

Reading for pleasure: A series of free talks supporting and encouraging children's reading

Diversity & Inclusion in Children's Literature presented by Patricia Kennon

Tuesday 29th January 7pm

Patricia will focus on diversity and inclusion in children's literature, addressing examples in different genres and different age groups. Dr Patricia Kennon is a Lecturer in English Literature in the Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education, Maynooth University. She is the President of the Irish Society for the Study of Children's Literature, a former Editor in Chief and Features Editor of Inis: The Children's Books Ireland Magazine. Patricia is a former President of iBbY Ireland, the Irish national section of International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY).

Library Events

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

Children's Events

Family Friendly Board Game mornings

Saturday 2nd and 16th February, 10 – midday

Join Maynooth library at our family friendly board game mornings. Have a digital detox and enjoy some old fashioned fun in our newly refurbished multipurpose zone. Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be made group where young people can learn the craft and where available for your gaming pleasure. Feel free to bring your own treasured games along too!

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Valentine's Day Art & Craft Wednesday 13th February 3.30 pm- 4.30pm - 8 - 10 year

Celebrate Valentine's Day with this Paper Heart Flower Craft. A beautiful gift to offer to a loved-one this Valentine's Day!

Booking Required Max 12 Children

Chinese New Year Art & Craft

Saturday February 16th 2.30pm - 3.30pm - 6-9 year olds Celebrate Chinese New Year, which this year marks the year of the pig, with this Chinese lantern art and craft. The festival runs until the 19th of February.

Booking Required

Life Cycle of a Butterfly art and craft

Saturday 23rd February 2.30pm - 6-9 year olds Mark the start of spring and the start of brighter evenings with this fun Life Cycle of a Butterfly Art & Craft where children will make a colourful cube using card and paper to discover the life cycle of butterfly.

Booking required.

Spring time Story time

Friday February 8th 10 am- 11am - 2- 5 year olds

This week's stories are all about spring time. Come and enjoy stories all about what you can see around you in the spring. Join in some fun rhymes and songs which will put a spring in your step! Colouring pages will be provided.

No booking required.

Story time for 2-5 year olds

Friday 15th February 10am – 11am

This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler while listening to some wonderful stories and joining in some fun rhymes and songs. Colouring pages will be provided.

No booking required.

Nursery Rhymes Story time

Friday 22nd February 10am – 11am - 2-5 year olds

This week's stories are all about Nursery Rhymes. Come and meet well-loved characters such as Humpty Dumpty, Little Bo Peep, and many more. Join in some fun songs as well. Colouring pages will be provided. No booking required.

No Booking Required.

Special Events

Make a St. Brigid's Cross, just in time for St. Brigid's

Wednesday 30th January drop in any time between 11.30- 1pm

Try your hand at making your own ST Brigid's Cross with our library staff. No booking required. All Welcome.

Knit 2 together: Expression of interest

Thursday 7^{th} and 21^{st} February 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 All welcome. No booking required. you an experienced knitter who wants to pass on your skills? Maynooth Community Library is keen to create a 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

Sort your Waste. A recycling talk with Dara Wyer; **Environment Awareness Officer, Kildare County** Council

Wednesday 14th February 3pm

Ph: 01-6285530

Many people want to know how to do the right thing when sorting out their waste at home. Learn what waste goes in each bin and why. A practical talk on sorting out your refuse, recycling and (if you have one) food waste bin.

Booking Required

Ukulele meet up for beginners of all ages

Saturday 23rd February 3:30pm

Come and share your knowledge or just get support as you learn the ukulele. This Ukulele support group will be a meeting of like minded ukulele players helping each other improve and learn new moves.

All welcome.

Smart Tech Classes

The Smart Way to Use Technology: To Connect With **Loved Ones**

31st Jan 2pm Android Phones (week 1 of 2) 7th Feb 2pm Android Phones (week 2 of 2) 14th Feb 2pm Android Tablet (1 week only)

Your smart phone and tablet provide an amazing way to feel connected to the people you love! You can stay in touch by text, create a shortcut to your favourite contacts so you can phone them quicker, and see photos/videos of your family/friends. So to ensure your smart phone/tablet makes your life better, come along to these easy-to-follow classes and learn through a step-by-step process.

The trainer Fiona Ashe would be delighted to answer all of your questions!

Fiona is a filmmaker and journalist, who specialises in how to communicate effectively. She is looking forward to helping you to use technology to connect and communicate.

Contact library to book.

Regular Events

FitLine

Thursday 14th and 28th February 10 am-12 noon Go for Life FitLine is a free telephone service for people

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

Thursday 7th and 21st February, 6pm – 7:45pm

A time and space to craft and chat on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Get together with likeminded makers to work on your latest project and swap tips over tea. No booking required.

Maynooth Women's Group

Saturday 2nd and 16th February, 11am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Group

Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practise their conversational Irish. No booking required. All welcome.

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Maynooth Community Library (Cont.)

Maynooth Creative Writing Group

Tuesday 5th February, 6:15pm Tuesday 19th February, 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 2nd and 16th February, 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

Book & Film Clubs

The following book & film clubs meet regularly at

interested in joining a book club or starting one.

Ex Libris book club

Wednesday 27th February 11am

Ex libris will be discussing Zadie Smith's 'Swing Time' in the groups second 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 12th February 6.30pm-7.30pm

The Readers of the Lost Ark Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club will be discussing 'Stranger in a Strange Land' by Robert A. Heinlein. New members welcome. Please contact the library to join.

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 14th February, 11.30 am

A book club for men and women of all ages, with tea and biscuits provided. February's meeting will be a chance to discuss "The Guernsey literary and potato peel pie society" by Mary Ann Shaffer 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 26th February Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm There are no DVD copies of this month's film, so all are

Maynooth Community Library. Please contact us if you are welcome to come watch the film on February 26th at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. February's pick will be from 2018 and concern a World War II book club during Nazi occupation.

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday the 28th February 11am -12 pm

This month, the Jane Austen book club will be discussing her much loved classic 'Sense and Sensibility'. 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: Renew Online: Go to www.kildare.ie/library and enter your card number and pin to access your account.

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Maynooth University Oceanographer Dr Gerard McCarthy leads €2 million climate change project funded by Marine Institute

The A4 project will help understand and manage Ireland's place on the edge of a changing Atlantic

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Minister Creed T.D. has welcomed the announcement of €2 million in funding from the Marine Institute and the European Regional Development Fund for a major project on Atlantic climate change led by Dr Gerard McCarthy of the ICARUS Climate Research Centre and Department of Geography at Maynooth University.

Guided by the goals of the Government's national marine strategy 'Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth' and the 'National Marine Research and Innovation Strategy 2017 – 2021', the international 'A4 Project' marks a substantial investment by the Marine Institute in physical oceanography and climate change research in Ireland, and aims to improve the understanding of the links between trends in Atlantic temperatures and climate change.

Minister Creed stated: "This funding being provided will enable Maynooth University to increase the research capacity to broaden Ireland's knowledge at a societal level, to better understand the ocean and climate change. The research will contribute to national climate adaptation as well as international climate policy, supporting enhanced forecasting capabilities and contributing to adaptation and mitigation strategies and actions. The project is an important element underpinning implementation of the Marine Institute's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 'Building Ocean Knowledge, Delivering Ocean Services', the strategy aims to provide world-leading regional and localised forecasting outputs and services that support Ireland's challenge in responding to changes in our ocean and

Commenting on the Minister's announcement, Dr McCarthy said: "Over the next five years, this project will target three areas in which substantial progress can be made including: ongoing Atlantic change, sea level rise, and decadal climate prediction. As a small island on the edge of a large ocean, Atlantic changes impact Ireland more than any other country. When record global surface temperatures were reached in 2015, Ireland had below average temperatures due to a cool Atlantic. The reasons why Irish temperatures bucked the trend in 2015 requires a better understanding of Ireland's place in a changing climate, and for this, we need to understand the changing Atlantic. This important project, which I am delighted to be leading, will greatly assist in our overall understanding of this complex and fascinating area. The Atlantic's future will differ from the rest of the world in response to a changing climate. This is primarily because the Gulf Stream system of currents, which gives Ireland its mild climate, is predicted to weaken. The time is ripe to build upon the observations of Ireland's ocean made by the Marine Institute over the past decades to understand Ireland's place on the edge of the changing Atlantic.'

The project will be supported by Professor Peter Thorne, Director of the ICARUS Climate Research Centre at Maynooth University, Professor Andrew Parnell, Dr Niamh Cahill, Dr Conor Murphy, and Dr Rowan Fealy, at Maynooth University. Maynooth's lead team will utilise approximately two-thirds of a total €2 million funding with the balance utilised by coinvestigators in Trinity College Dublin, led by Dr Robin Edwards.



Professor Ray O'Neill, Vice President for Innovation at Maynooth University, said: "This major funding award reflects the global significance of the climate science research being undertaken at the ICARUS Climate Research Centre at Maynooth University. Enabled by this funding, Gerard McCarthy's expertise, and that of his national and international partners, will significantly advance understanding of how Ireland and the Atlantic region more broadly will be affected by climate change in the years ahead."

Dr Peter Heffernan, CEO of the Marine Institute congratulated Dr McCarthy and his team at Maynooth University on their funding award stating that, "with climate change being one of the greatest challenges facing nations worldwide, we are reliant on the best available science and knowledge in informing decisions made now and in the future. Ireland's vast marine territory requires a cohort of researchers and scientific staff who have the resources and expertise to help further build Ireland's capacity in physical oceanography and ocean climate science research".



Photo: Dr Gerard McCarthy with Dr Peter Heffernan and Minister Creed

The project team will use advanced geological techniques to reconstruct Ireland's sea level, and combine these estimates with the modern National Tide Gauge Network managed by the Marine Institute, to better understand how sea levels have been changing around Ireland and the edges of the Atlantic.

The A4 project will bring the field of 'decadal climate prediction' to Ireland. This emerging field will lead to improved estimates of the future climate over the period of a decade by using the predictability of the ocean.

A recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change on the dangers of 1.5°C warming highlighted many risks including that of sea level rise. Dr McCarthy concluded: "Every nation needs to understand its own vulnerabilities to sea level rise as the effects are not the same everywhere."

This project is funded by the Marine Institute under the Marine Research Programme 2014-2020, co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

The project name A4 stands for aigéin (oceans), aeráid (climate), agus athrú Atlantaigh (Atlantic change). The project's international partners are: National Oceanography Centre, UK; Scottish Association for Marine Science, UK; University of Bremen, Germany; BSH, Germany; University of Hamburg, Germany; National Center for Atmospheric Research, USA; Met Office, UK and Tufts University, USA.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Cairo's October 2011 Protest

Maybe we should have expected trouble. All the people with whom my wife and I had hoped to travel to Egypt had cancelled their bookings and when we arrived at the Ramses Hilton in downtown Cairo on the evening of Saturday October 8th we had to put our bags through a screening machine like one of those in an airport check-in. Two hotel employees supervised this procedure then waved us into the lobby.

Our room on the 18th floor had a small balcony that afforded a great view of the Nile with its lit-up, music-blaring boats and the impressive 6th of October Bridge running across to Gezira Island, where the Cairo Tower rises like a giant minaret. Just below us the Corniche El Nil road bordered the east bank of the Nile, with an arm feeding traffic up onto the bridge. What we didn't know was that the Egyptian TV building was behind houses immediately to the north of us and Tahrir Square, scene of the protests that toppled the Mubarak regime, was just a stone's throw to the south.

On Sunday morning October 9th we were driven to the pyramids through the colourful poverty of Giza, where, because there is no garbage collection, rubbish is dumped on the canal bank. Coming back, about 2pm, we saw a crowd gathered outside the Ministry of Defence. Our tour guide, K, admitted that it was a protest over someone who had been shot. There was another protest outside the Egyptian Museum, where a TV reporter was interviewing an employee before a high railing to which numerous placards had been tied. When we arrived back at the Hilton there were now two armed policemen manning the screening machine.

About 6 pm I noticed that the usual chorus of city voices seemed to be getting louder, with occasional sharp pops, so I went out on the balcony to investigate. People were milling about in the streets below. Could this be normal weekend revelry? I phoned the reception desk but nobody answered. I tried again and eventually got a man who told me that the street doors had been locked and the lifts shut down to stop protesters coming upstairs. The hotel had taken in a man who had been wounded and this might have aroused hostility. His information definitely suggested that we were under siege. We drew the curtains, turned off most of the room lights, turned on the TV, learned that the temperature in Cairo was 38 degrees, then because we couldn't go out for food, had a light snack of biscuits with bottled water.

At 6.30 pm the noise from outside was punctuated with loud bangs that sounded like gunshots so I ventured onto the balcony again. Crowds were streaming along the streets below, blocking cars, waving flags, lighting flares and shouting slogans. My wife pleaded with me to come back inside before a bullet hit me but realizing I might never again see such a spectacle, I stayed put. There was an angry tone to the clamour now that brought to mind the buzzing of bees whose hive has been knocked over. The lit-up boats had moved away but, as if unaware of the trouble erupting nearby, traffic still streamed across the 6th of October Bridge.

It would be foolish to pretend that I wasn't beginning to feel anxious. Here we were, part of a contingent of pampered tourists in a city where many people were living in poverty. The image of aristocrats enjoying the luxury of Versailles while the hungry Paris mob marched on them rose in my mind. Why the inhabitants here were rioting I didn't know but surely it must be because of their living conditions?

When I next looked out, a dense cloud of black smoke was billowing up from a spot beside the Corniche El Nil, where we learned next day the TV building is situated but from my position it wasn't possible to see what was burning. Just then, a cleaner knocked on our door. In halting English he assured us that we had nothing to worry about: the army were only firing into the air, not at people. Finally, he mentioned that the lifts were working again. After he left I went out on the balcony. The crackle of gunfire punctuated the hubbub as people surged up and down the dimly lit Corniche and adjacent streets. An emergency vehicle with lights on and siren blaring tried to make its way through the crowd blocking access to the bridge but had to turn back because of flares or petrol bombs blazing on the street. There was only the odd vehicle on the Corniche but traffic still flowed freely across the bridge.

On reentering our room I went out into the corridor and, to my relief, found that the elevators were indeed working. By now the rioting seemed to have lessened, though the outcry continued as crowds drifted about or, led by some fellow armed with a thick stave, raced up the street. A group of men still blocked access to the bridge, though occasionally a car or motorbike got through. Traffic coming across the bridge in our direction flowed smoothly but in the opposite direction it had almost stopped, with cars halted by the side railing, red taillights flashing.

Still uncertain about what was happening, we turned the TV to BBC World News and CNN but there was no mention of Cairo. Finally, about 8.50 pm, as we watched Euro News, a message was scrolled across the bottom of the screen: Cairo: at least 3 soldiers killed as Egyptian Coptic Christians clash with army. This information gave a completely different complexion to the rioting; religion, not poverty, was its root cause, something that we were only too familiar with from the Northern Ireland Troubles. Knowing that 'The first casualty of war is the truth', I resolved there and then to learn more about what lay behind the present conflict.

Our next piece of definite information came on BBC World News at 9 pm, when we learned that at least 2 people had been killed and 40 injured in the disturbance. Copts were protesting about a church burnt in Aswan – the very place we were flying to in the morning! The Christian Copts were angry because, on that occasion, the police and army did not protect them. At least 5,000 protesters had taken to the streets in Cairo.

On going to the balcony about 9.20 pm I found that the crowd seemed to have increased. They were now chanting, 'We want justice!' no doubt for the benefit of foreign reporters. Groups of young men were running down half-dark streets, throwing stones and missiles. Occasionally, one or two motorcyclists would come speeding up and halt to talk to the rioters – Were they coordinating activities?

About ten minutes later a man phoned from reception. He told me the army was trying to deal with the situation; they were around the hotel – obviously to protect tourists like us! Since the protest seemed likely to continue and we had an early start next day, we decided to go to bed. My wife heard the last gunshot at 4am.

We were down in the sumptuous self-service restaurant at 6 am. A young waiter told us that 18 people had been killed; the Christians were a minority; it was supporters of Mubarak who were behind the riot. We noticed now that the blinds were down. Occasionally a waiter would discreetly pull back a blind and peep out. Even the headwaiter did this, leading us to conclude that something was up. At the first opportunity, we peeped out ourselves and saw a group of fit looking young men gathering across the street near the Nile. There was what looked like a yellow tank or army vehicle parked nearby. Was more rioting about to start?

Later, on our way to Cairo airport in the minivan, K explained the present situation in Egypt: 'Before Mubarak it was 25% rich, 50% middle class, 25% poor; now it is 5% rich, 15% middle class, 80% poor.'

The army council is presently in charge but there is an acting PM and elections will be held next month. It was Mubarak supporters, 'The Old Regime', who were behind the riot – Since Christians are a minority they would not have acted on their own. Anyway, they should not have rioted at this critical time. The army does not have permission to fire at civilians. A civilian, not a soldier, was driving the tank that drove through the protesters – This was the first we had heard about a tank killing people.

In the Orthodox (Coptic) Church divorce is not allowed, so many Christians are becoming Catholic or Protestant. The trouble had begun because Christians were using a building in Edfu, a town in Aswan Province, as a church without official permission. He himself had many Christian friends but when Christians decided that a house was a church it soon grew into a complex with hostels and dormitories. Anyway, since, unlike Moslems, Christians only went to church once a week, they did not need so many churches. As K is an educated Egyptian, his views surprised me but then in Ireland, after we gained independence, we were often blind to the concerns of our Protestant minority.

Two days later, we visited Edfu to see the temple dedicated to Horus and, while being driven in a horse-drawn gig through the narrow, rutted streets flanked by run-down houses, encountered a man dressed in a white turban and black gown or galabea. This sturdy individual, who was walking, stared up at us as we passed with what appeared to be undisguised hatred. Of course, we could have misinterpreted his expression. Nevertheless, this was where religious extremists had burned the church, so it is possible he was one of those involved. The man's expression stays with me because all the other Egyptians we met were invariably friendly.

It wasn't until we visited the Coptic Monastery of St Macarius in the desert of Wadi el-Natroun south of Alexandria that we got a fuller account of the underlying causes of the Sunday riot. A monk, Fr. M, declared that the Orthodox Christians are under siege and hundreds have been killed. 10% of educated Moslems, including those dealing with tourists, are ashamed or unwilling to face the truth but 90% of the Moslems are fanatical anti-Christians: 'they hate us. We're all right in here but it's our families outside we worry about.' The Christians in Edfu did have official permission to use their building as a church.

Though his monastery is thriving, one church a week is being closed down. As for the story that a civilian had been driving the tank – What would a civilian know about such things? And the 29 people who were killed; many had a bullet hole in one side of their skulls and a large exit hole on the other side, smashing them open. Only an army rifle could do that.

The 29 deaths reminded me of 29 monks Berbers had killed in a long-ago raid on this monastery and that the monks now revere as martyrs. Was it coincidence that the same number had died in the Sunday riot? Whatever the exact figure, I knew that this soft-spoken man with a deep faith in Providence was telling the truth as he saw it.

Next day our tour rep S confirmed the monk's assessment. The Moslems who burned the Edfu church were fanatics – He is a Moslem but does not approve of such actions. Was it not better that the hall should have been used as a church than, for example, a gambling place? It was the army that killed the Sunday protesters and an army man who was driving the tank. He does not have too much faith in the army's readiness to relinquish power after the election. S then told us about Mubarak, who, he believes, has billions in foreign bank accounts. Mubarak himself is in hospital, his two sons are in jail but his wife is free because she has turned over her two villas in Heliopolis and £2 million to the state.

Tourist numbers in Egypt are down by 75% and, having listened to various accounts during our brief visit, I concluded that this culturally rich country is at a stage where its future, whether as an Islamic or secular state, hangs in the balance.

P.G.Nerney

(Initials have been used for the names of some Egyptians)

Maynooth 10K / 5K Moves to Sunday April 7th

This is the 9th year of the Maynooth 10k/5k which is traditionally run in May. This year with Easter being late and in order to avoid the Leaving cert and Junior cert which start in June we have decided to move to a Spring date before Easter: Sunday April 7th.



Maynooth Post Primary school was founded in 1971 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021. The 10k/5k will begin this celebration this year by organizing a 3 year lead-in set of collectable medals.

The first year design is pictured here and is kindly sponsored by Pearls Dental.

Both the 10k and 5k races are officially measured and timed. The timing and on-line entries this year will be provided by Pop-up



Races. The popular scenic 10k course starts in the grounds of St Patrick's college, passes along Main St, through the grounds of Carton House Hotel and finishes on Carton avenue. The 5k follows the same route but starting at the Presentation Girls school. The 5k is particularly suited to new runners and makes a great focus for Couch-to-5k efforts. This year we'd like to encourage businesses and groups in the locality to enter teams and will offer a discounted entry.

The event is a fund-raiser for the upkeep 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 School Campus.

We are very grateful to St Patrick's College and Carton House Hotel for allowing the use of their grounds and facilitating the change of date.

We'd like to thank all the businesses who have sponsored and supported us down the years and look forward another successful event!



The new Finishers medal sponsored by Pearls Dental

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Last year was one of the Band's most successful years ever and it will be a hard act to follow in 2019 but we will try. Firstly we would like to thank all of you for your support over Christmas, buying our new CD and coming to our Concert in the Glenroyal Hotel.



There were great reports about the CD and we were delighted that copies found their way to far flung places like Australia, Hong Kong, USA, Germany, Belgium, and even Cork. We were delighted with the quality of the CD and we will have them on sale again at the end of the year for those who didn't manage to get one.

We are now back to rehearsals for our first event of the year which is a joint Concert with the Parish Choir in March, the date for which will be confirmed in next month's Newsletter.



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 Paddy at 087 2537 906 if you need any further details.

Dear Editor

Another interesting contribution from P.G.Nerney in latest issue of this paper about his visit to Berlin. I also visited this great city for the first time in 1963, just one month after the late JFK had made his visit. I and my friend, teenagers at the time set off hitch hiking with our destination as Berlin. Our journey began in Newbridge and we travelled on the newly opened Naas to Kill dual carriageway all four miles of it which I think was the first of its kind in the Irish republic at the time. We travelled across to Hollyhead and on by train to London where we overnighted with my friends relatives. The next day we made the Dover to Calais crossing and ended up in Lille in the youth hostel there.

Three days later we reached Berlin having hitched through Brussels, Koln, and Hannover before crossing the East German border at Helmstedt-Marienborn. This was an arduous process that took an eternity. We were fortunate to have hitched a lift in Hannover from two young guys from West Berlin who had come there to pick up an old Mercedes. As West Berliners they had to go to a different counter to be processed which was much quicker than ours. They very kindly waited for us to be cleared and drove us all the way to a youth hostel in Berlin -Charlottenburg. I still have my an Oige youth hostel card with all the stamps on it. When we went to see the Brandenburg gate the next day we could hardly believe that we were actually looking at it, this was the iconic landmark in Berlin which we have seen on TV especially since the Berlin Wall erected in 1961 ran just across it on the west side. The East German authorities had hung large red drapes between the pillars of gate to prevent President Kennedy from looking through the gate and down the Unter den Linden. These were still in place for our visit three weeks later as was the viewing platform erected by the West Berlin authority.

We also visited East Berlin and had the same experience as Mr Nerney. When it came to leaving Berlin we encountered an unforeseen problem in that at the exit from West Berlin which was at the extreme west of the city close to the border with East Germany, there was a huge queue of hitchhikers like ourselves. There seemed to very little movement in this queue so we made a snap decision to head for Tempelhof Airport and try and get any flight that was going to West Germany. It was the first time for either of us to fly and as there was a flight shortly to Dusseldorf and we took it. Luckily we had the fare which I thing was around fourteen pound in old money.

Two years later in 1965, I revisited the City for two weeks and went to every district in the City which at that time consisted of twenty, twelve in the West and eight in the East. Most of the historical places in Berlin are in the East. In the intervening years I have revisited Berlin c. ten times .Ich Liebe Berlin ,it is my favourite city.

Paul Connolly

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Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.

New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome
Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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with this work.
Contact Number
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Meet every Saturday
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Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and
Thursday and new members are always
welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or
new to the age bracket, why not come along
you might enjoy it. You will find us in the
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Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
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New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
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11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

St Joseph's young Priests Society

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For further information contact Bernadette at 6286288 or Lena at 01 6285128.

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E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition.

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Contact Katherine Cooney
086 8205910

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Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
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Maynooth Men's Sheds

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For further details contact
John Fleming - 087 2041334

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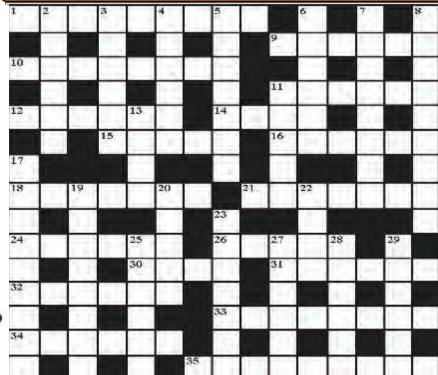
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- 1. Abode (9)
- 9. Recollect (6)
- 10. Boiled oatmeal or prison sentence (8)
- 11. Formal, ceremonius (6)
- 12. Many and different (6)
- 14. Round trip (4)
- 15. Unit of liquid measure (5)
- 16. Person with exceptional ability (6)
- 18. Admiration or esteem (7)
- 21. Went on hands and knees (7)
- 24. Voracious sea fish (6)
- 26. Verity (5)
- 30. Irritating skin sensation (4)
- 31. Required (6)
- 32. Instructions for cooking (6)
- 33. Relating to the management of wealth (8)
- 34. XI (6)
- 35. Substituting (9)

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Clues Down

- 2. Foreign, strange or exciting (6)
- 3. Jewish republic (6)
- 4. Oldest (6)
- 5. Brings into existence (7)
- 6. Defy, withstand (6)
- 7. Tangible substance (8)
- 8. Next to (9)
- 11. Sweetener (5)
- 13. Move upwards (4)
- 17. Kept in an unaltered condition (9)
- 19. Sought, scoured (8)
- 20. Large, long-necked, wading bird (5)
- 22. Poker player's stake (4)
- 23. The tale of one who is very fit (7)
- 25. Smoked herring (6)
- 27. Unfurl (6)
- 28. Showing extreme courage (6)
- 29. Area, neighbourhood (6)

Solutions to Crossword 475



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Junior Puzzle Corner

- 1. Melt the candy coating in 20 second bursts in the microwave, stirring in between each heating until melted.
- 2. Secure the marshmallows onto the candy sticks or straws. You can skip these if you'd prefer to just dip the marshmallows with your fingers.
- 3. Dip the marshmallows into the candy coating, and allow any excess coating to drip off
- 4. Dip the candy-coated marshmallow into a bowl of assorted sprinkles, OR sprinkle a few overtop of your marshmallow for a more minimalist effect
- 5. Set on a parchment paper-lined plate or tray to set

Valentines Marshmallows

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he days are beginning to lengthen and officially spring has arrived. Certainly our gardens are starting to show signs of life with early bulbs making an appearance.

While this is a busy month with plenty to do both indoors and outside, the rewards in the



months to come will make it all worthwhile. Baby plants including Busy Lizzies, Petunias, Begonias, Blue Lobelias, Trailing

Lobelias, Marigolds and Pansies can be potted

indoors for super colour for borders and containers during summer. For summer colour in flower borders and beds, plant up some summer flowering bulbs including Double Dahlias, Long Stemmed Gladiolas,

Double Begonias and Scented Lilies. Place the potted bulbs in a bright warm location to encourage early growth and early flowering. Summer flowering bulbs can be planted out of doors in early April.



Summer flowering Lupins planted in late February will reward you with a stunning show of colour in early summer. Lupins provide long stemmed flowers from May to mid summer and are ideal for adding a splash of vibrant colour in shrub beds and borders.

Now is the time to prune your Wisteria and prune your winter flowering shrubs. Plant your Lily and Allium bulbs.

Start chitting potatoes in a bright, cool, frost-free place. Raised beds warm up quicker and drain faster on heavy soil. Continue to plant raspberry canes for the summer.

Though St Brigid's Day (Feb 1st) is considered the start of spring, it's really still winter outside in the veggie patch. Come February we should be itching to get started with seed sowing and of course you can get lots of vegetables started in seed trays on a sunny windowsill indoors.

The problem is that when they are bursting from their pots and ready to be planted out in



a few weeks time, it may be still too cold to do so. The relative lack of light (due to the short days) can cause problems for seedlings at this time of the year – tiny seedlings literally strain to reach the light and can end up getting too long and "leggy" as a result. Patience is the ultimate virtue. Turn over the soil only if the weather is dryif the soil sticks to your boots it's too early for digging! Keep off the soil to prevent soil compaction - use timber planks to

stand on for access. If you have not already done so order/buy your seeds, spuds and onion sets. "Chit" or sprout seed potatoes – put them in a container (e.g. used egg carton or empty seed tray) and leave them in a bright warm place. Check the pH of your soil you can buy a soil pH testing kit in any garden centre. Lime your soil now if required (to reduce acidity in very acid soils), particularly important in your brassica bed. Finally, we can sow some seeds. On a sunny windowsill indoors, in a heated greenhouse or on a heating mat: sow celery, globe artichokes, celeriac, leeks, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, peas, aubergines, peppers/chilli-peppers. In polytunnel or greenhouse: beetroot, Brussels sprouts, summer and autumn cabbage, carrots, leeks, lettuce, radish. Outside: Weather permitting you can try planting out broad beans, spinach, kohlrabi, onion and shallot sets, Jerusalem artichokes, parsnip and early pea varieties.

Building Mini Tunnels

Mini tunnel kits really are incredibly versatile for all sorts of weather and pest protection. The frame kit can be knocked together in about 15 minutes to produce a very strong and long lasting structure. The beauty is you can attach any cover you like including green windbreak, insect protection mesh, fleece or polythene

depending on what the tunnel is to be used for. February is a nice time to do this sort of stuff and I can guarantee you will be absolutely delighted with yourself in April when you proudly whip a ready made tunnel out of the shed.

Although February is the shortest month, it can also be the most important in the gardening calendar.

February is the month for renewal and regrowth; "February is an important month in the gardening calendar. You have 28 days to look after your wild birds, sow and grow and tackle your garden moss."

Now is the time to begin weeding if you want to stay on top of your weeds. Tidy lawn and border edges.

> There are no Gardening mistakes, only experiments!



Potato soup recipe

Portions:8

Preparation time: 5 min. Cook time: 30 min. Total time: 35 min.

Ingredients:

- 2 pound potatoes (scrubbed, peeled and diced chopped)
- Water
- 3 cups of whole milk
- 4 table spoons of butter
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method:

- Cover potatoes with water in a large soup pot.
- Cook over medium heat until fork tender, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and drain.
- Add milk and butter to the potatoes. Place back on medium heat and allow milk to bubble slightly around the edges of the soup pot, about 5 to 10 minutes.
- Remove from heat and pour into the soup bowl.
- Serve with salt and pepper to taste.
- Sprinkle with bacon bits.

Strawberry Chocolate Chunk Cookies

Ingredients:

- 42 g chopped, dark chocolate
- 3 table spoons diced strawberries
- 1/2 cup of honey
- 1 table spoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup and 3 table spoons whole wheat flour
- 2 table spoons coconut oil
- Pinch of salt
- Half teaspoon backing powder
- 1 large egg

Method:

- Preheat oven to 160°C
- Whisk flour, baking powder and salt together.
- In a separate bowl, whisk coconut oil, vanilla and egg. Stir in the honey and mix well.
- Add in the flower mixture.
- Add strawberries and chocolate.
- Chill for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- Scoop cookie dough and drop on baking sheet
- Cook for 12-15 minutes.
- Cool down for 20 minutes before transferring to avoid breakage.

Chocolate mousse

Portions:8-10 Cook time: 5 min Preparation time: 15 min

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup of miniature marshmallows.
- 226 g semi sweet chopped chocolate.
- 1/2 cup of milk
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream

Method:

- Heat marshmallows, chocolate and milk in a saucepan over medium low heat, stirring constantly, until marshmallows and chocolate are melted. Cool completely
- Beat heavy cream in a large bowl until stiff peaks form.
- Gently fold cooled chocolate mixture in whipped cream until well mixed.
- Spoon into dessert dishes.

Refrigerate until set for about 3 hours.









FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON, JAMES BOND SPECIAL



The *James Bond* series of books focuses on a fictional British Secret Service agent created by writer and naval intelligence officer, Ian Fleming. This ruthless spy character featured in twelve of the English author's novels and two short-story collections. Bond has been immortalised in the various mediums of television, radio and film. In fact, the *James Bond* movies are the longest continuous film series of all time. Sean Connery kickstarted the franchise with the stylish *Dr No.* in 1962. The Scottish actor's charming turn as the sophisticated, deadly spy cast a very long shadow over future interpretations of the role.



There have been twenty-four films in the lucrative Bond franchise. In 2005, Daniel Craig achieved international recognition when he was chosen to replace Pierce Brosnan as the most famous spy in film history. Craig was the sixth actor to take on the iconic 007 role, and he has retained this position longer than any other actor to date.

Craig's 13-years hold on the Bond role has even eclipsed Roger Moore's previous record. Daniel Craig kicked off his stint as Bond in the dazzling, high-octane thriller, **Casino Royale** in 2006. The actor made such an impressive debut into the spy series that he scooped up a **BAFTA** nomination. Craig was declared the new Connery and the rightful heir to the Scottish's actor unchallenged throne till that point.

The English actor subsequently starred in **Quantum of Solace**, **Skyfall** and **Spectre**. **Skyfall** (2012) - with a flamboyant villain turn by Javier Bardem and the emotional exit of M (Judi Dench) - was the most successful and highest grossing film in the Bond series to date.



After much speculation, Daniel Craig recently confirmed that he would indeed return for a fifth and final time as 007 in **Bond 25**. The road to the next James Bond movie has been a twisty route to say the least. The British actor previously asserted in 2015, that he would "rather break this glass and slash my wrists" then reprise the Bond role. Craig's non-committal approach to further Bond movies has been a hot topic for journalists in the past two years. Typically the rather abrasive Craig has never been the most tactful or forthcoming of stars.

Nonetheless, Daniel Craig is undoubtedly the best Bond since Sean Connery. Pierce Brosnan was fairly effective but probably too lightweight in the role of the spy. Roger Moore played it for suave laughs, while the bland Timothy Dalton didn't leave much of a mark on the martini-shaking secret agent. Craig has made the role of Bond his own, bringing a complex edge, intensity and even vulnerability to the ruthless spy character originally envisioned by Ian Fleming.



The inevitable question arises in the modern era - has the misogynistic dinosaur that is the James Bond franchise finally run its course? Do scantily clad Bond Girls still have a place in the #MeToo era of Hollywood? However, with Daniel Craig supposedly sending his tuxedo to the cleaners for good after Bond 25, there's seemingly no shortage of actors willing to fill his shoes and have their martinis shaken if not stirred.

Henry Cavill

Henry Cavill's name has popped up as a possible candidate for James Bond several times over the years. The British actor was apparently really close to getting the Bond gig in **Casino Royale**, on the strength of his TV work in **The Tudors**. While Daniel Craig won out that round, Cavill's interest in playing the iconic spy has not wavered. His recent roles in both **The Man From U.N.C.L.E** and **Mission: Impossible - Fallout** might just be a dress-rehearsal for the spy with a licence to thrill. Certainly Cavill's brawny physique and handsome looks can't harm his case.

Benedict Cumberbatch

This British thespian is perhaps an unusual choice for the role of Bond. Benedict Cumberbatch has made a name for himself as **Sherlock Holmes** in the BBC's modern day update of Conan Doyle's famous story. He is also tied into Marvel Comics' **Doctor Strange** character on screen. It would be an interesting choice for the role of Bond, if Cumberbatch was picked for **Bond 25**. Certainly, the eccentric actor would not make for a stereotypical Bond. It would be equivalent to casting **Doctor Who** as 007. Only time will tell.



Idris Elba

Perhaps one of the most famous names attached to the next potential James Bond has been the actor Idris Elba. If he succeeds in bagging the role of 007, Elba will be the first black actor to play Bond on screen. Elba has been associated with the American series **The Wire**, front lined BBC's **Luther** and played Nelson Mandela on film. The actor has been hotly debated as next in line for a franchise martini. However, Elba has insisted that he's too old for the role, but there is strong support for him from a loyal fan contingent.

Tom Hardy

Tom Hardy is the most credible successor to Daniel Craig in the Bond franchise. His varied film and TV roles point to his level of comfort in action-orientated settings. Hardy's blistering performance in the acclaimed BBC drama, **Taboo** perfectly displays the dangerous edge and ruthless quality necessary for the killer secret agent. However, his recent screen role as the comic book antihero **Venom** more than likely ties him up for the foreseeable future. However, should Hardy ever need the thumbs-up for the Bond role, Pierce Brosnan has given the actor his seal of approval.

Sam Heughan

Being Scottish, Sam Heughan has the best credentials for the role of Bond. The charismatic actor is best known for his role as the dashing, kilt-wearing Highlander, Jamie Fraser, in the time-travelling, historical drama, **Outlander**. His other claim to fame is his appearance in a Christmas film with former Bond, Roger Moore. More recently, Heughan co-starred with Mila Kunis and Kate McKinnon in the comedy spy-spoof, **The Spy Who Dumped Me.** Looking very Bond-like, the actor pulled off his secret agent role with debonair aplomb. He also showed he was no pushover in the fairly hard-core action sequences. Heughan trains hard offscreen, has the necessary physique, looks good in a tuxedo and is an impressive actor. His fans think he's the ideal next Bond. What's not to like?



Tom Hiddleston

There was buzz around Tom Hiddleston's suitability for the Bond role after his excellent lead performance in BBC's **The Night Manager.** The charming actor's role in this secret agent drama (penned by John Le Carre) brought him much scrutiny. It also drew attention to series director Suzanne Bier as a possible front liner for the Bond franchise. Hiddleston certainly has the acting chops and cutthroat quality required to play 007. The English actor is well known for his portrayal of the villainous character Loki in the Marvel series of films. His long-running association with this villainous character might hinder his chances as Bond though.

Richard Madden

The Scottish actor, Richard Madden is the apparent favourite in the betting world to take on Bond. He played the ill-fated Robb Stark in **Game of Thrones** and Prince Charming in Kenneth Branagh's live-action romance, **Cinderella**. Madden is currently starring in the popular BBC thriller, **Bodyguard**, playing a conflicted character. It's not too much of a stretch then to imagine him in the role of Bond. The Glaswegian actor has the looks, dynamism and action credentials to ably fill the space left by Daniel Craig's exit.

Aidan Turner

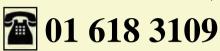
Irish actor Aidan Turner is a good contender for the role of the lethal British spy. His most visible role in the movie world has been in The **Hobbit** trilogy, as the dwarf in love with Evangeline Lily's Tauriel. However, the handsome actor is largely known for his role as Ross in BBC TV's current adaptation of Winston Graham's **Poldark.** The series is now in its fifth season. Turner has been very successful as the romantic, brooding lead. However, he could soon be hanging up his 18th century breeches for a tux.



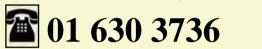


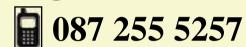
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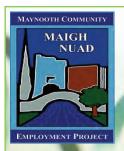
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Climate Change Protest

On Friday 8th February a group of us gathered in Maynooth Square for a Climate Change Protest. It was organised by Dr. Lorna Gold, a local mum, author and who works in Trocaire. Members of the Tidy Towns, University, local parties, Zero Waste Maynooth and families joined together to highlight the current strikes for climate change. Similar to events across Europe



Please see below Blog by Dr. Lorna Gold



and in Dublin.

TO: Parents of Planet Earth - SUBJECT: Climate Strike Dear fellow parents,

Over the past few weeks we have witnessed an unprecedented rising of our children across the world. They have skipped school on Fridays to protest about climate change, following the example of a Swedish teenager, Greta Thunberg. Their example has drawn both praise – especially from scientists – and criticism. For many people their action may seem quite bewildering. Why are they taking such extreme action? Are they being unduly politically influenced? Should we be concerned?

I shared many of these questions until a few years ago when I had a rude awakening to the urgency of climate change and what it means for our children. Like these children on the streets, I became anguished by the silence and the fear to face this mammoth challenge facing us all.

Like these children, I have studied the science. Based on that scientific evidence the message was clear: we are out of time. Not "nearly" out of time – but actually out of time. Our planet is already warming fast and the next generation will be in serious trouble. Unless we take radical action and change our ways, we risk bequeathing them an unlivable planet. Surely none of us want that?

This realization, which shook me to my very foundations, led me to give up my full-time job and to focus on waking people up to this stark reality. I wrote a book about my experiences, Climate Generation, with a wish that others could understand what the scientists are telling us. I wanted to share my story with other parents – not as some kind of guilt trip, but as a sincere plea to wake up and take our kids future

seriously. I shared my concerns on the Ryan Tubrity Show. I also started to look around and see where I could raise my voice for change. Last December a friend who read my book, Jim, introduced me (on social media) to Greta Thunberg. Together Jim and I started following her. She was striking for climate action. Many school children across Australia, and then the world, were starting to follow her example. Then, in December, Greta made her speech to the UN climate talks in Poland. In one minute she managed to capture the sheer urgency of what the world is facing – and put a call out to everyone to raise their voices by coming out on Fridays.

That following Friday Jim and I decided we would answer her call. It seemed the most natural thing in the world to go on climate strike. We didn't think for a minute we were "too old". As parents who care we wanted to be the answer to that call. For me, with young boys, I felt it only right that I should stand on their behalf. After all, it is my own lifestyle, my inaction and my generation that has caused this mess. Sure, my boys will join when they can, but why should they stand in the cold, miss school and shoulder such a heavy burden? When they can't, I will.

That was 12 weeks ago. Each week we carry out our #FridaysForFuture strike for climate justice outside the Irish Parliament. Every week our numbers grow: groups of students, teachers, religious, politicians, grandparents, mothers with prams, city workers on lunch break. It is a wonderful eclectic mix of humanity. We greet each other in a spirit of inter-generational embrace.

We realise that we need each other. That we are all the climate generation now. So my call to ALL parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles – and everyone else in the young at heart group – is to get behind our young people, especially our youngest humans. They need us now more than ever. There is a golden moment now to show you care and you are sorry for what our generation has done. It doesn't take much – perhaps one hour each Friday: stand in a public place with your placard. Post on social media and log it on www.fridaysforfuture.org map. And watch it grow. I guarantee you will not be alone for long.

Hope to see you soon at one of our #FridaysForFuture strikes!

We hope to gather each Friday going forward and would encourage teachers/parents/ schools to join us especially on March 15th as it is a national event.







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MU awarded €2.8million in Innovation and Transformation Programme 2018

Maynooth University is delighted to confirm it has been awarded over €2.8 million from the Innovation and Transformation Programme 2018 for

a number of high-impact innovation projects it is developing to transform student experiences, build competitiveness and deliver value for the education sector and Irish society more broadly. The awards were announced today by Minister for Education Joe McHugh, TD and Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD.

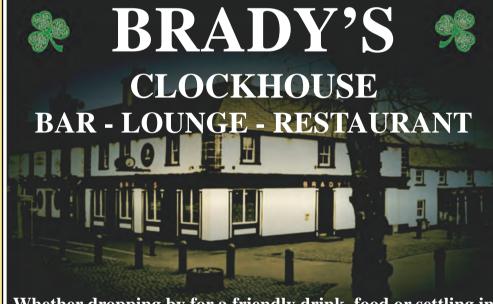
- "At Maynooth University, we have developed a range of new, future-oriented programmes for students at undergraduate and postgraduate level. These awards allow us to take these to a new level. They will fund new and innovative approaches to teaching and learning, and help our students build the skills they need for the workplace of the future. More importantly, many of our ideas can be rolled out nationally for the benefit of students. The benefits for jobs and our economy are significant," said Maynooth University President, Professor Philip Nolan.
- €1,445,440 has been awarded for the development of the "Future Ready" programme, which increases employability through innovations in the curriculum. Since Maynooth introduced its ground-breaking undergraduate curriculum in 2015 students have been able to select subjects across different disciplines and avail of a critical thinking module to increase their future adaptability. This has been highly successful and will now be expanded and developed further.
- €10,950 has been awarded for the development of "Mi-Lab the Maynooth University Innovation Lab," which will harness Maynooth's unique expertise to apply design thinking to current problems and issues in the education sector, including the structure of and access to postgraduate studies to improve pathways and outcomes for students.
- €63,610 has been allocated for the enhancement of supports for students in the areas of

computer technology and mathematics post-entry. This builds on Maynooth's international leadership role in maths and ICT while also making these skills more accessible to students across the University. Maynooth is also a partner in the "Enabling Change" project led by the Irish Universities Association, which has been almost €3 million for enhancing the digital capacity in teaching and learning at Irish universities.

"We have at Maynooth some of the most innovative and creative academic minds in the country. These awards

signify our ability to deliver innovation and value for society, while at the same time enriching the student learning experience here at Maynooth," added Professor Philip Nolan.



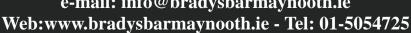


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Launching the Maynooth 10k / 5k 2019, accompanied by students from the schools were (l to r): Carlo Boersma Director of Sales and Events at Carton House, Siobhan McCauley principal of Maynooth Community College, Frances Bradley chairperson of MEC PTA, Johnny Nevin principal of Maynooth Post Primary school, Theresa Hannon Marketing Manager, Pearls Dental, John Eiffe Business Development Manager, Pearls Dental, Neil Flynn, Kildare Senior Footballer.

The ninth annual Maynooth 10k and 5k was formally launched at Carton House on February 15th by Kildare Senior Footballer Neil Flynn along with new medal sponsor Pearls Dental represented by John Eiffe, Business Development Manager and Theresa Hannon, Marketing Manager. We were welcomed to Carton House by Director of Sales and Events, Carlo Boersma. The schools were represented by principals Johnny Nevin and

Siobhan McCauley, MEC PTA chairperson Frances Bradley and students of Maynooth Education Campus.

This year's event takes place on the earlier date of **Sunday April 7th at 10.30am** and features a new collectable finishers medal. Maynooth Post Primary school was founded in 1971 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2021. The 10k/5k will begin this celebration this year by organizing a 3-year lead-in set of collectable medals. Pearls Dental have kindly agreed to sponsor these medals the coming years.

The event is a fund-raiser for the upkeep 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 school Campus. This year we'd like to encourage businesses and groups in the locality to enter teams and will offer a discounted entry.

We are very grateful to St Patrick's College and Carton House Hotel for

allowing the use of their grounds and facilitating the change of date. We'd like to thank all the businesses who have sponsored and supported us down the years and look forward another successful event. Hoping to see you all there, Sunday 7th April.

Registration is open on www.popupraces.ie.



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

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

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

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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.

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Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 19th March 2019

Editorial

Looking through this month's Maynooth Newsletter the topic that seems mostly to come to mind from the various articles is the issue of climate change. I get the sense that yet again the people of Maynooth (like most other places in Ireland) are ahead of those in charge of dealing with this issue in pressing for action. In fact it is interesting how the topic seems to unite people as new groups form on the issue and existing groups offer their support. It reminds me of my community development training which stated that you cannot define a community as it is always evolving. For me one of the most evident changes that I noticed this year is the fact that the grass in my garden is already growing. I am sure in the past none of us would cut our grass before St. Patrick's Day but if you wait that long this year you are likely to be walking on high grass. The daffodils are also early and we know that they only pop up their heads when the weather is right for them to shine.

So what are we doing in Maynooth to tackle climate change? Well protesting is gathering momentum and with the amount of traffic that still needs to pass through the centre of the town Maynooth Square is a good location to assemble to raise awareness to the passing traffic. The Maynooth Town Health Check is being monitored by the Maynooth Planning Alliance who regularly update the wider community on the possible outcomes. So hopefully taking a holistic view of the town infrastructure and the people using it will lead to something significant and not just more unfulfilled promises. I was watching an environmental programme on TV recently and it commented on the very positive environmental decisions that were made in the development of London that are now making a difference. Ok we are not at a London scale yet but it is never too soon to start to get it right. The reduction of traffic in the centre of Maynooth must be a priority.

There are of course other things that are being suggested such as the replacement of street lighting with LED bulbs which of course would probably increase the levels of lighting provided as well as reducing electricity usage.

Other articles refer to the demands for increased train services with additional capacity to be added to existing trains. As a train user for the past 29 years from Maynooth I can vouch that the number of trains have increased but the passenger numbers are multiples of the number of people that took the train when I started to use it. Demands for additional train station parking is a consequence but who should be using these spaces, people coming to Maynooth to get the train or people living here that needs to use their car to pick up their children. Of course the first person to get the space is how it will always be decided.

The ongoing saga of a when and where there will be a North Kildare recycling facility comes up again this month with information that planning permission is being sought for a site close to Junction 6 on the M4 Motorway. Maynooth people and indeed most Irish people are very careful to recycle and will usually do the right thing so a location closer to Maynooth is probably not critical. My own recent recycling need arose when I was disposing of a Beanbag. As the contents needed to be either disposed of or re-used I advertised the polystyrene beans for free and they are now in another person's beanbag.

It being March the Irish Cancer Society "Daffodil Day takes place on Friday 22nd March 2019 and of course we have an hour less in bed on the 30th March as the clock goes forward on the 31st March.

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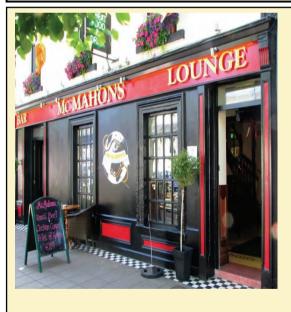
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Cllr. John McGinley Secures Agreement on the Allocation of 200,000 euro for the

Re-furbishment of the Square in Maynooth

At the Maynooth MD meeting on 1st February Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the 200,000 euro surplus from the Pay Parking in Maynooth be used to re-furbish The Square and that the detailed design goes on Public Display for comment as soon as possible.

John's Motion was agreed unanimously and Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney has congratulated John on securing the funds to refurbish the Square.

Work on the New Footpath from Brady/O'Flaherty Auctioneers up to The Square to be Started Shortly

traffic lights at The Square is now complete.

The Maynooth MD engineer has advised the Maynooth MD that tenders for the new footpath from Brady's to the Square will be sought in February/March. He stated that: "The general design layout by Aecom consultants for the construction of new footpaths along the Main Street of Maynooth, from the corner of Brady's Auctioneers as far as the

On Friday the 25th January a stakeholders consultation took place between representatives of KCC and various sectoral groups including Maynooth Community Council Access Group to better understand the needs and concerns of the partially sighted, mobility impaired, and more senior members of our

It is intended to go to tender on this project In Feb / March 2019.

Update on Maynooth Ring Roads

- Leixlip Road to Celbridge Road: The selected route will be announced before the end of February. The Public Consultation Planning Process will then begin. Construction begins in Quarter 2 of 2020 and there will be a 16 month construction period.
- Celbridge Road to Straffan Road: The Councils Director of shortly as Planning Permission has been granted recently. The ends of Carton Avenue.' developer will construct this road.

Analysis of the Suitability of the M4 between Maynooth and Leixlip is Being Considered.

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that a preliminary analysis of the need to increase the M4 to three lanes between Maynooth and Leixlip and for the provision of a second Motorway interchange at Maynooth is being carried out.

Cllr. McGinley Proposes a Code of Conduct for Carton Avenue Walkway

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 1st February: "That the council erects signs at the Main Street and Dunboyne Road entrances to Carton Avenue stating the following:

Pedestrians shall have priority at all times.

Cyclists must have a bell on their bicycle and treat pedestrians with respect.

Motorised vehicles shall not be allowed on the Avenue. Dogs shall be kept on a lead.

No more entrances shall be created onto The Avenue without the approval of the Maynooth Municipal District members.

Cattle or horses shall not be allowed to graze on The Avenue or on the amenity lands either sides of The Avenue."

John got the following reply from Council Officials: "There are a number of considerations in relation to the conditions being sought for the signs. Vehicular access is required regularly to cut the grass and is occasionally required to carry out tree, wildflower maintenance and utility service maintenance. Similarly members of the public with mobility issues access the avenue with mobility vehicles. Therefore it is not practicable or feasible to stop vehicular access. Cattle or horses have not been allowed to graze on the avenue and there is no intent to do so. The issues regarding use of the surrounding amenity lands for grazing have already been outlined at last month's meeting. Regarding the other conditions being sought, a commitment was given in relation to informing the municipal district members with regard to future developments along the avenue. There is an existing Kildare County Council code of conduct relating to the use of shared pedestrian and cycle spaces. This outlines expected behaviours between pedestrians, cyclists and also addresses control of Services expects work on this section of the ring road to begin dogs. If the members are agreeable this can be erected at both

> Cllr. McGinley and the other Members agreed that a revised wording for the Code of Conduct should be presented to MD Members at our March meeting, following consultations by

Officials with the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Improved Replacement Public Light in Old Estates:

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 1st February: "That where sodium lights are being replaced with LED units, that the spill angle of the new light shall be at least the equivalent of the old light in order to maintain the level of

John got the following reply from Council Officials: "While it is anticipated that the national LED replacement programme will be designed to maintain the same level of illumination, it may not be possible to achieve in all areas/ locations. LEDs are focused to provide light on the public roads and footpaths and where local issues arise, the Public Lighting Section will engage with the service provider to overcome issues that may emerge with regard to level of cover/ spill angle etc."

Cllr. McGinley stated that he welcomed the reply. He stated that his concern is for the older estates where there is a bigger gap between the light poles than with newer estates. At present casual replacement with LED's is leading to reduced lighting and black spots in the older estates. John asked that different LED's be used in older estates.

Four Maynooth Housing Estates to be Taken in Charge this Year

Cllr. John McGinley has welcomed the Council's decision to take Hayfield estate in charge in the coming six months and to take Meadowbrook, Castle Dawson and Newtown Hall estates in charge before the end of the year.

The Maynooth MD Engineer has Produced Proposals to **Alleviate Flooding at Laurence Avenue**

The Maynooth MD engineer has circulated Draft Proposals to alleviate flooding at Laurence Avenue. The Draft proposals will result in the fence being moved inwards by 1.8m onto the green. He further stated that two or three trees would have to be removed, but that the overall community would benefit from a wider footpath/cyclepath to the two schools. The residents of Laurence Avenue are considering the Draft Proposals.



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Feeney Welcome's Council Decision to Seek Funding for North Kildare Public Swimming Pool at Maynooth Site Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney has welcomed the decision at the Kildare Co. Council meeting held on Monday 28th January, which decided that Kildare Co. Council would

seek funding for a public swimming pool for North Kildare at Maynooth under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Ms. Feeney stated that the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Committee proposed a Motion that funding would be sought for a swimming pool for North Kildare at the Leixlip Amenity Centre. The Director of Economic Development, Community and Culture responded to the Motion by suggesting that the Council make one application to the Large Scale Infrastructure Fund for a swimming pool in North Kildare and that the application should be for a public swimming pool in Maynooth.

There was a long discussion on the issue and Labour Cllr. John McGinley proposed an amendment to the Municipal District Committee Motion. John's amendment stated that Maynooth should be the preferred site for the North Kildare Public Swimming Pool. John's motion was carried by 20 votes for with 8 against.

Angela congratulated John on his success in having the motion passed which means that Kildare Co. Council and Maynooth University can now work on a detailed application for funding under the Large Scale Sports Infrastructure Fund for a public swimming pool in Maynooth and a dedicated team has already been set up for this purpose.

In conclusion Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney stated that we have an opportunity once and for all to deliver a Public Swimming Pool for the people of Maynooth and we cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

Tenders Invited for Leasing/Purchase of Second Hand Rail Carriages Which Would Increase Capacity on Maynooth Rail Line

Angela Feeney has welcomed the seeking of tenders for additional rail carriages to be used on the Irish Rail Suburban and Inter City Network.

Tenders have been sought for the provision of between 60 and 80 carriages through a lease agreement with a term of 7 years or for direct purchase. The carriages must be capable of operating in units of three or four with a drivers cab at each end of each unit. Delivery of the carriages must be available prior to 28th February, 2020, and those interested in tendering have until 26th February, 2019, to do so.

New Carriages take longer to construct and 41 New Carriages are expected to be in service in 2021 whilst a further 100 new carriages are expected to be in service in 2023.

Ms. Feeney stated that overcrowding at peak times on the Maynooth Rail Line was now a serious problem for commuters and the move by Irish Rail to try and source second hand carriages for lease or purchase for delivery early next year was to

In conclusion Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney stated

that she hoped there was interest shown in the tender as otherwise we will have to wait until 2021 before there is any reduction in overcrowding on the Maynooth Rail Line.

Phase 1 of New Maynooth Educate Together School on Target To be Completed by June, 2019

Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney asked Emmet Stagg to contact the Minister for Education and Skills in relation to progress with the building of Phase 1 of the New Maynooth Educate Together School on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth.

Contractors MEIC Limited commenced construction of the school last October, which comprises the construction of a new 8 classroom school. When Phase 1 is completed, pupils will move from the existing temporary accommodation into the New School building, and at that stage the temporary accommodation will be removed so that Phase 2 of the project can proceed, which will see a further 8 classrooms constructed, with an expected completion date of Quarter 1 of 2020.

The Minister for Education has advised Mr. Stagg that Phase 1 of the Maynooth Educate Together School is due for completion and handover in Quarter 2 of 2019.

Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney stated that she was pleased that the construction of Phase 1 of the New Maynooth Educate Together School was on Target and she looked forward to the move by pupils and staff into the New School in the Summer.



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Stagg Presses Minister on Arrangements for Opening of North Kildare Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth this September

Following the announcement by the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board that the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste will open this September in Maynooth, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been pressing the Minister for Education in relation to the appointment children. The applicants for Patronage of the new Maynooth of a Principal for the School and the sourcing of Accommodation for the School.

The Minister for Education has advised Mr Stagg that he has been informed by KWETB that they have commenced the process to appoint a principal to the new Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth and they expect that the advertisement for the post will be published shortly.

The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that in relation to securing suitable accommodation, KWETB is engaging with officials in the Department to identify suitable accommodation in Maynooth to allow the new Gaelcholáiste to welcome first-year students in September 2019. Welcoming the continuing arrangements for the opening of the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth Mr. Stagg stated that this was great news for pupils who wish to continue their education from Gaelscoils to Secondary Education in the Irish Medium.

Patronage of New Maynooth Primary School to Be **Announced in the Coming Weeks - Stagg**

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg was in contact with the Minister for Education in relation to when the Patronage on the New Primary School in Maynooth would be announced given that the school is scheduled for opening this September and that Parents were anxious to know who would run the new Primary School.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that The Online Patronage Process System opened for parental preferences on the 10th December 2018 for the new primary school to be established in Maynooth in 2019, and closed on the 15th January 2019. The Department are currently preparing an assessment report for the New Schools Establishment Group. The patronage process for new schools is overseen by an external independent advisory group, the New Schools Establishment Group (NSEG). Following their consideration of the Department's assessment report, the NSEG will submit a report with a recommendation to the Minister for consideration and final decision and it is

anticipated that the successful patron will be announced in the

Welcoming the Ministers response that a final decision on the patronage of the new Maynooth Primary School will be announced in the coming weeks, Mr. Stagg stated that this will bring certainty for parents in their choice of education for their Primary School were An Foras Patrunachta, Educate Together, Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board, Scoil Sinead Limited, and the Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and

Decision Due on Intel Expansion Planning by March 28th -Stagg

Emmet Stagg has welcomed the lodging by Intel Ireland of a planning application to Kildare Co. Council to extend and revise the existing planning permission on their Leixlip site which was granted in October 2017.

The current permission in place allows for the development of a manufacturing facility of nearly 90,000 square metres, whilst the new planning application will add an additional 110,000 square metres of manufacturing buildings to the 90,000 square metre facility. The works will enable an expansion on the west side of the Leixlip Campus for the manufacture of integrated circuits. Mr. Stagg stated that a decision was due on the planning application from Kildare Co. Council on March 28th and indicated that it was vital that permission would issue for the extended Manufacturing facilities at the Leixlip Campus.

Further Meeting Between IDA Representatives and New Owner of Former Leixlip Hewlett Packard Campus - Stagg Following the purchase of the former Hewlett Packard Campus in Leixlip by BlackRock Real Assets and Michael O'Flynn for

€1 Million, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg contacted the Minister for Business; Enterprise and Innovation about the involvement of the IDA in assisting in marketing the site for Foreign Direct Investment.

Minister Heather Humphreys has now advised Mr. Stagg that since meeting with representatives of the site's new owners last September the IDA has been provided with new marketing information for the Liffey Business Campus. The Agency's staff also met with the new owners in December. Additional marketing material is currently being prepared and the IDA are continuing to actively market the site to both existing and

potential clients through its network of offices in Ireland and

Welcoming the Minister's response, Mr. Stagg stated that the new owner intends to rebrand the substantial site, extending over 195 aces, as the Liffey Business Park, and are promising to create a world class high tech business campus. Mr. Stagg further stated that he was pleased that the IDA continue to engage with the new owner to see how they could assist in marketing the facility to both existing and potential clients in order to help attract new investment to the area.

Design Team To Deal with Number of Items Before Shortlist of Contractors for New Maynooth Boy's NS is Agreed -

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the construction of the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Contractors had until November 1st to register their interest in the project stated Mr. Stagg and 17 contractors expressed an interest in the construction project. The shortlist of contractors was submitted to the Department on January 11th 2019 for

The Minister has advised Mr. Stagg that on January 17th the Department reverted to the Design Team with a number of items to be actioned with regard to finalising the process and a response is awaited. The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that when the pre-qualification process is complete the project will then be progressed to tender stage which normally takes between 7 and 8 months to complete.

Welcoming this continuing progress Mr. Stagg stated that the New Maynooth Boys' NS was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st 2017 and it comprises the replacement of the existing school and the construction of a new 3 storey National School with 24 classrooms including a Special Needs Unit and Multipurpose Hall. 3 Ballcourts and a Junior Play area will also be provided as part of the project.

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress with the project until we got it to actual tender and construction.

Royal Canal Amenity Group Education ~~ Heritage ~~ Recreation

CHRISTMAS WALK

This year's Christmas Jumper Walk proved to be a very successful event.

Walkers at Carton Avenue (photo Matt Callaghan)

One hundred and five people turned out to walk and thankfully the weather remained dry for the duration of the walk. The walk departed from the harbour at 11 45am and having negotiated the main street the walkers entered Carton Avenue. At the end of the avenue those walking entered Carton Estate (by kind permission of Carton Management) and meandered across to the Leixlip Road entrance and Pike bridge. Here light refreshments were served, courtesy of the Spaine family, after which the walkers proceeded along the canal back to Maynooth. Here many of the walkers

availed of Soup and sandwiches (kindly provided by Brady's Clock House at a specially reduced rate). Thanks to Declan and staff for all their assistance.

OUTSIDER AWARDS

'Outsider' magazine hosts an annual awards ceremony for endeavour and achievements in "The great outdoors".

This year our hon secretary Mr Niall Galway was nominated for an award for his efforts along the canal. This particular award is sponsored by Waterways Ireland.

The event, which was attended by many luminaries of sport, outdoor activities and para-Olympians, took place at the Sugar Club Leeson Street In Dublin on Wednesday 30th. January last.

FAMINE WALK

This walk re-enacts the walk made by 1,490 men women and children who were evicted from their holdings at Strokestown Estate, Co. Roscommon during the famine. As with the original walk, the present walk which takes place between 25th. - 30th. May 2019 takes in the full length of the Royal Canal from Clondra Co. Longford to Custom House Quay in Dublin. It is hoped that this route will be launched as an official walking trail this year.

As has been the case for the last number of years, Royal Canal Amenity Group personnel

will assist Famine Walkers at various stages along the canal.

ROYAL CANAL TOUR

This year's tour will be to Bonnie Scotland and is set for September 2019. It proposes to take in visits to Dumfries House (a Stately Home,) The famous Falkirk Wheel, The "Kelpies" and the house of poet Robert

Details are currently being finalised and it will be very keenly priced. Don't miss out!



'The Kelpies'

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Maynooth Eastern Ring Road

Work is continuing in the design of the road scheme in Maynooth which links the R148 Leixlip Road and the R405 Celbridge Road. The scheme will include the construction of a bridge over the railway and Royal Canal. Ground investigation works have started and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is being carried out now. Once these are completed Kildare County Council will be in a position to announce the preferred option route in the next few months.

Equine Industry will be affected by Brexit

I spoke in the Dail recently with the Minister for Agriculture about my recent visit to the National Stud and the direct impact on horse breeding, stud farms, stables and the bloodstock industry in Kildare and around the country as a Hard Brexit looms. The Irish Horse racing and breeding industry generates over 1.8 billion euro and employs 29,000 people in Ireland. A hard Brexit could have negative implications with increased tariffs and regulations pushing up costs and threatening a decline in this great industry. This industry which is an integral part of Kildare needs to be protected and I will continue to urge the Minister to place this at the top of his priority list.

Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Science, Technology, Research and Development, James Lawless TD has warned of the rise of disinformation campaigns in the run up to the European and local elections.

Deputy Lawless was commenting as political leaders made an open call at the Munich Security Conference for those running in the European election to sign a pledge in which they promise to adhere to certain principles to counter outside influences.

James Lawless' Social Media Bill and the possible threat to the European MEP elections in May

I recently wrote to the Minister for Communications, asking him for an update to the status of my Online Advertising and Social Media (Transparency) Bill, which

the Government is dragging its heels on. Whilst interference and manipulation of elections is not necessarily new, the methods being deployed are. The spread of disinformation online poses a major threat not only to the European elections but also to the local elections.

The elections in May will take place in a very different environment compared to the previous vote in 2014. The seeds of fear, uncertainty and doubt are widely sown online and the internet lends itself exceptionally well to them

On May 24th, 350 million EU voters will cast their ballot in their respective countries. Europe is facing many challenges and the upcoming European elections in May will determine the make-up of the European parliament for the next five years.

Closer to home, the rules and safeguards which we adhere to in traditional political campaigns, such as the disclosure of donations, campaign fund caps, a requirement that all printed materials must carry a label saying who printed and published them, simply do not exist online.

As we approach a busy period of elections, while we welcome the opportunities for wider debate and citizen engagement, we must ensure a robustness of content, safeguard our integrity and protect our democracy against those who would subvert it in organised, systematic and sinister ways.

My legislation ticks all of the boxes while upholding the key principle of freedom of speech. It is of great disappointment to me that this Government has not treated it with the seriousness it deserves and instead have kicked the issue to touch.

Maynooth Constituency Office

My Maynooth Office is open behind DNG estate agents on Doctors Lane and I will be holding clinics there every Monday from 10am to 4pm. Please call me for an appointment during the rest of the week.

5TH ANNUAL EARTH BABY FAIR TO HELP EMPOWER YOUNG FAMILIES TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE AND LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY

Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth - 10th March 2019



www.earthbabyfair.ie

Tuesday 19th February 2019 -The Earth Baby Fair, Irelands only sustainable and ethical baby expo, returns to the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare on Sunday 10th March 2019. Now in its fifth year, it aims to provide young families with access to services, information, and retailers that emphasise a more green and gentle approach to parenting from pregnancy to

childbirth and beyond. With an emphasis this year on tackling climate change. It is a family event, and even though there won't be balloons there will be entertainment, activities and face painting for the little ones!

Dr. Lorna Gold activist and author of the book 'Climate Generation' claims that "Perhaps the time has come for parents and grandparents all over the world to rise up and get angry" she will be giving a talk on climate change and how families in particular children can rise up to tackle this enormous issue both in their home life as well as in their communities. She claims parents .

A Hard Service Service

Highlights of the fair will include:

- Retailers selling sustainably made and/or ethically sourced goods;
- Author Lorna Gold to give a talk on climate change and how families, in particular children, can make a difference.
- Talks and workshops focusing on practical lifestyle changes for minimalist living, as well as child related fun body care products which have an added bonus of being completely zero waste;
- Arts and Crafts workshops for both children and adults by both Dross

Evolution using repurposed materials

- Activities for the babies with baby sensory and Playball for the toddlers and preschoolers.
- Face painting and children's entertainment throughout the day.
- Information on gentle birthing, babywearing and breastfeeding.
- Pilates, healthy living and nutrition for pre and post partum
 Mums

Timi Nicholson a leading expert and one of the founders of the zero waste movement in Ireland and spokesperson for the Earth Baby Fair, comments "Currently we are seeing a small but significant

shift in Irish society to reduce household waste, with a real emphasis away from single use plastic." She claims it can be overwhelming for parents to cope with raising a young family and managing unnecessary waste, the fair is the perfect opportunity to learn how to juggle both.

Some Facts on disposable nappies

- An estimated one million disposable nappies are used every day in Ireland.
- 94% of disposable nappies end up in landfill sites.
- One disposable nappy takes up to 500 years to biodegrade.
 Press Release EBF
- For a family with one baby, half of a typical waste bin will consist of disposable Nappies.
- One baby creates 2.5tonnes of nappy waste in 2 years.

The 4th annual Earth Baby Fair takes place on Sunday the 10th March at the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth, Co. Kildare from 10-4pm. Tickets can be



purchased on **Eventbrite** and cost €5 per person or €8 for two, children under 16 go free! For more information please check the website **www.earthbabyfair.ie**

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Public Meeting

Tuesday March 12th, 8pm Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth

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Our society is at a critical crossroads. Our children are now telling us about the changes we need to make if we want to pass on a better world to them and to their children.

Speakers from the national Green Party, Trócaire, Maynooth Works and FutureFit will discuss solutions for transport, town planning, energy, local jobs and protecting the environment for our children and grandchildren



January 2019 Godderel for Beginners

What need you, who've progressed so much To waste your time on God or Church? To think about the Decalogue, That ancient dance of Man and God. To bend the knee in suppliant prayer, With future souls your life to share! Though recent judgements say it's gone, Creative Ireland will live on.

You should recall those saints of old, Whose names in reverence oft you told, Patrick, Bríd and Colmcille, Their deeds, they echo with you still? Christian love should care for all With special stress on weak and small. The angel's message was made good, At Mary's 'Yes' to motherhood.

Was it for this Christ fled the tomb? To strike out babies in the womb? So shrewd, aware who'd win the day, The once Pro-lifer led the way. The CV's all when comes the hour, As raw ambition strikes for power. It matters not who pays the price, Another random roll of dice.

Of course, we often missed the mark, We shunned the light, we chose the dark; We judged, we failed to hold a hand, We spurned Christ's gift to understand. But that is no excuse to kill, To block the ears to crying shrill; Two wrongs a right can never make, Life once endowed's not ours to take.

Yet maybe what they say is true, That many voted for the few, Who take the road of lesser strain, For short-term ease and unknown pain. Their trouble to the Lord's best known, To judge them is his right alone. All things he will again make new; Let's trust Him, He will see us through.

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Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has been informed by Dublin Bus that it will increase the frequency of service on Route 66, servicing Maynooth and Leixlip, commencing on 20th January 2019.

"Staring 20th January, there will be an earlier morning departure at 5.45am, from Maynooth, and there will be a new 66E service commencing in Maynooth and will operate via Easton Road in Leixlip to Merrion Square in the city centre, having 7 Monday to Friday departures in each direction from 10am to 4pm."

"On Route 66, there will an addition inbound departure on Saturdays and 8 additional inbound and 9 additional outbound departures on Sundays. There will also be 2 additional inbound and 1 additional outbound services on Route 66A. On Route 66B, it will now operate on a Sunday (currently only operates Mon-Sat) with 11 inbound and 9 outbound departures.'

"Since getting elected, I have worked hard to improve the public transport services for people living in North Kildare. I had made representations to have these services put in place. We are making modest progress. However, given the growing population and the difficulties getting in and out of Dublin by car, more public transport services are required, on both rail and bus services."

"I continue to meet with Dublin Bus, Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority (NTA) to press for additional services. We need to address the capacity issues for Route 67 for Celbridge commuters and I have been an assurance that Dublin Bus will consider improving this service," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Just 10% of Kildare LEADER funding spent to date – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil Kildare North TD, Frank O'Rourke has said the failure of Government to spend much vaunted LEADER funding in Co. Kildare is an affront to the communities and organisations most in need of it. Deputy O'Rourke was commenting as information obtained by Fianna Fáil shows that just 10% of the LEADER funding allocated to Co. Kildare has been spent to date.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "The LEADER programme was supposed to end at the end of 2020, which is next year. It is a €250 million programme but the figures for the end of 2018 show that only €38 million was spent nationally. To make matters worse only €13.6 million of that was spent on natural projects while the rest went to administration.

"In Kildare alone, over five million was allocated under the scheme yet just €28,832 has been spent. Of the €28,832 only €7,827 went to actual projects with the rest going to administration. While I appreciate the need for administration costs, questions need to be answered as to why so little of the funding has made its way to the communities that need it

"Historically LEADER has been extremely successful in revitalising rural areas but the rollout of funding under the current programme is hampering communities. The Government have undermined the programme with huge bureaucracy and unnecessary red tape and as usual it is the communities which suffer", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Explanation needed over fuel price disparity across the country - O'Rourke Fianna Fáil Kildare North TD, Frank O'Rourke has said an explanation is needed as to why

there are substantial discrepancies in fuel prices across the country. Deputy O'Rourke explained, "While consumers have always shopped around for the best deals when it comes to filling up their vehicles, it was often times the difference of a few cents at most. What we are seeing now is forecourts in the same counties with major price differences

"I have been contacted by constituents who travel for work and wait to top up their cars in Dublin where it can be over 10 cent per litre cheaper than in the exact same provider here in Kildare. Not only is it unfair on consumers who, depending on their locality, have to spend more fuelling their car, but it is also detrimental to communities as a whole with people actively seeking out a much lower priced provider.

"I understand that different petrol stations might have different expenses, insurance prices, rent and staffing costs, however we need to ensure that people are not being ripped off.

"The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission which are under the aegis of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation need to investigate these contrasts and ensure that motorists are not over charged for fuel depending on their locality or the petrol station they use", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

New rules makes it easier to switch your mortgage says O'Rourke.

on display, some up to sixteen cent in the difference.

New rules, which were introduced by the Central Bank, will make it easier for mortgage holders to switch banks, if savings can be made, according to Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke.

"I have made repeated calls for a fairer mortgage market in Ireland. Irish variable mortgage rates are nearly double than of the EU average. The rest of Europe is paying interest of around 1.8% - while Irish customers are paying an average of 3.2%.

Date set for New Bus Services for Maynooth and Leixlip Commuters says O'Rourke. Ireland is one of two countries in the euro area with an average rate above 3%, with 10 of the 19 euro area countries reporting an average rate on new mortgages, in May of last year, of less than 2%. '

> "Last year, over 38,000 tracker mortgage holders were over charged. We need a fairer mortgage market in Ireland."

"Under new central bank rules, Banks will have to tell customers if they can make savings on their mortgages. Recent research has established that approximately one-in-five homeowners could save money by switching to a better interest rate.

"Under the new rules, the lenders are required to make it less complicated and time-consuming to switch their mortgage. The rules include notifying customers 60 days before their fixed-rate term ends and provide details of the new rate and possible other options. Banks will have to let variable rate mortgage customers know every year whether or not they can move to a cheaper interest rate."

"If requested, lenders will have to provide a comparison of the total interest payable on the customer's existing mortgage and the interest payable on the new or alternative rate on offer."

"Most people who have a mortgage never switch to a cheaper offer and I am hoping this will change under this new regime. This together with lower mortgage rate offerings has the potential to finally shake up the mortgage market. It will only be effective if customers vote with their feet."

"I am hoping that the new central bank rules in relation to mortgage switching will bring increased competitiveness to the market, with better rate offers from banks who will not want customers to switch to another lender," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Government lack of action on Insurance keeping rates high says O'Rourke Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has criticised the government for delaying legislation which would clamp down on insurance fraud.

"Recent findings published by the insurance industry has labelled half of all personal injury claims brought to court as "potentially fraudulent". False and misleading claims have negative consequences for Irish policyholders and drive up the cost of insurance premiums."

"The cost of both motor insurance and business insurance remains stubbornly high for households and businesses across the country. The average annual cost of motor insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%."

"Fianna Fail introduced the Civil Liability and Courts (Amendment) Bill 2018 last year. It passed the Second Stage in the Dáil, where it received unanimous support from all parties in the House, including government."

"Our Bill is designed to combat the excessive costs of insurance for businesses and customers. It specifically gives Judges the power to pass information to the Director of Public Prosecution where a fraudulent claim has been made.'

"Reducing the high cost of Insurance is a priority for Fianna Fáil and for myself, it is an issue I have regularly brought to the floor of the Dail. It is unacceptable that after two years of the publication of the Cost of Insurance Working Group report, many of its recommendations have not been implemented. I am urging the Government to allow our Bill to proceed to Committee stage so that it can be enacted by the Oireachtas without any further delay and support An Garda Siochana establish an anti-insurance fraud unit in the force.'

"The government has been found wanting on insurance reform and tackling the high cost of insurance. This Government must provide greater focus on this issue and enacting our Bill would be one step towards achieving lower costs of insurance."

North Kildare Recycling Centre Going to public consultation says O'Rourke Local Fianna Fáil T. D, Frank O'Rourke, has said that progress is being made in the provision of a Civic Amenity Centre for North Kildare.

"Kildare County Council has identified a site for a Civic Amenity Centre for North Kildare. This site is at Junction 6 on the M4. Planning permission will be sought this February, with the proposal going on public display so that the people can have an input to this much needed facility.'

"I have had meetings with the previous Minister Denis Naughton and I have discussed it recently with the current Minster Richard Bruton and Kildare County Council's Director of Services, Joe Boland to make progress with this project.

I'm working with the management from Kildare County Council to secure support and funding from the department for this project which is estimated to cost in the region of €3m".

"I am committed to continue engaging with both the Council and Minister's office to progress and deliver a recycling centre for North Kildare. It is expected that a further meeting which I'm pursuing between the Minister and Council officials will take place shortly on this facility to get the department to assist with funding." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service
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Lost passports

Ouestion

I am going abroad with some friends. What happens if I lose my passport while I am travelling?

Answer

If you are an Irish citizen abroad and your Irish passport is lost, stolen or misplaced, you must contact your nearest Irish embassy or consulate immediately. You will be asked to confirm the loss in writing or, if you are applying for a new passport, to include the details in your passport application.

You must also get in touch with the local police and report the loss of your passport. You should request a written statement that you have reported the loss of your passport to them. A member of the police authority in the country in which you are staying must witness this statement.

You will need this statement to get an Emergency Travel Document (valid for one journey) from an Irish embassy or consulate.

If you are travelling on a multi-stop journey, where you will pass through more than one jurisdiction, you will need a new Irish passport. Again, you must report the loss of your passport immediately to your nearest Irish embassy or consulate.

If there is no Irish embassy or consulate in the country where you are, contact the embassy of another EU member state. It will get in touch with the nearest Irish embassy on your behalf. An embassy of another EU member state cannot issue you with a new Irish passport, but can issue an Emergency Travel Document.

It may be useful to carry a photocopy of the personal data page of your passport with you when travelling or scan an image of that page and email it to yourself.

Any passport reported as lost or stolen is no longer a valid travel document and you should not try to travel on a passport which has been reported as lost or stolen.

Question

My son is exempted from studying Irish. Can he still go on to study at third level?

Answei

Students must have the academic entry requirements (also called matriculation requirements) for the third level course they want to take. You can get detailed information on these requirements directly from the universities, technological universities, institutes of technology and colleges of education.

If a certain mark in the Irish Leaving Certificate exam is a matriculation requirement, students who had an exemption from the study of Irish may also be exempted from this requirement.

Exemptions from Irish matriculation requirements may be granted, for example, to a student who was born outside Ireland, was educated wholly or partly outside Ireland or who has a specific learning disability. This is a matter for each individual college.

All students applying for a third-level course through the Central Applications Office (CAO) should send a copy of their exemption certificate with their CAO application form. The college may also ask the student to complete a separate exemption application form and to submit supporting documentation. You should check with the individual college for details on how to apply for an exemption.

Burning of Household Waste

It is illegal to burn household or garden waste at home or in your garden. Burning waste can be a nuisance to neighbours and can also pollute the air by releasing harmful chemicals into it. There may be many toxic chemicals in waste items. Paper waste may contain synthetic materials, preservatives and even plastics. Disposable nappies contain gels, bleaches and plastics. Many wood products are treated with toxic chemicals to prevent rot.

Burning of such wastes in low-temperature uncontrolled fires creates toxic and dangerous by-products which are not destroyed by the fire but become airborne on soot particles. These can end up being inhaled or being washed out of the air and deposited onto surrounding soil and vegetation, where they can readily enter the food chain.

Rules

Burning household waste at home or in your garden is illegal. Burning household waste can incur a fine of up to €3,000 or 12 months in prison upon summary conviction in a District Court.

Examples of where you cannot burn household or garden waste are:

- In a barrel or exposed pile in the yard or garden
- On a bonfire
- On an open fire, range or other solid fuel appliance
- · In a mini-incinerator

Waste burners and other devices such as mini or household incinerators, which may be located in buildings or gardens, are illegal even if they are attached to a stack or flue. Burning waste is an offence under waste management legislation and the Air Pollution Act 1987. The Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) Regulations 2009 strengthen the law against waste disposal by uncontrolled burning, which is also known as backyard burning.

Under Regulation 5, there was a limited exemption for the burning of uncontaminated waste generated by agricultural practices. Under the Waste Management (Prohibition of Waste Disposal by Burning) (Amendment) Regulations 2015, this exemption ceased on 1 January 2018.

Safely disposing of waste

Most areas have an organised domestic waste collection service. If you decide not to use an organised waste collection service, you can dispose of much of your own domestic waste by recycling and home composting. You can also use civic amenity centres or landfill sites.

Your local authority can advise you on waste disposal and recycling facilities in your area.

Did you have Polio? asks national charity as Polio Register launches in Kildare



The National Polio Register is rolling out in Kildare, so that the charity Polio Survivors Ireland, can get a clearer picture of how many polio survivors are in Kildare, to help advocate for the future of all polio survivors. "We know there are 7,000 Polio Survivors estimated to live in Ireland, yet less than 1,000 are members of our organisation," says Fran Brennan, CEO "We've consulted with our members to see what the main concerns are for Polio Survivors as they continue to age. It is vital that they are not forgotten as a population and that statutory planning for medical care and social welfare benefits take into account their needs relating to Polio." All polio survivors living in Kildare are asked to register to help us to find out how many are still here. "Many survivors will develop Late Effects of Polio or Post-Polio Syndrome. We are here to help if that happens. With more evidence of the need, we can advocate for improved and tailored services and supports for polio survivors. We can advise polio survivors about the services and supports available from the statutory services as well as from Polio Survivors Ireland," adds Fran Brennan.

By registering polio survivors are helping to safeguard the future of all polio survivors, whether or not they are experiencing the Late Effects of Polio. With their help Polio Survivors Ireland can make sure that polio survivors have a stronger voice. Polio Survivors Ireland is the only charity providing support and information to polio survivors who contracted polio when

babies or young children. The last epidemics of polio took place in the 1940s and 50s in Ireland, however, 25 years ago, polio survivors were beginning to experience symptoms of a condition as yet unknown in Ireland. Having overcome considerable adversity and living active lives, many were noticing pain and weakness but unable to find any explanation among the medical community. A chance visit to the US by one such survivor brought information on a newly emerging condition, called Post Polio Syndrome, which was shared with other polio survivors. In 1993, Polio Survivors Ireland was set up, as the Post Polio Support Group.

The organisation has grown since with a membership of approximately 1,000 polio survivors, who receive support and access services to assist them in maintaining their independence, particularly as they age. Late Effects of Polio and Post Polio Syndrome can cause previously active survivors to lose mobility and to struggle with customary daily tasks, as well as an extreme intolerance to cold. It is estimated that as many as 7,000 people who had polio live in Ireland and are increasingly impacted by the Late Effects of Polio as they age. We provide help, information, aids, appliances and therapies to those who have needs relating to polio, in order to help survivors live out their lives with dignity. We work to raise awareness of the issues faced by polio survivors and to educate medical professionals, social care providers and health policy makers about the reality for all those still impacted by the legacy of polio.

For more information: www.polio.ie | info@ppsg.ie | 01 889 89 20 | or sign our new National Polio Register to create strength in numbers - https://polio.ie/national-polio-register/



Maynooth Tidy Towns will commence work in March on our 2019 campaign to keep the Gold Medal.

Our AGM was held on 24th January and was well attended. The officers were returned without change.

We held our first committee meeting on 14th February and 2 new committee members joined our ranks, namely Breege Conway and Mary Connolly, MTT set up a number of sub-committees to help with various tasks.

Dara Wyer gave a very interesting talk on what you should put in your various bins. The main thing was all glass bottles should be recycled in the Recycling centres around the town. The booklet will be available from Maynooth Library in due course.(Waste Prevention and recycling-Tricks and Tips).



Some of our committee members attended the Annual Tidy Towns Conference in Trim. Some of the subjects discussed were Boidiveristy and Sustainability and waste product.

WEEE Ireland will be in Maynooth on Saturday 23rd March from 10am to 4pm in the Tesco Carpark for recycling of any item with a plug or battery.

Looking forward to seeing you all on St. Patrick`s Day in the Parade. We are again joining with Zero-waste Maynooth for our Float.

National Spring Clean up will be held on Saturday 27th April. Further information to follow.

If your residents association wish to receive National Spring Clean up pack please contact An Taisce.

Volunteers have started back on Saturday 23rd February with their clean up on Saturday mornings starting time is 10am meet at Courthouse Square. Also Sunday morning clean ups will commence on March 17th @ 7.45am, meet at the Courthouse Square.

Work continues on the Sensory Garden adjacent to the Pastrol Centre.



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

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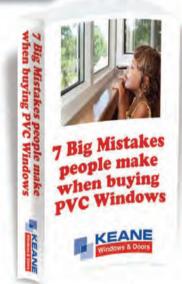
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Our season has gathered pace again after our recent mid-season interval. Games are coming thick and fast on the league and cup fronts.

Recent results include:

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup Round of 16: Malahide 1 - Town 2

Maynooth scorers: Eoin McDermott & Mark Colgan This result propels us into the quarter finals of this competition which we proudly won last season against all the odds.

Leinster Senior League: Senior Div. 1 Results: Home Farm 0 - Town 1

Darragh Reynor headed the winner from an

excellently placed Cillian Duffy corner.

Leinster Senior League: Senior Div. 1 Results: Town 4 – Glebe North 2

Town paved the way for this excellent win with a performance of sheer class which overran the visitors in the first half with three superb goals without reply. Glebe pulled a goal back early in the second half, but Town restored their three goal advantage soon after a late Glebe penalty closed the scoring.

Maynooth scorers: Darragh Reynor 2, Darragh Gannon 1, Conor Foley 1.

Leinster Senior League: Senior Div. 1 Results: T.E.K. Utd 1—Town 2

Town ground out a hard fought win on a very heavy

pitch to maintain their unbeaten league record. Goals by Conor Dunne and Cillian Duffy sealed a deserved victory.

Leading Scorers:

Darragh Reynor - 16
Eoin McDermott - 13
Conor Foley - 7
Cillian Duffy - 4
Jake Corrigan - 2
Daniel Burke - 2



Several other players have chipped in with their own single contributions.

Our goals for tally stands at sixty with twenty-two conceded from twenty-three games

	Leinster Senior League Division 1 Sunday								
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Maynooth University Town FC	16	13	3	0	45	13	32	42
2	Wayside Celtic	17	11	5	1	32	13	19	38
3	Edenderry Town	18	11	5	2	34	18	16	38
4	Tullamore Town	16	9	1	6	27	25	2	28
5	Glebe North	14	8	3	3	41	24	17	27
6	Home Farm FC	17	7	4	6	24	15	9	25
7	Leixlip United FC	15	6	5	4	24	19	5	23
8	Dublin Bus	16	5	3	8	23	27	-4	18
9	Glenville FC	15	3	6	6	15	26	-11	15
10	UCD AFC	17	3	5	9	18	27	-9	14
11	Newtown Rangers AFC	14	2	5	7	20	31	-11	11
12	Tek United	17	1	8	8	18	33	-15	11
13	Greystones United AFC	17	2	5	10	19	36	-17	11
14	Drumcondra/Stella Maris	17	1	4	12	12	45	-33	7

Outings for Maynooth Golf Society 2019

Saturday March 9th - Athy Golf Club

Saturday April 6th - Grange Castle G.C.

May 17th/18th - Weekend Away to Athlone staying n the Prince of Wales hotel and playing New Forest and Glasson G. C.

Friday 21st June - Killeen Golf Club

Saturday 20th July - Coolattin Golf Club (Captains Day)

Saturday 17th August - Trim Golf Club

September - To be confirmed

October - To be confirmed

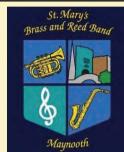
Saturday 9th November - Trim Golf Club (Scramble)

We would also like to welcome our new Captain John Saults and our new Vice Captain Eamonn Murphy.

New members are always welcome. Please text 089-4906510 for more information. Niall Murphy

St Mary's Brass and Reed Band

The Band is heading in to one of our busiest periods of the year with three parades on St. Patrick's Day, Maynooth at 11am, Kilcock at 1.30pm and Clane at 3pm We were also asked for the first time to play at the parade



in Celbridge but unfortunately we would not have managed to get from Clane for the 4oc start, maybe next year.

Our concert with the Parish Choir scheduled for a date in March clashed with an event that the Parish Choir had already arranged so the new date is Sunday 14th April at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Church. This concert is similar to the one performed in the College Chapel last February but we hope to have some additional items this time and it promises to be a very enjoyable evening. Tickets are only €10 and they will be available from The Parish Office, Maynooth Bookshop, any Band or Choir members 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 Paddy at 087 2537 906 if you need any further details.



The Band at Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade 2018



Peter Hamilton Green Party County Council Candidate

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Green Party Update

Public Meeting: Tuesday March 12th, 8pm, Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth

There Is another way!

Our society is at a critical cross-roads. Our children are now telling us about the changes we need to make if we want to pass on a better world to them and to their children. Changing direction is a challenge, but The Green Party believes it can be done. We believe there is another way.

We are hosting a public meeting on Tuesday March 12th to introduce the Green Party Team for North Kildare and for the MEP elections and **to discuss practical solutions to these challenges**.

- Maynooth resident and author of Climate Generation Lorna Gold will describe the challenges involved in passing down a safe and healthy planet for the next generations.
- Roderic O'Gorman, Green Party National Chairperson will describe new approaches for transportation and town planning.
- The Maynooth Works team will describe models for more local jobs and local business development in our community and for reducing the time we spend commuting.
- Gavin Harte from the FutureFit consulting service to the Sustainable Energy
 Authority of Ireland, will talk about how we can power our homes and businesses
 in much more sustainable ways and how our communities can benefit from energy
 reduction initiatives.

Introducing your local area representative Peter Hamilton

Peter has been a Maynooth resident since 1998. He is currently deputy chair of the Kildare Greens, and has been an active Green Party member for over 5 years. He is a member of the Maynooth Community Council. He is founder and chair of the Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community and founder of the Kildare County Sustainable Energy Network K-SELF.

Peter has strong experience and understanding of business and enterprise with 35 years'

experience in the technology industry. He is currently an entrepreneur working from Maynooth on two start-up companies in the education technology area. The North Kildare Green Party team have strong belief in the central importance of clean, high integrity and forward-looking business in our area.

Peter was also one of the founders of Lucan Educate Together, the first Educate Together school in the Dublin West area. This community action provided a first-hand experience of what a small and dedicated group can do to drive positive change. Today more than 3000 children attend four Educate Together primary schools in Lucan.

Commuters' Charter

Transportation and commuting are very important challenges in our North Kildare communities. Peter was a contributing author of the Green Party National Commuter Charter. The charter supports improvements in rail and bus capacity, better bus links, and safe cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. Peter brought a clear motion to National Congress in 2018 on commuter belt transport, raising the profile of our area and bringing our local voice to the national planning process in the Dáil. As a regular commuter to Dublin using the train system Peter is very aware of the strengths and weaknesses of our commuting infrastructure.

For Maynooth and Kilcock we are calling for important changes to improve the quality of our lives and reduce the number of cars on our roads:

- A frequent fast electrified train service for Maynooth and Kilcock
- New orbital bus routes connecting our North Kildare and West Dublin communities
- Park and ride facilities in the right places
- Safe clean Greenways that take students to school and people to shops
- The completion of the Mill Street Maynooth upgrade in 2019 to make this dangerous and congested route safe for all pedestrians.
- A joined up pedestrian way from Moyglare estates to schools

Maynooth Strikes for Climate Action – Friday March 15th

The second strike for climate action will take place in Maynooth Square on Friday March 15th at 1pm. The first event took place on February 8th inspired by Lorna Gold of Trócaire and author of Climate Generation. This movement was started by Swedish student Greta Thunberg and has spread rapidly all around the world. Join us to make this a regular event in Maynooth.

Zero Waste Maynooth

Soft plastics!!! Very hard to avoid and non-recyclable in Ireland! But while we are waiting for the supermarket to come up with better packaging, there is an alternative to the black bin for soft plastics. And that is building an ecobrick!



Pat (from Reuzi.ie) is a collection point for ecobricks for Seal Rescue Ireland. She has written the explanation below and will be at our next event on Saturday, March 9th to answer any questions you might have!

What is an ecobrick?

An ecobrick is a plastic bottle stuffed solid with used, clean and dry non-biodegradable waste to create a reusable building block - think those flimsy plastic bags used to carry fruit & veg, cling film, biscuit and candy wraps, etc.

Ecobricks can also be packed with other non-biological un-recyclables that, uncontained, are toxic to the environment (i.e. styrofoam, wires, to name a few).

The guys at @sealrescueireland say "you'll be surprised how much you can fit into one bottle" and that's so true!

Eco-bricks are used to make modular furniture, garden spaces and full-scale buildings such as schools and houses.

BUILDING AN ECOBRICK IS EASY!

1) Save dry, clean, non-biodegradable, non-recyclable materials such as foil from tea bags, crisps and sweets, old photos, styrofoam bits, fruit & veg plastic wrappers, wax paper, cling film, plastic tags, packaging stickers and tape

- 2) Find clean 1.75ml or 2L fizzy drink bottles with a lid
- 3) Use a stick or the skinny side of a wooden spoon to press the waste into the bottle

4) Fill the bottle tightly to the top with compressed matter (it should feel really robust!)

5) Put the lid back on and pat yourself on the back - you have just built an ecobrick!

DROP IT OFF!

When your ecobricks are ready, get in touch via email at pat@reuzi.ie and we will arrange the best date/time for you to drop your bricks at our HQ.



We are based in Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 2.

OR ELSE...

Why not build a small table or a stool chair with your ecobricks?

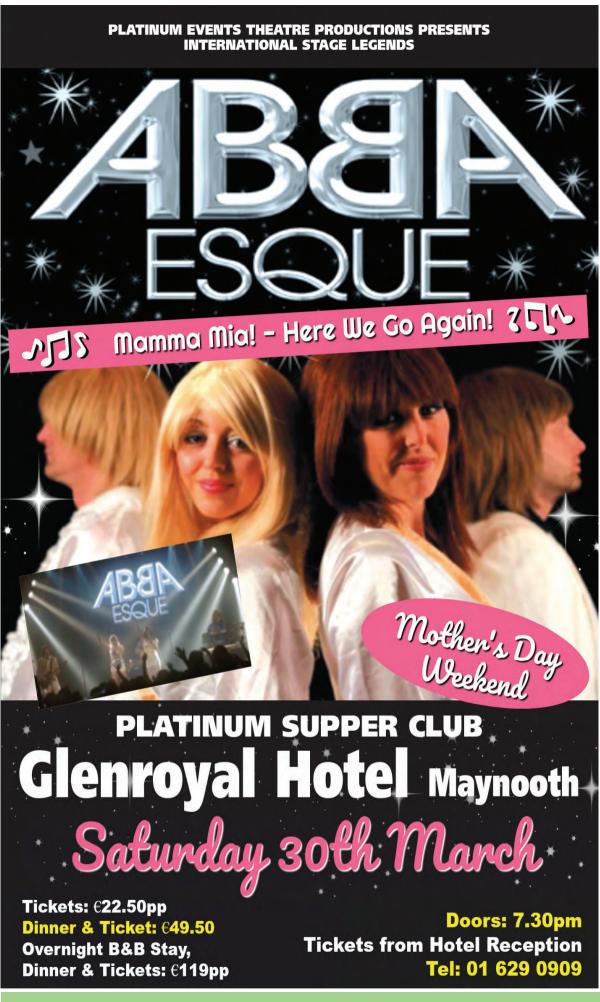
Eco brick demo at 3pm on Saturday, March 9th in the Community Space, Maynooth.

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

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date!





MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB Programme for 2019

All meetings to be held at 8 pm on 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth (except where otherwise stated)

Exhibits should be staged by 7.45 pm

VISITORS WELCOME

March 19th:

Demononstrators: E. Conlon & M. Murphy

April 12th—14th:

AOIFA National Competition & Social Weekend in Kinsale.

April 16th:

Annual Spring Show in the Glenroyal Hotel

May 21st:

Recycling & Environmental Workshop with N. Kalvas

May 30th -June 3rd:

Bloom 2019—details later

June 18th

Demonstrator: Jenny Murphy

June 29th:

Annual Outing to Gardens Co. Wicklow details later

September 7th Saturday:

Day School on Petite & Miniature with A. Cooney

Sentember 17th

Demonstrator: Margaret Mulchinock

October 15th—AGM at 7.30

Garden talk with M. Keenan of Gash Gardens

November 19th:

Christmas Gala with Richard Haslam

December 3rd:

Club Members Night

Contact: Moira Baxter - Phone: 086 4041927



Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Advertisers, Contributors and Readers







How to make your own Eco Friendly cleaning Products

If you want your home to be clean, but at the same time don't really want a cocktail of chemicals in the air that you breathe or the surfaces that you prepare food on, you can easily make a number of eco friendly products to use instead of other damaging chemical household cleaners. A lot of cleaners contain ammonia, which is irritating to the lungs and can cause rash and burns. The same is true of the chlorine in most commercial dishwashing detergents. Read on to learn how to avoid all these damaging products, but still keep your house and appliances looking clean and working like new.



If you can use organic oils to make homemade cleaning products like Lavender, lemon, sweet orange etc. as well as smelling great, they're organic so there are no hidden chemicals in them. Next, you'll need a bottle or two of white vinegar. Vinegar is a key component in making homemade cleaning products. You do get a smell of vinegar, but that completely disappears once dry and you're left with a very light and pleasant scent of the essential oils.

Kitchen Cleaner

Add some drops of lemon oil and lavender oil to a 50/50 solution of cooled boiled water and vinegar. Lemon is a great degreaser and lavender has brilliant antibacterial properties.



Air Freshener

Commercial air fresheners mask smells and coat nasal passages to diminish the sense of smell. In contract, the formulas below absorb and remove odours for a healthier breath of fresh air

Baking soda or vinegar with lemon juice in small dishes absorbs odours around the house. Houseplants help reduce odours in the home. Some are also capable of removing toxins. Grind up a slice of lemon to freshen the bins.

Place bowls of fragrant dried herbs and flowers in room. You can dry your own flowers, herbs, and leaves to use for potpourri by laying them out in a cool, dry place. Once they're dry enough to be brittle (but not so dry they fall apart), mix them with a few drops of your favourite essential oil and you'll have a beautiful fragrant potpourri to set out anywhere in your home. Experiment with a mix of flowers, herbs, spices, and oils to find the fragrance you like best!

Cleaning Toilet Bowls

This is an area that can easily be kept clean with eco friendly products. Put about a quarter of a cup of borax in the toilet bowl and let it remain there overnight. If you want instant results, put a half cup of borax in a gallon of water and use that solution to clean up the toilet bowl.



Glass Cleaner

In a spray bottle, mix together:

1 part warm water

1 part white vinegar

Spray on glass to clean streaks and even mildew. Use a newspaper to clean the glass. This is guaranteed to remove all the stains and have your glass gleaming.

If you are sensitive to vinegar, make an equally effective solution with 2 tbsp. lemon juice & 4 cups warm water

Clogged Drains

Clogging of drains is a constant problem for most householders. You can make your own eco-friendly drain cleaner instead of using those store products that contain a lot of unfriendly substances. Use boiling water to dissolve:

1 cup baking soda

1 cup vinegar

Pour the resultant mixture down the drain that is clogged. Leave it for some time, and then flush out the drain with hot tap water. Continue the treatment till the clog breaks and flush the drain with the hot water. If you then flush the drain once a week with some boiling water, your drain will remain unclogged for a long time

A Cleaner for Everything

Add together:

4 cups warm water

1 tsp. liquid soap

1 tsp. borax

1/4 cup white vinegar

Mix in a spray bottle and use to clean floors, walls, countertops and even carpets and upholstery. This is a general purpose cleaner that is eco-friendly and does not contain ammonia or other chemicals that cleaners normally include.

The objective of cleaning is not just to clean, but to feel happiness living within that environment



Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

We celebrated Valentine's day in style on Sunday February 17th. There was a huge crowd in attendance with visitors from all the surrounding areas.

Love was certainly in the air and we congratulate Morris and Ena Burke who won the prize for the most romantic couple. Well done to all who entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Our next tea-dance will take place on Sunday March 31st. As this will be our

St. Patrick's event we will celebrate all things green. Meanwhile can I remind you that our AGM will take place on Tuesday March 5th at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall and we would love to see some new members join our committee. So do come along and see if it is for you.

Our annual collection will take place on the 9th and 10th of March and we would ask you to be as generous as you always have been and I thank you in anticipation.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the families of Tom Simon, Val McCahey, Jim Connolly and Kathleen Flynn all of whom died recently.

COMMITTEE

Suaimhneas agus Síocháin dóibh.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.





Daffodil Day Friday 22nd March 2019!

Join thousands of people across **Ireland** in the fight against cancer this March by supporting **Daffodil Day** on streets, at your office and in shopping centres or events in your communities



HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE



01:00am - Sunday 31st March



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

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Good news for pensioners who had a reduced pension award post 2012.

Since January 2018, the Government announced a new calculation method for state pension (contributory) and the main change is the introduction of new HomeCaring Periods for people born on or after 1 September 1946, who were awarded state pension (contributory) based on reduced post Budget 2012 rate bands. That means any person who receives less than the full pension which is €243 per week.

Many women who retired post 2012 will be eligible for review. The changes to Social Welfare legislation in 2012 were awarded reduced pensions where they had spent a period of time at home caring for either children or a person that is unwell.

Since the end of September 2018, the Department of Employment and Social Protection started to examine the social insurance records of pensioners born on or after 1 September 1946 who were awarded state pension (contributory) on reduced post Budget 2012 rate bands.

Information letters should have been issued to those pensioners explaining the change. If you have not received a letter you can still apply for a review.

All of the claims involved will be individually examined, starting with those aged 71 or over. Additional information is being requested in writing from pensioners in relation to unexplained gaps in their social insurance record.

The first review outcomes will be notified during Quarter 1 2019. Regardless of when a review is completed, where a pensioner qualifies for an increase, the increase will be paid with their next due payment, together with arrears backdated to March 2018, or their 66th birthday, if later. If a pensioner does not qualify for an increase, they will continue to receive their existing rate of payment. No personal pension entitlement rates will be reduced as a result of this review.

Due to the numbers involved, the process will take a number of months to complete.

The Department is encouraging people to register with their on-line service. In cases where an applicant is not comfortable with the system, paper forms will be made available to my constituency office in the next few weeks.

A form can be sent to you directly when the forms become available at the end of February. To request an application form directly from the Department, please call 071 911 3680

Details of HomeCaring periods will be the information that the Department will require in order to assess if an increase to the pension can be awarded. Up to 1,040 HomeCaring Periods (equivalent to 20 years) may be added to your pension calculation.

HomeCaring periods include time a person may have spent out of the workforce

- Caring for a child or children up to age 12
- Caring for a child or children over 12 years of age if they needed an increased level of care
- Looking after an adult who needed an increased level of care.

Only one person can benefit from one HomeCaring period for one named adult or child at a time up to the maximum of 20 years.

If you have any enquiries in relation to this scheme, please contact me at my constituency office on 01 615 6625.

Maynooth School Project

The recent developments with the Maynooth School Project continue to be a source of serious concern and I have continued asking parliamentary questions of the Minister about the issue. As it stands the delivery of the campus project has been devolved to the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB).

The latest reply I have received from the Minister says that he understands that the project will be going to tender very shortly with a view to getting on site in the early summer with the target for students starting in the school in September 2020.

I have also spoken directly to the Minister on the issue and have emphasised the importance of the Department providing temporary accommodation for the students for this coming September. It is very important that the Minister now public confirms he will address that need.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 22/01/2018 to 21/02/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
19170	Kildare County Council	Southport New Homes Limited	Lyreen Lodge, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth,, Co. Kildare.	22/02/2019
19161	Kildare County Council	Glashaglen Limited,	No. 31 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	21/02/2019
19163	Kildare County Council	The Minister for Education and Skills,	Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	21/02/2019
19140	Kildare County Council	Glashaglen Limited,	31 Temple Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	15/02/2019
19139	Kildare County Council	Lagan Homes Ireland Limited,	Barberstown Road/Maynooth Road, Straffan, Co. Kildare.	15/02/2019
19130	Kildare County Council	Grainne & James Johnston	No.70 Railpark, Maynooth, Co.Kildare.	13/02/2019
19121	Kildare County Council	Damien Doyle	Pike Bridge, Rail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/02/2019
1979	Kildare County Council	Eamon Groome	3 Beaufield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. W23 H9K7	30/01/2019
1972	Kildare County Council	Peter Murphy & Laura Reidy	Site No.24 Templewood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co.Kildare.	29/01/2019
1947	Kildare County Council	Andrew Brown,	48 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/01/2019



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Ó Cearúil to seek Fianna Fáil Nomination for Europe

Maynooth councillor, Naoise Ó Cearúil is to seek the Fianna Fáil nomination to contest May's European elections. Kildare falls under the Midlands North-West constituency.

Ó Cearúil has been asked by the party and it's members to contest the election;

"Last week I announced to Fianna Fáil members in Kildare that I was considering putting my name forward. I've been approached by members from around the country asking me to put my name forward. I had to think it through properly before announcing my intentions. After careful consideration and consultation with supporters, we believe that my candidacy would bring a new dimension to Fianna Fáil.'

"My priority remains to get re-elected to Kildare County Council and to continue representing the people of the Maynooth Municipal District. The opportunity to contest the European elections is something that doesn't come around often. It's been humbling to see the amount of people around the country asking me to contest convention. Bringing Kildare's issues and Ireland's issues to the heart of Europe would be an honour."

"The majority of sitting MEP's and candidates will claim that they will tackle and address issues that have no place in the European Parliament. They are pulling the wool over the electorate's eyes. I aim to bring tangible and real results as an MEP.

Most of the political debate at the moment resolves around this Government reacting to controversies created by themselves. They are ignoring the devastation that is coming down the tracks. Climate change is the single biggest issue facing us as a society and the Government is sitting on it's hands. We are well behind our carbon emissions targets and what's worse is that those in power don't seem to care. As an MEP, I will work with European colleagues to find genuine solutions that will make governments take action because frankly our government is asleep at the wheel. We need to strengthen the EU Emissions Trading System for example"

Ó Cearúil has also outlined how the inequality of grant allocations needs to be tackled;

"Why is it that the harder you work, the harder it is to get any type of grant? We have families and single people who genuinely want to reduce their carbon footprint by insulating their homes. They look to get a grant to do so and are offered a measly few hundred euro that then means they can't afford to go through with it. On the flip side, someone who doesn't work get's the entire grant and get's it done for free. How is that fair?

I will work in Europe to get grants afforded to everyone equally. If we are serious about reducing our carbon

footprint, then everybody should be afforded the same grants."

He finished by saying his experience as a county councillor means that he wants to make Europe accessible to

"The EU can be seen sometimes as this large bureaucratic organisation. We need to break down bills and directives and explain in normal language what they mean to everybody. We've had enough of acronyms and numbers; I will have information campaigns on issues that will affect Maynooth business campus, they are the patron for most Irish citizens. Furthermore, if elected, I will move my constituency office around the country to be in tune with local issues in every county. It's time to bring local issues to Europe and European issues to local communities." Ó Cearúil finished by saying, "It's time to shake-up Fianna Fáil, it's time to put our faith in a new generation and it's time that we all stand up to Climate Change." The Fianna Fáil selection convention for the Midlands North-West has yet to be announced and Ó Cearúil must

Protest and Petition for Garda Station organised by

at the Ard Fheis in Citywest this weekend.

now lay out his pitch to Fianna Fáil members, starting off

There has been a petition and a protest march organised in Maynooth to raise awareness over the unprecedented number of burglaries in the area and to call for a full time Garda station.

Maynooth has been the subject of unprecedented attacks by burglars over the past number of weeks. It is the only town in the country with a University. This means that the town has an additional population of 12,000 which is not accounted for in the census figures and all the additional issues that 12,000 people bring with it. It is looking at an even bigger population with the increase in houses in the

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has started an online petition to demand a full time Garda station for the town and is arranging a march on Saturday the 2nd of March to coincide with marches in Leixlip and Celbridge. The march will take place at 2pm and start at the Square in Maynooth and finish at the Maynooth Garda station.

"We need to all work together and demand a full time Garda Station and resources for our town and our area" said Cllr. Ó Cearúil

NEW GAELSCOIL FOR MAYNOOTH

The Department of Education and Skills have announced that An Foras Pátrúnachta have been awarded the patronage of the new primary school in Maynooth that is due to open in September this year. The Department have said that they are actively looking for a suitable location for the school.

Parents in the town had a significant input into the awarding of the patronage as they had the opportunity to vote on their preference through a departmental website. Other bodies that applied for the patronage include; the KWETB, Scoil Caitríona, the Church of Ireland and Educate Together.

An Foras Pátrúnachta are an Irish language patron based in Gaelscoils in the Country. Commenting on the matter, Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil said,

"Naturally I'm delighted that the parents of Maynooth and the Department have decided that there should be a second Gaelscoil in the town. My parents established Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich in the town in the 90's and it has grown to such an extent that there is a large waiting list. This decision means that education through the medium of Irish is now more accessible to everybody. This announcement, along with the announcement that a Gaelcoláiste is to be established in 2019 shows the strength of Gaeilge in our community." "Tá an-áthas orm faoi seo agus dearbhaíonn sé go bhfuil Maigh Nuad mar cheann do phríomh bhaillte le Gaeilge

Maynooth Thriving Commercially

The latest study of commercial vacancy rates shows that Maynooth continues to be one of the most attractive towns in Ireland in which to do business, according to Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil.

The report is generally good news for Co. Kildare, as the commercial premises vacancy rate is below the national average and particularly for Maynooth, which has one of the lowest vacancy rates in Ireland. Leixlip and Celbridge appear to be doing well and this shows how the North East of the County is doing well from a commercial point of view. While the national vacancy rate is 13.2%, Kildare at 13% is just below the national average. Maynooth at 7.9% is the town with the second lowest vacancy rate in Ireland just behind Greystones. Celbridge comes out well with 10.6% and Leixlip is a bit behind with 13.3%. Commercial premises vacancy is a good indicator as to how a town is performing economically. The Geoview survey is a joint initiative of An Post and Ordinance Survey and is quite accurate. Naoise said, "This survey confirms Maynooth as one of Ireland's leading and most progressive business towns and we know locally that there is a strong demand for commercial space. Maynooth has lower commercial vacancy rates than many affluent parts of Dublin, including Dublin 2 and 4. We need to continue to provide the infrastructure to meet that demand."



St Patrick's Day Recipes

Warm up with some Traditional Irish Recipes after a cold day watching the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Main Course **Traditional Irish stew** Serves 6

Ingredients:

2 tbsp rapeseed oil

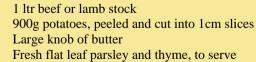
1 kg lamb shoulder, trimmed and cut into 2.5cm chunks

2 onions, peeled and roughly chopped

3 celery stalks, trimmed and sliced

1 bay leaf

4 large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped



Method:

Place a large, flame proof casserole dish over a high heat, add 1 tablespoon of the oil and brown the lamb in two batches.

Remove and set aside on a plate. Lower the heat to medium-high then add another tablespoon of oil and fry the onion, celery and carrot until the onions have softened. Preheat the oven to 160°C / 325°F / Gas mark 3.

Return the meat to the dish then add the bay leaf, stock and season with salt and ground black pepper and bring to the boil.

Remove from the heat and add the slices of potato to the stew, dot with a little butter and season again with salt and ground black pepper.

Cover and cook for about 1½ hours or until the meat is tender, then remove the lid and cook for a further 10 minutes until the potatoes have coloured. Scatter with some fresh parsley, thyme and serve.





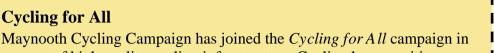
MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN



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St Patrick's Day Parade



support of high quality cycling infrastructure. Cycling has a positive impacts on 11 of the 15 UN Sustainable Development Goals and Irish political parties of all persuasions have called for increased cycling to remedy a range of problems in society ranging from congestion, to unhealthy communities, environmental problems and climate change.

Despite central government and local authorities providing cycle infrastructure for nearly twenty years, the level of cycling is in 2019 is much the same as it was in 2000.

Why is this? Learning from places where intervention by government has succeeded, there are two main reasons – provision of adequate funding and high quality infrastructure. Maynooth Cycling Campaign, in partnership with Cyclist.ie, already campaigns in favour of increased funding through the #Allocate4Cycling campaign. Now as part of Cycling for All, we are joining a campaign which primarily focuses on quality.

The main elements include

- . Space
- Priority
- . Continuity and Quality
- . Permeability
- . Contra-flow for cycling
- . Integration and connectivity

Further information on the above is available at http://cyclingforall.ie/solution/.

The campaign also looks for funding for walking and cycling amounting to at least 20% of the national capital transport budget every year. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the United Nations Environment Programme and is consistent with the #A llocate4Cycling target of 10% of capital funding for cycling.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign urges all members, if they have already not done so, to sign the *Cycling for All* petition at https://my.uplift.ie/petitions/

Carton Avenue

cycling-for-all-in-ireland. In due course we will also be contacting councillors and prospective councillors asking them to sign up to the principles of

Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Cycling for All.

Now from the sublime to the ridiculous – Carton Avenue. Although the measures taken to date are in line with council policy, Kildare County Council continues to dither over completion of the works at Carton Avenue.

The issue was discussed at the February meeting of the Kildare Cycle Forum and the general view is that what is proposed will lead to problems. We consider three measures should be carried out.

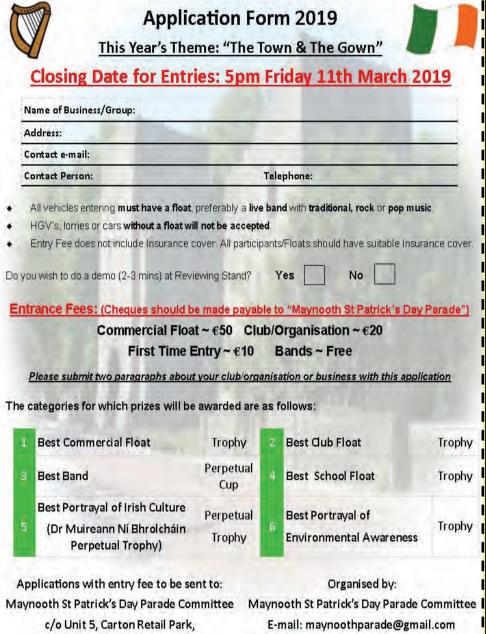
- 1. The width of the new path on the Avenue side of the gateway/bridge (ie after the gateway) should be reduced to 3m.
- 2. The new path should join the existing at right angles (and with a slight flair) instead of the unsightly fork.
- 3. Further works are required within the estate in order to correct substandard construction.

Now You See Me, RTE 1 Mondays 7:30pm

RTE 1 has been broadcasting a new four part programme on cycling at 7:30pm on Mondays. As well as looking at cycling in Ireland, it also looks at the experience in a number of different European cities and shows how they have succeeded in providing a safe environment for their cyclists. If you missed it first time round, catch it on the RTE Player!

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.





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February Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

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

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 20th March, all day

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

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

Special Events

Seachtain na Gaeilge:

The Maamtrasna Murders: Language, Life and Death in Nineteenth Century Ireland talk by Professor Margaret Kelleher.

Tuesday 5th March 7-8 pm

Margaret Kelleher is Professor and Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama at University College Dublin, the UCD academic lead for the Museum of Literature Ireland (MoLI), a collaboration between UCD and the National Library of Ireland which will open to the public at Newman House, St Stephen's Green in summer 2019. Margaret Kelleher will discuss her recently published work, which tells the story of the murdered, those of the wrongly convicted, and above all, those of a community whose people abandoned one language and adopted another (Professor Brendán Mac Suibhne)' .A review of Professor Margaret Kelleher's 'The Maamtrasna Murders: Language, Life and Death in Nineteenth Century Ireland' in The Irish Times praised the book and said 'Margaret Kelleher illuminates not just a series of tragedies, but also the bilingual Ireland often forgotten in our narrative of language change'

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Irish Showbands

Presented by Pat McGee Tuesday, 12th March 2019 at 6.30pm

Do you remember the Showband Era? Those carefree days when a visit to the local dancehall was a weekly adventure, eagerly awaited. Did you have a favourite showband? Do

you have fond memories of your favourite dancehall? Relive some of those wonderful days again by coming along to Maynooth Community Library on Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 6.30pm for a presentation on "Showband Days" by Pat McGee. This presentation will include live performances, still photographs and personal memories of those popular days.

Booking required

Keeping your kids safe online

Presented by Cybersafe Ireland Tuesday 14th March 7.00pm

As parents of young children, we can see on a daily basis how technology is going to play an increasingly important part of their futures. It will be used more widely in schools and even a fairly basic mobile phone these days will allow a child the ability to take risks almost unthinkable 20 years ago. We want our children to be able to embrace the opportunities for learning and enjoyment that technology can deliver, but we recognise that as parents and educators we have a responsibility to equip them with the tools to stay safe and avoid harm. We believe that everybody can play a role in keeping children safe online, including children themselves. Education is a key part of the solution and both schools and parents have a vital role to play in supporting children to be safe online. Our parents' talk runs Saturday 9th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm 5- 8 year olds for 1 hour with additional time for Q&A. Interactive throughout, we cover a range of topics, including discussions on social media apps & games that children are using, associated risks, and useful strategies for parents. Contact library to book.

Knit 2 together: Expression of interest

Thursday 7th and 21st March 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

Ukulele meet up for beginners of all ages

Saturday 23rd March 3:30pm

Come and share your knowledge or just get support as you learn the ukulele. This Ukulele support group will be a meeting of like minded ukulele players helping each other improve and learn new moves.

All welcome.

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 inclass. Experience is helpful though not essential.

Booking required

Children's Events Family Friendly Board Game mornings

Saturday 2nd March, 10 – midday

Join Maynooth library at our family friendly board game mornings.

Have a digital detox and enjoy some old fashioned fun in our newly refurbished multipurpose zone. 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.

Make a rocket Art & Craft

This is a fun art and craft where children will be allowed to explore the theme of Space Exploration and build their own rocket using items which you can find around the home such as kitchen towel rolls and tinfoil. Get ready for blast off!

Booking Required

St. Patrick's Day Art& Craft

Friday 15th March 3.30 pm- 4.30 pm 5-8 year olds Get ready for the St. Patrick's Day parade with this fun art and craft where children will make 3-D shamrock decorations, flags and other festival decorations using card, colored paper and other art and craft materials.

Booking Required

Kids Secret Cinema

Saturday 23rd March 2.30–4.00 pm

This month's film tells the story of a group of Superheroes who join together to prevent the destruction of the world brick by brick. Rated G.

No booking required.

Story Time

Story time

Friday 1st March 10am – 11am for 2-5 year old

This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler. Colouring pages will be provided. Story time for 2-5 year olds.

No booking required.

Down on the Farm Story time

Friday 8th March 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year old

This week's stories are all about the work that happens on the farm at this time of year and the different animals which you can meet down on the farm! Join in with some fun rhymes and songs as well. Colouring pages will be provided. This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler.

No booking required.

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Events at Maynooth Community Library (cont)

St. Patrick's Day Story time

Friday 15th March 10am - 11am for 2-5 year old

This week's stories' are all about St. Patrick's Day. Get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and join in the festival fun. Join in with some festive rhymes and songs as well. Coloring pages will be provided.

No booking required.

Story time

Friday 22nd March 10am – 11am for 2-5 year old

This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler. Colouring pages will be provided. No Booking Required.

Mother's Day Story time

Friday 29nd March 10am – 11am for 2-5 year old

This week's stories are all about celebrating our mums, grandmothers and all mothers on Mother's Day. Join in with some fun songs and rhymes 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

Thursday 14th and 28th March 10 am-12 noon

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

All welcome. No booking required.

Thursday 7th and 21st March, 6pm – 7:45pm

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

No booking required.

Maynooth Women's Group

Saturday 2nd and 23rd March, 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.

No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group

Tuesday 5th March, 6:15pm

Tuesday 19th March, 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 2nd and 23rd March, 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

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 27th March 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 12th March 6.30pm-7.30pm

This month, the Readers of the Lost Ark Book Club will be discussing 'OneWay' by SJ Morden, a tale of' Eight

Astronauts, One Killer and No Way Home'.

New members always welcome. Please contact the library for further details.

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 14th March, 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 26th March Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm

All are welcome to come watch the film on March 26th at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. March's pick will be from Quentin Tarantino's cult favourite crime caper from 1997.

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday the 28th March 11am- 12 pm

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

Please contact the library for details.

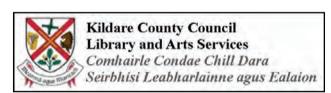
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Please note the ways you can avoid paying fines at your local library:

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John Fleming (Chairman) & Joe Brown (Committee Member) of Maynooth Men's Shed presenting proceeds of the "Live Crib" collection to Peter Greer of St Vincent de Paul on behalf of Parishioners of St Mary's Maynooth



Sunday 31st March 2019



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Birdman of Aswan

When our guide, Khaled, recommended a boat trip to a Nubian village, an extra that would only cost 300 Egyptian pounds (about 38 euro) for two people, my wife and I accepted the offer – though, if truth be told, I had secret reservations. After a flight from Cairo over the Western Desert we had arrived about 11am into the 40°C heat of Aswan and I was looking forward to a relaxed evening aboard our ship, the M.S. Miriam. Instead, we would probably be venturing through sweltering heat into some primitive encampment where we would have to risk upset stomachs from unsanitary food. All right, I'm the classic 'Idiot Abroad' but, if the guidebooks are right, it pays to be wary. Thankfully, the minibus that took us across the old British-built dam and through the city of Aswan with its yellow ochre houses and women in long black robes, or abeyyas, carrying bundles on their heads was air-conditioned.

When we arrived at the Corniche, the road bordering the Nile, and had paid our driver the baksheesh, or tip, recommended by Khaled, we boarded a felucca, a triangular-sailed boat. I expected we would head straight for one of the tourist ships berthed further up but instead we began a leisurely progress back and forth across the river. It was amazing how relaxing that experience turned out to be, just meandering gently about, watching the city with its modern buildings and impressive yellow mosque on one side and a semi-desert world on the other, where the mausoleum of the Aga Khan topped a brown, sandy ridge. A few men in traditional dress worked the lush green area of trees and crops bordering the shore, four or five children splashed about in the water, while, nearby, a buffalo stood half immersed to keep itself cool.

Eventually we were brought to the M.S. Miriam, a large, square fronted vessel three storey high, with a sundeck. I paid the boatman his baksheesh and Khaled led us up a gangplank to the reception desk, where we filled out a form and handed in our passports. After unpacking in our air-conditioned cabin, and checking that the safe was reliable – it had to be readjusted – we had a buffet lunch, opting for fried rice and pasta, while avoiding, no doubt unnecessarily, anything that hadn't been cooked. Then it was time for that Nubian village trip.

We got into a large open boat with an outboard engine, benches on both sides and a canvas canopy to protect passengers from the sun. Khaled didn't come with us but the owner, Mohamed Arabi, a swarthy, middle-aged Nubian with short coarse hair and mustache, dressed in shirt and trousers, seemed a friendly, down-to-earth sort. There was a young fellow manning the engine and about six other tourists, most of whom, since we were setting out on a common adventure, we quickly got to know.

From the moment we stepped aboard Mohamed impressed us with his warm, engaging personality. On learning we were from Ireland, he even used a number of clearly pronounced Gaelic expressions such as Conas tá tú? He told me he could speak three or four European languages and had published a book on the birds of the region. At first I was inclined to be skeptical but not for long; his knowledge of the flora and fauna of the area was first rate.

We proceeded upriver, heading past Elephantine Island and Kitchener's Island towards the First Cataract north of the old Aswan Dam – since this dam was completed in 1902 the cataract has virtually disappeared. From the start of the journey what most impressed me was the number and variety of birds present. Egyptian Geese flew about or alighted on the water nearby. Ospreys and Marsh Harriers circled overhead. Cattle and Little Egrets – the ones that have recently spread to Ireland – could be seen wading in the shallows, as well as Stilts, Redshanks and a variety of herons: Grey, Purple, Little Herons and Night Herons. We saw two types of kingfisher, Pied and White, occasionally landing on the ropes of a felucca and, later on, everybody was thrilled to glimpse a hoopoe flying into a tree. Swallows were scything past, much like our own but without the chestnut throats, and I asked Mohamed if they migrated. He told me they didn't but that some other birds rested in the area on their way to regions further south. All in all, the abundance and variety of bird species in that stretch of the Nile, an area that has been designated a nature reserve, made the place seem like an aquatic

If the feathered life was spectacular, the flora wasn't far behind. Date palms with ripe yellow fruit, elephant grass, acacia, bamboo and bulrushes were plentiful, while on Kitchener's Island – whose gardens were created by General Kitchener, and are now the Aswan Botanical Gardens – royal palms, mango trees, mimosa, bougainvillea, papyrus, and other exotic plants were visible.

When we had passed this area, Mohamed signalled to his helper to take the boat through a narrow strait winding around a small, bush-covered island. Soon our passage was blocked by another boat with tourists aboard. Once the way ahead was clear we proceeded and, with a triumphant exclamation, Mohamed pointed out a half-grown crocodile basking on a rock. The reptile appeared to be asleep so Mohamed splashed him with water, whereupon he plunged into the river then surfaced to gaze up at us with mild unblinking eyes.

On leaving the crocodile we resumed our journey southward. The landscape on our right was now more austere, a great bare brown hill sweeping down to a flat sandy area with a few green bushes bordering the river's rocky bank. Paw prints –according to Mohamed those of a fox – ascended the hillside like dots on a bare canvas.

Near the base of the hill a line of camels, some with riders, was visible but whether the riders were tourists or locals it was impossible to tell.

The village now came into view, a dozen or so white, single-storey, flat-roofed houses on the western side of the river. Mohamed pointed out the old dam in the distance and told us his own house was located between it and the village – The new High Dam, built by Nasser with Soviet help, lies a further 6 kilometers south and behind it is Lake Nasser, the world's largest manmade lake.

In no time we had disembarked and, with Mohamed leading, made our way down the un paved, dusty street past open-fronted buildings selling mounds of spices, brightly patterned garments and souvenirs. On filing into one of the dwelling houses, past an old lady dressed in a black abeyya, who was sitting on the doorstep, we were immediately struck by the openplan, colourful interior. Birds and green plants had been painted on the living room's plastered walls, which were also decorated with woven circular mats, small stuffed crocodiles and wooden carvings. The ceiling was domed to keep the room cool. On one side there was a table with souvenirs for sale. Benches covered with brightly coloured woolen material were placed against the wall and a small, metal-legged table with a plastic tablecloth and drinking glasses occupied the center of the sandy floor. Another room with a carpeted floor, a rectangular wooden couch and a mural of dancers and tambourine player in colourful wedding costumes was obviously a bedroom cum sitting room. The whole ambience was cool and pleasing.

An old guy, dressed in a white gown or galabea, who looked somewhat resentful, brought in an aluminum kettle, from which Mohamed filled the glasses with hot tea. He then sprinkled mint leaves on top of each. Everybody took a glass but, fearing it mightn't be clean, I, to my shame, didn't drink. Glancing around at the others, I noticed that only one or two were sipping. Mohamed recommended that we buy souvenirs in the house, as they were cheaper than elsewhere. A girl, who had just arrived, could also paint the women with henna 'tattoos', a wedding custom.

In one room there was a small rectangular pit covered with a metal grill. On looking down into it we saw young crocodiles, three or four feet long. These were obviously being kept for the amusement of visitors. This was confirmed when my wife and I ventured into another house filled with German tourists. The owner, also dressed in a white galabea, had lifted a fairly large crocodile out of its metal enclosure and was asking anyone who was brave enough to hold it. A young fellow eventually accepted the challenge, placing his hands gingerly under the white belly while his friends clicked away with their cameras.

This might be the place to mention that there are supposed to be no crocodiles north of the High Dam but Nubians obviously take young crocodiles from Lake Nasser, either to show to visitors or because they still revere Sobek, the crocodile god! — The one we had seen earlier in the Nile must have escaped or been deliberately set free. And the fate of the crocodiles mirrors the fate of the Nubians. These gentle people who once led a pastoral existence had to move north when the old Aswan Dam created a lake that flooded their homes. The High Dam caused further displacement, at least 50,000 Nubians being relocated to government built villages in Upper Egypt. Today a people who once were self-sufficient must make a living from catering to tourists.

Long ago, Nubia, formerly called Kush, had a great civilization. It supplied the pharaohs with incense, ebony, leopard skins, gold and ivory and even ruled Egypt during the 25th Kushite dynasty (747-656 BC). The great temples at Philae and Abu Simbel, which had to be moved and reconstructed because of rising water levels created by the dams, were in the lower part of this kingdom. Its inhabitants were darker skinned than the Egyptians but otherwise both peoples had much in common.

Today, the Nubians are renowned for their folk music, which has been described as 'rhythmic, warm and exotic', and, as the murals in their homes testify, they are highly artistic – It was the latter which made the most vivid impression on me as I had once taken brush and paints to the white walls of our own bedrooms, with highly questionable results! The way the Nubians ventilated their rooms by covering sections of the roofs with loose-woven material over lattice was also striking.

We took a quick walk to the end of the only street, ignoring the invitations of dark-complexioned vendors to purchase bales of cloth, spices, baskets, or small ornaments and trying not to stare at women dressed in black abeyyas, some with their heads and lower faces covered – Obviously, Islam is the established faith in the community. There were some camels, cows and donkeys about and a few motorcars. The simplicity and isolated setting of the village on the West Bank of the Nile conjured up an Irish-speaking village on the bank of the Corrib in which handcrafts and folk culture still flourished. We would have liked to stay longer, but Mohamed had given us just thirty minutes to explore before re-embarking.

As we made our way back downriver past Elephantine Island and Kitchener's Island, Mohamed told me more about himself and his family – one son is an engineer and another is good at languages – and I marveled again that this man who comes from an apparently simple background has achieved so much. He is widely known outside Egypt as the 'Birdman of Aswan'; he rents out a house to tourists as well as acting as a guide and his book on the region's birds is now available for 'twitchers'. What impressed me also was his lack of interest in baksheesh, so I gave him quite a generous tip. Shukran gazeelan (thank you very much), Mohamed, for an unforgettable boat trip.

P.G. Nerney

Introducing Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour Party County Council Candidate

Maynooth Labour Branch have selected Angela Feeney as the Labour Party candidate in the County Council Elections next May following the decision by Councillor John McGinley not to seek re-election.

Cllr. John McGinley has served the people of Maynooth with distinction over the past 26 years and is regarded as one of the finest Councillors to have ever served on Kildare Co. Council. We are pleased that in Angela we can offer the people of Maynooth a candidate who will follow in John's footsteps and who will put the People of Maynooth First in the tradition of the Labour Party serving the Community.

Angela is from an Old Maynooth family, with a long Labour Tradition dating back to Billy Norton's Time. She is heavily involved in her Community through Maynooth Community Council, as Secretary of Old Greenfields Residents Association, Assistant Secretary of the Carton Avenue Preservation Society and has previously served on the Maynooth Playground Committee which successfully lobbied and negotiated the development of the Harbour Field Playground Facilities, and as an elected Parents Representative of the Board of Management of Maynooth Post Primary School.

A former Secretary of Maynooth Labour Branch Angela has actively campaigned along with Cllr. John McGinley and Emmet Stagg on matters affecting the Community of Maynooth. Issues Maynooth Labour Party are working on at present include:

- Primary Care Centre for Maynooth.
- Completion of Maynooth Education Campus and opening of North Kildare Gaelcholaiste.
- Swimming Pool for Maynooth in Partnership with Maynooth University.
- Extension of DART to Maynooth and Completion of Ring Roads.
- Provision of Affordable Housing and Council Housing in Maynooth.
- More Gardaí for Maynooth and more Gardaí on the beat in the Community.

Angela Feeney is your Labour Party Candidate for Kildare County Council and we ask for your support for her.



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



All at the Craobh are looking forward to a busy couple of weeks of music culture and craic in the St. Patrick's Day season, so before we get into details, we would urge everyone to keep an eye out for us in what is set to be a busy March and April.

St Patrick's Day is becoming ever-important as a festival of Irish Culture and we'll be to the fore in parade this year again with a float and our state of the art sound system. As we move through the afternoon, we have a couple of gigs to get through, while at 5 we'll be joining in the rúaile buaile at Maynooth GAA club. To celebrate the day and the revamping of their bar, they are holding a family day after the parade, followed by the All Ireland Club finals and then the yound musicians from Maynoth Comhaltas in a session for 2hrs. This will be followed by a traditional ballad sing-song, where many of Maynooth's finest will strut their stuff – looking forward to it already!

February was broken up somewhat with the wonderful school musical that took

place in the week before the mid-term, but March will see us return full steam ahead!

In other trad news Sharon Shannon was awarded an honorary doctorate in music from NUIG for her outstanding contribution to Irish music. Like many young players in the branch, Sharon learnt her whistle, fiddle and accordion with Comhaltas and cut her teeth in a serious performance context when she participated in a national tour with other young Comhaltas musician. Sharon, who blends traditional and world music in an eclectic mix has collaborated with



Sharon in full flight – a fantastic ambassador of Irish Musicianship

some of the biggest Irish artists including Bono, Sinead O'Connor and Hot House Flower's, Liam Ó'Maonlaí not to mention Christy Moore, Brian Kennedy and international stars such as Mark Knopfler Kirsty MacColl and Elvis Costello. The triple platinum selling star has been recording as a solo artist since 1991 showcasing a unique high-octane approach that appeals to all age groups with her repertoire played last week by our youngest performance. Maith thú Dochtúir!

Preparations and practicing is also beginning for the Kildare Fleadh being hosted again by our southern brethren in Kilteel/Eadestown – the competitions will take place in Coláiste Mhuire Naas from 17th to 19th May. We're set to enter a large pool of candidates also – solo competitors, duos, trios, gruppa cheoil and ceilí band, but for those thinking of entering: Don't practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong!

On the last Sunday in January we had one of our very enjoyable Sunday evening sessions in Maynooth GAA club. Well done to all who turned up and we would emphasise that we welcome all musicians interested in a fun learner session to sample and partake in the music. The next slot will be beginning of March - keep a close eye on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

Again, all are welcome to McMahon's sessions, young or old, and whether branch members or not Go n-éirí an cheoil linn i 2019!

Lots more information on www.ccemhaighnuad.com and Facebook & Twitter (CCEMhaighNuad).

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Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm

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Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.

New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome
Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and
Thursday and new members are always
welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or
new to the age bracket, why not come along
you might enjoy it. You will find us in the
Geraldine Hall on Leinster St.
Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
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New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
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Maynooth Community Space Unit
11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

St Joseph's young Priests Society

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.

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Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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

Maynooth Community Church

1st Floor Manor Mills
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from 10.30am
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ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome. E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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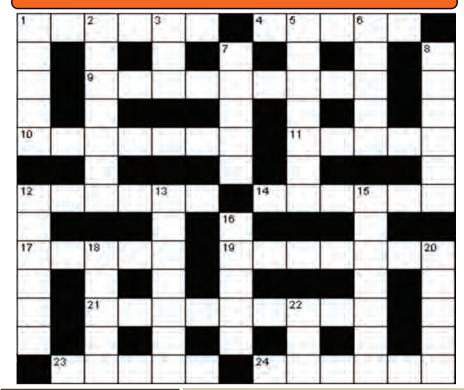
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Clues Across

- 1 Bank employee, who can say (6)
- 4 Balance found in muesli bran (5)
- 9 Crumbling old places fell down (9)
- 10 Not as old as that confused Reno guy (7)
- 11 Plenty of land in tarmac resort (5)
- 12 Opposed to poetry (6)
- 14 Purloins duck between beginning and end of shifts (6)
- 17 Last letter in some e game (5)
- 19 Tolerates some token duress (7)
- 21 Alter code when moved (9)
- 23 One of the Earps, sounds interrogative at first (5)
- 24 Shuffle a paper then come into view (6)



March 2019 Crossword - No. 477

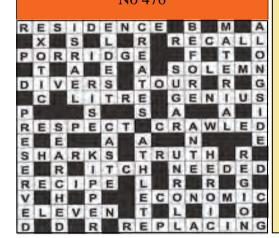


Clues Down

- 1 Sum up tall youth, essentially (5)
- 2 Let cure become a lesson (7)
- 3 Find a fish in a wee lake (3)
- 5 Begins tantrum in a moment (7)
- 6 Palindrome instrument (5)
- 7 Found in large scale drama crowd (5)
- 8 Hesitates to use spa turbulence (6)
- 12 Committee on a ship (6)
- 13 Evidence of injury, allow for redness (7)
- 15 Shorten a river crossing (7)
- 16 Serenity, sounds like part of something greater (5)
- 18 Nobleman with ponytail is before his time (5)
- 20 Grasp earnest weapon, essentially (5)
- 22 High point found in octopus (3)



Solutions to Crossword No 476



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Martin Doyle Railpark Maynooth

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pring Marches forward this month, with longer days and warmer temperatures to encourage many spring flowering shrubs and trees to come into flower and add colour and interest after such a long winter.

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

Plant bare root roses.

bone.

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

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

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

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

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



Prune roses to encourage strong new growth. Remember to wear gardening gloves to protect from thorns.

Sow your flower seeds now so they are ready for planting out in June. Hardy annuals can be sown directly into the soil. Alternatively sow them in pots or module trays for planting out later in the spring.

Begonia tubers that have been started into growth will start to produce new leaves. As leaves appear, pot them up individually.

Hardwood cuttings taken last year may need planting or potting on now.

Prune early flowering Clematis once the flowers have finished and Summer flowering start into active growth

Keep an eye out for slugs as the weather warms; they favour soft new growth. Use nematodes for an effective organic control.

Cut off the old leaves of Hellebores to remove any foliar diseases and make the spring flowers more visible.

Continue to deadhead faded flowers from your winter pansies to stop them setting seed. This will encourage flushes of new flowers throughout the spring.

Deadhead daffodils as the flowers finish and let the foliage die back naturally.

Dead-head Hydrangeas before new growth appears. Cut to about one third of last season's growth

Vegetables

Start sowing your bedding plant seeds now ready to plant out after the last frosts.



Sow tomato seeds in a heated greenhouse for early crops. For better seed germination in cold weather, try using an electric propagator to help your early sowings along.

Plant onion, shallot and garlic sets= provided the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged. Alternatively pot up sets into individual pots for transplanting outdoors later on. Start to direct sow vegetable seeds such as carrots, radishes

and lettuce in greenhouse borders or under cloches.

Fruit

Bring strawberries under cover for an earlier crop. Bring bags of compost into the greenhouse to warm up for a week or two before you start sowing. Plant apple trees, cherry trees and other fruit trees now in a sunny, sheltered spot. Continue to plant raspberry canes. Cut autumn-fruiting raspberry canes to the ground to stimulate new canes, which will fruit in the autumn. Cut the tips of summer-fruiting raspberry canes that have grown beyond the top of their supports; cut just above a bud. Feed Blueberry plants with ericaceous plant fertiliser.

Remember to feed your blueberry plants with ericaceous plant fertiliser.

Recut any lawn edges if necessary. Try installing lawn edging to make future maintenance easier.

If your lawn needs mowing choose a dry day to complete this. Ensure the blades are set higher than usual. New turf can be laid if the ground is not frozen or waterlogged. Buy fresh compost from your local garden centre and store it in a cool dry place in preparation for the season ahead. Check your compost bins to see if there is any compost ready to use. Check containers to ensure the soil hasn't

dried out.

Now is a great time to build a compost bin before the

growing season gets underway.

March is a bridge month in the garden. Some activities must be completed before month's end; others are just revving up.





Breakfast pizza

Servings:4

Cooking time: 10-15 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup(5 oz.) all purpose or white whole wheat flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup non-fat Greek yogurt (not regular), drained if there is any liquid
- Handful baby spinach
- 2 ounces (1/2 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 8 cherry tomatoes, sliced
- 4 large eggs
- 2 strips cooked centre cut bacon, chopped

Method:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 450F.Place a silicone liner on a large baking sheet or spray with oil if using parchment.
- 2. In a medium bowl combine with flour, backing powder and salt and whisk well.
- 3. Add the yogurt and mix with a fork or spatula until well combined.it will look like small crumbles.
- 4. Lightly dust flour on a work surface and remove dough from the bowl, knead the dough a few times until dough is tacky, but not sticky, about 20 turns (it should not leave dough on your hand when you pull away)
- 5. Divide into 4 equal balls about 3oz each.
- 6. Sprinkle a work surface and rolling pin with a little flour roll the dough out into thin ovals 7 to 8 inches in diameter and place on the prepared baking sheet.
- 7. Top with spinach, mozzarella and tomatoes, leaving the centre open for the egg. Gently break an egg the centre of each dough and finish with bacon.
- 8. Bake 10-12 minutes, until the crust is golden and the egg is set. Season with salt and pepper.

Irish potato pie

Preparation time:15 min Cook time:55 min Total time:1 hour 10 min

Ingredients:

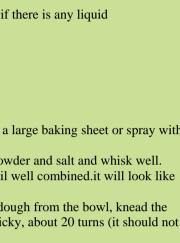
- 1. 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 2. 4 tablespoons butter
- 3. 7 thick sliced bacon, chopped
- 4. 5 potatoes(4 large ones), peeled and sliced thin
- 5. 1 onion, peeled and sliced thin
- 6. 1 tablespoon fresh dill
- 7. 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 8. Salt and pepper
- 9. Chive for garnish

Method:

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350°F .Place the thawed puff pastry in a 8-9 inch tart pan and crimp the edges. Remove the excess dough and piece it along the rim if needed to make the rim even in some places. Refrigerate the crust until ready to fill.
- 2. Place the butter and bacon in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté until the bacon is crispy then toss in the onions, followed by the potatoes and dill. Season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper. Gently stir 3-5 minutes, to mix the onions and potatoes and coat in bacon grease. (The potatoes don't need to be cooked through). Then spoon the mixture into the crust and drizzle with heavy cream.
- 3. Bake on the low rack in the oven for 35-45 minutes, until the potatoes are fork tender and the crust is golden. Rest for 10n minutes, then sprinkle with chopped chive and cut.









FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

MARCH MOVIE QUIZ



OSCARS MOVIE QUIZ



1) Which two actors directed themselves in movies and won Oscars for Best Actor?

Al Pacino and Timothy Hutton
Jack Nicholson and Kevin Spacey
Laurence Olivier and Roberto Benigni
Tom Hanks and Paul Newman

2) After all, tomorrow is another day! was the last line in which Oscar-winning Best Picture?

Gone With the Wind Great Expectations Harold and Maude The Matrix



3) Who is the most nominated actor in Academy history?

Jack Nicholson Laurence Olivier Spencer Tracy Paul Newman

4) In which movie was the Oscar-winning song "Do Not Forsake Me, Oh My Darlin' feature?

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969) Calamity Jane (1953) High Noon (1952) Song of the South (1946)

5) What was the first Western to win the Academy Award for Best Picture?

Brokeback Mountain (2005) Cimarron (1930/31) The Last Wagon (1956) Stagecoach (1939)

6) Which is the shortest movie to win Best Picture?

Annie Hall (1977) Marty (1955) Midnight Cowboy (1969) Sunrise (1927)

7) "To enter the mind of a killer she must challenge the mind of a madman" is a tagline from which Oscar-winning movie?

Bordertown (2007)
Copycat (1995)
Monster (2004)
The Silence of the Lambs (1991)

8) Who are the only two actresses to win the Best Actress Oscar two years consecutively?

Bette Davis and Kate Winslet Jessica Tandy and Elizabeth Taylor Katharine Hepburn and Luise Rainer Meryl Streep and Judi Dench

9) Who was the first African-American Oscar nominee and winner?

Dorothy Dandridge - Carmen Jones (1954) Hattie McDaniel - Gone with the Wind (1939) Josephine Baker - Moulin Rouge (1940) Sidney Poitier - Lilies of the Field (1963)

10) Which two movies have received the most Oscar nominations ever?

All About Eve (1950) Titanic (1997)
Ben-Hur (1959) Gone with the Wind (1939)
The Great Escape (1963) The Godfather (1973)
Schindler's List (1993) Forrest Gump (1994)

11) Which movies have won the most Oscars?

Ben-Hur (1959)
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
Titanic (1997)
All of the Above

12) Which animated feature has been nominated for Best Picture?

Beauty and the Beast (1991) The Incredibles (2004) The Lion King (1994) Toy Story (1995)

13) Who is the oldest performer to win Best Actress?

Carmen Maura Helen Mirren Jessica Tandy Judi Dench



- 1) Who plays the wounded Irish nationalist in Carol Reed's 'Odd Man Out' (1947)?
- 2) Which young Scottish actor appeared in the classic Irish film 'Darby O'Gill and the Little People' (1959)?
- 3) Which singing star of the 60s plays the daughter of Finian in 'Finian's Rainbow' (1968)?
- 4) What is the name of the character that Barry Fitzgerald plays in the movie classic 'The Quiet Man' (1952)?
- 5) Which indie Irish movie featured the Oscarwinning ballad 'Falling Slowly'?
- 6) The script for 'The Commitments' 1991 movie was based on which novelist?
- 7) Who played the American in Jim Sheridan's screen version of 'The Field' (1990)?
- 8) How many Oscars did 'My Left Foot (1989) win?
- 9) Brendan Gleeson starred in two acclaimed Irish films for director John Martin McDonagh. What are they?
- 10) Which famous director won the Best Director Oscar for 'The Quiet Man'? (1952)

Answers to quizzes in April edition of Newsletter





Wishing all my Constituents a Happy St. Patricks Day

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Advice Clinic held in Maynooth every Monday at 3pm, in Glenroyal Hotel

CARTON AVENUE-LIME WALK IS A PEDESTRIAN AMENITY

Hi all, sorry to our volunteers about the short notice for our last meeting on the 4th Feb.

At the meeting we discussed our presentation to Maynooth Municipal District Councillors meeting on Friday 1st Feb and our petition. We also discussed the proposal by Kildare County Council to the MMD Cllrs meeting to display at each end of Carton Avenue the 'CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SHARED PEDESTRIAN & CYCLING GREENWAY". The code includes, requesting cyclists when cycling on Carton Avenue

Walkway to ring their bell to warn other users of their approach. This make way approach does not take

- bicycles that do not have a bell
- the 2 metre width of the Carton Avenue Walkway
- persons hard of hearing
- persons with limited mobility
- wheelchair users
- young children
- persons walking their dogs

The proposal that they use the grassed area is not an

If the two metre pedestrian path is wide enough for a shared space for cyclists and pedestrians, why was a 4 metre wide path/cycleway built through Limetree Hall onto The Avenue.?

The email below was sent to Maynooth Municipal District Councillors and officials.

Whilst a blind eye has been turned to the low level of cycling on Carton Avenue/Lime Walk to date, Kildare County Council's plan to construct cycle access points onto the Avenue will increase the number of

cyclists. Furthermore, increasing access will also change the type of cyclist using the Avenue. Up to now, cyclists who use the Avenue have predominantly been local people out for a short spin and workers going to and from Carton House Hotel. Of late, organised groups of cyclists have been seen cycling, at speed, on the 2 metre pedestrian path on Carton Avenue. A fit cyclist can achieve a speed of 40km/h on a flat surface. The 2 metre path is not suitable as a shared pedestrian/cycling space or for two way cycling. We estimate the time spent cycling on the Avenue accounts for less than 1.5% of its current use. The development of two cycle routes located just south of Carton Avenue provides alternatives.

We also feel that the proposal to display, at each end of the Avenue, the CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SHARED PEDESTRIAN & CYCLING GREENWAY could be interpreted as the sanctioning by Kildare County Council of cycling on the 2 metre-wide pedestrian walkway on Carton Avenue.

In line with the above issues, the Carton Avenue Preservation Society requests that the following four measures be taken as soon as possible:

Remove the existing bridge and replace it with a 2 metrewide bridge suitable for pedestrian use. Construct wooden fencing that will be used to support the new planting needed to close the gaps in the hedging on each bank beside the bridge.

Remove the gravel and re-soil and re-seed the paths. To guard against erosion, protective grass matting should be laid and the area fenced off (temporarily) to ensure that the system works effectively.

Re-plant the area with appropriate, (native to the avenue), mature trees and shrubs. Ensure that the planting is extensive enough to obscure the structure from view and close the gaps in the hedging. Again, fencing to support plant growth should be installed.

4.To retain Carton Avenue as a Pedestrian Walkway

Cyclists need to be made aware of the avenue's pedestrian status. We suggest that any or all of the following graphics be painted on the path at each end of the Avenue or be included in any signage that the Council may decide to

a) a graphic of a bicycle with an x across it.

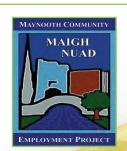
b) a graphic that cyclists dismount.

c) a graphic that Carton Avenue is a pedestrian route.

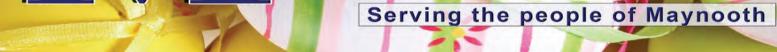
We are available to meet in order to discuss any of the

Thank You for your time. Kind Regards, **Chairperson, Carton Avenue Preservation Society**





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

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

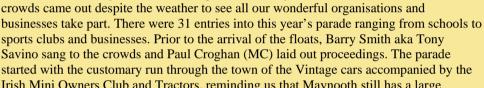
Best Band: St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band

Best Shop Fronts

1st NCS Auto Parts, Main Street

2nd Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street

3rd NCBI Charity Shop, Mill Street, Maynooth



The 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade was as eventful and fun as ever. While the rain

year was, "The Town and The Gown", celebrating Maynooth's position as the only

battered all the participants and the crowds, it didn't dampen any spirits. The theme this

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

The St. Patrick's Day Parade is the largest community event in our town and massive

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'Neills 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

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,
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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

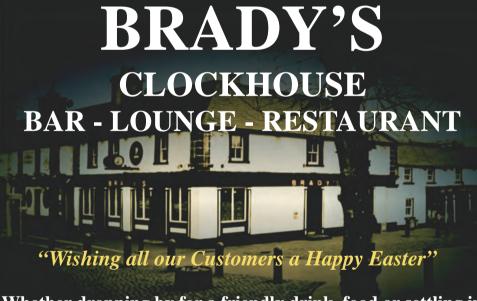
passes after a cardiac arrest, the chances of recovery are reduced by 7% to 10%. Having early access to CPR and an AED are crucial steps in the cardiac chain of survival, according to the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC).

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 lifesaving assistance. Maynooth CFR is entirely voluntary. For more information follow them on Facebook @maynoothcfr.

For more information contact Fionnuala Murphy, PRO: 087 4116925



Whether dropping by for a friendly drink, food or settling in to watch the match, we are sure you will find a warm welcome with great service and a comfortable setting to ensure your stay is a pleasant and memorable one.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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

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

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

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:

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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.

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



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



Gulliver back with the Maynooth Educate Together NS float. He is all grown up and going to college in Maynooth.

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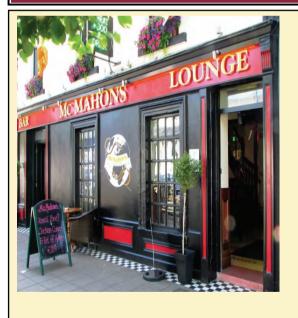
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Cllr. McGinley Calls for Safety Measures on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth

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."







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 € 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.



Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour Party County Council Candidate





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 Patrunachta 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 Iarnrod Eireann 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 Iarnrod Eireann 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 Iarnrod Eireann 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 Iarnrod Eireann 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% disponsible 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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Reuzi – Sustainable shopping like bamboo toothbrushes, coffee cups, water bottles, bread bags.









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Dogman tells the powerful story of Marcello, a gentle dog groomer in a run-down seaside town in Italy, who finds himself in danger when he tries to befriend a violent local thug. Acclaimed Italian director Matteo Garrone (Gomorrah, Tale of Tales) returns with this latest atmospheric, gripping drama, which won the Best Actor Prize at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival.

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.



(L to R) Anne Murphy, Mary McMahon, Fr. Frank McEvoy, Margaret Houlihan & Eilis O'Malley.

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



Alzheimer Cafe Leixlip Wednesday April 10th 7 - 9pm.

Join us at our next Alzheimer Cafe, Wednesday April 10th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. The speaker this month is John Costello, a solicitor, and he will talk about legal questions when living with dementia.

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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

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has called for a proper traffic management plan for the area again. The NAOISE '19 team are looking for more people to join them. 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 sever 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

With the increase in traffic and construction traffic on the Dunboyne Road, Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil will be contesting this year's local elections once 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.

<u>PRO PEDESTRIAN</u>

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

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.

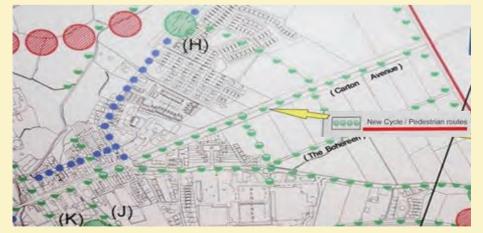
ADOPTED OR NOT

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 aplied 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





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 you 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.

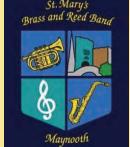
While many residents close to the college still suffer from traffic congestion and parking problems in their estates, the college has taken measures to increase public transport use significantly. Over a period of about five years they have increased the number of students using public transport from 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

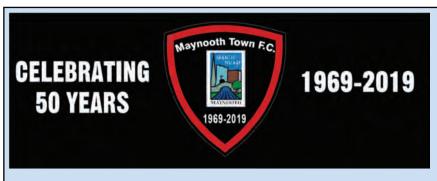
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Rev. Eugene Griffin
Joanna Griffin

in St. Mary's Parish Church Maynooth on Sunday 14th April at 7,30 pm

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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 2019-2014 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

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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

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Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019 Photo Gallery





































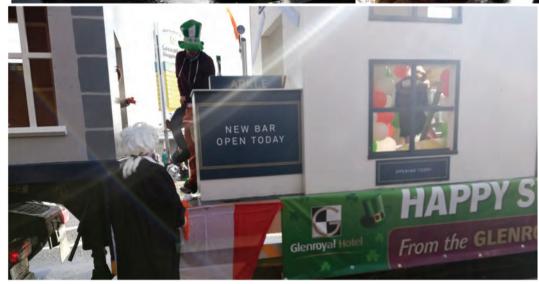
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Maynooth School Campus Update

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 bimode 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

Collectable Medal

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,

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.



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.





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April Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

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Work Matters at the Library: Support for Business &

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

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/
- 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.

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

eMergency 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?

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Booking essential.

Knit 2 together: Expression of interest Thursday 4^{th} and 18^{th} 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

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

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

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

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

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 Rooooaaar 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 11^{th} and 25^{th} 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

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

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:

Renew Online: Go to www.kildare.ie/library and enter your card number and pin to access your account.

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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



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

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.

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

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/ http://www.facebook.com/ccemhaighnuad http://twitter.com/CCEMhaighNuad 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 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.



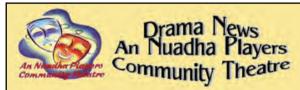
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An Nuadha Players are back in action again with a very special show to celebrate their 20th birthday.

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.

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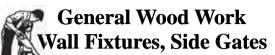
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Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.

New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

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Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

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Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in
The Glenroyal Hotel
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
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Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Every Thursday from
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Maynooth Community Space Unit
11/12 Tesco SC
Carton Park, Maynooth

St Joseph's young Priests Society

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.

DIARY ENTRIES

E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition.

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Bridge Club

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Arthritis Ireland Walking Group
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Maynooth Men's Sheds

Weekly meetings take place every
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John Fleming - 087 2041334

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The content of the Monthly Planner Diary is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups in advance

Clues Across

- 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)



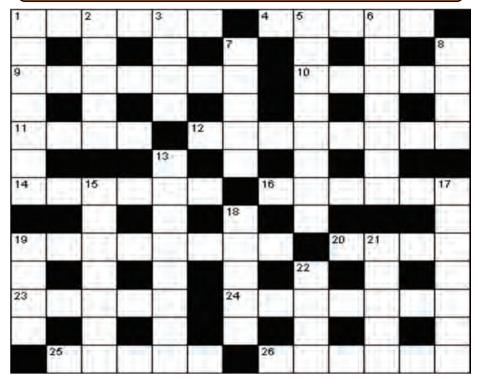
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April 2019 Crossword - No. 478



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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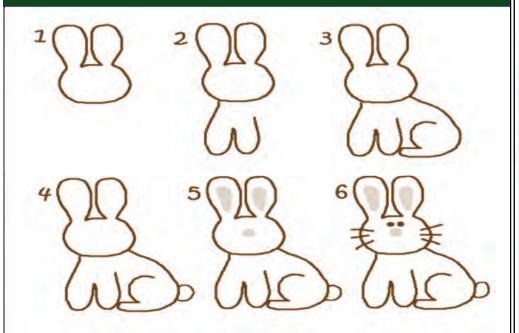
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The Easter Bunny

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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



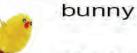
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April Gardening

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:

- Cook the pasta according to pack instruction, then drain. Heat oven to 200°C/Fan or 180°C/Gas 6.
- 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
- 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,
- 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
- 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:

- Preheat oven to 400 and generously grease a baking sheet with cooking spray.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 AND 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

- I) 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
-) Michaekeen Oge Flynn
- 5) Once
- 6) Roddy Doyle
- 7) Tom Berenger
-) 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

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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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Maynooth Olympic Handball goes International

This Spring, players from the Kildare Olympic Handball Club represented Ireland in two International Ladies handball tournaments. Most of the girls come from Maynooth Education Campus where they train and play Olympic Handball. They have been involved for several years in the tradition of going on annual handball trips to Europe to improve on their training and gather match experience.



The Black Arrows competition was a tri-nations competition between Belgium, Ireland and Great Britain and was held in Gormanston, Co. Meath in March earlier this year. Thirteen young female athletes from Kildare took part in this European event to represent the Irish flag.



This second event – Andebolmania - took place in Sao Joao da Madeira, Porto, Portugal and is one of the largest Handball tournaments in Europe. The objective of this trip was about improving the team's skills in many aspects of the game by understanding the skills of other countries players. The team had great fun learning the new techniques in Portugal and got to meet many new people who all shared the same passion for the sport.

The standard during this event was extremely high but the tough experience was necessary to ensure the growth of handball in Ireland. Team manager Olena Karpenko and head coach Volodymyr Khrystych would like to express their delight on how the girls performed in Portugal. They expect that the girls will take this

knowledge from their trip and utilise it in future matches in and for Ireland. This tournament is a major stepping stone towards representation at national level within Ireland. A big thank you goes to the organisers of 'Andebolmania' in Portugal for being great hosts and for having given us such a great experience and so much fun during our trip.

Team captain and top scorer Lucy Kouznetsova would like to express a huge thank you to the team sponsors "ESP Security" from Kilcock and also to the coaches, parents and supporters of the team.

Kildare Olympic Handball is currently benefitting from the Tesco Maynooth Community Fund, so if you are shopping locally in Tesco Maynooth please give your blue tokens to handball!





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With that in mind Maynooth Tidy Towns is delighted to team up with Wild Kildare and Kildare Bat Group to bring you the following free events in Maynooth:

1. Nature Hunt for Children (of all ages!). Help us find Birds, Butterflies, Bugs, Wildflowers and more, with Paddy Sheridan, Wild Kildare.

Date: Saturday 25th May.
Location: Carton Avenue, Maynooth.
Meet at Ave. entrance on Main St.
Time: 1pm to 2.30pm



2. Bat Walk and Talk with Anna Collins, Kildare Bat Group.

Uldare Bat Group

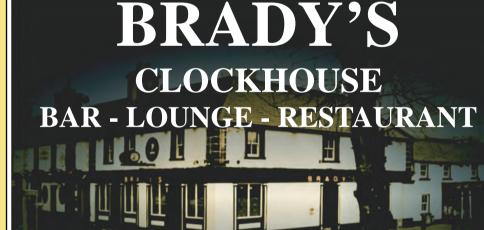
Date: Thursday 23rd May

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(adjacent to Maynooth Castle) **Time:** 9.30pm to 10.30pm

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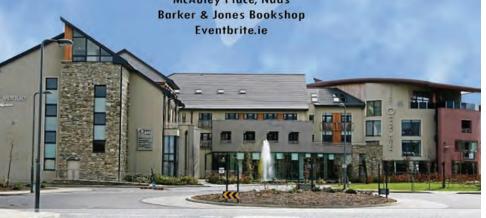
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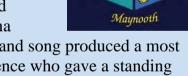
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Griffin. The brilliant mixture of music and song produced a most entertaining evening for the large audience who gave a standing ovation at the end of performance.

The Band are heading to the Osprey Hotel in Naas on Saturday 11th May where they will be joined by Ballymore Eustace Concert Band in a fundraising concert for McAuley Place which is located beside the Catholic Church on the Sallins Road. This again promises to be another really entertaining event and tickets are on sale in Maynooth Bookshop or Eventbrite.ie

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.except Bank Holidays.

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.

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

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

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

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:

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

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 21st May 2019

Editorial

"Ever since I made tomorrow my favourite day I've been uncomfortable looking back" these thoughts of the American Journalist Paul Harvey are worth considering. Looking back to the past can help us not to make the same mistakes but the opinion that tomorrow brings the opportunity to make better decisions suggests that we should be open-minded in our views and opinions and look forward and be willing to change our minds. The beautiful blooms of the Cherry Blossom trees are the sign that May is here as well as being the reminder to all of those studying for exams that they are coming close.

The loss of the two beautiful trees at the junction of the Kilcock Road and the Moyglare Road is very upsetting to many in Maynooth as these trees were very healthy and attractive as well as being a reminder of this time of year. Over sixty other trees alone were felled on the Moyglare Road as part of the new north-south corridor cycle route. The Moyglare Road along with some other approach roads in the Maynooth area have maintained a semi-rural emphasis and this has added to the charm of this busy town. However do not look back instead look forward to a new cycling amenity and improved footpaths and as the work will take another eight months to complete if you use this road you will need to have good patience as the disruption has only begun.

With all the new housing developments planned for Maynooth we are certainly providing our share of the housing supply for the ever expanding Dublin region. Of course with more housing should come better facilities but in the past that has not happened with much needed facilities still lacking in Maynooth. The "Maynooth Planning Alliance" survey highlights these inadequacies and we will feature the survey results in next month's Maynooth Newsletter. But let's not look back alone but take the opportunity to address these needs.

Issues in Maynooth are just a microcosm of the same issues in Ireland. Just last month the Government announced that they were going to tackle the issue of "Cuckoo Funds" buying up residential properties in blocks thus excluding people from buying their own homes. It has been mentioned to me by two people who tried to purchase new apartments in Maynooth recently that the entire complex where they wanted to buy had been sold to a single purchaser so no apartments would be available for sale to private purchasers. Is this good for Maynooth?

One good development in Maynooth has been the opening of a new business in that beautiful stone finished exterior building on the corner of Main Street and Convent Lane. With the awning on the front this important site brings a nostalgic image of a building from days gone by. The signage is so discreet that I had to drop in to find out what is happening there. The new business is a wine shop and wine bar opened by Maynooth resident Erik Robson and we wish him well in this new venture. This is of course another venue which adds to the choices that merit Maynooth maintaining the "Purple flag" as a location providing good quality vibrant evening time entertainment choices. So you see there are lots of things happening and looking back cannot change anything so like Paul Harvey consider making to-morrow your favourite day.

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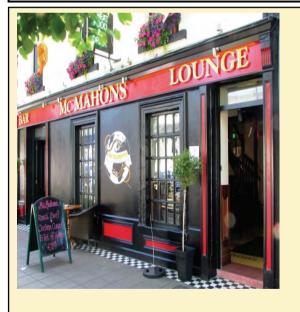
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Route Selected for Maynooth Easter Ring Road

yellow route) has been selected as the preferred route for the ring road. This route will prior to the opening of the new road and the schools." result in a junction with the Blacklion Road/Leixlip Road.

Cllr. John McGinley objected strongly to traffic signals being put at the new junction and at the Celbridge Road junction. John stated that as we are dealing with a greenfield site that roundabouts should be put at both junctions.

He also pointed out that the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan proposed roundabouts at both of these junctions.

Surprisingly, none of the other Councillors objected to the traffic lights, even though one of the Council's senior engineers said that he favoured roundabouts.

The Statutory Planning and CPO Process will begin shortly.

Cllr. McGinley's Motion on Carton Avenue Agreed

Cllr. McGinley submitted the following Motion for consideration at the Special Maynooth MD Meeting on 12 April:

"That there shall be no Code of Conduct for the Avenue

(Recommend to the Council Executive) that the proposed reinforced grass surface from the Limetree Hall exit to the Avenue Walk be reduced to 2m

(Recommend to the Council Executive) that the 4m wide bridge at the Limetree Hall exit be reduced to 2m

That no further work shall be carried out on the Avenue until the Master Plan goes on Statutory Public Display and approved by the Maynooth MD"

Recommend to the Council Executive in points 2 and 3 was introduced as Officials stated that Councillors do not have a vote on Planning issues.

In moving his Motion Cllr. McGinley stated:

"As I pointed out at our MD meeting on Friday 5 April, we were advised at the MD Meeting on 1st February, in the reply to Cllr. Durkan's Motion No. 31:

"That the design of the access from Lime Tree Hall to Carton Avenue is the subject of a compliance submission which is currently being accessed by the Planning Authority"

In view of the very strong opposition of all of the Councillors to what was proposed I would have thought that the issue would have come back to us Councillors for our

Also, we had a deputation from the Carton Avenue Preservation Society at that meeting. Yet their views are ignored by Council Officials. One has to question the value of such deputations when the Council does not even have the decency to reply.

The developer of Limetree Hall advised the residents on 4 April that he had got written approval from the Council on the revised plans for the exit onto the Avenue. Yet the MD Councillors were not advised of this development.

It is indeed extraordinary that there was nobody in Planning to tell us about that approval on Friday 5 April.

I have a proposal to make, which I think that you will all agree with.

It includes abandoning the proposed Code of Conduct. I know that people supported a Code of Conduct in good faith. But, unfortunately some in the Carton Avenue Preservation Society see it as the Council encouraging cycling on the Avenue.

So, my proposal is that there shall be no Code of Conduct as it is proving to be a distraction to the critical issue of Encroachment onto Carton Avenue.'

Cllr. McGinley's Motion was agreed by the members.

Councillor John McGinley Calls for Traffic Management Measures on the Moyglare Hall Through Road

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

"That the Council put in place appropriate traffic management measures to prevent At the Maynooth MD meeting on 5 April Councillors were advised that Option B (the cars from using the Moyglare Hall through road as a "rat run" to the new schools,

Council Officials gave the following useless reply:

"The Road Design Section advises that the Moyglare Hall Road is designed to the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) specification and that no additional traffic calming measures are required. Permeability to the new school is part of the planning condition of the development."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that the last sentence made no sense as there was no Condition of Planning on Moyglare Hall encouraging traffic to the new schools to use the Moyglare Hall through Road.

The Officials agreed to check further with Planning and report back to the next MD meeting on 3 May.

Councillor John McGinley Calls for Flood Risk Measures for **Maynooth to be Implemented**

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

"That the council provide a timescale for the implementation of the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Studies (CFRAMS) recommendations for the Meadowbrook Stream and the Joan Slade River in Maynooth."

Council Officials replied as follows:

"The progress of these schemes is dependent on the Office of Public Work's (OPW) prioritisation of schemes. A steering group has been established with Kildare County Council and the OPW to progress schemes within Kildare.

It should be noted that the OPW together with Kildare County Council, is committed to delivering all of the schemes within the Flood Risk Management Plans over the next eight/ten years."

At the request of Cllr. McGinley, Council Official's agreed to report back on the priority listing of the Maynooth Works within the county

Councillor John McGinley Calls for the Maynooth Playground to be **Closed at Night**

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

"Can the Council confirm what progress has been made in getting someone to open and close the Maynooth Playground at night in order to deter anti-social behaviour?'

Council Officials replied as follows:

"Maynooth Planning Alliance was contacted in relation to seeking volunteers to open and close the playground. A promotion by them on social media seeking volunteers was unsuccessful.

A suggestion was made to contact the local Community Employment Scheme in relation to the opening and closing of the playground, this was done before but was unsuccessful."

Cllr. McGinley asked that the Scouts be approached to see if an arrangement could be agreed with them to open and close the Playground

Work on Newtown Road Footpaths to Begin the Week after Easter

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the Maynooth MD on 5 April that work on the footpaths on both sides of the Newtown Road would begin the week after Easter. The engineer stated that unfortunately the footpath on the canal side of the road would not be 1.8m throughout.

Cllr. McGinley Calls for Allotments on the Amenity Lands at **Carton Avenue**

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD Meeting on 3 May:

"That a suitable amount of the Amenity Land between the Boreen and Carton Avenue be allocated for allotments as the Wonderful Barn allotments are over-subscribed."



Emmet Stagg Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate

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Team Being Put in Place to Deliver DART to Maynooth - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed moves by Iarnrod Eireann to commence the process of putting in place a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Team to support the Expansion of DART to Maynooth.

Iarnrod Eireann, stated Mr. Stagg, have sought expressions of interest from specialists to support them in the delivery of DART to Maynooth and City Centre Enhancements with work to include:

- * Preparation of the Designs
- * Undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment
- * Preparing costings for the works budget and Business Case approval.
- * Manage Railway Order Process.
- * Tender preparation and evaluation.

Mr. Stagg stated that Expressions of Interest in the project work have to be returned to Iarnrod Eireann by the 13th May and that the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in developing the design and tender preparation for the project. In addition to providing DART to Maynooth, the project involves development and enhancements to City Centre Stations and Network, resignalling from Maynooth to Connolly/Dockland and removal of the six level crossings along the Maynooth Line and provision of necessary bridge relief infrastructure.

Following the Expressions of Interest process, stated Mr. Stagg, actual tenders for the work will be sought in June and the contract for the work will be awarded in November.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg welcomed the putting together of the Team that will deliver DART Expansion to Maynooth.

Further Information Sought on Intel Application - Stagg

Kildare Co. Council have sought Further Information in relation to Intel's Planning Application for an extension and revision to the existing planning permission for its Manufacturing Facility at its Headquarters in Leixlip. Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg, who has lodged a submission in support of Intel's Planning Application, stated that the Council requested the Further Information on Thursday 28th March last with issues on Screening Report, Natura Impact Statement, Eirgrid Connection, Signalisation of Junction 6 on the M4, In-combination visual effects of Solar Farm granted planning permission 300 metres North East of the Intel Campus and clarification of maximum depth of excavation proposed being the matters raised by the Council.

The Council stated Mr. Stagg noted that the New Eirgrid 220kV substation, which will supply future energy usage for the proposed development, was considered under the Environmental Impact Assessment Report in terms of Interactions and Cumulative Effects, but the AA Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement do not make specific reference to the new substation. A

revised Screening Report and Natura Impact Statement is required to cover the potential for in-combination effects with the proposed Eirgrid project, and a detailed consideration of the potential impacts of the overhead and underground connection from the Eirgrid project into the Intel Site.

In relation to the proposed signalisation of Junction 6 on the M4, the applicant has been requested to demonstrate that the permanent signalisation safeguards the strategic function, capacity and safety of the national road network and to explore other means of traffic management and submit a justification for the current proposals. Concerning the Solar farm to the North East of the Intel Campus which has planning permission, the applicant has been requested to submit revised photomontages for the proposed development having regard to the potential in-combination visual effects from relevant viewpoints. Finally the applicant has been requested to clarify the maximum depth of excavation proposed and submit revised drawings.

Mr. Stagg stated that he was confident that Intel would be able to address all of the concerns raised by the Council and looked forward to their response in due course to ensure that the Leixlip Plant can be expanded for the manufacture of integrated circuits.

Closing Date of May 22nd for Return of Tenders for Completion of Maynooth Education Campus

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board in relation to the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus and specifically the invitation of Tenders from the shortlist of contractors to complete the Campus.

KWETB have advised Mr. Stagg that Tenders for the completion of the Education Campus were invited from the pre-qualified contractors on April 17th and Tenders have to be returned by Wednesday 22nd May. It is expected that the Tender Report will be completed by June 5th, reviewed by June 12th in the Department of Education and that a Letter of Intent would issue to the successful contractor on June 12th and a Letter of Acceptance would issue on 28th June. The contractor will then go on site to complete the 2 New Schools by May, 2020, and the Sports Facility by the end of June 2020.

Welcoming the progress, Mr. Stagg stated that we can finally offer hope to the students, staff and parents of students of Maynooth Post Primary and Maynooth Community College that the New Education Campus will be completed next Summer.

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

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg will keep the pressure on the Minister for Education and Skills and KWETB to ensure that the construction tender deadlines are met.

Maynooth Castle - Tempus fugit!

By Moira Devery, OPW Guide at the Castle

Spring is here once again, the days are noticeably longer, Nature's cycle is in full swing again and soon Maynooth Caste will reopen its gates to visitors from near and far. The OPW-operated Castle will begin its summer season on Thursday May 16 and finish on Wednesday, September 26. This is the window of time available for locals



and visitors to come and experience Maynooth town's oldest remaining building. It is thought that the over 800 year old stone keep was begun by the Cambro-Norman Fitzgerald family in the 1180s and completed around 1204-5. They came from Wales (hence Cambro) with Strongbow to conquer Ireland.

The Norman Invasion of Ireland took place in May 1169 making it exactly 850 years to the month and year since these Welsh Norman knights landed in County Wexford and proceeded to impose their rule over the native Irish-Viking inhabitants. In honour of this anniversary, Trinity College Dublin is hosting a conference called **Invasion** from May 2-

4, 2019. The conference is open to those interested in the latest research into this fascinating but fateful period of Irish history which ultimately led to the loss of Gaelic Ireland, our Brehon laws and the Celtic form of Christianity which existed here until then

At school we learned that Dermot Mac Murrough was to blame for inviting the Normans to Ireland to help him regain his throne as King of Leinster. However, we were rarely taught that even if he had never lived or been deposed, the then Pope, Adrian IV, the only English Pope, had decided to bring the Irish church well and truly under Rome's control.

Pope Adrian IV issued a Papal Bull (Laudabiliter) in 1155 giving Henry II of England full permission to invade Ireland and to reorganise the church according to parishes and bishoprics i.e. not based on monastic settlements. Thus we find the Normans sponsoring abbeys over much of the country following the invasion. The French-speaking Normans originally came via Normandy in France, hence they brought French monastic orders with them such as the Augustinian Canons, Benedictines and Cistercians. I will be attending most of the events at the conference so watch this space for more info on the latest research results! Meanwhile enjoy the spring and see you at the Castle!

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Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour Party County Council Candidate





NS Submitted to Department - Feeney

Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the construction of the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Contractors had until November 1st to register their interest in the project stated Ms. Feeney and 17 contractors expressed an interest in the construction project. The shortlist of contractors was submitted to the Department on January 11th 2019 for review. On January 17th the Department reverted to the Design Team with a number of items to be actioned prior to finalising the pre-qualification process.

The Minister has now advised Ms. Feeney that an updated Report on the prequalification of contractors was submitted to the Department on March 6th and that this updated report is currently under review.

The Minister further advised Ms. Feeney that when the pre-qualification process is completed the project will then be progressed to tender stage which normally takes between 7 and 8 months to complete.

Ms. Feeney stated that the New Maynooth Boys' NS was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st 2017 and it comprises the replacement of the existing school and the construction of a new 3 storey National School with 24 classrooms including a Special Needs Unit and Multipurpose Hall. 3 Ballcourts and a Junior Play area will also be provided as part of the project.

The school currently has 560 pupils and when completed the new school will cater for just under 700 pupils.

Updated Report on Shortlist of Contractors for New Maynooth Boys' Interviews for Principal of North Kildare Gaelcholaiste To be Held **Shortly - Accommodation to be Sourced**

Following the announcement by the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board that the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste will open this September in Maynooth, Local Election Candidate Angela Feeney has been pressing the Minister for Education in relation to the appointment of a Principal for the School and the sourcing of Accommodation for the School.

The Minister has now advised Ms. Feeney that Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board have informed officials from his Department that the closing date for receipt of applications for the role of Principal has passed with shortlisting and interviews to be held in April.

The Minister also advised Ms. Feeney that the Department had recently given approval in principle to KWETB to rent suitable accommodation for the Gael Choláiste to include 2 general classrooms, a special educational needs room, office and staff rooms as well pupil and staff toilets.

It is now a matter for KWETB to make the necessary arrangements to secure suitable accommodation and liaise with the Department's Building Unit on these arrangements.

Welcoming the continuing arrangements for the opening of the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth Ms. Feeney stated that this was great news for pupils who wish to continue their education from Gaelscoils to Secondary Education in the Irish Medium.



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Only half of firms that trade with UK are registered with Revenue – O'Rourke -Firms not registered will not be able to trade with UK after Brexit-

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has warned that only half of firms who trade with the UK have the necessary registration with the Revenue to allow them to continue to trade with the UK after Brexit. The remainder will be unable to trade with the UK post Brexit.

Deputy O'Rourke was commenting as new figures, released to Finance Spokesperson Michael McGrath TD illustrated a lack of preparedness.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "With the chaos in Westminster at the moment a disorderly Brexit is a very real possibility. It is deeply concerning that some 48% of businesses who engage in some level of trade with or through the UK have not yet acquired an Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number from the Revenue.

"For businesses to continue to trade with the UK following Brexit they must register with Revenue for an EORI number.

"The information released to Fianna Fáil shows that 43,875 businesses currently hold an EORI number. However, in 2017, some 84,000 businesses traded with the UK.

"I would be concerned that smaller businesses might be under the impression that only those who have significant trade with the UK need to register but this is not the case. Having an EORI number is the minimum requirement for businesses that wish to trade with, or through, the UK once they leave the EU.

"There needs to be greater awareness on this matter and the Government and Revenue urgently need to step up efforts to ensure that all businesses are prepared for Brexit.

"I would encourage Kildare businesses to better inform themselves also. Once a business is registered with Revenue Online Services, the turnaround registration for an EORI number is approx. 3 minutes so it is a fairly straightforward process", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Crippling business insurance leading to closures - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has said the crippling cost of business insurance is leading to closures of nightclubs, marts, leisure and childcare facilities across the country. Deputy O'Rourke was commenting following reports of business insurance and public liability costs increasing by up to eight fold.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "Having spoken to businesses and Kildare Chamber of Commerce, I am aware that insurance premiums for some owners have increased by a multiple of eight. That is completely unacceptable and is not sustainable.

"SMEs, who bear the brunt of these increases, make such a contribution to their local economies but the increase in insurance coupled with other increases which they have encountered over recent years, is proving too much for many and they are considering closing.

"To add insult to injury, we recently learned that three of the country's main insurance companies made a combined profit of almost €200m in 2018. They are raking it in by imposing huge premiums on consumers for their home, motor 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.

"The reason the situation is out of control is due to the lack of delivery by the Government, they have not implemented the recommendations of the Cost of Insurance Working Group. The long promised Judicial Council which will set limits for claims is nowhere to be seen and the national claims database and a dedicated Garda insurance fraud unit is yet to be set up.

"The Fianna Fáil Party recently put forward a motion calling on the Government to take a number of steps to address rising insurance costs – I believe it is high time this Government takes our steps seriously. This needs to stop before we see the closure of more businesses and further job losses", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

AIB mortgage rate cut welcome - Pressure on other lenders to reduce rates - O'Rourke.

Fianna Fail's Deputy Finance Spokesperson and Local TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on Financial Institutions to justify their elevated fixed mortgage rates when compared to the reduced fixed rate now offered by AIB.

"Since getting elected, I have persistently raised the issue of elevated mortgage rates in Ireland. Ireland's variable mortgage rates are almost double the EU average, and we also have high fixed rate mortgages."

"It is particularly welcome that AIB have changed some rates in a downward direction. AIB cut its fixed mortgage rate by up to 0.45%. This should put pressure on other lenders to reduce their rates. It is up to others now to respond. We need competition in the mortgage market."

"It is clear that much more needs to be done to ensure that mortgage customers in Ireland are treated fairly. We see 35,000 of Permanent TSB mortgage customers are still paying a variable interest rate of 4.5%."

"We know that 47,000 of Bank of Ireland Mortgage customers are entitled to an immediate rate cut if they move to a different product with the same bank. Therefore, over 80,000 customers of Permanent TSB and Bank of Ireland are able to avail of a lower rate, even with their own lender."

"Banks need to do more to bring this opportunity to save on their mortgage bills to the attention of the customers concerned. As I have said in the Dáil, given the rising living costs, such as energy bills, transport bills, childcare costs and other living expenses we need to ensure that homeowners are not paying over the odds for their mortgages."

"We need more competition between existing players in the Irish market and we need new market entrants. The introduction of Finance Ireland into the mortgage market is a welcome step in that respect but we also need plans by An Post to be advanced." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke welcomes Government's proposal to explore cap on insurance payouts – but overall Government's response is weak.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, welcomed the Government's proposal to explore putting caps on Insurance pay-outs, but says the Government response to the rising insurance costs, is at best weak, and at worst negligent.

"Since getting elected to Dáil Éireann, I have campaigned to have the cost of our motor insurance reduced. The Oireachtas have set up a working group on the cost of motor insurance, with 48 recommendations in total, and many have not been implemented."

"Over the past number of years, motor insurance premiums have risen by over 50%. While we have seen some improvement on this front, we need urgent action from the Government, and this is why we continue to raise the matter in the Dail by way of Private Members Motions."

"Over the last to 18 months, I have continued to raise the importance of reducing motor insurance costs. I suggested at an Oireachtas Committee that the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) investigate the high level of motor insurance; this is now happening. I have also proposed that low income earners get financial support with the cost of their motor insurance while the Government implements the action plan to reduce the cost of insurance. Now we support the Government on exploring avenues to cap pay out on Insurance claims"

"As I have said in the Dáil, there is little point in reducing the Universal Social Charge, if a multiple of the reduction in USC, is being taken back by increased Insurance costs. The Government needs to accelerate implementation of the recommendations of the Cost of Insurance Working Group with a particular focus on Fraudulent claims and overly high payout on claims." concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Maynooth School Campus to open in May 2020 says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has received a commitment from the Minister for Education and Skills Joe McHugh TD that the Maynooth School Campus will open in May 2020.

"Construction of the new secondary school in Maynooth came to a halt last year. We must ensure that we get this project back on track. The Minister has given me a commitment that the Maynooth Secondary School Campus will be completed by May 2020."

"The Minister also gave me a commitment that if needed, resources will be provided to make temporary school accommodation available while we wait for the campus to be completed in 2020."

"The Department of Education and Skills will be liaising with the schools in relation to the provision of temporary accommodation if needed. I will continue to press the Department to have the school campus completed by mid-2020," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

New Carriages on the way for Irish Rail says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the decision to purchase new rail carriages, which will bring benefit to users of the Maynooth Line and the Kildare Line.

"I welcome the announcement that new rail carriages are to be provided for Irish Rail. Approval has been given to purchase the rail carriages and it will take two years for them to come into service. Users of the Maynooth and Kildare Lines will be the first to benefit from the investment."

"I continue to campaign for better public transport services for North Kildare. It is becoming more and more difficult to drive into the city centre and we need to provide a regular and reliable public transport service for the towns of North Kildare and we are making progress."

"Both the Kildare and Maynooth lines are to be electrified, and once this is achieved, we will have a service every 10 minutes," concluded Deputy O'Rourke

VOTE

Cllr. John McGinley and Emmet Stagg are calling on their supporters to ensure that Maynooth continues to have strong and effective Labour representation on Kildare Co. Council.

In Angela Feeney, we have an exceptional candidate who is connected generations back to Maynooth and has been actively involved in the Maynooth Community for many years.

Angela is committed to working to improve Maynooth and to ensure that it will continue to thrive into the future.

We ask for your **No. 1 Vote** for Angela on Friday May 24th.

Cllr. John McGinley

Emmet Stagg

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Carton Avenue Preservation Society

Hi All, it is with a sad heart that I report on the decision by Kildare County Council to reject the main point of our presentation on Feb 1st to the Maynooth Municipal District Councillors.

Angela Feeney (CAPS assistant secretary) and I attended the meeting of Maynooth Municipal District Council held on Apr 12th to hear the response to the CAPS presentation on Carton Avenue-Lime Walk.

NO CHANGES TO THE BRIDGE

Kildare County Council refused to make any of the requested changes to the size and purpose of the bridge.

Carton Avenue Preservation Society had requested the replacement or narrowing of the Carton Avenue/Lime Tree Hall 4 metre bridge to a 2 metre pedestrian access bridge. The bridge was built by the developers of Lime Tree Hall housing estate on the instructions of Kildare County Council. The purpose of the bridge is to facilitate cycling through Lime Tree Hall from the towns cycling lane network to the Carton Avenue footpath. Kildare County Council decided to ignore the views of the vast majority of the people and cyclists of Maynooth who oppose this plan for Carton Avenue.

GRASS MATTING

To allow for cycling, grass matting will be put on the area between the bridge and the Avenues footpath.

RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSALS

A full report on the Council's response to our presentation is not available until after the adoption of the minutes of Apr 12th meeting. The adoption of the minutes will happen at the next MMD meeting on May 3rd.

CHALLENGE

When the minutes of the Apr 12th meeting become available CAPS will discuss challenging the Council's response.

SAFTEY CONCERNS

The construction of the 4 metre wide access bridge to Carton Avenue along with the construction of 4 metre wide cycle lanes through Lime Tree Hall is an invitation to

cyclists passing through Maynooth to cycle on the pedestrian path on Carton Avenue. This invitation will have a serious impact on the Avenue's pedestrians users. We are already aware of a collision between a pedestrian and a cyclists on Carton Avenue. The cyclist fled the scene and the pedestrian was hospitalised with serious facial injuries. Any increase in cycling on the Carton Avenue footpath will inevitably lead to similar incidences. At our presentation on Feb 1st we highlighted the safety issues for pedestrian users of the Avenue.

FUTURE WORK/LOCAL ELECTIONS

To protect Carton Avenue from more incursions it is very important to vote for candidates who support our cause.

THANKS

Thanks to the people of Maynooth for their support and encouragement. Thanks to Cllr's Reada Cronin, Timmy Durkan, John McGinley (retiring) and Naoise O'Cearuil for their support.

Gerry Quinn - Chairperson - Carton Avenue Preservation Society.





Maynooth Tidy Towns Annual Collection will take place from Friday 17th May to Sunday 19th May. Please give generously.



Thanks to all recycled electrical goods and batteries on Saturday 24th March in the Tesco Car Park and the amount collected was 43 tonnes. A big thank you the Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers who helped on the day.

Over 30 volunteers turned out to help with our National Spring Clean Up on Saturday 13th April, we segregated all items collected dividing into 4 categories hard plastics, green waste, which was when brought to the County Council yard, and all bottles and cans were recycled in the bins at The Council car park beside Supervalu.





Lots of people to thank following our National Spring Clean Up on Saturday 13th April, Ted Robinson and Shoda for providing the refreshments, Tea, Coffee and tasty rasher sandwiches. We all used our Keep Cups. Supervalu for the Water and last but not least all the Volunteers.

Before we started on our clean up marathon our Chairman John Kavanagh made a very special presentation to Edith of her own Picker and Tidy Towns Vest for her recent support to Tidy Towns.

At this time our National Tidy Towns application is due for submission, we ask residents associations to adopt an area near their estates as judges look at all areas around Maynooth as judging begins early June to end of August.

Maynooth Tidy Towns has resumed their Wednesday Evenings @ 7.pm, Saturday mornings @ 10am and Sunday mornings @ 7.45am meeting at the Courthouse Square.

Please watch our Facebook for events in Maynooth

When buying plants for your gardens or patio please insure they are BEE and BUTTERFLY Friendly.

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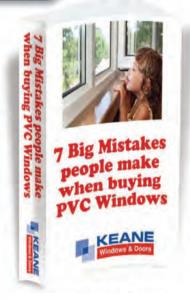
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Maynooth University congratulates Dr Mary Murphy on her appointment by President Michael D Higgins to the Council of State.

Dr Murphy is among seven new appointees to the Council of State who will be advising the President on a range of matters, such as whether to refer a Bill to the Supreme Court.

She will be joining former Taoisigh, former presidents Mary Robinson and Mary McAleese, as well as the Chief Justice Mr Frank Clarke and the Attorney-General Séamus Woulfe SC.

A senior lecturer in Irish Politics and Society in the Maynooth University Department of Sociology, Dr Murphy co-ordinates the BA in Politics and Active Citizenship. Her research interests include public policy, labour markets and social security, power and civil society and gender.

Dr Murphy said: "I am very honoured to be entrusted with this role and to be included among the seven nominees of President Michael D Higgins and I particularly welcome the commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion which underpinned his selection of nominees. I very much look forward to the work of the Council of State over the next years."

A key contributor to national debate on social policy, Dr Murphy was a member of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission 2013-2017 and a member of the National Expert Advisory group on Taxation and Social Welfare 2011-2014.

President of Maynooth University, Prof Philip Nolan, said: "I'm delighted to congratulate Dr Murphy on her appointment to the Council of State. Dr Murphy has been a leading voice for social justice and equality throughout her career. As a leading advocate, teacher and researcher, she will bring significant expertise to the Council of State in her new role."

Gabhann Ollscoil Mhá Nuad comhghairdeas leis an Dr Mary Murphy tar éis di bheith ceaptha ag an Uachtarán Micheál D Ó hUiginn ar an gComhairle Stáit

De hAoine 4 Mí Aibreáin – Gabhann Ollscoil Mhá Nuad comhghairdeas leis an Dr Mary Murphy tar éis di bheith ceaptha ag an Uachtarán Micheál D Ó hUiginn ar an gComhairle Stáit.

Is í an Dr Murphy duine den seachtar atá nua-cheaptha don Chomhairle Stáit ar mhaithe

le comhairle a chur ar an Uachtarán ar réimse d'abhair, an ceart Bille a chur faoi bhráid na Cúirte Uachtaraí ina measc.

Ar an gComhairle leí beidh iarThaoisigh, na hiarUachtaráin Máire Mhic Róibín agus Máire Mhic Ghiolla Íosa, chomh maith leis an bPríomh-Bhreitheamh Frank Clarke agus leis an Ard-Aighne Séamus Woulfe AS.

I mbun léachtóireachta ar bhonn sinsearach ar Pholaitíocht agus Sochaí na hÉireann i Roinn Socheolaíochta Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, is comhordaitheoir í an Dr Murphy ar an BA sa Pholaitíocht agus Saoránacht Ghníomhach. I measc a suimeanna taighde, tá beartas poiblí, margaí fostaíochta agus slándail shóisialta, cumhacht agus sochaí shibhialta agus inscne.

Dúirt an Dr Murphy: "Is onóir dom go bhfuil an mhuinín seo tar éis bheith léirithe ionam agus go bhfuilim mar dhuine den seachtar ainmnithe ag an Uachtarán Micheál D Ó hUiginn agus cuirim fíorchaoin fáilte roimh an tiomantas don chomhionannas, don éagsúlacht agus don ionchuimsitheacht ina bhfuil rogha na n-ainmnithe fréamhaithe. Táim ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair ar an gComhairle Stáit sna blianta amach romhainn."



Dr Mary Murphy outside Iontas, Maynooth University Friday, April 5, 2019 - 10:45

Rannpháirteach ach go háirithe sa díospóireacht náisiúnta ar bheartas sóisialta, bhí an Dr Murphy mar bhall de Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas 2013 – 2017 agus mar bhall den Sainghrúpa Comhairleach Náisiúnta ar Cháin agus Leas Sóisialta 2011 – 2014.

Dúirt Uachtarán Ollscoil Mhá Nuad, an tOllamh Pilib Ó Nualláin: "Tá ríméad orm comhghairdeas a ghabháil leis an Dr Murphy as a ceapachán ar an gComhairle Stáit. Is príomhghlór ar cheartas sóisialta agus ar chomhionannas í an Dr Murphy ó thosaigh a saol gairmiúil. Mar phléadálaí, mar mhúinteoir agus mar thaighdeoir den chéad scoth, tabharfaidh sí fuíollach saineolais leí go dtí a ról nua ar an gComhairle Stáit."

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Peter Hamilton Green Party County Council Candidate

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Twelve priorities for the Maynooth Local Area

Peter Hamilton is the Green Party candidate in the up-coming County Council elections on May 24th. The urgency for climate action and action to protect our biodiversity is becoming clearer to us all in recent months. The Green Party has consistently taken a strong position on these issues nationally and locally for several decades. Peter has identified a number of important local priorities in the Maynooth-Kilcock Electoral Area which side-by-side with the global priorities, need attention if our community is to develop and our quality of life is to improve and be maintained for future generations.

Traffic and Commuting

Traffic and commuting is part of our way of life in the fastest growth commuter belt area in the country. It is part of the way we are now set up. We need a courageous and well-planned approach for our transportation and development so that the benefits of growth do not turn into an unsustainable nightmare.

Over-crowding on our trains and buses and congestion on our roads are causing increasing frustration to commuters. The Green Party has already campaigned for increased capacity on the Maynooth rail line and we will continue to press for the upgrade to the fast, efficient and cleaner electrified line that the current government has promised in the plan 2040. We are also monitoring the proposed introduction of the Maynooth-Celbridge-Hazelhatch-Tallaght bus service.

Transition to sustainable transport

There is an urgent need to transition our transport to sustainable electric power for our cars, trains and buses over the next decade. New patterns of work and transport will emerge. Bike and pedestrian transport will become more important. The transition will take time and will need support from local representatives and councillors who understand the issues.

Completion of our Ring Roads

The developer-led planning model which has been in place in Ireland for several decades means that it has taken over 30 years for action to start on the ring road around Maynooth. The Green Party believes in reducing traffic volumes in our town centres to make them better places in which to live work and play. We will campaign in all County Councils for an infrastructure-first approach to planning and for immediate investment in high quality ring roads to ease traffic congestion and to reduce pollution in our communities.

More Express Buses

Early morning passengers in Maynooth and Kilcock report the frustration of full buses

passing by without stopping. To help solve this problem we are calling for more Express buses (using the M4) to and from Maynooth, Kilcock, Leixlip and Celbridge during morning and evening peak rush-hour.

The 67 bus in this photograph took four light changes to get through the Celbridge Road junction on a recent Monday morning. Commuters have had enough!

Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

Better support for pedestrians and bikes can already be seen in Northern European cities. With strong support from Green

Party councillors we are starting to see improvements to the daily commute in many parts of Dublin. This helps students and workers get to school and to work in a safer and cleaner environment. We are working with Kildare County Council to progress plans for road improvements with proper segregated cycle paths and safer junctions through Maynooth. A major upgrade to the Moyglare Road is a high priority to ensure safety for the increased traffic this will bring.

Maynooth Mill Street Upgrade

The upgrade to Mill Street, Maynooth, to relieve pedestrian congestion at the narrow bridge and to improve the footpath and cycle path from the Main Street-Mill Street junction, has been in planning for many years. We call for this to be completed this year. The Council have indicated they have funds allocated to provide the additional foot bridge and a major upgrade of the footpath. The Greens will continuously monitor progress to make sure this promise is kept.

Community Healthcare

With a growing population and rising expectations for healthcare the national system is under constant strain. The people of North Kildare deserve to be cared for in high quality multidisciplinary centres, 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 in the community. The new Kilcock Community Healthcare Centre is a great benefit to the community there. Maynooth residents still have to rely on a very basic and ageing prefab building which needs a large investment.

In the UK 90% of primary healthcare contact takes place in the community. The Green Party is campaigning for a similar high-quality service in our towns.

Maynooth a Growth Centre

We are living in the fastest growing area in the country. This has brought great benefits including high quality employment, improved shopping and social amenities in our towns. However, the challenges of growth are with us all the time, as traffic and commute times

increase. School places and quality health services are stretched to breaking point. Maynooth has been identified as a focus town in the National Spatial Strategy, which means it will see considerable growth in the next 20 years. We need to be clear about the kind of town planning, community and transport infrastructure we want. The Green Party has the strongest track record on housing, town planning and transport, and will give us a clear voice in Kildare County Council.

A Vision for Maynooth

Maynooth can become like a sprawling American town with endless traffic, shopping malls and motorways or can be more like a role-model European city with a strong sense of identity, high quality transport linkages and a highly liveable town centre. It is up to us to set that vision and to continue to build the community and improve the quality of life that we have.

A Sporting, Social and Cultural Centre

Our commuting towns are growing rapidly with a lack of the sporting, social and cultural facilities a growing modern community needs. As part of the vision for the town we are supporting planning for a swimming pool, recreation facilities for young people, a skating park as well as a cinema, community centre and theatre. In this vision we see Maynooth having the facilities a mid-sized urban centre needs to support a good quality of life for all citizens.

Biodiversity

Community Groups in Maynooth, including our Tidy Towns Team, Residents' Associations and Maynooth University Campus have taken strong steps to increase biodiversity around the town with some very visible initiatives including wild planting in Harbour Field, 'Bug hotels', biodiversity areas in the campus and in the Moyglare Abbey landscaping. The Green Party supports these and will work to make sure they become part of planning policy with proper funding and support. These initiatives increase awareness of the need for biodiversity in the community.

Air Pollution in our towns

The Kildare Green Party is starting to measure air pollution in our town centres in the North Kildare area. The exhaust from diesel cars, buses and trains and the continued use of smoky coal, turf and wood are all causing a rise in the number of PM10 and PM2.5 particles that increase the risk of lung damage in our children and adults. While not yet reaching the very dangerous levels experienced in London and in busy areas of Dublin, this is an alarming trend.

The Green Party will publish its measurements of air pollution over the summer to help us understand air quality in our communities.

Sustainable Energy Community

In 2018, the Maynooth Town Sustainable Energy Community was formed and is applying to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for funding to develop an Energy Master Plan. The plan will identify the best opportunities for energy savings in households, transport and businesses around the



town. The SEC will run a communications drive in the second half of this year to help householders and businesses understand how they can improve energy performance, save money and protect the environment.

Introducing Peter Hamilton, your candidate for the Local Elections May24th

Peter has been a Maynooth resident since 1998. He has been an active Green Party member for over 5 years and is currently deputy chair of the Kildare Greens. He is a member of the Maynooth Community Council. He is founder and chair of the Maynooth Sustainable Energy Community and also founder of the Kildare County Sustainable Energy Network K-SELF.

With 35 years' experience in the technology industry, Peter has strong experience and understanding of business and enterprise. He is currently an entrepreneur working from Maynooth on two start-up companies in the education technology area. The North Kildare Green Party team have strong belief in the central importance of high integrity and forward-looking business in our local area.

Peter was also one of the founders of Lucan Educate Together, the first Educate Together school in the Dublin West area. This community action provided him with first-hand experience of what a small and dedicated group can do to drive positive change. Today more than 3000 children attend four Educate Together primary schools in Lucan.

Give Peter your #1 vote in the local election and Vote #1 for Saoirse McHugh in the European election

The Maynooth Local Area includes Balraheen, Cloncurry, Donadea, Kilcock, Maynooth, and Straffan.

The Green Party is also fielding a strong candidate, Saoirse McHugh, for our Midlands North West Constituency in the European elections.

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Maynooth University Town Football Club Leinster Senior League Div 1 Sunday League Table as of 29/4/2019

#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Maynooth University Town FC	23	18	4	1	62	19	43	58
2	Wayside Celtic	24	15	7	2	44	17	27	52
3	Edenderry Town	24	12	7	5	44	29	15	43
4	Leixlip United FC	22	11	7	4	36	25	11	40
5	Home Farm FC	22	9	5	8	33	22	11	32
6	Glebe North	22	9	5	8	46	40	6	32
7	Tullamore Town	24	10	2	12	36	43	-7	32
8	UCD AFC	24	8	5	11	38	39	-1	29
9	Newtown Rangers AFC	23	7	6	10	42	50	-8	27
10	Tek United	24	5	10	9	37	44	-7	25
11	Dublin Bus	23	6	6	11	34	43	-9	24
12	Greystones United AFC	24	5	8	11	30	43	-13	23
13	Glenville FC	23	5	8	10	23	42	-19	23
14	Drumcondra/Stella Maris	24	1	4	19	17	66	-49	7

Leinster Senior League Div 1 Sunday Drumcondra - 1 Town - 2

A hard fought win keeps us ahead of our Rivals in our quest for league honours. Goals by Darragh Reyner and Daniel Burke ensured us the points.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup Semi - Final Town - 2 Crumlin Utd - 3

Town were edged out in this five goal thriller at Maynooth. Hot Favourites Crumlin had to pull out all the stops to clinch victory with the winning goal two minutes into added time. Daniel Burke and Conor Foley goals were just not

enough to propel us into the final for the second successive season.

Leinster Senior League Div 1 Sundav

Tullamore Town - 1 Town - 2

The result of this game was in doubt until the very end. A Darragh Reynor free kick brought us lever after an early Tullamore goal. Darragh Reynor secured all three points with a superb finish from just inside the penalty area.

F.A.I. Senior Cup Premlin Rd Town - 5 Rockmount (Cork) - 1

Town were shocked by an early Rockmount goal. Town settled and put on a superb show of masterful football. An Eoin Mc Dermott hat-trick and a brace from Darragh Reynor completed a superb team effort.





Above: Declan Kennedy presenting a bottle of champagne to Darragh Reynor to honour his achievement on being selected as F.A.I. Intermediate Player of the Year 2018. A great honour for player and team. Once again we thank Declan and Brady's Clock House for their continued sponsorship.

CYCLING CAMPAIGN

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Local Elections (May 2019)

Election time is an opportunity by cycle campaigners to reassess progress and to set out new goals for the future. From earlier this year, we identified one glaring omission in Kildare County Council's proposals for Maynooth. That concerns the failure to provide for

cycling facilities to the two primary schools on the Celbridge Road. Planning for the first of these school commenced nearly twenty years ago with little consideration given to how children would cycle to the schools.

As it turned out, draft plans have recently been drawn up to provide cycle facilities on the Celbridge Road and we are grateful to Cllr. Tim Durkan for informing us. However, the use of the terms "provide" and "cycle facilities" are somewhat arbitrary. The proposed cycle track does not connect with the Straffan Road cycle track and doesn't extend as far as either of the two schools. It is also discontinuous at Greenfield Park and its effective width is 1.5m which puts it in the category of low quality. The County Council seems to think that cyclists have need to travel in one direction only as the cycle track is unidirectional. Overall, it is an appalling design and once again the Council is "ticking the box" for cycling but doing nothing to enable people who want to cycle.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign proposes to lobby prospective councillors for 2m effective width of cycle tracks on either side of the road. The width of the proposed cross-section is 16m compared to the existing cross-section width of approximately 14.1m. Most of the additional space required is available or can be purchased by CPO but it is accepted that close to the junction with the Straffan Road a pinch point does exist which will require an imaginative solution. For some twenty years, Kildare County Council has been providing low quality cycle infrastructure which has had negligible impact on levels of cycling. If it continues to provide such quality, there will be negligible change in the next twenty years.

It is also proposed to lobby prospective councillors for the Maynooth Municipal District on their support for Cycling for All and to publish their names in due course. Only one Kildare councillor, Cllr. Padraig McEvoy, is currently signed up but he will not the running for the Maynooth District.

(Note – Details of existing and proposed cross-sections on the Celbridge Road are available on own website here.)

Government Must Prioritise Active Travel

On 17th April, Maynooth Cycling Campaign through its membership of Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network, and in collaboration with the Irish Heart Foundation, the Irish Cancer Society, Diabetes Ireland, Irish Doctors for the Environment, the Association for Health Promotion Ireland and the Irish Pedestrian Network, presented an open letter to An

Taoiseach and Ministers calling on the Government to ensure that active travel forms an integral part of the All-of-Government Climate Plan.



The National Physical Activity Plan Get Ireland Active

recognises the benefits of the natural and built environment in promoting active travel and lists actions which would enable increased physical activity. These include walking and cycling strategies and the planning, development and design of towns and cities. Despite the clear awareness of the link between physical activity and the built environment, Active Travel is not being prioritised. As an example, the present level of transport funding allocated to cycling is less than 2%. This needs to increase to meet the United Nations Environment Programme recommended levels of at least 10%, and with at least 20% recommended for cycling and walking.

It is widely acknowledged that the government is not meeting its climate targets. Transport emissions in particular continue to rise. Insufficient thought has been given to the extent to which the take-up of active travel can contribute to emissions reduction. Furthermore the Transition Statement 2018, which sets out a path towards a carbon free future, contains no targets acknowledging that walking and cycling are valid means of transport related climate action.

Healthy Ireland surveys confirm that the average Irish adult is not meeting the target of a minimum of 150 minutes of physical activity per week and concerns about the results of inactivity on the health of Irish children are growing.

Colm Ryder, Chair of Cyclist.ie, said "When exercise is seen as an 'extra' that has to be fitted into busy lives on top of work, commuting, caring and other family responsibilities, it is easy to neglect. On the other hand, walking or cycling to work, school, college, shopping or to social activities offers people the opportunity to integrate physical activity into their day-to-day lives".

The publication of the All-of-Government Climate Plan which is due shortly after Easter will reveal how serious the government is.

Cyclist.ie Council Meeting

Maynooth Cycling Campaign recently hosted the bi-annual Council meeting of Cyclist.ie in Maynooth University. Sixteen representatives from cyclist campaign groups from around the country met to discuss progress on existing campaigns and to plan for the future especially in the light of pending local and European elections. We would like to thank Dr. Joe Larragy of Maynooth University who treated the gathering to a talk on Maynooth Green Campus.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.



We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.



Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade 2019 Photo Gallery



Photos: Courtesy of Mark Colfer





























Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil - Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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Ó Cearúil seeks status of Maynooth estates yet to be taken in charge

Cllr. Ó Cearúil has raised the issue of taking in charge of estates in Maynooth. Many estates are yet to be taken in charge and Naoise has sought the status of all estates in the town. Some estates are waiting over a decade such as Castledawson and Meadowbrook.

Road works on the Moyglare Road

Most people will be aware of the road works on the Moyglare Road as part of it's upgrade but it has brought with it some difficulty. The traffic system being used is traffic lights, however this isn't working as the works move continuously. There have been some near misses on the stretch of road and Naoise has asked that the works be properly manned to ensure the safety of road users.

Ó Cearúil continues to press for the ring roads

The ring roads are the only solution to Maynooth's traffic problems. The section of ring road going through Co. Meath has halted the progress as there was a high court action taken against Meath Co Co for granting permission for it. Naoise has sought an update on this and how best to progress.

Re-planting of Trees

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has called on Kildare County Council to plant the same amount of trees as has been felled in the process of upgrading the Moyglare Road. He has asked that details of where the trees will be planted be made available to the public.

Voter Registration evening with the Gardaí

Naoise organised an evening in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 1st of May so people could register to vote. There was a member of the Gardaí present to stamp forms and ensure that those not on the register could fulfil their democratic duty.

Table Quiz and Campaign Launch

Naoise hosted a table quiz and his campaign launch in O'Neill's on Friday the 3rd of May. The room was full and Naoise outlined his vision for the council if re-elected in this month's local elections.

Local Elections 24th May 2019 - A message from Naoise

A Chara.

In 2014 the people of this area put their faith in me and elected me to Kildare County Council. Since then I have worked hard on issues facing our community and delivered on real results. I spearheaded the campaign for the Purple Flag in Maynooth, organised the St. Patrick's Day Parade, helped organise the Christmas Lights, delivered a Gaelcoláiste, campaigned for a Full-Time Garda station among many other things. If re-elected I will continue to work hard for our community.

I ask for your support once again and your number 1 vote or highest preference. Ní neart go cur le chéile – Together we are stronger

Naoise Ó Cearúil

My Priorities

Climate Action – Leading Kildare's Response

Crime - Full time Garda Station for Maynooth

Education - Adequate primary and post primary spaces

Traffic – Delivering the Ring-Roads

Housing – Ensuring that there is adequate and sustainable housing

Services – Proper services for a growing town

Childcare – Adequate childcare provision

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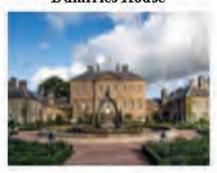
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Maynooth 10k/5k 2019

Photo's courtesy of Mark Colfer & John Boyd



aynooth 10k/5k 2019 was a great success with 600 entries between the two races. The weather cooperated with a lovely morning for running, bringing out the supporters and creating a wonderful festive atmosphere. The new finishers medal sponsored by Pearls Dental was a big hit as was the new Team Event with the Polish Runners Club Ireland winning both the 5k and the 10k events. The reusable plastic cups sponsored by Intel Pride of Place, were introduced last year and were back again this year at the water stations and at the finish saving around 1,000 items of single-use plastics per year.

Chairperson Teresa Murray thanked Carton House, St Patrick's College and the Presentation Girls' school for the use of their premises, Carton House, Donatello's and Picaderos for sponsoring the 10k prizes, Supervalu, Shoda and Salmon Leap for the 5k prizes, Supervalu for sponsoring the water, Maynooth Cycles for providing the

lead cyclist and Maynooth Tidy Towns for having the town looking so well. The 10k Times was a big success this year with record numbers of ads and articles, we'd like to thank all the businesses who took ads and the various clubs and groups who provided such interesting articles.

An event of this size requires a lot work and we'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped out on the weekend setting up the course, stewarding, registration, organizing the starts and finish and providing such excellent refreshments back in the school afterwards

The proceeds from this event will go towards the up-keep of the multi-purpose playing fields shared with Maynooth GAA at Mariaville on the Moyglare Road and a Multi-Use Games Area and Astro to be located on the new schools Campus. Looking forward to our 10th anniversary space next year!





Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 21/03/2019 To 19/04/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date		
19419	Kildare County Council	David Dunne	Clonfert South, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	17/04/2019		
19401	Kildare County Council	Tonn Hoare Lainerinesiown Maynooin Co Kildare				
19390	Kildare County Council	Belmullet Hospitality Group Ltd.	Carton House Hotel & Golf Resort, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	10/04/2019		
19372	Kildare County Council	Stephen and Tanya Nevin	524b Newtown Road,, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 K07X	08/04/2019		
19357	Kildare County Council	Brian McCormack	48 Griffin Rath Manor, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	03/04/2019		
19326	Kildare County Council	Ray & Noelle McTernan,	No.4 Dillion's Row, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	28/03/2019		
19297	Kildare County Council	Colin Moane and Irene Kearney	15 The Avenue, Newtown Hall, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	22/03/2019		
19295	Kildare County Council	Colm O'Rourke	Laragh Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	21/03/2019		



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DR IAN BATH R.I.P.

At the time of going to publication we learn of the sad 'passing' of Dr Ian Bath, a founding member and president of the group

Ian and some others set things rolling back in 1974. He had the foresight to see the potential of this great amenity and will be sadly missed by all. A more detailed report will appear in the next addition.

PRESENTATION

At a recent function on the canal banks at Ashtown, the Lord Mayor of Dublin Mr. Niall Ring made a presentation to another long serving member Mr Noel Spaine.

The Rathbourne community assocation installed an information plaque adjacent to the canal at Ashtown. This Plaque was unvailed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Mr. Niall Ring at a ceremony on 26th February last.

Presentation to Mr Noel Spaine R.C.A.G.

He then presented Noel with a framed facsimile of the plaque. The plaque contains information for walkers and leisure cyclists availing of the Royal Canal Greenway. It is located on the canal bank in the vicinity of Ashtown Railway Station.

We in the group would like to extend our congratulations to Noel who has been with us 'for more years than we care to remember'.

Rathbourne Community Association made the presentation to Noel as a token of their appreciation of his long input and effort during the restoration of the canal, and his

continued dedication to the promotion of the restored amenity.

ROYAL CANAL TOUR

Bookings are coming in fast for this year's tour which 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.



'Dumfries House

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, is: RCAG members €30.00, Nonmembers €50.00 and children under 14 €300.00. Price includes travel, accommodation, entry to all venues & boat trip. Places are scarce so early booking is advisable.

Booking telephone: 01 687 7034 Book early to avoid disappointment! A deposit secures

GREENWAY UPDATE

Work is continuing in the area between Maynooth and Leixlip. At present these works are based just east of the thirteenth lock ('the haunted lock'). Hopefully the workers are not being spooked. Sections will be closed to walkers /leisure cyclists at different times for health and safety reasons.

Meanwhile, work is also progressing well at Moyvalley just north of Enfield. Most of the preliminary work is now completed and work on the next stage is in hand. Again sections will be closed to walkers / leisure cyclists and any inconvenience regretted.



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I am a Fine Gael candidate for the upcoming local elections in the Maynooth Municipal area. Community work, volunteerism and sporting involvement have been a huge part of my life. I strongly believe in getting involved to improve our community and make it a safer and better place to live and work.

As a new candidate I am busy out canvassing at the moment and the response I'm getting has been great. However a number of issues have been raised at the doorsteps to me.

Maynooth traffic problem. An alternative route for the traffic coming and going to Maynooth University is needed. This would remove a large amount of traffic from the Main Street and the Straffan road.

Moyglare Road Schools. Residents are concerned about the potential of increased traffic congestion especially at peak times in Maynooth

Carton Avenue - Lime Walk. The Carton Avenue Walk is enjoyed by thousands of people. Many people would like to retain it for pedestrian use. A peaceful safe walk is one of life's greatest pleasures.

If you need assistance with any issue please contact me Phone; 087 3305311 Email: rioanamulliganfg@gmail.com

Rioana (Oni) Mulligan

Maynooth Summer Festival 2019 setback.

At a meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District Council held in Naas on Friday 12th. April members refused to support Cllr. John McGinley's proposal to approve the award of funding for the Maynooth Summer Festival 2019 under Kildare County Council's Festival Grant Scheme.

None of the members of the MMDC, including those members representing the town, Tim Durkan, Reada Cronin and Teresa Murray, were willing to support Cllr. McGinley's motion. It must be noted that, as voting on the approval of the Festival Grants was to be taken "on block", Cllr. O'Cearuil correctly excused himself from voting due to his conflict of interest as organiser of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and long term supporter of the Summer Festival Committee.

Sonya Kavanagh, Director of Services, Economic Community & Cultural Development, stated that it is the Council's (her department's) objective to give festival grants to community groups despite the fact that the Council's guidelines for Festival Grants clearly states "the purpose of the scheme (Festival Grants Scheme) is to assist voluntary groups who promote key festival events in County Kildare", whilst the Community Grant Scheme "is to provide financial assistance to community groups engaged in activities which encourage community participation and promote the well being of communities in County Kildare".

Cllr. McGinley advised his fellow councillors that the Maynooth Summer Festival Committee is a voluntary group, registered as such with Kildare PPN, and completely independent of any other group or organisation in Maynooth. It has it's own Constitution, it's own executive and members and it's own Bank Account. Despite these assurances, Cllrs. Murray, Cronin and Durkin refused to support his motion.

This selfish, self serving action is inexcusable. These same Councillors seek sponsorship from the community and local businesses in support of their own projects such as the Maynooth 10k and Maynooth First Responders. Yet when reciprocal action is sought from them in gaining financial support from the local authority that request is met with silence.

This is a significant financial setback for the event which will obviously necessitate additional sponsorship and fundraising if the event is to take place.

The Summer Festival Committee are nevertheless determined to endeavour, in conjunction with those local businesses, groups and clubs who have already pledged co-operation, to provide an event which our community and local businesses clearly desire. Perhaps in the coming weeks when these same Councillors call seeking your support in their bid for re-election you might ask them why, when it was within their gift, they refused to sanction funding to assist the Maynooth Summer Festival Committee in promoting this community's summer festival.

Maynooth Summer Festival Committee.



Submission to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action from BirdWatch Ireland

BirdWatch Ireland respectfully requests that the Joint Oireachtas Committee considers the recommendations in this submission in

their forthcoming report on Climate Action. Action to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ireland is urgently required in order to stem the worst impacts of climate change. Climate change is anticipated to affect all levels of biodiversity, from organism to biome levels (Bellard et al 20131, Pereira et al 20102) including our birds. Birds are indicators of the health of the environment but in Ireland the number of birds of serious conservation concern is at its highest ever. One third of Ireland's wild bee species are threatened with extinction. 91% of Ireland's internationally important habitats have bad or inadequate ecological status. Habitat loss and degradation caused by human activities are the main causes of impacts. Climate actions which also protect and restore habitats will provide valuable co-benefits for our threatened wildlife. Nature-based solutions will help create landscape resilience in the face of climate change. We make the following recommendations:

- 1. Climate actions must be proofed to ensure that they are consistent with both Ireland's targets under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and those of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Climate mitigation and biodiversity protection and restoration are complementary, but that this is not inevitably the case and proofing is needed to ensure that both goals are pursued.
- 2. Conserve and restore peat habitats and soils: Citizen's Assembly Recommendation 7 relates to the cessation of peat cutting and government subsidies to be directed towards peat bog restoration including rewetting of bogs. We fully support this proposal as it would have significant benefits for birds of our upland blanket bogs and lowland raised bogs including the globally threatened Curlew. Agriculture and afforestation policy and poor implementation of the laws protecting biodiversity on upland and lowland farms can also result in negative impacts to peat habitats and peat soils. We recommend that the Department of Agriculture supports financially rewarding agri-environment schemes in the forthcoming Common Agriculture Policy Strategic Plan and agriculture payment conditionality rules that support protection of peat habitats and soils in a farmed environment. The latter ties in with **Recommendation 11** where the Citizen's assembly called for rewards for the farmer for land management that sequesters carbon. Critically, restoring the proper functioning of peatland habitats would assist in slowing runoff which could help with flood protection in lowland areas.
- 3. Sequester and store carbon through hedgerows: It is estimated that 450 kHa or 6.4% of the Irish landscape is comprised of hedgerow, scrub and non-forest trees6. Hedgerows and their associated trees, banks, ditches and margins provide a precious multi-functional resource in our countryside, benefiting inter alia plants and wildlife, agriculture, water quality, flood mitigation, tourism and the general community through their landscape value. They provide essential food, shelter and corridors for wildlife. They also have potential to help mitigate climate change by sequestering carbon in woody biomass and in soil. EPA research suggests that hedgerows and non-forest woodlands could potentially sequester 0.66–3.3t CO2/ha/year7. Data from 17 County Hedgerow Surveys indicate that only one third of hedgerows are in a favourable conservation state leaving potential for greater carbon sequestration & storage potential through an improved quality stock while supporting wildlife. We recommend the comApletion of the National Hedgerow Survey and convening of a National Stakeholder Forum to

develop a National Hedgerow Conservation Strategy to maximise the carbon and biodiversity co-benefits of Ireland's unique hedgerows.



- **4.** Improve the Biodiversity Co-benefits of Afforestation. In relation to the Citizen's Assembly recommendation 13 recommending supports for afforestation. Forestry can provide biodiversity co-benefits if the right trees are planted in the right place under the right management. Currently, afforestation is a significant pressure and threat to biodiversity8 especially when it occurs on land that was biodiversity-rich prior to planting9. Currently, there is no ecological assessment of afforestation applications outside of EU designated sites. Biodiversity-rich areas are being lost to an unsustainable forestry model. This must be rectified to protect ground nesting birds, pollinators and species rich grasslands. We recommend that ecological assessment is undertaken of all afforestation applications.
- **5. Explore the synergies between climate change mitigation potential of blue carbon while protecting habitats.** Marine ecosystems provide an important role in climate regulation. The possibilities and potential of the 'blue carbon' of our marine and coastal habitats in Ireland should also be explored with the view to maximising carbon sequestration and storage benefits but critically ensuring the protection of coastal ecosystems for the benefit of biodiversity. The EPA has undertaken research on the role salt marshes, sand dunes, bays and estuaries play in relation to carbon mitigation10. Programmes such as the Blue Carbon Initiative and similar 11 provide additional information. Critically, many of Ireland's Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) for birds are designated due to these important habitats but they have 'bad' conservation status due to habitat degradation and pollution. Protection and restoration could have multiple benefits. Terrestrial coastal habitats also have a very important role in climate change adaptation buffering the hinterland from storm and flood events.
- 6. Ensure coherence across government policies and strengthen enforcement of environmental laws to achieve climate goals with biodiversity co-benefits. Sectoral policies, plans, programmes, schemes and laws relating to, but not limited to, agriculture, forestry, flood protection, renewable energy, the marine, tourism, and biodiversity all need to be heading in the same direction to meet climate goals and to protect habitats which support them. There could also be significant wins in terms of reaching our climate goals if our existing suite of environmental laws and regulations governing habitats were implemented and enforced effectively. Indiscriminate hedgecutting and hedgerow removal in the countryside is the number 1 complaint to BirdWatch Ireland from members of the public despite laws in place to prevent this occurrence. The thresholds to trigger Environmental Impact Assessment for forestry and activities on farmland are too high and resulting in significant loss of habitat. Failure to regulate burning in the uplands results in significant impacts to peat-based habitats every year. Over 21,400ha of Natura land (SACs and SPAs) have been burnt between 2011-201612 releasing carbon into the atmosphere, degrading habitats, impacting on the species supported by these habitats like Hen Harrier and Curlew who breed in the uplands and stymying our goals to achieve favourable conservation status of these habitats as per the Habitats Directive. The cost to the exchequer to deploy the fire service to attend out-of-control fires in upland mountains and lowland hills between 2010-2015 in 10 counties was €6.1million13. Finally, awareness needs to be raised with the general public, farmers and competent authorities of the value of habitats for both biodiversity and climate benefits.

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January Surprise

Cloudy-silver brightness
Succeeds the morning snow
And on our naked cherry tree
Are tiny blossom buds.
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A bladed east wind scatter,
Or threatened frost
Hinder their display?

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Her heart he has broken since he was a boy!
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Not a care in the world as to whence comes his bread.
Has some followers also, an ignorant lot,
Mostly fishers and taxmen, not one worth a jot;
And the women disciples who care for his needs,
Hang on his words, stare in awe at his deeds.
Yes the book he knows well, cutting straight to the core,

Love for God and one's neighbour, its wisdom and store.

But he can't be from God for he and his band Will sit down to eat without washing their hands;

And who shares his table? The lame and the blind, The publicans, harlots and dregs of their kind. He cares not for the Sabbath, the Temple, the Law, Claims rank above Moses, who God's fire saw; And ailments he cures, by the devil, of course, The father of lies, or some kindred source. Says the poor are the blessèd, the rich are accursed, The first shall be last and the last shall be first, Such riddles can only the masses confuse, They're too steeped in evil the right road to choose. He is a blasphemer, usurping God's voice, By pardoning sins he leaves us no choice. He must be got rid of, such men have to die, And Pilate will yield to our mob's "Crucify!". And then we will see his great boast all in vain: "In three days I'll take up my life once again".

What? But how can that be!

"Alleluia! He is risen!"

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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Visiting Jerusalem's Temple Mount

When my wife and I decided to visit The Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City we didn't anticipate any difficulty. We would, as our guidebook advised, walk down David Street to the Chain Gate at 1pm and all would be fine. Not so! Two armed guards, who may have been Palestinians and who, at any rate, spoke little English, turned us back. There would be no entry until later and then only from the Western Wall Plaza.

After a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre off the Via Dolorosa we made our way back through the narrow, cobbled streets with their colourful souvenir shops and throngs of tourists to another checkpoint. A young guard told us there would be no entry to The Temple Mount for another hour. We spent the hour exploring various passageways and even the sun-baked roof of the Jewish Quarter, where we had difficulty in finding our way back down. Eventually, a young man in traditional dress, outside what may have been a Yeshiva religious school, pointed us back the way we had come.

On arriving again at the checkpoint our possessions were scanned and the same young guard waved us through. We emerged into the open at a point overlooking the Western Wall, above which the Temple Mount, dominating the city much as the Acropolis dominates Athens, is situated. A flight of steps led down to the Plaza, which was cleared of Palestinian houses in 1968. Jews, many in traditional dress, and a sprinkling of Christians were praying at the Wall, all that remains of the Temple built by Herod the Great, the one in which Jesus preached. Descending to the crowded, sunlit Plaza, we asked directions to the Temple Mount and were directed to a nearby checkpoint, beyond which people had already gathered. Since we were exiting from the Plaza our possessions weren't scanned.

Quickly we joined the crowd lined up before a covered ramp leading up to Haram al-Sharif, as Moslems call the Temple Mount. Beside us were those waiting to visit the Western Wall, among them a family group, probably on a Bar Mitzvah outing? The women were carrying trays of cakes and confectionary, while the men and boys were singing exuberantly. Occasionally, one individual in a black suit and black wide-brimmed hat would blow the shofar, or ram's horn. It was like a scene out of Fiddler on the Roof. Meanwhile, sitting in the shade of the nearby wall, a shabbily dressed individual who may have been a street peddler was accepting handfuls of coins from two dark-gowned women, with whom he also shared food.

Even as we joined the multinational queue, among which French tourists in pink baseball caps stood out, new arrivals were pressing in behind us. Two uniformed Palestinian guards stood at the entrance to the ramp, the sides of which were enclosed with planks. A checkpoint hut was visible further up.

The guards had difficulty controlling the crowd. Two burly individuals made to barge past them but were angrily repulsed, then, fortunately, my wife and I were waved on. On reaching the hut our possessions were scanned. Impatiently, we hurried round a right-angled corner, passed a heap of battered riot shields, and continued up the long ramp. Once through the Moors' Gate we encountered a peaceful oasis, which contrasted with the discord below. Though the afternoon was hot, slender evergreens growing beside buildings of honey-coloured limestone lent an air of coolness. So this was the Moslem redoubt in the Holy City, the place where Jewish zealots wished to rebuild the Temple!

Losing no time, we walked by the El-Aqsa Mosque, once the Crusaders' headquarters, which we were not allowed to enter, then headed for the 7th century Dome of the Rock, the golden roof of which is a radiant focal point in views of Jerusalem. On the way we came upon men studying the Koran under shady olives, a scene that brought to mind Plato's academy. They ignored us infidels as we mounted steps to the higher level. Now we were beside the Dome of the Rock, the spot where Muhammad had made a night ascent to heaven before returning next morning to Mecca. When we tried to enter, a doorman waved us away. Fine. We had paid no entrance fee and were here at the pleasure of Allah's worshippers. Later, we learned that some years ago an Australian had tried to set fire to the interior, as a result of which tourists were now barred.

Exploring the spacious sanctuary, we photographed various buildings, an enclosed well, graceful freestanding arcades with tall columns and a lower, prohibited area bordering the eastside city wall, which was planted with olive trees and through which a woman in dark robes was approaching. Beneath us on the north side young people were strolling before the El-Aqsa School. There was so much to see that we didn't notice the time until a guard hurried up, shouting that visiting time was over. We were now the only infidels in sight.

"Where did you enter?" the guard demanded and when we said, "From the Western Wall," he told us to go there at once, then changing his mind he ordered us to follow him. Obediently, we complied, hurrying through a tunnel or gate into a narrow dimly lit street where men, many wearing Arab headdresses, were drinking and smoking hookahs at outdoor tables. Now I was beginning to feel nervous; this could be an alley in some North African city. Did the guard intend to rob us?

Eventually we reached a street with some tourists, whereupon our guide stopped and demanded money. I had 40 shekels (about 8 euro) and, if the fellow had been more civil, I would have complied but, as matters stood, I refused. Couldn't we have made our own way down to the Western Wall? Later, I had second thoughts. Perhaps the Moors' Gate had already closed? As for the exit we had taken, I learned it was through the Cotton Merchants' Market, one of the most atmospheric places in Old Jerusalem. If only our surly guide had told us that!

By P. G. Nerney

JAMES McCORMACK

Jim's first anniversary Mass was on April 16th and my family and I would like to take this moment to thank the people of Maynooth for their Mass cards, expressions of sympathy and their kind words over the past year.

It has been so heart-warming to hear your memories of Jim, and to realize how much you thought of him. It is a great source of consolation to me and to Emer, Niall, Conor and the grandchildren who miss him so much.

Jim's ashes will be placed in the new Columbarium in Laraghbryan Cemetery in due course. Please visit him there and say a prayer for him.

A Mass will be offered for the intentions of all

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CULTURE NIGHT KILDARE 2019 REGISTRATION OPEN

On Culture Night venues open their doors after hours for a late-night programme of free entertainment, suitable for people of all ages and cultural persuasions!

Every year hundreds of organisations, groups and artists plan fantastic events and the programme sees thousands of people attending.

In 2019 Culture Night will take place on **Friday 20th September** and you are invited to take part.

This year Culture Night Kildare celebrates its **10th anniversary** and Kildare County Council will also launch their **Music Generation Project** so we are particularly welcoming events on these two themes, but all events are welcome, as usual, **including Saturday and Sunday events.**

In addition to single events, we are also supporting **Community projects** that will contribute to the promotion of the programme in the weeks prior to Culture Night. They must involve local groups (such as GAA clubs, schools and so on) and produce a **visible outcome** in one or more town's centres (shops windows displays or pop up performances and so on in main streets or squares). The projects selected will be awarded a grant of **\Circle 00**.

The deadline for projects and events registration is June 14th.

For further information and help or to apply please contact Culture Night Kildare Coordinator, Federica Petronilli (Email: culturenightkildare@gmail.com, Tel: 083 1698936)

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Maynooth Golf Society

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Grangecastle Results

1st	Dermot Myles	40pts
2nd	Tom Coffey	38pts
3rd	Paul Farrelly	36pts
4th	John Carroll	35ptsB
5th	Barry Farrell	35pts
Over 60	Sean Farrelly	
Visitor	David Murray	
F9	Derek O'Donovan	19pts
B9	Declan Byrne	20pts
Nearest Pin	Derek O'Donovan	
2's Club	Paul Farrelly	

Next outing is the Weekend away in Athlone 17/18th May



Twenty Years A Growing!

So here we are twenty years later and still going strong! It does not seem like that long ago that An Nuadha Players first came into being but we are now facing into our 20th anniversary production with as much energy and enthusiasm as we had when we faced into our first production all those years ago.

Attending rehearsals, it is always striking to see the spread of ages involved in each show and the new faces that appear with each production. It is a great way for young and old to meet in a creative activity, with the young often sharing their quickness to pick up certain things with older cast members and older cast members passing on their acquired wisdom in return. For new people coming to the town it is a way of making contact with a large group of people with similar interests and finding a place for yourself in the community and for long-time residents it keeps them constantly in contact with what is new in the town. The sense of satisfaction that comes from working so hard to create a moment of magic and sharing that with a cast of fellow townspeople is immense and, of course, the icing on the cake is when your audience tells you how much they enjoyed the whole experience as well.

This anniversary offering will hopefully have something for everyone – music, dancing, singing, comedy, great characters, great acting and an overall feel good factor. Martin Higgins, the writer, is no stranger to the Maynooth stage. He has been the

author of all our pantos to date, as well as having served as scriptwriter for the Gaiety panto, the Everyman Theatre in Cork panto and for the hilarious comedienne, June Rodgers. This offering, Twisted, shows his capricious imagination at its best, with inspirational input from his daughter, Catriona, who is the production's director. Meadhbh Fitzgibbon-Moore, herself an original child actor 20 years ago, takes on the choreography with great aplomb and great good humour and Colin Sloane, our first ever musical director, shows that he still knows how to bring out the best vocally in the cast.

We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend and to help us celebrate our anniversary. We would love to see past cast members come along and meet us after the show to share some memories.

'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, from Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street or email annuadhaplayers@gmail.com.

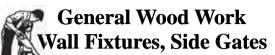


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& 2pm to 5pm

Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.

New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome
Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and
Thursday and new members are always
welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or
new to the age bracket, why not come along
you might enjoy it. You will find us in the
Geraldine Hall on Leinster St.
Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets
Last Thursday of each Month in
The Glenroyal Hotel
New Members Welcome
Contact: MCEP Office for more details
(Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

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

St Joseph's young Priests Society

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.

DIARY ENTRIES

E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition.

E-mail: office@maynoothcep.com Phone: 01-6285922

Bridge Club

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Contact Katherine Cooney
086 8205910

Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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

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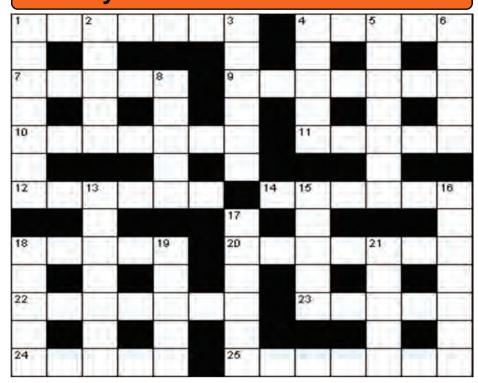
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Clues Across

- 1. Floorshow (7)
- 4. Spooky (5)
- 7. Detection device (5)
- 9. Vertical (7)
- 10. Inactivity (7)
- 11. Measuring implement (5)
- 12. Dictator (6)
- 14. Ecclesiastic (6)
- 18. Copious (5)
- 20. Drawn (7)
- 22. Pouch worn with a kilt (7)
- 23. Diadem (5)
- 24. Admittance (5)
- 25. Spiny anteater (7)



May 2019 Crossword - No. 479



Clues Down

- 1. Transported (7)
- 2. Emblem (5)
- 3. Tropical bird (6)
- 4. Mistake (5)
- 5. Dependable follower (7)
- 6. Go in (5)
- 8. Magnitude relation (5)
- 13. Reinforcement (7)
- 15. Reasoned judgment (5)
- 16. Musical passage (7)
- 17. Opportunity (6)
- 18. Part of a church (5)
- 19. Ahead of time (5)
- 21. Obviate (5)



Solutions to Crossword No 478

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arly May is your last chance to sow a new lawn from seed as we come into the summer months and the temperatures rise even further. Those who have already sown a new lawn should continue to ensure it is watered regularly. For those



with an existing lawn, you should, by now, have lowered the blades on the lawnmower for a slightly tighter cut. Ideally the lawn should be cut once per week but the same rules apply as earlier in the year; don't cut the lawn when its wet, wait for a dry day. Don't cut the lawn too tight. And don't forget to trim the edges with an edging shears; neat and tidy edges

make for a neater and tidier lawn. Apply lawn weed killer to your lawn this month.

In the vegetable garden

Harvest asparagus spears when they are no more than 18 cm tall. Thin out direct-sown vegetables such as spinach, carrot and lettuce seedlings, then water the rows well. Harden off outdoor tomatoes, courgettes and pumpkins for planting early next month. Protect carrots from carrot fly by covering with horticultural fleece or environmesh. Pinch out the growing points of broad beans as soon as beans start to appear



at the base of the plant to reduce the risk of blackfly attack. Weed around your onions and garlic to reduce competition for nutrients and water. Apply an onion fertiliser to boost growth. Make supports for your runner beans, using 8 ft. (2.4 m) bamboo canes. Support pea plants with twiggy sticks or pea netting. Keep on top of weeding.

In the fruit garden

Protect strawberries with straw (to control weeds and lift the berries off the ground) and



netting (to keep birds off the fruit). Harvest rhubarb, picking only one-third of the total amount of stems. Hang pheromone traps in plum trees from May to August to monitor plum-fruit-moth activity. Keep young fruit trees well-watered while they are putting on rapid growth. Remove blossom and fruits from newly planted fruit trees to help them establish properly during their first year.

Regularly check the centre of gooseberry bushes for green gooseberry sawfly caterpillars - they will quickly skeletonise leaves if not removed. Erect netting around soft fruit plants to prevent birds eating your crop.

Whether you believe that May is a spring or summer month, we are sure you will all agree that it is a wonderful month in the garden. The bare winter and early spring patches are filling in with fresh growth as the perennials make their appearance and the amount of colour in the garden is increasing by the day. Below you will find some handy hints to help you keep on top of things over the next few weeks.

In the flower garden

As your spring bulbs begin to fade, remove the flower heads to prevent them from going to seed. The stalks should be left in place to die back naturally; this allows for the bulbs to re-absorb any available nutrients which keeps them fed during their dormant period. The stalks can be cut/removed once they are well withered. This is also an ideal time to lift and divide any clumps of spring bulbs which appear to have outgrown their allotted space. They can be lifted and divided, withering stalks and all, and re-planted in their new position. Early flowering clematis, such as the Clematis armandii, should be pruned now, if required, as they finish flowering. They are group 1 climbers which means they flower early and on last year's growth. In truth, they should not need too much by way of pruning unless they are getting too big for the area they are in or they can be pruned to get rid of any old or damaged/dead wood. Always cut

back to a pair of healthy buds. As the temperatures rise, so do the instances of pest and disease in the garden. As the old saying goes, prevention is better than cure! A strong case in point are roses. Keep an eye out for aphids/greenfly on the new buds or black spot and rust on the leaves. Remove any infected leaves immediately and discard



them. Treat any affected plants with appropriate insecticide and fungicide which can be used every two weeks to keep problems at bay. Remember, good air circulation around the plants is a must in preventing the spread of pests and diseases.

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Ingredients:

Tortilla bowls

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Taco meat

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- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 3 garlic gloves, minced
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 (8-ounces) can tomato sauce
 - 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon packed light brown sugar
- Salt and pepper

Salad

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- 2 romaine lettuce hearts, shredded
- 1 (15-ounces) can black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 8 ounces cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 2 spring onions, thinly sliced
 - 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 table spoons lime juice
- Avocado, and sour cream for topping (optional)

Directions:

- To make homemade taco shells, adjust oven racks to upper-middle and lower-middle positions, preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Arrange 4 oven-safe soup bowls, flattened foil balls or 6 inch cake pans on two rimmed baking sheets.
- 2. Warm tortillas slightly until pliable. Spray both sides with cooking spray, then drape over soup bowls or nest inside cake pans. Bake until crisp, 10-15 minutes, rotating sheets half way through baking. Let cool completely before removing.
- Heat oil in a non-stick skillet set over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in chili powder and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add ground beef and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until almost cooked through but still slightly pink, about 2 minutes. Stir in tomato sauce, broth, vinegar and sugar and simmer until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes; mixture will be saucy. Remove from heat and season with salt and pepper.
- Combine lettuce, beans, tomatoes, spring onion, and 2 tablespoons cilantro in a large bowl; toss with lime juice and season with salt and pepper to taste. Place tortilla bowls on serving plates. Divide salad among bowls. Top with taco meat and sprinkle with cheese and remaining cilantro. Garnish with sour cream and avocado, if desired.

Strawberry no-bake mini cheesecake (serves 4)

Ingredients:

- 1 pound fresh strawberries
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1 (8 ounces) package cream cheese
- 1 (14 ounces) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 5 ounces shortbread cookies
 - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

ructions:

- Wash, core and slice strawberries. Sprinkle strawberries with sugar and toss to coat. Set aside.
- In a tall mixing bowl, whip the cream with and electric mixer. Once trails begin to form, turn the mixer off and add powdered sugar and continue to whip until stiff peaks form. Place whipped cream in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
- In a medium mixing bowl combine cream cheese, milk, vanilla essence and lemon juice. Beat with the mixer until mixture is smooth. Place in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
- Place cookies in a blender or food processor to crush. Blend on low until you have all cookie crumbs. Pour into a small bowl and combine with butter. Mix until all cookie crumbs are moist. Divide cookie mixture into 4 dishes(we used small jars). Gently pat cookies down with a spoon or
- Add cheesecake filling. divided evenly between jars. Top with 1/4 of strawberries in each jar. Add dollop of whipped cream.
- Refrigerate for 2 hours.

Tips: Cheesecake keeps for several days in the fridge covered.

Enjoy!!



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It's that time of the year again....summer movie season! We have months of movie blockbusters and sequels to look forward to. Whether superheroes, action thrillers, comic book movies, buddy comedies,

documentaries, dramas or romances are your cup of tea, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

A VENGERS: ENDGAME.

In late December 2018, this was named the second-most anticipated film of 2019 by movie site **IMDb**. **Avengers: Endgame** is based on the Marvel Comics superhero team the **Avengers**, the 22nd film in the *Marvel Cinematic Universe* and the final film in the **Infinity** Saga. It features an all-star cast including Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner and Bradley Cooper amongst others.

The culmination of 11 years of storytelling comes to a head as the original core Avengers (Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Black Widow, Hawkeye and Hulk) recruit new heroes (Ant-Man, Captain Marvel, Rocket) to aid them in reversing the damage done by Thanos to the universe.

The final film in the franchise has been received well by American critics, giving it the thumbs up and calling it 'the undisputed champion of the *MCU* series of movies when it comes to emotional punch'. For an effects-driven, comic book movie, the character acting is unusually strong from the likes of Downey and Hemsworth. **Avengers** has been praised for its funny, smart screenplay and expert direction from Anthony Russo and Joe Russo. It's the must-see movie event of the summer!



THE HUSTLE

Female buddy movies have increasingly become the cinematic norm in the past few years. Hot on the trail of the Mila Kunis/Kate McKinnon starrer, **The Spy Who Dumped Me**, we now have **The Hustle**. This is an American comedy film directed by Chris Addison and written by Jac Schaeffer. **The Hustle** stars Rebel Wilson and Anne Hathaway as two scammers aiming to take down the "dirty rotten men" who have ruined their lives. Alex Sharp plays their intended target/victim, a tech nerd and billionaire.

The movie is a remake of the 1988 Steve Martin and Michael Caine film **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** — itself a remake of the 1964 Marlon Brando and David Niven movie **Bedtime Story** — and thus a familiar story, but in new, women-centred packaging. From a modern perspective, these older movies made for uncomfortable viewing with the misogynistic undertones of the male characters on display.

With a new female twist and spin on the original male storyline, it will be interesting to see if that sexism is softened to fit in with the new politically correct #MeToo era.

The quirky talents and combination of Wilson and Hathaway should make **The Hustle** an entertaining watch for viewers.



EXTREMELY WICKED, SHCOCKINGLY EVIL AND VILE

People are endlessly fascinated with serial killer stories. Today's pop culture is steeped in wildly popular true crime podcasts and documentaries. There have been many cinematic and television incarnations of stories revolving around notorious killers like **The Boston Strangler**, **The Hillside Stranglers**, **Nightstalker** and **Jack The Ripper**. Perhaps the most infamous killer of them all is Ted Bundy.

Directed by Joe Berlinger, Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil, and Vile draws its title from the judge's pronouncement during Ted Bundy's 1979 sentencing for the rape and murders of several young women. The film is based on the memoir The Phantom Prince: My Life with Ted Bundy by Bundy's former girlfriend Elizabeth Kloepfer. Zac Efron stars as the creepy serial killer, with Lily Collins as the fiancée he wooed and deceived. John Malkovich also appears in the film as Edward Cowart, the presiding judge at Bundy's trial.

The story of Ted Bundy (Zac Efron) is shown from the point of view of his girlfriend who struggled to accept the reality of her boyfriend's murderous rampages. Though, the film, according to some critics, seems much more interested in Bundy's point of view than those of the women he hurt. Which makes for a somewhat confusing film, lacking in any new insight that might justify going down a well-trodden path yet again. Instead of any real attempt to dissect Bundy, **Extremely Wicked, Shockingly Evil, and Vile** seems too charmed by its subject to gain any real understanding into what made this all-American college boy tick. **The Hustle** promises to be the most uncomfortable viewing of the summer movie season. Not for the faint-hearted.



LATE NIGHT

Late Night is an upcoming American comedy-drama film directed by Nisha Ganatra. Emma Thompson and Mindy Kaling (who wrote the film) star in a film about how women adjust to working in male-dominated fields. The plot follows the host of a late-night talk show who teams up with one of her new staff writers in an attempt to save the show. Thompson plays Katherine Newbury, the long-time host of a late-night talk show who's on the verge of being replaced by a younger male comedian. Kaling is the young writer who

accidentally stumbles into a job in Newbury's all-male writing room. In reality, female late-night hosts are few and far between but the real point of the movie is about the ways women fight to succeed at work, and why changing themselves to do so may not be necessary. The excellent Emma Thompson is always very watchable, so **Late Night** should be required viewing.



THE LION KING

Director Jon Favreau takes his **Jungle Book** bag of tricks to the next level with this "live action" (CGI) remake of Disney's most successful animated movie ever. **The Lion King** is Disney's third live-action remake in what's been billed as 'photorealistic' computer animation. Favreau and Disney struck gold on their last collaboration, the live action retelling of **The Jungle Book**. There are a few new songs, CGI recreations of the original characters and Earl Jones reprises his role as Mufasa in the new movie.

The voice cast is impressive and includes Beyoncé, Donald Glover, Seth Rogen, Billy Eichner and John Oliver. Four songs from the 1994 animated film classic are slated to appear on the soundtrack, reworked by Elton John and Beyoncé. **The Lion King i**s sure to be the highlight of the summer months and a sure-fire hit with adult and children viewers alike.



FORD V FERRARI

Ford v Ferrari tells the tremendous true story of Ford and Ferrari's epic racing rivalry of the 1960s. James Mangold directs a cast led by Christian Bale and Matt Damon, who play driver Ken Miles and automotive designer Carroll Shelby respectively, in this retelling of a story about a team of engineers and enthusiasts trying to build a car from scratch that can beat the Ferrari at the 1966 *Le Mans* race in France. Of interest to viewers will be Irish actress Caitriona Balfe (of Outlander fame) in the role of Christian Bale's wife.

Damon of the **Bourne** movie series, **The Departed**, and countless other modern classics might seem an odd choice to play Shelby at first, but he's actually a little older now than Shelby was in the mid 1960s. The powerhouse combination of acting talents, Damon and Bale (**Batman** series), is creating some exciting advance press for the movie. One to watch out for!





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Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group 21st Annual Art Exhibition

Another year and another very successful Art Exhibition. The Castle Keep Art Group held its 21st Annual Art Exhibition in the Maynooth Education Campus (incorporating Maynooth Post Primary School and Maynooth Community College) on 26-28 April. The exhibition titled "Kaleidoscope" was launched on the evening of Friday 26th by Dr. Maebh O'Regan. Maebh, an advocate of lifelong learning, is a lecturer in Visual Culture at NCAD. We would like to thank Maebh for launching the exhibition and for her comments and insights on the benefits and importance of art groups in the community.

We also thank Tom Ashe, patron of the Art Group and the Education Campus for supporting us down through the years. We would also like to thank Bistro 53 for their very generous sponsorship of the wine



Busy Bees by Robert Hines



Empty Cup by Geraldine Murray

reception on Friday night. We in the group will certainly be paying a visit to them shortly.

We had 82 works of art on display from 17 members of the group. These included – local scenes, still life, flora and fauna studies, abstract, seascapes and figurative works. There were as many mediums - oils, watercolour, acrylic, printing techniques, pen, pencil – it was all there.



Boat House Carton by Heather Ferguson

We were delighted that over half of the exhibition items were sold and we were even more delighted with the very positive comments we received from visitors to the exhibition on the night and over the weekend. One comment was "I know the summer has arrived when the Castle Keep have their annual exhibition". So a big thank you to everyone who came to see the art works over the weekend and for your support down the years.





My Nautical Guide by Anne McGloughlin





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Maynooth Community First Responders provide vital service in the town

Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR) have begun providing a vital service in Maynooth since 17th May, one year after the group was formed. They join the nationwide network of just over 200 Community First Responder groups and are linked in to the National Ambulance service. The group is made up of volunteers who have been trained and certified to respond to: chest pain, heart attack, cardiac arrest, choking and stroke. Early access to CPR and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) within the first 3-5 minutes of cardiac arrest greatly improve survival rates.

According to Chair of Maynooth CFR, Cllr Réada Cronin, having the group up and running is a huge benefit to the town. "CFR groups are linked with the National Ambulance Service and are dispatched along with an ambulance to certain emergencies, where early intervention is key. We aim to be on the scene within 10 minutes, providing assistance while the ambulance is on its way." "I'm proud of what we have achieved since our first meeting in May of last year," continued Cllr Cronin. "We now have 18 certified volunteers; we have raised enough money for all of our necessary equipment and we have built up a profile in the community. And I'm delighted that we are now in a position to start giving back to the community that haas shown us such strong support over the last year." 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).

Maynooth CFR will operate from 8pm Friday to 8am Monday morning every week. While the group aims to provide 24/7 cover for the town, they are focusing on starting slow and building up.

"Our ultimate aim is to provide a round-the-clock service," explained Cllr Cronin. "In fact, one of the reasons we started this group was because we have no ambulance here in the Maynooth Ambulance Station from 7am to 7pm on a Thursday but we've taken the advice of the National Ambulance Service and we will review after one month. At that stage we'll have a better idea of the demand and will hopefully be in a position to expand the hours we can cover." The group will be recruiting and training more volunteers towards the end of the summer to help achieve this.

The area covered will be a 3.5km radius from the centre of the town, taking in all of the town, out as far as the new Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Ladychapel Church, as far as and including the North Kildare Club on the Kilcock side of the town and to just past CMC Crash Repairs on the Dunboyne Road. While some rural groups cover a wider radius of 5km, Maynooth has a large permanent population of 14,585, which almost doubles when the student population is taken into account (a further 13,000 people).

Also in the group's remit is to provide CPR and AED education and training in the community. "We now have three trained instructors in our group, who can certify others in CPR and the use of an AED and we have recently worked with Maynooth Scouts, a triathlon club and Maynooth GAA, providing training to their members. It's also important for people to take note of the location of AEDs around them – in shopping centres, businesses and in their workplace or school. Know where they are and remember that any CPR is better than no CPR," said Cllr Cronin.

For more information follow Maynooth CFR on Facebook @maynoothcfr.



A recent training session with Maynooth GAA.



Instructor Marella Cahill trains a group from Maynooth Scouts - the Ventures.



CFR groups work alongside the National Ambulance Service. Maynooth CFR visited the Maynooth Ambulance Station to meet



Maynooth Guards brush up on their CPR skills with responder Cathy Lawlor.



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Minister of State Seán Kyne announces first online course for the training of teachers of Irish to adult learners



New Maynooth University teacher training online for Irish diaspora and teachers in hundreds of centres abroad.

The Minister of State for the Irish Language, the Gaeltacht and the Islands, Seán Kyne, TD, today announced a total funding package of €270,129 over a period of three years for Maynooth University to develop and implement the first online university certificate course of its kind in the training of teachers of Irish to adult learners.

The online course will be developed at the Centre for Irish Language Research, Teaching and Testing in the School of Celtic Studies at Maynooth University and will take advantage of the latest learning technology in order to reach the widest possible audience both in Ireland and internationally.

All those interested in teaching Irish to adults at home and abroad will be able to access online materials and short films developed by experts in the field. Those based in Ireland will also be given the opportunity to participate in one-day workshops in Dublin, Donegal, Galway and Kerry.

Students in Ireland wishing to receive a certificate will access additional materials online and complete a period of teaching practice, part of which will be examined through the use of technology.

Announcing the project, Minister Kyne said: "I am delighted that my Department is in a position to fund this very exciting development in the Irish-language teaching landscape. It will benefit the teachers of Irish and adult learners here in Ireland, and will also enable us to support the Irish diaspora and those teaching Irish in hundreds of centres abroad. Here at home, increased access to broadband and the establishment of the Gteiceanna (Digital Hubs) in the Gaeltacht will mean that access to courses like this is no longer limited to towns and cities."

The Centre for Irish Language Research, Teaching and Testing at Maynooth University is responsible for the development and administration of the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (teg.ie) tests in Irish for adults, which, this year, are offered in 10 centres throughout Ireland and six centres abroad, including, for the first time, in Los Angeles. Commenting on the new programme, Director of the Centre, Anna Ní Ghallachair, said: "I'm delighted that our Centre will now be able to support teachers of Irish from Inis Meáin to Iowa. Our course director, Ailín Ní Chonchúir, a native of the Kerry Gaeltacht, has both Irish and international experience in the teaching of the language and bases her practice on the best international research. Technology will now allow her and her colleagues to share their expertise beyond the university campus."



Pictured (l-r); Prof Victor Lazzarini, Dean of the Faculty of Arts; Sean Kyne TD; Anne Gallagher, Lárionad na Gaeilge; Aisling Ní Bheacháin, Lárionad na Gaeilge; Ailín Ní Chonchúir, Lárionad na Gaeilge, Maynooth University.

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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 management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage -

www.maynoothcep.com.

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

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

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 18th June 2019

Editorial

It being June we say goodbye to the students of Maynooth University who chose Maynooth both for their third level education and their home and are now moving on to the next stage of their life having completed their studies here. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. With an improving economy it is a good time to be looking for a new career and there are a lot of people looking for you. A good place to start could be the Gradireland Summer Fair takes place in the RDS in Dublin on June 5th where you can meet top employers and course providers as you decide on the next steps in your career. Of course going to university is open to people of any age or educational level and in particular Maynooth University has an excellent record in supporting people to access their courses. In fact quite a number of people who have participated on the Maynooth Community Employment Project have progressed to further education with Maynooth University. Likewise in times of high unemployment in the past students have been employed on the Maynooth Community Employment Project where they learned valuable skills that prepared them for the working environment.

For people who have not participated on a community employment project it is often difficult to understand the benefits that taking part means for the individual. In my role as Participant Development Officer with responsibility for recruitment and training I have interviewed and recruited hundreds of people. I have done this role completely on an unpaid voluntary basis for twenty five years and it still gives me great personal satisfaction when I see the benefits in formal training and personal development that people achieve when take an active part in the Maynooth Community Employment Project. The provision of a community employment project in Maynooth also has significant social and financial benefits for the people of the town. The project is managed by a voluntary Board of Management who raise the funding in the region of €20,000 annually that is needed to support the project in addition to that provided by the Department for Employment Affairs and Social Protection. In addition to the production of the monthly "Maynooth Newsletter" publication which provides an important outlet for over forty community groups to highlight their activities as well as supporting the many businesses in the town that advertise each month. Each month the work of a number of active community groups is featured in this publication which highlights their activities in detail to the wider public of Maynooth.

Aside from this work the provision of the office at Carton Park is an important facility for the people of the town. It is the focal point to get information about Maynooth for both the new resident and the visitor as well as providing services to community groups and the public. One such example is the partnership with Tesco Ireland and Kildare County Council in the provision of the Maynooth Community Space a facility where local groups can book and use the facility thus giving people a place to meet at a very reasonable cost.

What is less well known is the fact that there are two other areas where employees of Maynooth Community Employment Project support the environment and our youth. The project manages the environs of the Royal Canal between Leixlip and Kilcock and in particular the Maynooth Harbour area with regular enhancement projects and more importantly keeping the area litter free. The financial benefit to Maynooth of this work alone is in the region of €120,000 a year which is a saving to others. In addition the maintenance of Maynooth Soccer Club grounds is of very significant value to the youth and sport of the town. The entire financial benefit to Maynooth provided by the Maynooth Community Employment Project is in the region of €500,000 annually.

With increasing employment opportunities because of an improving economy there are fewer people available to participate in community employment which puts the services provided by projects such as the one in Maynooth at risk. However there will be always people who can benefit from participation on the project and it is really important that the wider community supports the project as it is often said you do not miss something until it is gone.

Paul Croghan Editor

Editorial Note:

Maynooth Summer Festival – Article May 2019

As an open access publication the Maynooth Newsletter accepts contributions in good faith and verify the facts with the contributor. This article mentioned two other community groups, Maynooth Community First Responders and the Maynooth 10k. The Maynooth Newsletter supports active community groups and in the May edition featured the 2019 Maynooth 10k run and in this edition the Maynooth Community First Responders are featured. The Maynooth Newsletter also publishes political notes on an ongoing basis, but as publishers we are completely non-political. It was clear that the Summer Festival Committee were reflecting a point of view and it is not the role of the editorial board to prevent views from being expressed. That been said editorial decisions are a balance and in hindsight it is understandable that the article was interpreted differently by some readers. In publishing the article the Maynooth Newsletter did not intend any offence to any party mentioned in the article and it is regretful that such positive community activities should need to be discussed in this way.



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Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme/Moyglare Hall/Moyglare Abbey

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update from the Council on 7 May:

"The Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme (Maynooth North-South Corridor, Phase 6) is currently under construction and KCC has engaged AECOM, Consulting Engineers to continually review and monitor the temporary traffic management layouts for the construction phase of the project. KCC has appointed a member of the Roads engineering team to liaise with AECOM and the contractor to ensure minimal disruption and delays to all traffic during the construction phase of this project.

The construction of Moyglare Hall housing estate development, including an internal through road, is also underway. The internal estate road has been designed in compliance with DMURS standards, and will allow for full permeability for all traffic and vulnerable road users to access the new school. The completion of a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit on the Moyglare Hall internal road is a planning condition, and the onus is on the Developer have this completed by an independent and qualified road safety auditor. The road safety audit will be completed prior to the new entrance onto the Moyglare Road being open to

KCC have no current plans to implement traffic management or to provide pedestrian crossings or similar within the Moyglare Hall housing estate.

With reference to the entrance to Moyglare Abbey, the proposed works to the entrance are to ensure compliance with DMURS. KCC met with AECOM at the location on Friday May 3rd to discuss recent issues raised in relation to traffic turning in and out of the Abbey. The issues raised Cllr. McGinley Calls for Improvements to the are now being re-examined by the design team."

The Council have advised that the expect the Moyglare Hall through road to be ready for opening in Quarter 3,

Cllr. McGinley has asked for proper traffic calming on the Moyglare Hall through Road before it opens.

Cllr. McGinley Welcomes Progress on Eastern Ring Road

Cllr. John McGinley has welcomed the announcement by Kildare County Council that the statutory Part 8 public consultation process for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road (Planning Ref. P82019.08) began on 14 May 2019.

The project documents and drawings will be on display for a period of four weeks from 14th May, 2019 with the closing date for submissions not later than 5 pm on Thursday, 27th June, 2019. The documents and drawings will be on display on Level 2 in Áras Chill Dara, Maynooth Municipal District Office at Leinster Street, Maynooth and Maynooth Community Library at Main Street, Maynooth.

The documents and drawings will be available for viewing on: http://kildare.ie/countycouncil/PublicConsultations-Part8Schemes/roadsandtransportation/index.html

This much needed ring road extends from the Leixlip Road at Blacklion to the Celbridge Road at Griffin Rath. Cllr. McGinley will be seeking the provision of roundabouts on the Leixlip and Celbridge Road junctions instead of traffic lights.

Further good news is that work on the other section of the ring road from Griffin Rath to Straffan Road began in mid

Maynooth Playground

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD at 3 May meeting:

"That the council upgrade the toddler swings at the Maynooth playground as the existing ones are very stiff, giving little swing movement and the seats are not suitable for young toddlers."

John got the following reply from Council Officials:

"The swings will be examined to see what is causing the issue. They may just need to be greased. If replacements are required, this will be arranged."

Cllr. McGinley Calls for the Council to Provide **Allotments in Maynooth**

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the Maynooth MD at 3 May meeting:

"That a suitable amount of the amenity land between the Boreen and Carton Avenue be allocated for allotments as the Wonderful Barn allotments are oversubscribed."

John got the following reply from Council Officials:

"The Wonderful Barn allotments are not oversubscribed at present.

The council is still accepting applications for them. Any consideration of allotments for the Carton Avenue lands would have to examined as part of the development of a master plan for the site. Additionally, the management of any allotments would also be an issue if they were to be provided as the Parks Section does not have the capacity to administer additional allotment schemes."



MAYNOOTH CYCLING **CAMPAIGN**

Local Elections (May 2019)

By the time that this edition of the Newsletter has been published, the local elections will be well and truly over. Congratulations to the winners and commiserations to those who ran for office but didn't

make it. We look forward to working with them in the new council.

In advance of the election and in conjunction with Cyclist.ie, Maynooth Cycling Campaign lobbied all Kildare candidates (with an email address) to support higher quality cycling facilities by pledging support to the principles of Cycling for All. On behalf of the Parent Teacher Association of Maynooth Educate Together and Coiste na d'Tuistí of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, we also lobbied the Maynooth candidates to support high quality facilities for the 700 children who attend school on the Celbridge Road. Tim Durkan and Peter Hamilton signed up. A questionnaire to parents of children attending the gaelscoil found that 82% consider the existing path unsafe but 56% would use a cycle path if it were available. However, in practice, no parent anywhere allows their children to use facilities which they consider not safe and in my experience the vast majority will not use what Kildare County Council proposes.

Newtown Road

Newtown Road is a link between Maynooth town centre and the residential estates to the south west of the town such as Parson's Hall. Kildare County Council has just completed providing narrow footpaths along a section of the road. As for cycle facilities, well it is the same old story - joining up cycle tracks is not a priority. If Kildare County Council built roads which did not join up, how many people do you think would drive? Yet, despite a Citizen's Assemblies, Joint Oireachtas Committee Report on Climate Change continues to ignore cycling where it might impact on driving.

Velo-city 2019

Dublin welcomes Velo-city back to Ireland between 25th and 29th June. This is an international conference of all kinds of people interested in promoting bicycles – advocates, engineers, planners, politicians, road safety



experts, health and tourism interests. You have to register to attend most of the events but a number of side events are taking placing which are free. One of the highlights of Velo-city is the Cycle Parade.

Two years ago in Nijmegen, 15,000 cyclists took to the streets. This year Dublin Cycling Campaign are hoping that the Velo-city Parade will attract more than 5,000 cyclists to the streets of Dublin. The parade is taking place on Thursday 28th June at 4:00pm.and is an event for all the family. As you would be travelling outside peak time (4:00-7:00pm), you can bring your bike on the train!

Bikeweek 2019

Bikeweek 2019 takes place later than usual this year – from Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th June. Maynooth Cycle Campaign is planning to mark the event with a number of public cycles. Details will appear closer to the time on our website and on Facebook. But before that, don't forget to celebrate World Bicycle Day on

Maynooth Post Primary Schools

Finally, Maynooth Cycling Campaign would like to thank Ms. Jakki Byrne for the opportunity to talk to Transition year students on bicycles and transportation.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.





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HSE Seek Accommodation for Delivery of Primary Care Services in Maynooth - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the move by the HSE in seeking Accommodation for the delivery of Primary Care Services in Maynooth.

The HSE, stated Mr. Stagg, have placed ads in National Newspapers seeking submissions from individuals/companies who are developing or are planning to develop health facilities in Maynooth, which would facilitate the delivery of primary health care in conjunction with local General Practitioners. The HSE would enter into fixed term leases with the providers of the proposals selected for the provision of public healthcare in the primary care facilities. Submissions from interested parties must be submitted to the HSE by Friday 31st May.

Welcoming the move, Mr. Stagg stated that this is the route that saw the successful opening of the Celbridge Primary Care Centre in Celbridge. A similar move in Leixlip at the old ESB site did not get off the ground. Mr. Stagg stated that he hoped there was good interest in the call from the HSE but warned that if there was not, then the HSE would have to provide State of the Art Facilities themselves in Maynooth similar to the excellent Primary Care Centre in Kilcock. In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that the provision of Primary Care Facilities in Maynooth would assist with the aim of providing 95% of people's day-to-day health and social care needs in a Community setting.

North Kildare Gaelcholaiste To Be Temporarily Located At Manor Mills Centre - Stagg

Following the announcement by the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board that the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste will open this September in Maynooth, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been pressing the Minister for Education and Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board in relation to sourcing accommodation for the School.

Mr. Stagg stated that a principal for the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste took up duty on 13th May last and that the Minister has now advised Mr. Stagg that KWETB are taking a managed approach to provision of accommodation for students in Maynooth which consists of accommodation in Manor Mills for September 2019 and temporary rented accommodation on site at Maynooth Post Primary School. KWETB have appointed a consultant who is preparing the planning application for the temporary rented accommodation at Maynooth Post Primary. The consultant will then procure a contractor to supply and install the prefabs along with the required services. It is not possible at this stage to give an exact date.

Welcoming the continuing arrangements for the opening of the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste in Maynooth, Mr. Stagg stated that this was great news for pupils who wish to continue their education from Gaelscoils to Secondary Education in the Irish Medium. The accommodation arrangements are not the best but the critical thing is that the North Kildare Gaelcholaiste will open this September.

Lack of Direct Ambulance Cover In North Kildare on Thursdays a Disgrace - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate

Emmet Stagg has criticised the lack of direct Ambulance cover in North Kildare on Thursdays as a disgrace and states that it poses a risk to Public Health.

Mr. Stagg stated that the New Maynooth Boy's NS was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st 2017 and it comprises the replacement of the

Since 2012, stated Mr. Stagg, there has been no direct Ambulance Cover from the Maynooth Ambulance Base in the case of emergencies, between the hours of 7am and 7 pm on Thursdays. The change followed a Labour Court recommendation on overtime generating inefficiencies and rostering arrangements.

At the time of the change Mr. Stagg supplied the Minister for Health with letters from Local GP's in North Kildare outlining their serious concerns at the non-dispatch directly of ambulances from the Maynooth Base on Thursdays, but the Minister and the HSE refused to budge on the issue, despite the fact that the decision without doubt increased the risk to the public by not having dispatch locally from Maynooth, covering Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Kilcock and Straffan.

In correspondence with the Chief Ambulance Officer, Mr. Stagg has established that there are 102 ambulance stations across the Country and 94 of these operate on a 24/7 basis, 365 days a year.

The other 8 stations, including Maynooth, operate on a 24 hour basis, 6 days a week, and a 12 hour basis for the other day.

Mr. Stagg stated it does not make sense. Why are 94 stations operating fully and 8 are not. Surely it would make sense to ensure all 102 ambulance stations across the Country operate on a Full Time Basis.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would again make a case to the Minister for Health to review the operation of the State Ambulance Service and to change the operation of the Maynooth Ambulance Base to Full Time, 365 days a year.

Design Team Authorised to Complete Pre-Qualification Process for New Maynooth Boy's NS

Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the construction of the New St. Mary's Boy's National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Contractors had until November 1st to register their interest in the project stated Mr. Stagg and 17 contractors expressed an interest in the construction project. The shortlist of contractors was submitted to the Department on January 11th 2019 for review. On January 17th the Department reverted to the Design Team with a number of items to be actioned prior to finalising the pre-qualification process.

The Minister has now advised Mr. Stagg that an updated Report on the pre-qualification of contractors was submitted to the Department on March 6th. On 11th April the Department advised that the Design Team was authorised to complete the pre-qualification process.

The Design Team is preparing a final report and will advise the Department when the standstill period has expired. The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that when the pre-qualification process is completed the project will then be progressed to tender stage which normally takes between 7 and 8 months to complete.

Mr. Stagg stated that the New Maynooth Boy's NS was granted planning permission by Kildare Co. Council on August 1st 2017 and it comprises the replacement of the existing school and the construction of a new 3 storey National School with 24 classrooms including a Special Needs Unit and Multipurpose Hall. 3 Ballcourts and a Junior Play area will also be provided as part of the project.

The school currently has 560 pupils and when completed the new school will cater for just under 700 pupils.

Council Cast Doubt on Site for Temporary New Gaelscoil at Moyglare, Maynooth

In their Further Information Request on the planning application for a Temporary New Gaescoil at the Maynooth Education Campus, on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, doubt has been cast by Kildare Co. Council on the suitability of the site selected according to Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg.

Mr. Stagg stated that the planning application for temporary permission for the New Gaelscoil and the location of two prefabricated buildings at the Maynooth Education Campus site was lodged with the Council on 21st February last.

On April 17th the Council, stated Mr. Stagg, sought further information from the Department of Education in relation to the planning application as follows:

1. The Planning Authority has serious concerns that the proposed development may be premature pending completion of the KWETB Maynooth Campus and the Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme. The proposed development for a temporary primary school at a location where there are no dedicated footpaths or cycle routes is highly inappropriate.

The applicant is requested to demonstrate by way of revised design how the proposed development can be accessed safely by way of pedestrian, cycle and vehicular movements and clearly indicate that there will be no conflict between school and construction traffic.

2. The applicant is requested to outline the need for the proposed temporary primary school and to clarify the intended medium-long term proposals for the subject site

Mr. Stagg stated that the Moyglare Road Improvement Scheme might not be completed until the end of September/October and even with the provision of shared pedestrian/cycle facilities as part of this scheme, the site for the temporary school is further north than the extent of the works.

Further pedestrian/cycle facilities north of the link road to Moyglare Hall will have to be provided. There will also be considerable construction traffic with the completion of the Maynooth Education Campus which is due to restart in July.

Mr. Stagg stated that the New Gaelscoil is supposed to open in September 2019 and the Department now have to decide urgently whether to stick with the Education Campus Site and respond to the Council, pick a safer site or go for rental accommodation. It is important that they act swiftly now if the school is to have any chance of opening this September.

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee.

Since my last report we celebrated St. Patrick, Easter and our "Bealtaine" Festival. Our March tea-dance was a sea of green, in our Easter Parade there was yellow everywhere and white seemed to be the most popular colour for May. Now who said we are not patriotic? Many thanks to Susan, Roberta and Teresa from our own Castle Keep Art Group who treated us to an enjoyable demonstration and a wonderful display of talent, keeping with the May theme of Art and Culture, as we celebrated "Bealtaine". Congratulations to all who won prizes at all these events.

It was nice to see some new faces at our May tea-dance and we would love to see many more. If there are any retired people out there who would like to take up painting, Susan would be only too happy to give free lessons at our morning club. You can contact any committee member or drop into the Geraldine Hall where our club continues every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Our next tea-dance will take place on Sunday June 16th and all are welcome. There will be no tea-dance in July as our summer outing will take place on July 21st. All those wishing to travel should have their name with us no later than July 1st.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the families of Betty Glennon, Jim Dolan, Roy Latimer, Mary McCarthy, Braham Jacobs, John Maher, Noel McCloskey and Moire Farrell all of whom passed away recently.

Suaimhness agus Siochain doibh go leir.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.

Carton Avenue Preservation Society

NO REPORT.

At the time of going to print, we still have not received a response from the officials of Kildare County Council, to the issues our deputation raised at it's meeting with the Maynooth Municipal District Councillors committee on the 1st Feb.

Kildare County Councils Protocol for Receipt of Deputations state "A deputation shall receive a report on the issues raised after the members of the committee have received a copy of the report".

I have been told we have to read the minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District meetings to find the official response.

MEETING ON JUNE 10th.

The next meeting of Carton Avenue Preservation Society will take place on June 10th in the Maynooth Community Space, Tesco Shopping Centre at 8pm.

The agenda will include:
The minutes of Maynooth
Municipal District Cllrs meeting.
A challenge to the bridge,
Kildare County Council's NEW
right of way on to the Avenue.
The security issues/threat.

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Barrie Williams (Men's Shed), Front row seated: L to R - Tom O'Brien (House Guest),
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Count Number	1st	2nd	Transfers	3rd	Transfers	4th	Transfers	Result
Naoise O Cearuil (FF)	1341	1405	+64					Elected
Paul Ward (FF)	1304	1339	+35	1354	+15	1455	+101	Elected
Angela Feeney (Lab)	1100	1197	+97	1206	+9	1434	+228	Elected
Tim Durkan (FG)	1099	1134	+35	1139	+5	1234	+95	Elected
Rioana Mulligan (FG)	949	985	+36	986	+1	1068	+82	Eliminated
Peter Hamilton (Green)	931	1047	+116	1053	+6	1304	+251	Elected
Teresa Murray (Ind)	832	962	+130	967	+5			Eliminated
Reada Cronin (SF)	510							Eliminated
John Reid (Ind)	112							Eliminated



Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

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Property Tax Upward only review must be rejected says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O Rourke, has called on the Government to reject the report, which they commissioned, on Property Tax, which if implemented, would mean that local authorities would lose their ability to reduce the Local Property Tax (LPT).

"Our party, as part of the Local Property Tax review, made a detailed submission, and very firmly outlined our opposition to introducing any increases to the property tax. However, we now find that the review, commission by the Government, of the Property Tax, recommends that Property Tax would only be adjusted upwards by local authorities."

"The Government has deferred making a decision on Property Tax until after the local elections causing uncertainty. This uncertainty is causing major stress for homeowners in Kildare and indeed nationwide, given the rapid rise in property."

"A key element of Fianna Fail's property tax policy is affordability. However, with revaluations set to take place this November, reforms must be made to avoid large increases in property tax. We must protect in particular those on fixed incomes."

"It would be only fair, proportionate and transparent for the Government to provide some certainty at this point. In order to protect people from large increases, the current LPT revenue yield should be maintained in my view and not increased" he concluded.

Govt must act to resolve funding anomalies with RehabCare – O'Rourke Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has said that every effort must be made to resolve the funding anomalies with regards to the RehabCare Group. Deputy O'Rourke was commenting as RehabCare, the largest Section 39 organisation in the country, confirmed its intention to terminate its entire care services unless their significant under-funding situation is dealt with.

He explained, "RehabCare Group employ 1,500 staff across the country and provide services for over 3,000 vulnerable clients. I have been in contact with various RehabCare employees and service users in Kildare and the last thing anyone wants to see is the termination of services.

"At the crux of this issue is a shortfall of around €2 million in funding which RehabCare require in order to continue providing care. As I understand the reasons for the shortfall include increased cost of taking care of people as they age, the costs associated with HIQA and HSE regulatory requirements and the rising insurance costs.

"I find it bizarre that despite the fact the RehabCare Group have requested meetings with both Minister Donohoe and Minister Harris for several months, neither Minister has yet to meet with them. As I understand it, their requests have been ignored. This seems to be an extraordinary reaction to genuine requests to explore how the funding gaps can actually be addressed in the interests of the service users.

"I understand RehabCare Group and the HSE will be engaged in talks over the coming weeks and every effort should and must be made to resolve this issue before a decision is made to terminate services. The respective Minister's shouldn't be ignoring this", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Bill to Reduce Homelessness

I have brought forward a Bill, the Housing (Homeless HAP) Bill 2019. The Bill seeks to introduce statutory rights for people who have been served with a tenancy termination and need to find alternative accommodation. The Bill will place an obligation on the relevant local authority to address the issue there and then, and not at the last minute, in terms of a decision on entitlement to Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

O'Rourke calls for reduced public transport fares for weekend travel Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to reduce the public transport fares at weekends.

"Reduced public transport rates at the weekend would encourage more people to use public transport. It has the potential to attract more long-term support for public transport."

"There is often spare capacity on Irish Rail, Dublin Transport and Bus Éireann services at the weekend. So providing incentives to travel on public transport through reduced rates, would encourage more users at the weekends and be a cost neutral proposal."

"Many cities are considering such proposals and some already have reduced rates at weekends. I believe that such a proposal will encourage people to consider public transport as their default transport mode."

"Since getting elected, I have made repeated representations to have our public transport services in Kildare improved. We are making some progress, and the more commuters we can convert to public transport the better the services we will have."

"Reduced rates at weekends will encourage more people to use public transport and this will be a further step in trying to encourage people to use public transport" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke welcomes EU probe into motor insurance

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the probe into the Irish Insurance industry over alleged anti-competitive behaviour.

"The EU has opened a formal investigation into the industry representative body Insurance Ireland over claims of anti-competitive behaviour."

"At an Oireachtas Committee meeting last year, I called for an investigation to see if anticompetitive behaviour exits in the Irish Insurance industry and I am delighted that we are now seeing this investigation commence."

"Motor Insurance is 30% higher than in 2015. I know from my constituency clinics that the costs of motor insurance and insurances for businesses in general have risen over recent years, affecting our competitiveness. It is also contributing to the rising cost of living."

"We need action from all state authorities to ensure that we reduce the cost of living for people and businesses."

"The government has to implement many of the recommendations from the Cost of Insurance Working Group. We need a dedicated Garda unit to tackle insurance fraud. I will continue to press the Government to implement these recommendations to ensure that we get lower insurance costs."

"This EU investigation by EU competition directorate is welcome and gives hope to insurance policyholders that the high cost of insurance will be tackled," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

FF pledges additional supports and resources for Carers – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has said the new policy published by Fianna Fáil will ease the burden on those caring for loved ones. It's estimated that by 2030 one in five people in Ireland will be Carers, however the current support structure falls significantly short of what is needed.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "Carers in Kildare have been completely undervalued by this government despite providing essential supports to their loved ones at a substantially reduced cost to the State. Carers are the unsung heroes in our communities, without question they put their own lives on hold to look after their loved ones.

"Along with my Party colleagues I have long fought for greater supports for people with disabilities and their carers. It is an issue which comes up time and again and the delay in helping this cohort of people is inexcusable.

"The proposals put forward by Fianna Fáil contain a number of measures which if adopted would alleviate some of the pressures on carers. These proposals include:

- Increasing the time allowed for work study training form 15hrs at present to 18.5hrs per week (including voluntary work).
- Increasing the income disregard from €32.50 for a single person and €65 for a married couple to €450 and €00 per week respectively. This would be done over the lifetime of the next Government.
- Extending free travel to include children in receipt of Domiciliary Care Allowance.
- Reintroducing the Transport Support Scheme announced in 2013 as a replacement for the Mobility Allowance and Motorized Transport Grant.
- Extending the number of weeks Carers Benefit is paid from 104 weeks to 156 weeks

"To date the Government have taken carers for granted. They have done very little to assist the immeasurable work that carers do on a daily basis. The Fianna Fáil policy demonstrates that we are serious about supporting our carers", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Better services on Route 66 and 67 needed

Since getting elected, I have worked hard to improve the public transport services for people living in North Kildare. I I have met with senior Management of Dublin Bus and highlighted the need for extra bus services on Route 66 and 67. Given the growing population in Maynooth and the difficulties getting in and out of Dublin by car, more public transport services are required. There is little point in trying to encourage people to use public transport if the level of service is not adequate to cater for the increased demand. The solution is clear, increased frequency and capacity on Route 66 and 67.

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Force Majeure Leave

Ouestion

My daughter was taken suddenly ill and I left work early to go to hospital with her. Can I take a half day as force majeure leave?

Answer

The <u>Parental Leave Acts 1998 and 2006</u> give employees a limited right to leave from work in the event of a family crisis. This is called force majeure leave. Force majeure leave is paid leave and it arises where, the immediate presence of the employee is indispensable owing to an injury or illness of a close family member. As a rule, an employee cannot plan the leave – it must be unexpected. Force majeure leave applies to the illness or injury of:

- You're natural or adopted child (or a child whom you are acting in loco parentis)
- Your spouse or partner (provided you are living together)
- · Your brother or sister
- · Your parent or grandparent
- A person who otherwise lives with you in a relationship of domestic dependency.
 You are not entitled to force majeure leave following the death of a close family member.

You are entitled to up to three days of force majeure leave in any 12-month period or five days in any 36-month period. If you are absent for only part of a day on force majeure grounds, it is still counted as a full day of force majeure leave.

You must give written notice to your employer as soon as possible after taking force majeure leave. The notice must include the date you took the leave and why the leave was necessary. You must sign the notice.

You cannot be dismissed for taking force majeure leave or proposing to take it. If you have a dispute about force majeure leave, you should make a complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission within six months of the dispute. The time limit may be extended for up to a further six months, but only where there is a substantial cause which prevented you from bringing the complaint within the normal time limit.

Nursing Home Contract of Care

Question

I have chosen a nursing home to live in and have been asked to sign a contract. I'm not sure what to look out for. What should be included in the contract?

Answei

When you decide on a nursing home, you are asked to sign a contract of care. This sets out the rights and responsibilities for you and for the nursing home. It is important that you understand it before you sign it. If the contract refers to other documents, you must be given those documents at the same time.

A nursing home must use simple and language that you can understand in its contract of care. It should not have unexplained legal jargon.

The contract should include:

- Details of the specific services that the nursing home will provide
- Details of how much you will pay for the services, and how this will be paid
- All details of additional charges and fees
- · Any specific policies around visitors or your absences from the nursing home
- · The circumstances under which you might be asked to leave
- The circumstances under which changes to the contract will apply and how those changes will be agreed
- Details on the circumstances in which the nursing home can cancel your contract of care, which must be limited and specific

The contract should not include terms that allow the nursing home to change the contract without your agreement after you have signed it. It should not allow the nursing home to have an unlimited right to increase or add fees after the initial costs are agreed with you.

The Competition and Consumer Protection Commission website, <u>ccpc.ie</u>, <u>has more information about what you are entitled to expect in a nursing home contract for <u>care</u>. It includes information about what you can do if you think that a contract for care is unfair.</u>

Online booking system for driving tests

The Journal.ie reports that the Road Safety Authority (RSA) is developing a new online booking system to allow learner drivers to book, cancel or reschedule a driving test. The target launch date of the new facility is September 2019

Measles

In Ireland, the number of cases [of measles] have risen by 244%... from 25 cases in 2017 to 86 cases in 2018. The UN warned widening pockets of unvaccinated children had created a pathway to the measles outbreaks hitting several countries around the world.

Jobseeker's Benefit for the self-employed

From November 2019, Jobseeker's Benefit will be extended to self-employed people who become unemployed and who have enough PRSI contributions.

Parental leave

The Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017 will extend unpaid parental leave from 18 weeks to 26 weeks and increase the qualifying age of children to 12 years. It is currently before the Seanad.

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Further information available on scope@ciboard.ie

Family time in the Royal Canal, Maynooth (Photo kindly supplied by Charles Campbell)







Thanks to all who contributed to our annual collection in May. We very much appreciate the work that was put in by our collectors. Our very comprehensive National Tidy Towns entry has been submitted and thanks to Mary Jennings for all her hard work. Thanks to Jenny Wren and friends for the use of the barge Shalakabook on Wednesday 8th May, 5 volunteers from Maynooth Tidy Towns during the day cleaned up along the Harbour and Royal Canal banks. We collected 7 bags of rubbish and more to do. On the weekend of 11th May our volunteers who cleaned and weeded the beds at Straffan Road next to Maxol service station. A big thank you to Maxol and Willow and Wild for cups of tea and coffee.

Last weekend 18th May our volunteers scuffled weeds around Maynooth. Over the June bank holiday weekend Maynooth Tidy Towns plan to do Summer planting around town.

Please see our Facebook page for information about feeding the Ducks and Swans.

Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as judging starts in June until the end of August. If you wish to volunteer please contact us on 087-3153189 or on Facebook/Twitter

Below are some photographs of the Tidy Towns team in action.

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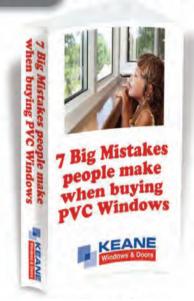
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Sponsorship for U11 Boys at Maynooth GAA

Friday 10th May marked a great celebration for the U11 boys at Maynooth GAA Clubhouse where they were presented with their new gear, sponsored by Duffy Chauffeur Drive.

Each team member received a ½ zip top, t-shirt and wind cheater. Paul Duffy from Duffy Chauffeur Drive, in his remarks, thanked the coaches and all involved in supporting the teams, as well as wishing the boys the very best going forward.

Aidan Minnock, Club Chairman and Stephen Noonan from the U11 coaching team thanked the Duffy family on behalf of the club and all involved with the U11 boys for their extremely generous sponsorship and supporting the future of Maynooth GAA.

A massive thank you to the Duffy Chauffeur Drive and the Duffy Family for their very kind generosity.



Under 11's Team Photo



Paul Duffy speaking to the Team at the presentation



Duffy Family - David, Brid, Paul & Aisling



Paul Duffy and Aiden Minnock (Club Chairman)

Maynooth University Town F.C

We are just putting the final touches to another very successful season. Having taken the top cup competition last season by beating Firhouse Clover in the Intermediate Cup Final at the Aviva Stadium, our aim then was to take the elusive League 1 title. This we did in emphatic fashion by finishing thirteen points ahead of Wayside Celtic in second place.



Amassing a mammoth 66 points from twenty six games, winning twenty one, drawing three and losing just two was indicative of the high level of consistency we maintained throughout the 2018/9 season. Getting to the semi-finals of the two top Cup competitions in which we were narrowly beaten in both by runaway winners of the Senior Division Crumlin United. Another mark of our consistency.

Our Saturday Senior side just missed out on promotion for the sixth season in a row. Having come up from the lower divisions and just missing out on a place at the top table was no mean achievement. As we go to print our under 19 team are preparing for their Cup Final. We wish them luck in that. We must pay tribute to, Maynooth native,



Mark Travers (pictured left) the Bournemont F.C goalkeeper on his elevation to his club's first team squad and his promotion to the Irish International Squad. A great honour for himself and proud family. His brother David is a valued member of our Sunday Senior Squad and no doubt another star of the future. Our next outing will be in the F.A.I Senior Cup. We early await the opening draw to see who our exalted opponents will be.

We wondered how our partnership with Maynooth University would impact following our amalgamation with them. The outcome is for all to see. Several league promotions to the upper divisions, with a number of cup wins in between, culminating in the highest honour of all with success in the F.A.I Intermediate Cup Final last season. Our new season will see us pitted against some of the top teams in Leinster Senior League football. The likes of Cherry Orchard, Bluebell Utd., St. Mochtas Newbridge Town, Crumlin Utd. etc. await us as of the last few seasons we intend making our presence felt in the higher echelons of the Leinster Senior League in the new season.

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	LSL Senior Division 1 Sunday								
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1.	Maynooth University Town FC	26	20	4	2	69	23	46	64
2.	Wayside Celtic	26	15	8	3	45	20	25	53
3.	Edenderry Town	26	13	8	5	52	30	22	47
4.	Leixlip United FC	26	12	9	5	39	29	10	45
5.	Home Farm FC	26	11	7	8	47	26	21	40
6.	Glebe North	26	11	5	10	56	47	9	38
7.	Tullamore Town	26	10	4	12	39	46	-7	34
8.	UCD AFC	26	9	5	12	41	43	-2	32
9.	Newtown Rangers AFC	26	8	7	11	48	55	-7	31
10.	Glenville FC	26	7	9	10	30	45	-15	30
11.	Greystones United AFC	26	7	8	11	37	46	-9	29
12.	Tek United	26	5	10	11	39	51	-12	25
13.	Dublin Bus	26	6	6	14	35	52	-17	24
14.	Drumcondra/Stella Maris	26	1	4	21	18	82	-64	7

	LSL Maior 1 Saturday								
#	Team	P	W	Ď	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1.	Booth Road Celtic	20	16	3	1	74	14	60	51
2.	Liffey Wanderers	20	11	5	4	37	24	13	38
3.	Broadford Rovers	20	10	4	6	30	29	1	34
4.	Maynooth University Town FC	20	10	3	7	45	34	11	33
5.	Wayside Celtic	20	7	6	7	31	33	-2	27
6.	Glebe North	20	7	5	8	41	40	1	26
7.	St. John Bosco	20	7	4	9	27	35	-8	25
8.	Newtown Rangers AFC	20	7	3	10	25	41	-16	24
9.	Templeogue United FC	20	7	1	12	26	40	-14	22
10.	Pegasus/St. James Ath	20	5	3	12	35	54	-19	18
11.	Firhouse Clover	20	4	1	15	19	46	-27	13
12.	Sacred Heart / Killinarden FC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

The past month has been a really busy time for the Band with a very successful concert with Ballymore Eustace Concert Band and ourselves in the Osprey Hotel in Naas on 11th with the proceeds going to McAuley Place in Naas and quickly followed by a Sunday afternoon recital in Castletown House in Celbridge which has not happened at the time of writing but it's a lovely venue and hopefully the weather gods will be kind to us.



June is also busy with visits to Naas GAA and a Festival in Prosperous but we will also be busy rehearsing for our first visit to a Band Contest in Limerick University at the end of July so no rest for the band. We hope at some time in August or September to do another recital in the Square similar to the one we did last August before we went to Germany.

We extend a warm invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to feel free on Monday nights (bank holidays excepted) to join us in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 7.45 and 9.45 where you will be made most welcome. In recent months we have had players from Lucan, Celbridge and Mullingar come to join us. We are a very welcoming band,



we have an excellent conductor and we have a very busy programme over the next year.

You can call Paddy on 087 2537 906 if you need any further information.

MANOOTH CASTLE

Early Summer Update by Moira Devery, OPW Guide at the Castle

Maynooth Castle reopened on Thursday 16 May 2019. The OPW-run site opens at 10am and closes at 17:45pm. Guided tours are available on request in English every day and in German on certain days. Please phone 01-6286744 or call to the castle for more details.

NEW SUPERVISOR

May 16 marked not just the opening of the 2019 season but also the changing of the guard as our long-time supervisor, Catherine O'Connor, sadly left to cope with an everincreasing workload at Rathfarnham Castle, St. Enda's and St. Audeon's. Catherine loved coming out to Maynooth on a weekly basis, and will be greatly missed. However, she consoled the Maynooth Castle team by reassuring us that her replacement, Jacinta Rigney, was a very welcome addition to the team. And indeed, our first meeting with Jacinta confirmed this view. Jacinta is based in Roscrea and we look forward very much to



working with her. (See photo – from the left: Katherine Colthurst, Alan Cleary, Jacinta Rigney, Moira Devery and Joe Gissane). Mary Henry, the fifth member of the team is absent from the photo).

STUDENT AND CELEBRITY FEEDBACK

Our first week back at the Castle has seen us resorting to long underwear to cope with the slightly chilly temperatures while waiting for the underfloor heating to warm up the thick walls of the keep after eight months of hibernation. We were delighted that it was a busy week with lots of students popping in for a break between their exams while family members had more time to relax and enjoy the exhibition and/or a guided tour. In fact, we've had the feedback from students that it's a shame the Castle doesn't open earlier to facilitate the student population who generally miss visiting the Castle due to exam pressure in May and the closure of the Castle shortly after they resume their studies in September. This view was reiterated by our celebrity visitor, Marion McEvoy of the famous music family who lectures in sound engineering at the College. She said "Today is the first day I have seen the Castle open and been able to take the opportunity to visit it because it was always closed on my previous visits to Maynooth during term time". (See photo).

HERITAGE WEEK

We are already reflecting on special tours we'd like to offer during Heritage Week which takes place this year from Saturday August 17 to Sunday August 25. So far we will probably offer our popular tour from last year on Medieval Medicine, Daily Life at the Castle and a new tour on Medieval Music

"INVASION" CONFERENCE IN TCD

The Conference was a big success and attracted many visitors which delighted the organisers who rightly interpret this as a sign of a great interest in our own history. The sessions I attended on the Thursday and Friday were extremely interesting and generally well delivered. In fact, two of the speakers on Day 1 were Elizabeth Boyle and Denis Casey, both from Maynooth University. Elizabeth spoke on 'Intellectual, literary and religious culture on the eve of the invasion' while Denis spoke on 'Kings and kingship in post-Clontarf Ireland'. For who missed the conference, some of the latest research can be found in the May/June 2019 edition of Ireland's History Magazine 'History Ireland'.

Basketball Summer Camp to take place in Maynooth

North Kildare Basketball will host a basketball summer camp in Maynooth Post Primary School from 6th to 9th August. There will be two camps daily, a morning camp for children aged 6 to 11 years and an afternoon camp for children aged 12 to 17 years.

The theme of the camp is 'basketball without boundaries'. As Mike Toolan, the camp director explains: 'Basketball is really growing in north Kildare. It's a global sport that appeals to children of all backgrounds, ages and gender. It really has no boundaries.' The morning camp is ideal for younger children who want to learn the basic skills of basketball, while at same time having fun and making new friends.

For older children, the afternoon camp will challenge them to become better players and athletes. It's a great way to prepare to play competitive basketball either in school or for a club. The camp numbers are capped at a maximum of 40 children and will have a coach to children ratio of 1:10. The coaches are all qualified with Basketball Ireland and have experience of coaching at different levels, from academy to international.

The cost of the camp is set at an affordable price of €0, and includes a camp t-shirt. Bookings can be made online at www.eventmaster.ie.

Further information can be found on Facebook @North Kildare Basketball or by phone at 087-2979285.

BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP STH-9TH AUGUST 2019 MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL JUNIOR CAMP 1-11 YEARS FROM 1.30PM TO 1.70 DAILY SENIOR CAMP 12-17 YEARS FROM 1.30PM TO 5.30PM DAILY DEVELOP YOUR BASKETBALL SKILLS IN A FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT! BOOK ORIGINATION OF THE SAME PARTITION OF THE SAME PARTITION

Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



Hard to believe another year has flitted by in an instant and our second term drew to a close.

As is usual, we finished off the year with a knees up at Maynooth GAA Club on May 22nd which featured some general merriment as well as an extended session for students and teachers alike.

We've been holding the junior sessions up in the GAA each month, at 6 o'clock on Sunday evenings, and the hosting by Maynooth GAA in their swanky new bar has been most welcome throughout the whole year...not to mention the cosy fire during those winter months warming the cockles!



Students and teachers lashing out tunes. Ceol don scoth!

The end of the teaching year is marked by the Fleadh Chill Dara, which was held this year for the first time in Naas, being hosted by Craobh Kilteel / Eadestown. There was a fantastic programme of events laid on for the fill week with concerts, dancing, recitals and sessions from Thursday through Sunday, bringing branch members from across the county. Thanks to the Kildare County Board C.C.E. and Kilteel C.C.E. for their fantastic organisation!

We'd a record number of candidates entered this year which is a great tribute to students and teachers alike. Playing in front of eagle-eyed judges and 20-30 spectators in a room where you could hear a pin drop takes nerves of steel, so fair play to you all!

This year from Craobh Maynooth we had the following list of entrants:

Alice Lavin – Grúpa Cheoil & Duet

Aoife Nic An Airchinnigh - Whistle, Concertina & Piano Bláithín Howley - Fidil & Whistle

Caoimhe Howley - Concertina, Grúpa Cheoil, duet & trio Caoimhe Walsh - Whistle, duet & Bodhrán

Caoimhe Mac An Airchinnigh – Whistle, Concertina Conor Mac An Airchinnigh - Bosca Ceoil, Guitar, Ceilí Band, Whistle & Piano

Emma Bennet – Comhrá Gaeilge

Erin Howley - Fidil & Whistle

Kieran Hensey – Bosca Cheoil, Whistle & Duet Kirsten Ní Fhearaíl - Whistle & Grúpa Cheoil Maebh Nic An Airchinnigh - Whistle, Concertina & Piano Mairéad Kehoe - Fidil

Niamh Farrell - Whistle

Nyadhiel Ní Murchú - Whistle, Comhrá Gaeilge

Riobárd Ó Murchú – Bosca Ceoil

Róisín Howley - Fidil, duet, Ceilí Band and Singing

Ronan Geoghegan – Flute & Duet

Seán Ó Catháin - Bosca Ceoil and trio

Sean Ó Cearúil – Feadóg Stáin

Shane Mac An Airchinnigh - Bosca Ceoil & Piano

Sinéad Murphy - Banjo

Sophie O'Shea - Fidil

Tom Ó Catháin - Bosca Ceoil, Ceilí Band (and trio)



All Fleadh Competitors were presented with their certificates of participation by Seán, our chairman and Caoimhe, our flute teacher



Craobh Mhaigh Nuad's first entry in the Grupa Cheoil at Ceilí Band, finishing second in Kildare and qualifying for the Leinster's in Athboy / Rathcairn.





Erin and Bláithín Howley who excelled at the whistle and fiddle respectively. Bláithín was the youngest competitor in Naas, so maith thú!



Kirsten, Tom and Róisín applying the finishing touches in advance of their winning trio recital

Well done to all above who performed with distinction and did themselves proud. Winning in the competition is not the be all and end all of the branch – but preparing for, and performing in the Fleadh, is something from which the students learn an enormous amount – and hopefully have a lot of fun along the way. We'll have the full roll of honours in next month's edition, but for now maith sibh go léir!

The winners and second placed competitors will go along to the Leinster Fleadh in July, which is being held in Athboy / Rath Chairn, Meath from 8th – 14th July for what promises to be a most memorable Fleadh Cheoil Laighean 2019. Despite classes being over, there's lots of chances for enjoying the tunes including the Fleadh Laighean in Meath and our many sessions running around the town and many workshops and summer-schools taking place across the country.

It being year end, we wanted to extend our thanks to all who have given us their support and assistance throughout the year. It is great to see the kids being brought to the classes each Wednesday and we're delighted to see both our junior and adult sessions growing in popularity and competence

Thanks to our hugely dedicated teachers, who are so generous with their time and talents – have a great summer. We look forward to working with most of you again next term. We wish the best of luck to those of you who are moving on to further education or into the workforce. Registration for the 2019/2020 Comhaltas year will take place on Wednesday 5th September in Maynooth Post Primary School and remember we cater for all ages and all levels of musical ability. We would love to see new members trying their hand at an instrument from Sept; you are never too old to start out on a musical journey and we can promise you lots of fun and fulfilment along the way.

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

http://www.facebook.com/ccemhaighnuad http://twitter.com/CCEMhaighNuad Derek Carroll, PRO, Committee Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE



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Harbour Field / Playground / Canal Survey Summary

The Harbour Field survey was carried out as result of Minutes of the Maynooth Municipal District Meeting held on 2 February 2018 that reflected the request by MD Councillors to examine the possibility of putting a car park on The Harbour Field. This request created massive outrage in the town as some of our elected councillors wanted to place a car park in our Harbour Field. Maynooth Planning Alliance wanted to highlight to Kildare County Council that this area is one of the only outdoor amenities available to the people of Maynooth. We needed sufficient evidence to prove to Kildare County Council that the people of Maynooth did not want another carpark.

The Harbour Field/ Playground/ Canal survey was published 11 June 2018 - 5 July 2018. There were 578 responses to 7 questions.

Q1. What is your age?

Answer Choices	Response		
20 and Under	2%	12	
21 to 40	47%	270	
41 to 60	45%	262	
61 and Over	6%	34	
Total	100%	578	

Q2. How often do you use the Harbour Field/Canal/Playground?

Answer Choices	Response		
Daily	20%	114	
Weekly	41%	238	
Monthly	13%	73	
Occasionally	19%	110	
Rarely	7%	42	
Total	100%	577	

Q3. Why do you visit The Harbour Field/Canal/Playground? (Check all that apply.)

Answer Choices	Response
Cycling	120
Bring Children	376
Event	67
Sightseeing	45
Time with family and/or friends	225
Exercise or Jog	179
Fishing	15
Playing Sport	55
Relax	205
Walk Dog	128
Walking	357
Other (please specify)	22

Responses to Q.3 Other reasons to visit The Harbour Field / Playground / Canal?

- It provides a great sense of space and should remain uncomplicated.
- Fishing.
- Circus and amusements when they come to town, the kids really look forward to that.
- Public Sports/Recreation Facility.
- Clean safe area for children and families to have picnics.
- Better upkeep of the playground.
- Exercise area for classes.
- Involved with the Tidy Towns.

Q4. Do you or your children use The Harbour Field/Canal/Playground equipment?

Answer Choices	Response		
Often	49%	280	
Sometimes	32%	188	
Never	6%	33	
N/A	13%	76	
Total	100%	577	

Q5. Please rate the condition of The Harbour Field/Canal/Playground?

Answer Choices	Response		
Excellent	5%	28	
Very Good	35%	202	
Fair	44%	257	
Poor	14%	79	
No Opinion	2%	11	
Total	100%	577	

Q6. What are your priorities for The Harbour Field? (Check all that apply.)

Answer Choices	Response
Maze	48
Toilet Facilities	245
Benches/Tables	370
Improved Children's Play Equipment	342
Cleaning/Litter Removal	312
Dog Runs	82
Gardens and Flowers (Horticulture)	28
Accessible for all Abilities	262
Paths/Walkways	262
Public Art	97
Skate Park	83
Market Stalls	165
Water Feature	80
Barge Café	220
Sensory Garden	151
Caretaker Available	137
Public Lighting	274
CCTV	256
Kick-about Area	202
Covered Events Area	108
Sculpture	60
Other (please specify)	54



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Responses to Q.6 What are your priorities for The Harbour Field?

- Sports field an Astro all-weather pitch.
- It provides a great sense of space and should remain uncomplicated.
- Notices to keep dogs on lead at all times. Having dogs running up to kids can be very upsetting for the child especially if the child is autistic. Off lead dogs also chase bikes and run out in front of bikes.
- Allotments could be nice if done well.
- Locked at night.
- Swimming Pool.
- Warden and also a tourist office.
- Outdoor cinema and similar events.
- A market area every Saturday would be nice ... like Marley park where you can sit out eat and play with
- Scouts den should have been a cafe! It needs a clean up! A cafe with outdoor space would be a brilliant addition.
- I don't have any.
- Running and walking track around the field.
- The maximum use of the space for the whole community. (including maintaining its traditional use as a site for family entertainment and circus, subject to space restrictions)

- Drinking water tap / fountain.
- The town needs a community astro pitch and running track. Maynooth has no community astro for use by GAA, soccer etc. and no athletic club with all our children having to go to Kilcock or Leixlip.
- Bandstand, or area where same groups could play a seisiún, would also like that any narrative that is written down re Maynooth should be dhÃ; theangach, should be reflective, have a historical dimension and be inclusive. Maynooth as we know it has a historical context that continues to shape and mould and we should all recognize that.
- Not enough bins.
- Landscaped Park.
- Living Wall to create more Oxygen in the area.
- Fishing.
- Leave natural too much intervention.
- A public park. Maynooth is expanding vastly but does not have the public space and amenities to reflect this.
- Along the same design as currently. Barge cafe would be a great addition, if even just between April and September.
- Picnic area.
- All of the above ideas are very good and Id be happy to

see any implemented.

- Sports field.
- Public Drama and Music and running track.
- One wall handball court.
- Circus and amusements when they come to town, the kids really look forward to that.
- Public Sports/Recreation Facility.
- BMX track.
- All weather football pitch.
- Mini golf area, running track.
- Clean safe area for children and families to have picnics.
- Better upkeep of the playground.
- Exercise area for classes .
- Involved with the Tidy Towns.
- Park like the people park in Dun Laoghaire.
- Improved exercise/outdoor gym equipment.
- The area needs to have existing bins which are built into the walls removed as they simply collect rain water.
- Plenty of bins. Large bins so they are not always full.
- I am involved in a choir. Recently we found it very hard to find a venue for a recital. Would love an open air event space where we as a community could hold small local events.
- Disability parking nearby.

Q7. Please Note any ideas for improvement to The Harbour Field/Canal/Playground?

The tag cloud below is a visual representation of the survey responses.



The Maynooth Planning Alliance emailed all pre-school providers, primary and secondary school principals and asked for their schools participation in the survey. We felt that the voice of the future generation of Maynooth should be heard. Tiddlywinks and Scallywags preschool went above and beyond creating a visual display that they could submit to Kildare County Council on behalf of the current under 5 age group. Kildare County Council took note of our survey and held an open afternoon in the harbour field to get a survey completed by the members of the public. The company employed by KCC to complete the health check of our town was Cathal O'Meara landscape architects. On this open day Tiddlywinks and Scallywags preschool presented their visual display to the consultants in the Harbour Field.



What survey responders wanted:

- open/public space
- space to walk and sit
- area to bring children and to play
- green areas
- lighting
- accessibility, toilets
- quiet space
- somewhere to relax in
- performance space
- art

What survey responders didn't want:





June Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

For further information contact:

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Library Events

All events at Maynooth Community Library are free of charge but booking may be required.Maynooth Community Library will be closed Saturday 1st and Monday 3rd June 2019. We wish all our patrons a nice relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Celebrate Cruinniú Na nÓg with Maynooth Library on June $15^{ m th}$ - $\,A$ National Day of Free Creativity for Children and Young People

The Library will be open today from 9.30am –1pm and from 2pm – 5.00pm!

Creative Writing Workshop

11am - 12pm, Ages 8 - 11years **Booking Required**

Flip Book Animation Workshop

2.30pm – 4.30pm, Ages 8+

Booking Required

Join the Createschool team for a fun and engaging hands on workshop. Flip Books are one of the simplest, oldest and best loved ways to create an animated film.

We will teach you how to bring your stick man to life, bounce that dot around the page or launch that rocket - the possibilities are simply endless.

You will learn some great tips and techniques on the art of flip book making in this taster workshop. No previous drawing experience is required as all materials are supplied.

Beyond The Book Festival

Helena Byrne: Interactive storytelling

Friday 21st June 2.30pm - 3.15pm, suitable for age 4+

Join Helena for some magical storytelling, with tales of the Leprechaun, the Fairy Folk and fun Irish Ghost stories. Children will get involved and become part of the story, and later create and draw their own character. The children will also learn some fun vocal and physical exercises to help them develop their storytelling skills. Every child is a storyteller in the making! Helena has brought her stories to numerous schools and libraries across Ireland, as well as to special events such as the YARN Storytelling Festival in Bray, Kilkenny Arts Festival, Portavogie Seafood Festival and the Embassy of Ireland in Washington DC.

Scavenger hunt and drawing workshop with Aga Grandowicz

Sat 22nd June, Ages 7 – 10 years

12.30 - 2pm

Are you a budding zoologist? Or do you just really like drawing animals? If so, Aga Grandowicz, co-creator, illustrator and designer of 'Dr Hibernica Finch's Compelling Compendium of Irish Animals' (published last year by Little Island) has set you a challenge. Join her to learn some cool facts about selected animals that you can meet in Ireland, then find their pictures hidden around you and try to draw one or two!

Young Readers Festival 13th June – For Schools <u>Only</u>

Mary Poppins Themed Workshop with Go Fly Your Kite

Suitable for any class (max 1 class) – Teachers register your class asap!

These kite making workshops will include music and graphics from the Mary Poppins books and movies and will finish with each pupil designing, constructing and learning how to fly their own kite. There will also be a prize for the best creation.

Author Visit: - Brian Gallagher Suitable for $4^{th} - 6^{th}$ Class – taking class bookings now!

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 19th June from 10am

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

eServices Drop In Clinic

Saturday 22nd June

Get one to one advice on how to use all of the online services available at the library including downloading audiobooks and borrowing ebooks and emagazines. Our staff will show you how to register for our free eServices, learn a language, do a course or browse our online newspaper archive.

All welcome - no booking required

Older, Wiser, Laughter – Age Friendly Events

Wild Food Foraging

With Mary White of Blackstairs Eco Trails

Wednesday 26th June 3.00pm

food treats. Learn what is safe to eat and what is not. Discover the hidden secrets of the hedgerows and fields.

Booking required

Wood Carving

With Dave Gorman

Wednesday 12th June 11.00am

In this workshop, we will transfer an image onto wood and carve in relief. By carving around the image and lowering the background, our image will emerge from the wood. Each participant will leave with a finished product that can be proudly displayed at home.

Ph.: 01-6285530

Wild Food Foraging – an illustrated talk and hands on workshop making delicious wild

Booking required

Craft Club

Every Monday from 11.30am – 1pm

Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired – or just to work on! Different short demonstrations will take place during the year.

Who knows – maybe a new craft will grab your fancy...

No Booking Required

Knit 2 together

Thursday 6th June 4-5pm

An inter-generational knitting group for learners and helpers.

This is the group's last meeting of this school year. Watch this space for more chances to get crafty over the summer.

Contact library for more information

Children's Events

Family Friendly Board Game morning Saturday 15th June, 10 – midday

Have a digital detox and enjoy some old fashioned fun in our 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.

'Under the Sea' Art & Craft

Friday 28th June, 3.30 pm- 4.30 pm 7 - 10 year olds

Celebrate the start of the school Summer holidays with this fun 'Under the Sea' Art & Craft where children will paint sea shells and glue them on to hand mirrors to create a Summer time beach scene. Booking Required

Kids' Secret Cinema

Saturday 29th June 2.30– 3.50 pm

This month's secret cinema is a classic from Studio Ghibli all about a boy who embarks on a fantastic under the sea journey with a magical fish. Rated G

All Welcome!

Spring into Story Time

Pirate Story Time

Friday 7th June 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds
This week's stories are all about pirates! This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler.

No booking required

Eric Carle Story Time

Friday 14th June 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

To celebrate the 50th birthday of the classic 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', this week's stories are all by the much-loved author Eric Carle. No booking required

Summer Time Story Time

Friday 21st June 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

To celebrate the Summer and the Summer holidays, this week's stories are all about sun, sand and Summer time! Join in some fun rhymes and songs to celebrate the Summer!

No booking required

Story Time

Friday 28th June 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

This is an opportunity to spend some quality reading time with your toddler and join in with some fun rhymes and songs. Colouring pages will be provided.

No booking required

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Regular Events

FitLine

Thursday 13th and 27th June 10 am -12 noon

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

Make Time

Thursday 6th and 20th June, 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 8th and 22nd June, 11am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Group

Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practice their conversational Irish. (No booking required.) All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group

Tuesdays 4th and 18th June 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 8th and 22nd June, 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 is 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 27th June 6.00 pm

Following the success of our bi-monthly family-friendly board games mornings, Maynooth Community Library is launched a monthly adult board game night - 'All Aboard.' Join us in our multipurpose 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!

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.

Book Club for Young Adults- Interested?

Friday 28th June 3.30pm

Maynooth Community Library is currently seeking expressions of interest for a Young Adult Book Club for First to Third years. The book club would meet on the last Friday of each month at 3.30 pm. To register your interest, please contact the

The Village Book Club Monday 17th June 10.30am – 11.30am

The Village Book club meet every third Monday from 10.30 – 11.30 am. Discussing "The Housekeeper and The Professor". Places available, please contact library staff if interested in joining.

Ex Libris Book Club

Wednesday 26th June 11am

Ex libris will be discussing "The Sellout" by Paul Beatty. 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 11th June 6.30pm- 7.30pm

This month, the Readers of the Lost Ark / Science Fiction book club is discussing 'Lightless ' by C.A. Higgins. New members always welcome. Please contact the library for further details.

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 13th June, 11.30 am

This month, the Read & Catch up with Betty book club will be discussing 'Silas Marner'. New members welcome. Please contact the library for details.

Reel Good Film Club

Tuesday 25th June: Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm

All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. This month's pick is a 1995 American Crime Film starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. Rated 18

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday 27thth June 11am- 12 pm

June's book club will be discussing "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Joy Fowler. New members welcome. Please contact the library for details.

U3A Book Club

Monday 10th June 11am- 12 pm

U3A (University of the Third Age) Book Club meets every second Monday in the Library from 11.00 – 12 noon. Discussing "His Bloody Project" in June. This club is now full but please contact library staff if you are interested in joining.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

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Walking for Good Health

Now that summer is here with brighter evenings and sunnier days it is a good time to start a new fitness routine. Walking is a great way to improve or maintain your overall health. Just 30 minutes every day can increase cardiovascular fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat, and boost muscle power and endurance. It can also reduce your risk of developing conditions such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and some cancers.



Unlike some other forms of exercise, walking is a low-cost and effective form of exercise and doesn't require any special equipment or training. The only thing required is a good pair of walking shoes or runners as the wrong type of shoe can cause foot or shin pain, blisters and injuries to soft tissue. **Make sure your shoes are comfortable.**

Health benefits of walking

- increased cardiovascular and pulmonary (heart and lung) fitness
- reduced risk of heart disease and stroke
- improved management of conditions such as hypertension (high blood pressure), high cholesterol, joint and muscular pain or stiffness, and diabetes
- stronger bones and improved balance
- · increased muscle strength and endurance
- reduced body fat.

Walking for 30 minutes a day

To get the health benefits, try to walk for at least 30 minutes as briskly as you can on most days of the week. 'Brisk' means that you can still talk but you may be puffing slightly. Moderate activities such as walking pose little health risk but, if you have a medical condition, check with your doctor before starting any new exercise program of physical activity. Try to make walking part of your daily routine.

Wearing a Pedometer or Fit Bit while walking

A pedometer measures the number of steps you take. A fit bit can measure the amount of steps, your heart beat, your blood pressure and your oxygen level.

You can use it to measure your movement throughout a day and compare it to other days or to recommended amounts. This may motivate you to move more. The recommended number of steps accumulated per day to achieve health benefits is 10,000 steps or more.

Our bodies tend to get used to physical activity, so continue to increase your intensity as you are able to improve your fitness levels. You can increase the intensity of your walks by:

- increasing the distance you walk
- increasing your walking speed gradually by including some quick walking
- walking up hills
- walking with hand weights

Warming up and cooling down

The best way to warm up is to walk slowly. Start off each walk at a leisurely pace to give your muscles time to warm up, and then pick up the speed. Afterwards, gently stretch your leg muscles. It's best to dress lightly when you do physical activity. Dressing too warmly can increase sweating and build up body temperature, which can make you uncomfortable during a walk or possibly cause skin irritations. A gradual cool-down will also prevent muscular stiffness and injury Drink plenty of fluids before and after your walk. If you are taking a long walk, take water with you.

Make your walk interesting

If you want to stick close to home, pick different routes so you don't get tired of seeing the same sights.

If you feel unsafe walking alone, join a walking club or start a walking club in your area. Drive to different places park the car and enjoy the views while you walk.



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Greta Thunberg is a sixteen year old student from Sweden. She began striking for climate action outside Sweden's parliament last year and has inspired a world wide movement. The following is a speech she gave to COP24 in last December.

"My name is Greta Thunberg. I am 15 years old. I am from Sweden. I speak on behalf of Climate Justice Now. Many people say that Sweden is just a small country and it doesn't matter what we do. But I've learned

you are never too small to make a difference. And if a few children can get headlines all over the world just by not going to school, then imagine what we could all do together if we really wanted to

But to do that, we have to speak clearly, no matter how uncomfortable that may be. You only speak of green eternal economic growth because you are too scared of being unpopular. You only talk about moving forward with the same bad ideas that got us into this mess, even when the only sensible thing to do is pull the emergency brake. You are not mature enough to tell it like is. Even that burden you leave to us children. But I don't care about being popular. I care about climate justice and the living planet. Our civilization is being sacrificed for the opportunity of a very small number of people to continue making enormous amounts of money. Our biosphere is being sacrificed so that rich people in countries like mine can live in luxury. It is the sufferings of the many which pay for the luxuries of the few.

The year 2078, I will celebrate my 75th birthday. If I have children maybe they will spend that day with me. Maybe they will ask me about you. Maybe they will ask why you didn't do anything while there still was time to act. You say you love your children above all else, and yet you are stealing their future in front of their very eyes.

Until you start focusing on what needs to be done rather than what is politically possible, there is no hope. We can't solve a crisis without treating it as a crisis. We need to keep the fossil fuels in the ground, and we need to focus on equity. And if solutions within the system are so impossible to find, maybe we should change the system itself. We have not come here to beg world leaders to care. You have ignored us in the past and you will ignore us again. We have run out of excuses and we are running out of time. We have come here to let you know that change is coming, whether you like it or not. The real power belongs to the people. Thank you".

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. Green Outlook will have zero waste essentials for sale also.

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date!







Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

New York Revisited

It had been thirty-six years since my wife and I had set foot in The Big Apple and I had mixed emotions: would the weather be muggy, the crowds oppressive, the buildings less spectacular than I had remembered? Our arrival in JFK airport didn't end my doubts. There was an almost overwhelming flux of diverse humanity coupled with a gritty casualness. We shared the people-carrier to our hotel with four Southerners, a prosperous white couple and an equally prosperous black couple. The banter between the latter and our black driver as we traversed Queens soon had us all smiling as if we'd known them for years. Had Obama's presidency changed attitudes for the better?

Our entry into Manhattan through the Midtown Tunnel plunged us into a forest of soaring buildings far higher and denser than I had remembered. By comparison with the tallest skyscrapers our hotel on 42nd Street, near 3rd Avenue, was a mere 41 stories but the view from our 23rd floor room down on a river of cars and yellow taxis was breathtaking.

We picked an Irish bar for our evening meal. Between drinkers and diners there was a friendly buzz and the young waitress who brought our lamb shank and mashed potatoes hailed from Dublin. Having got instructions from the manager about how to phone a friend in Long Island, I began, on exiting, to put 50cent pieces into a sidewalk kiosk, only to discover that it was malfunctioning. When I eventually made two calls from our room they cost 42 dollars. Fortunately, a girl at the front desk, whose parents came from Monaghan, was able to reduce this by half.

Next morning we visited the UN, where the Irish connection was again a bonus. On failing to get through to Long Island from a coin box, a girl at a nearby counter let me use her cell phone then refused to accept payment, explaining that on a visit to Madrid two Irish backpackers had gone out of their way to help her. Later, as we were attempting to make tea at a self-service machine, a smiling, urbane man came to our assistance. We learned that he worked for the UN postal section and, yes, he was Irish American.

After that we walked to Grand Central station to enquire about travelling to Ground Zero. In the cathedral-like main hall, the ebullient middle-aged 'redhead' who answered our queries told us she had worked one summer as a tour guide on the Famine sailing ship, the Jeanie Johnson. All right, I must sound like the boring tourist who seeks out his own kind but in a seething mass of strangers the Emerald connection helps – Not that, ordinary New Yorkers weren't friendly. In fact, apart from some bus drivers negotiating downtown traffic, they were invariably gracious.

We found Ground Zero transformed into a building site enclosed by a high wooden fence. In the diner where we had lunch mementos from 9.11 decorated the walls: an Orthodox priest blessing a kneeling soldier, memorial cards, one of an Irish- American fireman, stuck in the bottom of a picture frame, a handwritten letter from a bereft father... sad little tokens of the fallout from this outrage. The middle-aged Greek who served us told how he had been late for work on the morning of 9.11 and so had a lucky escape. The diner had been turned into a watering place for rescue workers, then had to close for two years. And, yet, despite all the destruction, the steel bones of new buildings were rising from the excavated crater outside. It seems nothing can overcome the resilience of this city.

Next day, a Saturday, we walked to Saint Patrick's

cathedral, its neo-gothic spires dwarfed by nearby

skyscrapers. Though it may have been built with the

contributions of Irish servant girls, on this morning it was

crowded with exuberant Latino families celebrating their

children's high school graduation, while outside a Cuban

monk of the Heraldos del Evangelio in knee-high leather boots handed out cards with a prayer to the Virgin.

That afternoon we took a train from labyrinthine Pen Station to Long Island, where we visited my friend, who was recuperating in a Port Jefferson hospital. The return journey late that evening was not without its drama: white teenage girls and fellows in our carriage who obviously had drunk too much; an angry black man surrounded by his mates confronting a few nervous policemen before the underground entrance to Madison Square Garden. We didn't wait to find out the cause of the fracas, hurrying outside, where police reinforcements were arriving, to make our way on foot through semi-deserted streets back to our hotel. All told, we were probably safer than we would have been in night-time Dublin.

Mass in crowded Saint Patrick's Cathedral next morning was filled with pageantry: a man in a soutane singing at a lectern, another doing the readings, another serving, a frail monsignor seated in an ornate chair, and, on the loft behind us, the organ rolling out waves of melody. Probably as a result of recent scandals, there were no altar boys, but that did not detract from the magnificence of an occasion where all ethnic groups seemed to be represented.

After mass we walked to Park Avenue to see the Seagram Building, where I had begun work as an electrical draftsman in 1958. This bronze skyscraper with its plaza and fountains was as impressive as I remembered but when I ventured inside, the black security guard said visitors weren't allowed past his station. On hearing that I had been there at the building's construction, however, he graciously allowed me to read the list of tenants displayed on the lobby wall, none of which I recognised. Outside, on looking down Park Avenue towards Grand Central, I found that the Pan Am building had been renamed Met Life but otherwise seemed unchanged.

Throughout the city eye-catching skyscrapers had sprung up in the past 50 years, Trump Tower being an obvious example; I found the lobby of this building delightful, in particular, the glass-enclosed café area at the back with its bamboo trees and pop-art figures. Where do architects get their ability to make each new skyscraper distinctive? Nevertheless, despite ceaseless competition, well-known buildings such as Rockefeller Center maintain their appeal – The golden statue of Prometheus in the lower plaza of the latter, like the large yellow diamond displayed inside Tiffany's, could, I feel, symbolise Midtown Manhattan's gilded aura.

Heading back west we had another reminder of the social escalator that is New York, a Puerto Rican parade with flags, bands, dancers, placards and the essential waving politicians making its way up 5th Avenue just as the Irish one does on March 17th. The full-throated applause of mainly Spanish-speaking onlookers proclaimed, "This is our day and we're proud of qwho we are." The previous morning we had watched a colourful and noisy Hare Krishna parade with its three decorated hand-drawn carts preparing to march down 5th Avenue to Washington Square and – wouldn't you know it – one of the leading participants was a girl whose grandparents came from Cork.

On the other side of Central Park, having asked directions to the John Lennon memorial, 'Strawberry Fields', from two policemen, one with an enamel Irish flag in his lapel, we were told it was just across from the Dakota Hotel, where he was shot. We found, not as we had expected, a garden but a mosaic circle divided into segments with, at its centre, the word IMAGINE, the whole representing the unity of all peoples. Flowers had been laid on the circle, around which tourists were gathered. Presently an aging hippie type came and began to pick up stray petals, telling everyone that he was the one who daily brought fresh

roses. I expected he would ask for contributions but he just walked away.

Central Park has enough variety and attractions, from the art gallery and museums on its perimeter to the zoo, carousel, playing fields, lakes and theatres within its confines, to warrant a week's exploration but I was anxious to visit Greenwich Village, so we took a bus downtown.

Washington Square was even better than I had remembered: laughing children cooling off in the fountain, an outdoor theatre group re-enacting the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly, street musicians entertaining the crowds... It was only when we went in search of the coffee houses where folk singers once cast their spells and The Circle in the Square theatre in which I had seen entrancing plays such as Dylan Thomas's Under Milk Wood that I realised the old bohemian Village had vanished. A young man with his arm round his girlfriend thought that the theatre was located in Union Square but on walking there we couldn't find it. Then a gentleman I asked about the theatre took out his Blackberry and after much diligent finger-work announced that The Circle in the Square was now up at 50th Street and Broadway. So it too had yielded to middle-class respectability! Later, we asked a policeman, which bus would take us uptown and, to our surprise, he walked over to a bus halted a block away to check with the driver. Whoever said New Yorkers were brusque?

Next day we took the subway to Bowling Green en route to visiting the Statue of Liberty, something I had never managed to do during my eleven years working in New York. While waiting in line to board the ferry, we got into conversation with a young man from Leitrim, an illegal who had just joined the carpenters union. He seemed to be happy with life in The States, even though the number of Irish in the county associations has fallen drastically. For immigrants like him travelling home involves the risk of not being allowed to return.

From the crowded ferry's upper deck the views of the harbour and Manhattan were breathtaking. Now we could imagine the excitement that must have gripped the "huddled masses" sailing from the Old World when their ships approached this vantage point. Weak and exhausted, they must have thanked their Creator for bringing them safely to the Promised Land.

On Liberty Island we were lucky enough to hear a ranger with the National Parks Service give a talk on the history of the statue, in particular the difficulties experienced in raising funds to construct the base, which were only solved when William Randolph Hearst conducted a newspaper campaign. Our guide, like an accomplished actor, kept us hanging on his every word.

After that we took another ferry to Ellis Island, where we saw the Great Hall in which immigrants were assessed and the cramped dormitory where those rejected slept.

Suddenly the experience of 12 million weary arrivals between 1892 and 1954 became real. There is a circular steel wall outside on which many of the immigrants' names are inscribed, but not that of my Uncle Mike, who in 1914 sailed from Queenstown on 'The Adriatic', his ethnicity given as 'British, Irish'. He may have found lodgings in 'Hell's Kitchen' on the West Side, an Irish enclave that has since disappeared, unlike other ethnic neighbourhoods in this social melting pot such as Little Italy, Chinatown, and Spanish Harlem.

The return ferry ride to Battery Park was spectacular, a weather front arriving from upstate New York and New Jersey forming an indigo backdrop to a vista of gleaming skyscrapers. When we docked, the sight of yellow-robed dancing Buddhists and black men with live pythons coiled round their necks confirmed that this was still a multifaceted New World.

P.G. Nerney

Reading *Ulysses* by Rita Edwards

'Many motives lay behind that 1951 decision of mine to translate Joyce's Ulysses into Irish. If they won't read it in English, I said to myself, bedamn but we'll put them in the situation that they can boast they won't read it in Irish aither.' Irish novelist, playwright and satirist, Brian O'Nolan (1911-1966), aka Flann O'Brien aka Myles na gCopaleen.

Having come across this quotation again recently it reminded me that almost ten years ago I chanced to read in 'An Irishman's Diary' in The Irish Times that seven months after it closed, Sweny's Pharmacy at 1, Lincoln Place in Dublin, immortalised in Joyce's masterpiece 'had risen from the dead and ascended into a sort of Joycean heaven'. From 1847 until 2009 it had traded as Sweny's Pharmacy and under new management it was to be run by a group of volunteers who were determined to maintain the shop's fictional literary connection with Leopold Bloom and his purchase of a bar of lemon soap prior to attending Paddy Dignam's funeral on 16 June 1904.

Then I read that in order to support the venture, readings from Ulysses would take place in the shop, unchanged since Bloom's visit, every Monday morning at 11.00 o'clock. At the time, I was free to travel from Maynooth to Dublin on Mondays and Sweny's was a five minute walk from Pearse Station. 'This is my chance', I thought. 'It's

I rummaged through my bookshelves until I found it. I opened my 1969 Penguin paperback edition of James Joyce Ulysses and read what I had written on the second page 'Rita Edwards, Dublin 28 April 1969.' To my surprise, after forty years, and after failing again and again to get past the first chapter, and in spite of being hauled from flat to flat (no apartments in Dublin then) and from house to house for decades, it was still in good condition.

With a certain level of excitement, tempered with trepidation, the following Monday I boarded the train at Maynooth. I arrived at Pearse Station with time to spare and sought refuge in the nearby Café di Napoli in order to fortify myself with a strong Americano.

With ten minutes to starting time, I walked up Westland Row past the anonymous looking houses at the back of Trinity College on my right and past the School of Music on my left. I crossed at the pedestrian lights opposite Kennedy's Pub with its distinctive red stone façade and

into Lincoln Place. I approached Sweny's and timidly pushed open the white double doors.

I was immediately met with a friendly 'hello, are you here for the reading? You're very welcome. Take a seat. Would you like a cup of tea or coffee?' I sat down and looked around me. I felt that I had taken a step back in time. There were a number of other people present, both young and older and as I was to discover over the months that it took us to read *Ulysses*, the readings attracted not only Irish, but people of all ages from many other nationalities and

First it was explained to us what each chapter was about and then all those who were present were invited to take turns reading. However, there was no obligation to read if you didn't wish to. The reading was followed by a general discussion and light refreshments. I soon discovered that if you couldn't make the daytime reading, there was also a chance to catch up on a repeat reading in the evening. Refreshments after those sessions consisted of a general discussion about everything and anything over a beverage of your choice in nearby Kennedy's. Needless to say, I preferred the evening readings!

From a local point of view, in his work, Joyce makes numerous allusions to what was known as the Maynooth Catechism, a Catechism which outlined Christian religious teaching. At the Synod of Maynooth held in 1875, it was decided that a modified version of an earlier Catechism (1775) should then be used throughout the Irish Catholic Church. Given his Jesuitical education it is not surprising that in his many works Joyce drew on his knowledge of church teaching. Later the Maynooth Catechism became known as the 'Green Catechism' because it had a green

In one chapter in a reference to the Catechism, Joyce refers to 'the third precept of the church to fast and abstain on the days commanded.' Scholars have said that here he really meant the second precept, i.e. to abstain from eating meat on Fridays. But then I have been told that in order to keep future scholars busy on occasion he made deliberate errors in his writings.

If this is the case, one error I cannot forgive him for is that in one paragraph in *Ulysses*, in referring to my home town, Enniscorthy, in County Wexford, he locates it in County

VII to Maynooth College on 24 July 1903 and about the

'priests and bishops of Ireland doing up his room in Maynooth'. To mark his visit, the college dining hall was decorated with the royal racing colours with pictures of two of Edward's favourite horses on display.

A third example takes place in a pub, when Joyce satirically refers to 'the much treasured and intricately embroidered ancient Irish facecloth attributed to Solomon of Droma and other scribes' who assembled the 14th century Book of Ballymote from much older books in Ballymote in County Sligo. With tongue in cheek and perhaps with a modicum of irreverence in a long list he mentions 'Jury's Hotel, St. Patrick's Purgatory, The Salmon Leap, [and] Maynooth college refectory ... all these moving scenes are still there for us to day rendered more beautiful still by the waters of sorrow which have passed over them and by the rich incrustations of time'.

On the night of the final chapter reading of Ulysses in Sweny's those of us who were there celebrated on the premises with a glass of wine. Forgetting to keep an eye on the clock I reluctantly walked down to Pearse Station to get the last train home to Maynooth. As I entered the building it seemed remarkably quiet. When I inquired, I was told, 'you're too late Mam, the last train left for Maynooth an hour ago! Not being too worried I walked up Pearse Street to the bus stop opposite Pearse Street Garda Station – same story.

Still unfazed and still feeling a certain amount of euphoria after my achievement I tried to book into one of the nearby hotels – no luck. In the end I had to approach a taxi. Luckily, the driver was happy to drive me home to Maynooth and entertained me all the way. His father had been a 'button man' on the Dublin City Docks as had his father before him. When work on the docks was scarce, preference of employment was given to those wearing 'buttons' a sign of organised Trade Unionism – others less fortunate had to wait. It could have been a story from Joyce's Dublin all over again.

Sweny's Pharmacy still opens daily to host group readings of Joyce's work, and yes, they still sell, together with second hand books and crafts, those bars of lemon soap.

Speaking for myself, one reading of Joyce's work over a period of months in a group setting doesn't mean that I am now familiar with all the text. While I enjoyed the sessions at the time, it would take a serious amount of study to fully In another chapter, Joyce refers to the visit of King Edward understand *Ulysses*. And life's too short for that – or is it?

Sisyphus

In the too familiar sequence He feels the boulder threaten His last reserve of strength But still he tries, shoulders aching, Lungs gasping, heart pounding. The crest is just one step away: This time he'll really overcome Whatever accident of birth or fate Decreed he should be second best If only he can keep his nerve. Another muscle wrenching push And -No! Not again!

Twisting aside, he watches dazed The boulder rolling downhill, Gathering speed, Jumping mounds and hollows, Flattening briars, nettles, bushes In an ecstasy of destruction Until it crashes with a deadened

Against a hummock in the valley floor

From which he started out.

How could that merciless, Self-righteous Tisiphone, That Fury whom he's never met, And only knows him by report, Have so avenged his derelictions?

Now momentarily released From the agony of exertion, He sinks exhausted to the ground, Whence he contemplates the clouds Floating onward to Elysium,

A place reserved for the victorious:

Athletes, patriots, artists, poets, A world of fame he'll never

Finally realising some can choose To imitate the labours of the sun, He wills himself to stand, Then stifling a groan, Sidles downhill step by step, Making for the boulder.

By Colin Scott

The Gerasene Demoniac

Un-named one, or are you the Slave of Legion? What befell you,

That you must live among tombs, And self-harm with stones -Alone?

I'll call you Samson, For he too broke his bonds. Were you, too, betrayed by Delilah Or did your strength come from below, Your Betrayer, Legion?

Outcast, pariah, no frindly face, In which to see your God! Until the Great One passed your way And saw himself in your misery -You saw yourself in his great love, Transfigured.

At the sound of the Bailiff's voice, No longer secure in their dwelling, Your squatters screamed for mercy, And He sent them to more suitable Habitations – restoring you To your Birthright.

By GM.

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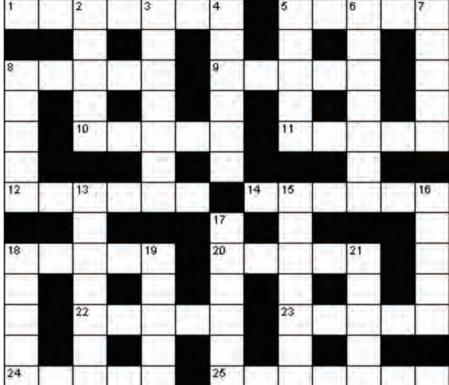
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Clues Across

- 1. Sent iced tea as a lure, essentially (7)
- 5. Loose ends (5)
- 8. Exercises authority over regulations (5)
- 9. Hang on a minute, sounds like animal feet (5)
- 10. Found in any long fabric (5)
- 11. Flown in the wind like hawks (5)
- 12.Time out corner (6)
- 14. Keep bees in Western Somoa, endless cereal grass (6)
- 18. Take chance first off, it's a stroll (5)
- 20. Sounds like a way in to worship (5)
- 22. Quick rhyming music, who's who in short (5)
- 23. Musical passage contains main trombone (5)
- 24. All involved in veto talk (5)
- 25. Provokes with sharp points (7)



June 2019 Crossword - No. 480



Clues Down

- 2. Essential to claw back capital only (5)
- 3. Keeps making chess move (7)
- 4. Audibly rely on part of a swimming pool (6)
- 5. Elephant part makes a strong case (5)
- 6.Inactivity in finer tiara (7)
- 7. Delivers vessels (5)
- 8.Jolly pirate emblem (5)
- 13. Show some America bar ethics (7)
- 15.Distorted cross section of peril (7)
- 16. Online search for brute in Gulliver's Travels (5)
- 17.Official battle hideaway (6)
- 18.Part of a leg currently in progress (5)
- 19. Throw out complex pelicans, essentially
- 21. Find praise in next oldest (5)



Solutions to Crossword No 479



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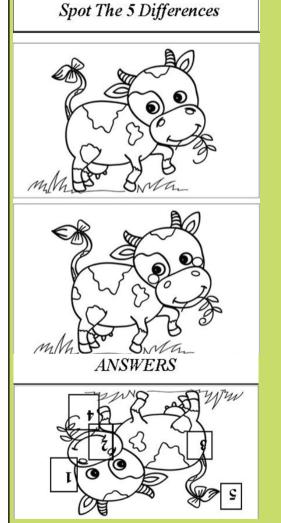
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My June Garden

The longest day of the year falls on June 21st, bringing warmer temperatures and extra sunlight. Flowers are blossoming, there's lots to harvest in the vegetable garden and keeping on top of bolting plants is a priority – particularly weeds!

In the Flower garden Harden off and move hanging baskets and containers growing on in the greenhouse into their final position. If your hanging basket plants become leggy, trim off the excess to encourage bushy new growth. Continue to thin out drifts of hardy annuals if they're

overcrowded. Lift and divide clumps of snowdrops and bluebells once the leaves start to yellow. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of bulbs. Wait for bulb foliage to die down naturally before cutting back. Pinch out the tips of fuchsias to encourage a bushy habit and more flowers. Start to pick sweet peas as soon as they flower to encourage more blooms. Dead-head your roses if they're repeat-flowering types. Otherwise, leave the seed heads on for decoration.



Dead-head and cut back oriental poppies after flowering. Cutting them close to ground level will stimulate new foliage. Stake tall or floppy perennial plants to prevent wind damage. As new shoots grow, use soft ties to train climbing plants such as honeysuckle and clematis to their supports. Prune out overcrowded or dead stems of evergreen clematis they have finished flowering to maintain a good shape. Towards the end of June, if your hardy geraniums have finished flowering, cut them back to encourage new foliage and flowers.

Harvest flower heads from your lavender plants to use in baking, crafting, or as a garnish to

In The Vegetable garden Beetroot Continue sowing beetroot seeds in June, perhaps a few at the beginning of the month and a few at the end so that in September and October you'll have some to harvest that haven't grown too large. They can be stored for the winter if necessary. Sow beetroot direct. Seedlings don't like being transplanted. Broccoli Sow late sprouting broccoli seeds either where you want to grow them or in a seedbed for transplanting



later. Depending on the variety, you should be able to harvest them in autumn or overwinter them for picking early the following year. This late in the year, calabrese is better sown where it is going to stay as it is a crop that doesn't like being moved once the weather is warm. Carrots This is the last chance to sow main crop varieties that will be ready for harvesting in September or October. Peas The beginning of June is probably your last chance to sow main crop peas, mangetout, and snap peas. Towards the end of the month switch to a fast-maturing early

variety. These should be ready for harvesting in about September. Young pea seedlings are irresistible to pigeons and need protecting with nets or wire mesh. Cucumbers Outdoor cucumbers are usually started off earlier in the year in pots or under cover, but if you sow some seeds outside this month they should give you a crop in August or September. Lettuces Sow in situ and thin out if the seedlings are too crowded. High temperatures may hinder germination – which is perhaps why folklore has it that seeds are best sown at the end of the day, when the soil is cooling down.

In the Fruit garden Do not spray any plants with insecticides if still flowering as this could harm pollinating insects leading to a poor fruit yield later in the year. Keep weeds under control, keep all fruit watered during dry spells. Pruning & training fruit in June lightly prune over-zealous apple, pear, plum and cherry trees if necessary to keep them compact. Continue deshooting wall trained trees paying particular attention to shoots which are pointing towards or away from the wall. Pinch out tip buds of young shoots on mature fig trees. Select raspberry shoots

for tying in. Prune old canes on newly planted raspberries once new shoots are produced. Tie in new shoots on blackberries and hybrid berries. Harvesting Continue harvesting small gooseberries which can be used for cooking making sure you leave some on the bush to mature. Continue harvesting protected strawberries. Continue harvesting Rhubarb picking 1 or 2 sticks from each plant at any one time. Start harvesting strawberries, early raspberries, and cherries, red and white currants. Uncover protected strawberries. Net early fruit to protect from



birds. Open one side of fruit cages to allow easier access to pollinating insects. Thin plum fruit in stages - preferably once at the beginning of the month and once at the end of the month. Thin apples lightly if the set of fruit seems heavy however it's best to wait until the natural fruit drop towards the end of the month before final thinning. Thin pears lightly if the set of fruit seems heavy however it's best to wait until the natural fruit drop towards the end of the month before final thinning. Continue to spray pears and apples against scab. Remove suckers and runners from between raspberry and strawberry rows if present. Continue to spray raspberry and blackberry canes against spur blight if it is a known problem. Continue to spray fruit trees and bushes against pests such as aphids, mites, caterpillars and other pests once the blossoms have faded. **Keep all** fruit trees and bushes watered in dry spells especially container and wall grown specimens.

Like most things that happening at the moment, gardening in Ireland has reached a new wave, a new modernity. Having a garden can now mean a vast amount of things. Your garden can be: Traditional – Modern – Holistic – Food Oriented – Focused on Style Over Function or Function Over Style - Garden Furniture Orientated. Irish gardening has become something specific to each

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Niçoise Salad

Ingredients:

For the Shallot vinaigrette

- 2/3 extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 grainy mustard
- 1/4 red wine vinegar
- 1/4 lemon juice
- 1 medium shallot, finely chopped
- 1 tsp. sugar
- Salt
- Black pepper

Instructions:

- Make the Shallot vinaigrette: Shake olive oil, mustard, vinegar, lemon juice ,shallot ,sugar ,salt and pepper.
- Make the Niçoise Salad: Drizzle shallot vinaigrette over tuna ,olives ,eggs ,cherry tomatoes and mixed greens. Enjoy!!

Vanilla Pudding Fruit Salad

Prep time: 10 minutes

Servings: 12 **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups strawberries, sliced
- 2 cans sliced peaches, 15 oz each
- 1 can mandarin orange segments, 11 oz
- 1 can pineapple chunks, 15 oz
- 2 bananas, sliced
- 1 green apple, cored and diced
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries
- 1 1/2 cups purple grapes
- 2 tablespoons instant vanilla pudding mix

Instructions:

- Zest the lime.
- Drain one of the cans of peaches into a large bowl. Stir 2 tablespoons pudding mix into the
- Drain remaining can of peaches, mandarin oranges and pineapple chunks. (Juice is not needed for this recipe).
- Add all fruit and lime zest to the pudding mixture. Gently stir to combine.
- Chill at least 30 minutes before serving.

Healthy strawberry oatmeal bars

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup white whole wheat flour (or substitute all purpose flour)
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter (substitute melted coconut oil to make vegan/dairy free)
- 2 cups small-diced strawberries (about 10 ounces, divided)
- 1 teaspoon corn starch
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice (from about 1/2 small lemon)
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar (divided)

For the vanilla glaze (optional, if you prefer a sweeter bar)

- 1/2 cup powdered sugar– sifted
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon milk

Instructions:

- Place a rack in the centre of your oven and preheat to 375 degrees F. Line a 8x8-inch baking pan with cooking paper so that the paper overhangs two sides like handles.
- In a medium bowl, combine the oats, flour, brown sugar and salt. Pour in the melted butter and stir until it forms clumps and the dry ingredients are evenly moistened. Set aside 1/2 cup of the crumble mixture, then press the rest into an even layer in the bottom of the prepared
- Scatter half of the strawberries over the crust. Sprinkle the corn starch evenly over the top, then sprinkle on the lemon juice and 1/2 tablespoon of the granulated sugar. Scatter on the remaining berries, then the remaining 1/2 tablespoon sugar. Sprinkle the reserved crumbs evenly over the top. You will have some fruit showing through.
- Bake the bars for 35-40 minutes, until the fruit is bubbly and the crumb topping smells toasty and looks golden. Place the pan on a wire rack to cook completely.
- While the bars cool, prepare the glaze: In a medium bowl, briskly whisk together the powdered sugar, vanilla, and milk until smooth. Feel free to add more milk if a thinner consistency is desired. Using the parchment paper "handles", lift the bars from the pan. Drizzle with glaze, slice and serve.
- Store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.
- To freeze-let the bars cool completely. Wrap tightly in plastic before placing in the freezer. Let thaw in the refrigerator before serving.









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Oil-packed olives

Cooked eggs, quartered

Cherry tomatoes, halved



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MOVIE TRIVIA FACTS



.Pretty Woman (1990)

In the wildly popular **Pretty Woman**, Richard Gere snapping the necklace case down on Julia Roberts's fingers, was improvised by Gere, and Roberts's reaction, surprised laughter, was totally natural. The filmmakers liked it so much, they decided to leave it in the finished movie.

Titanic (1997)



James Cameron's epic romance-disaster movie based on the sinking of the famous Titanic ship was the film of the 90s. The scenes set in 1912 (which take up the majority of the movie) have a total length of two hours and forty minutes, the exact time it took for the actual Titanic to sink. The collision with the iceberg reportedly lasted 37 seconds, which is how long the collision scene is in the movie. That slightly risqué charcoal drawing of a topless Kate Winslet in **Titanic** was drawn by none other than the director himself, James Cameron.

Pyscho (1960)

Hitchcock's seminal horror masterpiece, **Psycho**, shook cinemas viewers of the 1960s in an unexpected way. In a period when it was considered very inappropriate to show a toilet being flushed on screen, the director broke with cinema convention. The notorious Hays Censorship Code was still exerting its influence on what could be shown on screens in the early 1960s. Alfred Hitchcock saw an opportunity to register some extra shock value to his already disturbing film by presenting a scrap of paper, failing to flush in a toilet. In the book, it was an earring found in the bathroom, but Hitchcock changed it to a piece of paper actually in the toilet, partly to get the expected reaction from conservative cinemagoers.

Casablanca (1942)

Though famous as the piano player at Rick's Café, Dooley Wilson, the actor whom Humphrey Bogart uttered the immortal lines - "Play it Sam" - to, was an experienced musician and bandleader, but not a piano player. Wilson, a professional drummer, mimed the piano playing, copying an offscreen pianist. "As Time Goes By" was dubbed in later.

Pulp Fiction (1994)



The quirky crime drama **Pulp Fiction**, written and directed by Quentin Tarantino has obtained cult classic status. It boasts an all-star cast and is responsible for single-handily resurrecting John

Travolta's flagging career from the doldrums.

The queasy scene in **Pulp Fiction** where Travolta jams a needle into Uma Thurman's chest to try to revive her from an overdose was actually filmed backwards. It helped create the illusion of the needle making contact with the actress, without requiring Travolta to run the risk of puncturing her. So in reality, John Travolta is actually pulling the needle out of Uma Thurman's chest in that memorable scene in the film.

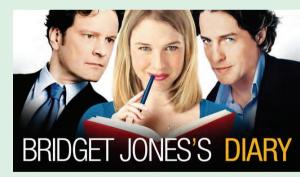
Schindler's List (1993)



Schindler's List is an epic historical period drama film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg. It is based on the novel **Schindler's Ark** by Australian novelist Thomas Keneally.

During production, the atmosphere was naturally grim considering the subject matter. Steven Spielberg asked his friend Robin Williams if he could do some comedy sketches while Spielberg would watch episodes of **Seinfeld**. Some of Williams's comedy sketches, played through the speaker phone to the cast and crew on set, ended up being part of dialogue material for his character in **Aladdin**, the Genie. Organising outfits for 20,000 extras was a tough enough task for the costume designer. She put out advertisements for clothes to the Polish natives. As the Polish economy wasn't strong at the time, many people were eager to sell clothing they still owned from the 1930s and '40s.

Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)



This immensely popular romantic-comedy about a thirty-something singleton was based on Helen Fielding's novel of the same name, **Bridget Jones's Diary**. To prepare for the role, American actress Renée Zellweger piled on 25 pounds, and then actually worked at a British publishing firm for a month in preparation for the role. She adopted a false identity as well as her posh English accent, and apparently flew under the radar. On her desk at work, she kept a framed picture of then boyfriend Jim Carrey. Work colleagues found this strange, but never mentioned it to her for fear of embarrassing the incognito actress!

The Terminator (1984)

Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't the only actor considered for the role of the cyborg assassin, **The Terminator** in the cult science fiction film directed by James Cameron. A certain O.J. Simpson was also considered for the title role of **The Terminator**, but the producers feared he was "too nice" to be taken seriously as a cold-blooded killer!

Casino Royale (2006)

Casino Royale was Daniel Craig's first outing as the most famous killer spy of them all, James Bond. He didn't get off to a

good start. Craig lost his two front teeth while filming a fight scene in Prague (the first action scene to be shot), and his dentist had to fly from London to replace them. It didn't stop Craig though. He's the second longest-serving James Bond, after our own Pierce Brosnan, in 007 history.

Halloween (1978)

In John Carpenter's horror classic, Michael Myers's face mask in **Halloween** is just a Captain Kirk/William Shatner face mask. The make-up artists spray-painted the face white, teased out the hair, and reshaped the eye holes. Nowadays Shatner has given up Star trekking and holds court on his Twitter Account. Check it out. He's pretty scary there too!

The Departed (2006)



The Departed is a 2006 American crime film directed by Martin Scorsese. It's a remake of the 2002 Hong Kong film Infernal Affairs. The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson. In the scene where Nicholson pulls a gun on DiCaprio, it's the real McCoy! Nicholson decided to go off script and produce a real gun, since he reckoned the scene wasn't exciting enough beforehand. Talk about artistic license! Thankfully DiCaprio is still here to tell the tale.

My Left Foot (1089)

The Oscar-winning, **My Left Foot** is a biographical drama based on the life of Christy Brown, co-written and directed by Jim Sheridan and starring Daniel Day-Lewis and Brenda Fricker.

Daniel Day-Lewis broke two ribs during filming from assuming the hunched-over position in his wheelchair for weeks of filming. Known for his rigid adherence to the 'Method' School of acting, Day-Lewis would refuse to come out of character off set. Even on lunch breaks, other co-workers would have to help him with eating food! Now that's dedication to your Art!

The Wizard of Oz (1939)

Evergreen classic, **The Wizard of Oz** is fondly remembered for the glorious performance of the young Judy Garland. It is also notable for her character Dorothy's cute canine companion. Toto was quite the star in his own right. In fact, the adorable pooch earned more than the Munchkins on **The Wizard of Oz**. The dog scooped up 125 dollars per week for his onscreen doggy activities, while the actors playing the Munchkins had to settle for just a measly 50 dollars weekly.

Oscars Ceremony

Oscar Winners used to be announced before the ceremony during the early years of the Academy Awards. The organization provided newspapers with the names in advance, with the agreement that they would not publish the winners until 11 p.m. *The Los Angeles Times* saw fit to break this rule, during the heated 1940 ceremony. They revealed that **Gone With the Wind** had won the prestigious Best Picture Award, before the statue had even been handed out. It led to a rule change that stands to the present day.







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Childcare in Maynooth

In response to a Leinster Leader article from November 2018 and the corresponding meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District from November 2018, The Maynooth Planning Alliance also sought the voice of the providers in the Maynooth Planning Alliance decided to undertake two surveys of the childcare needs of Maynooth. The Leinster Leader article from November 2018 reported that at a Kildare County Council meeting; Councillors on the Maynooth Municipal District had questioned why a number of Maynooth developments had failed to provide crèches. They had been told that the housing developers in Maynooth stated that they have not provided crèches in some new housing estates because there is a lack of demand for crèche places. Permission had been granted and crèches were included as part of the planning conditions in housing developments at Castlepark, Griffinrath, Moyglare Hall and Newtown Hall.

The minutes from the meeting of the Maynooth Municipal District from November 2018 stated that it was clear from the report received from the Planning and Strategic Development Department; that crèches were not being provided and developers were not meeting planning permission conditions for the childcare service, including any Tusla registered childminder. provision of crèches. Councillor McGinley stated that the Building and Development Control Department should be making a greater effort to ensure planning permission conditions were met (Minutes).

Information obtained from the TUSLA website listed Maynooth as having 4 full day care providers and 6 sessional ECCE services. Both providers and parents were surveyed to gauge the childcare needs of the town.

The online parents' survey totaled 100 participants, who answered a series of 10 questions regarding place for full day care, ECCE and afterschool services. The responses generated from the parental survey indicated a lack of services in the town. Nearly half of the respondents indicated they must leave the town for their childcare needs with 97% saying that they did not feel there were enough full day care services in the town.

Overwhelmingly the respondents felt there were not enough of any type of service in the town, and as such 94 % felt there were not enough after-school services in the town. 94% said they felt there were not enough part time (5hrs) services in the town, and 73% felt there were not enough sessional ECCE services (3-3.5hrs) offered in the town. Respondents indicated they would like to see

additional services to make up these gaps, and that wrap around services offered in schools would be preferred for school age childcare.

town and asked if they had availabilities to expand their services to meet the increased needs of the town. Three of the ten providers responded to the survey. They indicated they run their services to capacity and that they do not have the ability to expand these services. One surprising finding of the parental survey was the lack of information regarding the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) with 64% of respondents not being aware of the changes to childcare subsidies.

A visit to the NCS website (information taken from http://ncs.gov.ie/home) informs that from October 2019, the National Childcare Scheme will replace all previous targeted childcare programmers with a single, streamlined and userfriendly Scheme to help parents meet the cost of quality childcare. (https:// ncs.gov.ie/parents) Supports are available for families with children aged between 24 weeks and 15 years who are attending any participating Tusla registered

Applications for the National Childcare Scheme are due to open in October 2019. There are two types of support available under the Scheme: a Universal subsidy and an Income Assessed subsidy. Applications can be made from October 2019 through the online application system using your verified MyGovID. For further information on MyGoveID please see https://www.mygovid.ie

The NCS will offer 'wrap-around' care for families, providing financial support towards the cost of care for hours spent outside of preschool or school. The ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education programme) will not be affected by the NCS, additionally existing services such as the CCS and the CCSP will run simultaneously for the 2019/2020 programme year. Both the CCS and the CCSP programme will be merged with the NCS completely in 2020. If you have any questions regarding existing programs or the NCS contact www.dcya.gove.ie or eyqueries@dcya.gov.ie

Results of the Maynooth Childcare Survey are available on page 15



Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as National Tidy Towns judging commenced on 8th June and will continue until the end of August.



Royal Canal Amenity Group

Education ~~ Heritage ~~ Recreation

NATIONAL FAMINE WALK

This walk which commemorates the original walk undertaken by evicted tenants from Strokestown Park Co. Roscommon, during the dreadful famine in the 1840s. It took place between 25th - 30th May this year. The walkers walk from Strokestown to the custom House in Dublin, walking the full length of the Royal Canal.

At a number of points along the canal, including Maynooth, National Famine Plaques have been installed. You can view this plaque at Maynooth Harbour. It is hoped to launch this trek as a national walking trail.

The walkers arrived in Maynooth at about 5.30pm on Wednesday 29th May and were treated to light refreshments at the I.C.A. hall. The following morning the plaque was un-veiled by students and teachers from the Presentation Girls School Maynooth. After a talk with the young students, the walkers set off on the final stage of the walk.



Famine walkers greeted on arrival in Maynooth by **Chairman Matthew Kennedy**



Students together with teacher Ms. Forde from the Presentation Girls' School Maynooth and famine walker Caroilín Callery unveil the famine plaque at Maynooth Harbour.

ROYAL CANAL TOUR

Bookings will soon close for this year's tour which 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.

Travellers 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, is: RCAG members €330.00, non-members €350.00 and children under 14 €300.00. Price includes travel, accommodation, entry to all venues & boat trip There are only a few places left book now to avoid disappointment.

Booking telephone: 01 687 7034 Book now! Booking closes on July 5th.



GREENWAY UPDATE

Work is progressing well at Moyvalley just north of Enfield. Most of the preliminary work is now completed and work on the next stage is in hand. Again sections will be closed to walkers / leisure cyclists and any inconvenience is regretted.

In Longford a section of the branch line, which has been dry for many years, was recently rewatered. This disclosed a previously un-noticed leak which must be repaired before further re watering can ensue. This repair will take some time to complete.

THE LATE DR. IAN BATH

Doctor Ian Bath, who was a founding member of the Royal Canal Amenity group passed away on April 13th last in his ninety first year.

Dr Ian was born in London and received his education there, up to second level. Following this he went to Queens University in Belfast where he acquired his bachelor's degree. Moving Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a hAnam

to Trinity College Dublin he achieved his Master's degree followed later by a Doctorate. He remained at Trinity as a lecturer until his retirement.

A keen boating enthusiast on our inland waterways Dr Ian looked on in despair as the Royal Canal, which had been closed to navigation in 1961, fell into a serious state of deterioration. In the early 1970s, as a member of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (IWAI), Dr Ian believed that the Royal Canal could be saved; but not without a massive effort.

He convinced the Dublin branch of the association to form a sub-committee which would look at how various sections of the canal might be restored. With a view to discussing the possibilities of preserving and restoring the local stretches of the Royal Canal, Dr Ian convened a public meeting in Coolmine School. The meeting was attended by IWAI members, residents associations, local schools and other interested bodies. At the meeting an action group was formed and so, on the 4th April 1974 the Royal Canal Amenity Group came into being.

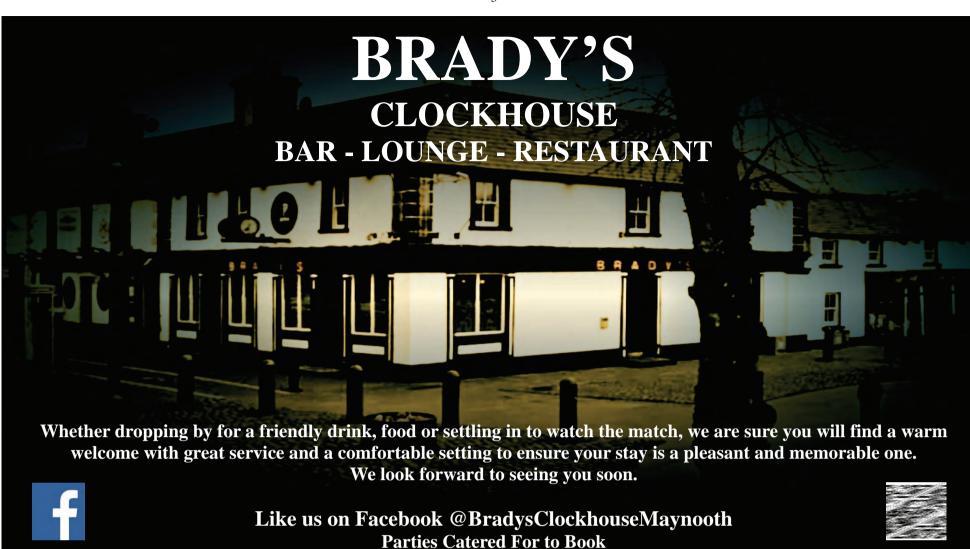
Following the formation of the Group, volunteer work parties began to clean up and clear sections of the canal towpaths in the Castleknock and Blanchardstown areas of Dublin. Following an agreement between the RCAG and CIE, then owners of the canal, the breast or top gate of the 12th Lock was repaired. This resulted in the 12 kilometre stretch between Blanchardstown and Leixlip being re-watered.

After many years of refurbishment, the canal was finally, fully reopened from Dublin to the Shannon in 2010. Dr Ian saw his vision and his dream fulfilled. In 2017 his Excellency, President Michael D Higgins unveiled a plaque in Clondra Co. Longford to celebrate the bi-centenary of the opening of the canal in 1817.

Dr Ian was the husband of the late Jean and father to Jacky & Caroline. While he will be

missed by his daughters and their families, they can derive some consolation from knowing that his vision led to the achievement of his lifelong dream - the reopening of the Royal Canal.





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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Following a very busy June with visits to Naas GAA and Prosperous Festival we are now down to rehearsing for our first visit to a Band Contest in Limerick University on 27th July where we will be competing against bands from Ireland and further afield so fingers crossed for a good outcome. We are not sure at

this stage if the Maynooth Community Festival will be going ahead but one way or another we will arrange for a recital in the Square in August or September. Something else to look forward to is a recital with the Garda Band in the Glenroyal Hotel on Wednesday 2nd October so watch out for times, etc.

There is a considerable amount of expense involved in running the band and our two collections per year go some way towards covering those costs. The first of these takes place on 20th and 21st of July in Tesco and Manor Mills and I know you will be generous as you have been in the past and we hope to provide a little music along the way to make your shopping a little more pleasant.



It's hard to believe that it is two years since we played at the Garden Party in the Aras and met the President and his wife and of course his ever present dog (see photo). Maybe we will meet him again before his tenure runs out.

We extend a warm invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding

areas to feel free on Monday nights (bank holidays excepted) to join us in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 7.45 and 9.45 where you will be made most welcome. In recent months we have had players from Lucan, Celbridge and Mullingar come to join us. We are a very welcoming band, we have an excellent conductor and we have a very busy programme over the next year.

You can call Paddy on 087 2537 906 if you need any further information.



Maynooth Golf Society MGS Weekend Away 2019

New Forest & Glasson GC 17/18 May

71pts

61pts

59pts

1 st	Eamonn Murphy
2 nd	Johnny Murray
3 rd	Mick Flynn
F18	Johnny Thompson
B18	Gerry Mc Ternan
NP1	John Saults
NP2	Martin Maguire
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Next outing John Sault's Captain's Day in Coolattin Golf Club on July 20th.

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Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Copy date for receipt of articles is published in the Newsletter. We must stress that material submitted after the copy date cannot be accepted.

Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage -

www.maynoothcep.com.

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

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

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



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

Editorial

The 20th July marks fifty years since Neil Armstrong climbed down the ladder to be the first person to step on the surface of the moon with those famous words "that's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" which marked another significant achievement for the human race in an era when many other significant advances were made in other spheres such as medicine and travel. I know many older readers will try to remember where they were on that important date in 1969. There is no doubt of the importance of that event to the future development of our interest in knowing more about the moon and other parts of the galaxy and the solar system.

Of course in the decades that followed Maynooth University played a significant part in the development of research in space through the work of Professor Susan McKenna Lawlor and her colleagues. Professor McKenna Lawlor founded Space Technology Ireland initially as a campus company to build instrumentation for space missions and she has also been involved with various experiments flown on ESA, NASA and Russian Space Agency missions. She developed a set of instruments to monitor the Martian solar wind on the Mars Express mission launched by the European Space Agency (ESA). The instruments were designed to collect clues to the mystery of water on Mars - where it is or was, where it came from and what happened to it.

Her work earned her one of the most prestigious honours available to space scientists - election to the International Academy of Astronautics. I expect that everyone in Maynooth is proud of her pioneering work.



Emeritus Professor Susan McKenna Lawlor (photo courtesy Maynooth University)

There has been a lot of publicity about the quality of broadband and the cost of the "National Broadband Plan" and whether or not such large amounts of money should be spent on bringing high speed broadband to the more remote parts of Ireland. Places like Maynooth has a reliable broadband service with a number of providers delivering a service either down telephone lines or on cable network systems. The supply is reliable but it is not necessarily fast. I have been checking my own speed which comes down a telephone line and I contacted a number of people around Maynooth to check their broadband speeds as well. The results show on my sample that the download speeds available in Maynooth range from 23mb/second to 39mb/second which means that Maynooth needs to get an improved broadband service as well. I have no doubt that many readers will now be running the online broadband speed test to check your speed and if you are currently getting faster broadband speeds count yourself lucky. Maynooth cannot be by-passed when high speed broadband is being rolled out. As is often said about things, that they cannot be rocket science and after all it is fifty years since man walked on the moon.

Paul Croghan - Editor



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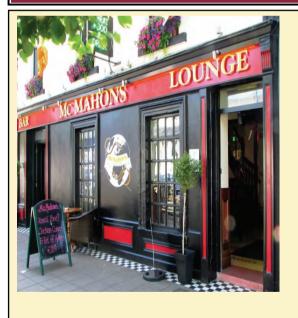
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Carton Avenue

Cllr Angela Feeney, who supports the Carton Avenue Preservation Society attended the most recent meeting on June 10th. The continuing situation regarding the opening from Limetree Hall onto the Avenue is of concern to all members. Cllr Feeney stated at the meeting that at the Special Maynooth Municipal Council Meeting held on this matter on April 12th, that it was agreed that no work will be carried out on Carton Avenue until a Master Plan goes on Public Display and is approved by the MD. In addition, a recommendation was made to the Executive to reduce the width of the four metre bridge.

Cllr Feeney has submitted a question to the next meeting of Maynooth-Clane MD Council meeting on July 5th as follows:

"Following on from the Special Meeting of the Municipal District held on 12th April, 2019, could the Executive respond to the recommendation made to them to reduce the width of the four metre bridge from Limetree Hall Estate into Carton Avenue, Maynooth".

Update on Footpaths on Main Street

Cllr Feeney has requested that Kildare County Council provide an update on when the new footpath will be laid between Sherry Fitzgerald, Brady, O'Flaherty, *Go raibh mile maith agaibh.*

Estate Agents and The Square Maynooth. This was supposed to be done last year and is funded by the Council's Insurer. Cllr Feeney has also requested what are the plans for replacing the rest of the footpath on Main Street Maynooth.

Cllr Feeney nominated to Kildare Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB)

Cllr Feeney has been successfully nominated to sit on KWETB. Given her experience and interest in education, Cllr Feeney welcomes the opportunity to work on the Committee and to advance educational projects to the benefit of our community and in partnership with all relevant stakeholders. Cllr Feeney has also been nominated to sit on the Transportation, Safety and Emergency Services Strategic Policy Committee, the Finance Committee and the Twinning Liaison Committee.

Thank you

Finally, I wish to thank everyone who voted for me and supported me during the local election campaign. It is an honour to serve the community I love so much and will do my very best to deliver for Maynooth while serving on the Council in the coming years. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.

MANOOTH CASTLE JUNE DAYS AT MAYNOOTH CASTLE

by Moira Devery (OPW Guide)
Are you one of the many people who live in
Maynooth and have never been to the Castle or
worse still do not know where the castle is
located? If so, there's still time to visit. We're
open seven days a week from 10am to 17:45



until September 25th. In addition to tours in English, we can now also offer tours in German and French on certain days. Please phone 01-6286744 in advance to avoid disappointment. Part of our job is protecting the national monument, so please do not be offended if we ask you not to climb on the walls. Many people enjoy using the grounds for a picnic or a stroll and also reading through the exhibition at their leisure.

MAYNOOTH CASTLE UPDATE:

Plans for Heritage Week in August (17-25) are progressing during the course of which OPW Guide Mary will offer a tour called "A History of Medieval Fashion". A few of our local Push for Porter musicians are busy practicing some medieval music to play for you as part of a tour about Medieval Music offered by Moira. Alan will offer his fascinating Silken Thomas/Rebellion of 1534 tour while Katherine will concentrate on her popular Medieval Medicine and Cures Tour.

BLOOMSDAY - 16 June 2019

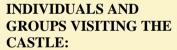
Bloomsday reminded us that James Joyce mentioned the FitzGeralds of Maynooth no less than four times in Ulysses. On page 295-6, during a conversation between Ned Lambert and a certain clergyman who was writing a book about the FitzGeralds, Ned tells him that there in St. Mary's Abbey in Dublin is where Silken Thomas declared himself a rebel against the English Crown in 1534. The clergyman responds that the mansion of the FitzGeralds was in Thomas Court at the time. Before he leaves the company of Ned Lambert, he hands him his card which states 'the reverend Hugh C. Love, Rathcoffey. Present address: Saint Michael's Sallins'. As soon as the reverend left, Ned realizes he forgot to mention how Garóid Mór FitzGerald had burned the Archbishop of Cashel's Cathedral because he thought the Archbishop was inside. Ned comments: "Hot members they were all of them, the Geraldines".

TALKS IN THE CASTLE:

We are planning to trial a short series of late afternoon talks once a month. There are many people with an amazing amount of knowledge and some of these people are happy to share this knowledge and to provide a free talk. One of these generous people is Dr. Deirdre McGowan, Head of Law at TU Dublin who will give a talk on "An historical Survey of Irish Marriage" during Heritage Week. The exact date is still to be decided but will probably be early in the week at around 4pm. Don't worry, the talks will be easy to listen to and not excessively academic.

SUMMER FESTIVAL:

We look forward to the Castle being used as one of the venues during the Summer Festival in August. Many locals have told us how happy they are to see the Castle being used as an amenity by the local population.



This week we had several school classes visit the Castle for a free tour including pupils from the Presentation School in Maynooth (Photo Opposite).

A group of international librarians who visited Maynooth University also came for a tour accompanied by Helen Fallon, (Photo Opposite) librarian at the John Paul II Library. The members of the Erasmus group came from 11 countries.

Finally, a father and son duo (Photo Opposite) visited us for at least the 9th time. Father Philipp has been visiting Maynooth for the past 25 years and comes to the Castle each time! They come to visit relatives locally every year and love coming to the Castle. Phillip said he was very pleased to see the schools bringing pupils into the Keep to help them appreciate the history of the FitzGeralds and Maynooth.



Maynooth Presentation School class



Members of the Erasmus group visiting the Castle.



Phillip and Christopher Williams, proud visitors of Maynooth castle, annually. Related to Sarah and James Clerkin of Killeaney Lane, Co. Meath.



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John McGinley

Maynooth Labour Branch want to thank John McGinley for his 26 years of service to the people of Maynooth.

John has been an outstanding Co. Councillor for the Town and made it his mission to work in conjunction with the Local Community to improve the Town. Without John we would have no New Bond Bridge, our fantastic Children's Playground and we would not have succeeded in acquiring large tracts of amenity land for the Community on both sides of Carton Avenue and on the Moyglare Road. The Council Officials regularly said no to John on various projects, but John persisted and achieved success.

John was ably assisted by his wife Mary in his work, and we want to thank Mary for her constant work over the years with John in the background. Their proudest moment, and a proud time for Maynooth Labour Branch Members, was when John was Elected Mayor of Kildare in in 2005.

John will remain active with Maynooth Labour Branch working in conjunction with our members and newly elected Cllr. Angela Feeney, and Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg to ensure that the interests of the Community of Maynooth are protected and that the Town continues to thrive into the future.

We wish John and Mary all the best for the future

Maynooth Swimming Pool Application Accepted Despite Being Late-Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed confirmation from the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport that the application by Kildare Co. Council for grant aid for the development of a Swimming Pool in Maynooth by Kildare Co. Council has been accepted despite the fact that it was delayed because of technical issues and missed the deadline date for applications of April 17th last.

The Minister advised Mr. Stagg that the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund opened for applications on 19th November 2018 and the closing date for receipt of applications was 17th April 2019. 72 applications were received in total and officials in his department are currently undertaking an initial assessment of them.

The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that an application has been received from Kildare County Council for funding for development of a swimming pool and multi-use facility in Maynooth. The application has been accepted and will be subject to assessment along with the other applications received. The Minister concluded by stating that in view of the detailed information contained in each application, it will take a number of months to have all of them assessed. Accordingly, it is expected that it will be towards the end of this year before allocations are announced.

Welcoming confirmation that the application has been accepted despite missing the 17th April deadline, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that the provision of a swimming pool and sports complex at Maynooth in a joint venture with Maynooth University was capable of delivering a Public Swimming Pool for North Kildare.

6 Specialists Express Interest in being part of Team to Deliver DART to Maynooth - Stagg

Emmet Stagg has been in contact with Iarnród Éireann in relation to the process of putting in place a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Team to support the Expansion of DART to Maynooth.

Iarnród Éireann, stated Mr. Stagg, sought expressions of interest from specialists to support them in the delivery of DART to Maynooth and City Centre Enhancements with a closing date for expressions of interest of 13th May.

Iarnród Éireann have now advised Mr. Stagg that 6 Expressions of Interest were received from specialists to be part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team by the closing date of May 13th. Iarnród Éireann further advised Mr. Stagg that actual tenders will be invited from these specialists by the end of July, 2019, and the contract should be awarded by November.

Welcoming the progress Mr. Stagg stated that the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in developing the design and tender preparation for the project. In addition to providing DART to Maynooth, the project involves development and enhancements to City Centre Stations and Network, resignalling from Maynooth to Connolly/ Dockland and removal of the six level crossings along the Maynooth Line and provision of necessary bridge relief infrastructure.

Decision on Additional Car Parking at Maynooth Train Station Due on July 2nd

Iarnród Éireann have responded to 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 and Kildare North,

Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that a decision on the planning application is now due on July 2nd.

In their further information response, stated Mr. Stagg, Iarnród Éireann are providing an additional 44 bicycle parking spaces to the East of the existing station building and provision of a shared surface pedestrian footpath from the existing station building to the Bond Bridge pedestrian entrance.

Iarnród Éireann did investigate the possibility of a left turning access for vehicles and pedestrians from the train station at Bond Bridge onto the Rathcoffey Road, but concluded that it was not feasible to provide such an access.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that it was important that Kildare Co. Council gave the go ahead for the additional car parking as in conjunction with the 39 additional spaces being provided on the south side of the station, this will give us 73 additional car parking spaces this year.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest for Provision of Accommodation for Delivery of Primary Care Services in Maynooth and Leixlip Extended - Stagg

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg was in contact with the Primary Care Section of the HSE in relation to their request for Expressions of Interest for the provision of Accommodation for the delivery of Primary Care Services in both Maynooth and Leixlip.

The HSE, stated Mr. Stagg, placed ads on May 3rd in National Newspapers seeking submissions from individuals/companies who are developing or are planning to develop health facilities in both Maynooth and Leixlip, which would facilitate the delivery of primary health care in conjunction with local General Practitioners.

The HSE would enter into fixed term leases with the providers of the proposals selected for the provision of public healthcare in the primary care facilities. Submissions from interested parties had to be submitted to the HSE by Friday 31st May, but the HSE have now advised Mr. Stagg that the deadline has been extended to June 14th. The HSE also confirmed to Mr. Stagg that there has been interest in both Maynooth and Leixlip to date.

Mr. Stagg stated that this process is the route that saw the successful opening of the Celbridge Primary Care Centre in Celbridge. A similar move in Leixlip at the old ESB site did not get off the ground.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that the provision of Primary Care Facilities in both Maynooth and Leixlip would assist with the aim of providing 95% of people's day-to-day health and social care needs in a Community setting, and he hoped the current exercise by the HSE proves successful, but if it does not then the HSE will have to provide Primary Care Centres themselves in both Maynooth and Leixlip, similar to the excellent facility in Kilcock.

Garda Numbers in Kildare reach 395 - Stagg

Whilst disappointed that no new Probationer Gardaí were assigned to the Kildare Division following the attestation at Templemore in June, Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that Garda Numbers in the Kildare Division have reached 395 members as of 28th May, 2019.

Mr. Stagg stated that 78% of all Probationer Gardaí attested in June were assigned to the Dublin Metropolitan Area and the Louth Division to deal with ongoing well documented Gangland Crime. The remaining 22% were assigned to Waterford, Meath, Cavan/Monaghan, Galway and Donegal Divisions.

There were no allocations to Kildare, Laois/Offaly, Westmeath, Wicklow, Sligo/Leitrim, Kilkenny/Carlow, Tipperary, Wexford, Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Clare, Mayo or Roscommon/Longford Divisions.

This is disappointing stated Mr. Stagg but this should be a one-off to deal with the Gangland Crime problem that continues in Dublin and has recently blown up in Drogheda in Co. Louth.

I have written to the Garda Commissioner acknowledging the difficulties facing An Garda Siochana in Dublin and Louth but calling on him to ensure that the Kildare Division is not left out of the next probationer Garda allocation in November and that we continue to receive transfers into the Division.

In relation to Transfers into the Kildare Division in the last 3 months, stated Mr. Stagg, we have a net gain of 4, which includes highly experienced officers, 3 additional Inspectors and 1 additional Sergeant.

In conclusion Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that the campaign to get additional Garda assigned to the Kildare Division continues.

"BEE" A Positive Role Model

Bees - the perfect pollinators

If you look at the plate of food on your dinner table, bees have played their part either pollinating the many vegetables and

fruits we eat directly, or pollinating the food for the animals that we then consume. And that's not all bees do for us - honey and wax are two other important products that come courtesy of bees.

What did you have for breakfast today? Fresh fruit? Jam on toast? Dried fruit in your muesli or some grilled tomatoes. All of this was brought to you by bees. It's tempting to think bees just provide us with honey – but in fact they're behind much of the food we eat, including most fruit and vegetables. Bees are crucial to our economy – In a world without bees, our food would cost a lot more to produce and our economy would suffer.

What are the causes of bee decline?

Known causes of bee decline include things that affect us too. Chemical pesticides are largely to blame, habitat loss, disease, farming practices, pollution, invasive non-native plant and animal species, and climate change. Bee populations may also be vulnerable to other factors, such as the recent increase in atmospheric electromagnetic radiation as a result of growing numbers of mobile phones. The increased radiation given off by such devices may interfere with bees' ability to navigate.

Without bees, we're in trouble

The outlook for bees right now is quite bleak – and their drop in numbers is a sign of the plight of the natural world as a whole. Across society, we often undervalue nature and what it does for us. The truth is, if we want an economy that provides for everyone's needs in the long term, we need to look after our natural environment. Our politicians need to understand the importance of protecting the natural world – and protecting bees as key players in it.

Easy ways to help bees

You can make a difference where you live by doing a few simple things.

Planting flowers rich in nectar will really help bees find the food they need. Encouraging your friends and neighbours to do the same will help create bee-friendly communities.

Bees are crucial in the countryside but they're essential in the city too. A wild window box in the middle of the city has great value. A whole building covered in window boxes is even more useful and looks fantastic. Plant wild flowers in your garden. You can plant wild flower seeds in early spring.

Time to start planting

Choose flowers with pollen that bees can get at easily – single-flower varieties for example. Grow a range of plants that will provide a succession of flowers for as long as possible during the year – bees need nectar from very early spring until early winter. The great thing about gardening is that it's good for you as well as wildlife. Fresh air and gentle exercise improve health and wellbeing. The scale of your bee-friendly growing will depend on your outside space, but it all helps. If you don't have a garden, plant a window box or hanging basket. You could try:

- Flowering herbs try chives, sage and thyme.
- Low growers try crocus, bluebell, snowdrop and nasturtium.
- · Bushy plants try rosemary and lavender.
- · Trees try hawthorn, hazel, holly and willow.
- Fruit and vegetables try strawberries, tomatoes and beans
- Attractive ornamentals try achillea, allium, foxglove, verbena, aster, alyssum and sunflowers



GET BUZZY

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Summer tea-dance took place on June 16th. This was an enjoyable afternoon with a great attendance, even the Sun came out. We danced the afternoon away to the wonderful music of "Unity". We also received the proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk from Emmet and Angela, which took place in April.

The amount raised was €2,370. Many thanks to all who support this fundraiser year on year. During this presentation Emmet recalled the huge contribution made by Ellie Leavey over many years when she walked miles to raise money for our organisation. We wish her well at this very sad time.

There will be no tea-dance in July as our summer Outing takes place on July 21st. All names should be in by July 1st. As usual the coaches for the day come courtesy of Barton Transport, one of our main supporters over many years. Our club will close on July 30th for summer recess and will reopen on September 3rd.

Our next tea-dance will take place on September 15th. A reminder to retired people out there who are interested in learning to paint, Susan Durack will give lessons free of charge at our morning club from September. You can contact any committee member or drop into us at the Geraldine Hall. In the meantime, I hope you all have a great Summer and enjoy your holidays wherever you.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the families of Tom Noone and John Leavey who passed away recently.

Suaimhness agus Siochain doibh.

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.



"Do Local and Act Global"

"Do local and act global" is the message from Concern Refugee Ration Challenge participant, Maynooth resident and local activist, Michael Kenny. Michael, a member of Maynooth Tidy Towns, lived on the exact rations provided to a Syrian refugee in a United Nations (UN) Refugee camp in Lebanon for one week (12-19 June) to highlight the work of Concern Worldwide and raise funds via https://my.rationchallenge.org.uk/mkenny.

There are 65.6 million forcibly displaced people worldwide because of persecution, conflict, violence, or human rights violations, according to the UN High



Maynooth Tidy Towns (MTT) 10am Saturday morning group and Michael Kenny, MTT member and Concern Refugee Ration Challenge participant

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The UN Refugee Ration pack for an adult for one week contains rice (1.97kg), plain flour (400g), lentils (170g), Dried chickpeas (85g), tinned sardines (120g), tinned kidney beans (400g), and vegetable oil (330ml). "Barely sufficient but boring and tasteless" according to Michael.

Michael is a lecturer in the Department of Adult & Community Education at Maynooth University and a volunteer director with the Irish NGO international humanitarian development agency Concern Worldwide and a volunteer trustee with ConcernUK. Michaels wide experience in development and refugee situations has solidified his commitment to continue contributing to development in extremely poor communities.



Michael is also very proud of his local work with the great Maynooth Tidy Towns team. This is "Do local and act global" in action.

A one minute video on the ration challenge is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=LDCRrUTWKWM. Michael's ration challenge sponsorship page is https://my.rationchallenge.org.uk/mkenny -

Visitors welcome.



Small Adverts/Local Services



THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

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

Thanksgiving for favour received

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Home Security Tips During The Holidays

It is that time of year when there is a mass exodus of people heading off on their summer holidays. Whether they plan to go home or abroad, the issue is the same: their house/apartment will be unoccupied and is therefore a target for opportunistic thieves.

Heading on your summer holiday is a happy time, and so the idea of coming home to a home that has been burgled is an unsettling thought but there are ways you can prevent this from happening. Here are some helpful tips to ensure your home is kept secure whilst you enjoy your summer holiday.

Tips for Securing your Unoccupied Home

•A home that looks obviously unoccupied is an easy target. Fully drawn curtains are one usual give away of this so best to either leave them open or get a neighbour to pull them occasionally while you are away. Timer lighting will also help to put off potential break-ins and they are relatively inexpensive to install too.

- •With the advent of social media and the popularity of updating your profile to alert your friends that you are in sunnier climes, the danger is that an alert burglar will pick up on your social media updates and use this knowledge to know that your home is a good target. No matter how tempting it is, don't 'advertise' your holiday plans. Wait until you get home to post the pictures!
- •It sounds obvious but double check that all windows and doors are securely locked. Research shows that unlocked doors and windows are the primary way thieves access homes.
- •If labelling luggage, include your name, telephone number, email address and destination but leave your home address off. If your luggage goes astray and into the wrong hands, then they won't have your home address details so there will be no burglary fears.

If you manage to cover all the tips above, you should be able to travel and enjoy your holiday, safe in the knowledge that your home is secure until you return.



Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North





Bill to Reduce Homelessness

I have brought forward a Bill, the Housing (Homeless HAP) Bill 2019. The Bill seeks to introduce statutory rights for people who have been served with a tenancy termination and need to find alternative accommodation. The Bill will place an obligation on the relevant local authority to address the issue there and then, and not at the last minute, in terms of a decision on entitlement to Housing Assistance Payment (HAP).

38 Kildare cyclists hospitalised in 2017 – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has called for greater investment "Reducing the high cost of Insurance is a priority for Fianna Fáil and for myself, it in cycling safety as it emerged that 38 cyclists were hospitalised in 2017. A total of 729 cyclists were hospitalised nationally for a range of injuries including head, spine and pelvis injuries.

Commenting on the matter Deputy O'Rourke said, "The number of hospitalisations of Kildare cyclists is quite high. In comparison, there were 22 hospitalised in Meath, 19 in Westmeath and six in Laois. We need to take steps to protect cyclists and make our roads safer for them.

Whether people are cycling for sport, pleasure or commuting for work or to college, they need to do so on roads that are not covered with potholes and uneven surfaces. While I acknowledge that not every road lends itself to having a dedicated cycle path, they should exist wherever possible.

Work on the 144km of the Royal Canal Greenway from Dublin, through Kildare, Meath and Westmeath is underway and I hope that having a dedicated cycleway will help to reduce these figures", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

FF Bill to speed up housing adaptation grant decisions for people with disabilities reaches second stage - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has said he hopes to receive cross-party support for the Housing (Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability) Bill 2018.

Deputy O'Rourke, who introduced the Bill with Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Social Protection, Willie O'Dea, said the Bill would ensure that a decision would be made on a housing adaptation grant within four weeks from the receipt of the application by the local authority.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "Currently, I am hearing from constituents whose application is taking months to be approved. In the meantime, they are left in limbo, dependent on the help of others to shower, to dress or to get around their house. Others are kept in hospital or a care facility until such a time as they can return home, which is having a knock-on effect on the acute hospital network.

'The housing adaptation grant is vital for allowing older people or people with a disability to continue living independently in their own homes. The provision of stair-lifts; grab-rails; showers; wet-rooms and ramps along with extensions such as the installation of a downstairs bedroom or bathroom, are in many cases the only way in which a person can remain in their own home.

'I believe it is unfair for people to be left languishing on a list, waiting for a decision. They should be afforded the opportunity live and to grow old in the comfort of their own home", he concluded.

Reducing Insurance costs is Key Priority for O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has said that he will continue to press for progress on reducing the cost of insurance in Ireland. Deputy O'Rourke was speaking after meeting a number of businesses in Kildare.

Recently, I criticised the government for delaying legislation which would clamp down on insurance fraud. False and misleading claims have negative consequences for Irish policyholders and further drive up the cost of insurance premiums."

The cost of both motor insurance and business insurance remains stubbornly high for households and businesses across the country. The average annual cost of motor

insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%." "It is being reported that Charities are being forced to spend €1 out of every €10 they get on insurance, forcing many to curtail services. A survey of firms and voluntary community groups found that the cost of public and employer liability insurance was now a threat to their survival."

"This is all happening at a time when Insurance Companies have enjoyed a profits surge. A survey of 17 insurers conclude that they enjoyed an increase in profits in 2017 when compared to 2016."

is an issue I have regularly brought to the floor of the Dáil. It is unacceptable that after two years of the publication of the Cost of Insurance Working Group report, many of its recommendations have not been implemented."

"The government has been found wanting on insurance reform and tackling the high cost of insurance. This Government must provide greater focus on this issue and enacting our Bill would be one step towards achieving lower costs of insurance. We must focus on reducing the cost of living for people, such as insurance and mortgage rates."

O'Rourke presses for noise reducing measure on M4.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Kildare County Council to provide for noise reducing measures on the M4.

"Over the years, there have been many calls for noise reducing measures to be provided on the M4 to deal with the concerns of people living in Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip."

"I have raised this point with Kildare County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and I am again calling on these parties to address this problem. As I have seen for myself, the noise being emitted from traffic from the M4 is excessive for people living adjacent to the M4 in Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip."

"EU legislation, transposed into Irish Law, now governs the traffic generated noise and we need either to provide noise barriers or other noise reducing measure such as low noise surfacing to reduce the road noise being emitted from the M4."

254 over 75s endure 24-hour ED wait in Naas Hospital in first three months of 2019 - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has said the HSE is failing to meet its own target that all people aged 75 years and over attending emergency departments would be discharged or admitted within 24 hours.

Deputy O'Rourke was commenting as new information received by Fianna Fáil shows that 254 over 75s waited longer than 24-hours in Naas emergency department in the first three months of 2019.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "The issues with Naas emergency department have been long documented but I believe it is particularly shameful that some of our most vulnerable people are treated in this manner.

"Sitting for hours in an emergency department is wearying, even for a person in the full of their health. To have a person, aged over 75, sit in such an uncomfortable and stressful setting for over 24-hours is cruel.

"Let me be very clear, the medical professionals and staff in Naas are working their very hardest and the fault for this lies solely at the feet of the Department and the HSE.

"A lack of basic bed capacity is a fundamental problem in health care in Ireland and if the Minister can't get to grips with even the basic problems, then we can expect to see thousands more over 75s languish in emergency departments across the country", he concluded.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance June 2019

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I am getting Jobseeker's Allowance and my oldest child is starting school this year. Is there a payment to help with the costs of children going to school?

Answei

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BTSCFA) helps you meet the cost of uniforms and footwear for children going to school. Your children must be aged between 4 and 22 on or before 30 September 2019. If they are aged between 18 and 22 they must be in full-time second-level education in a recognised school or college.

To qualify, you must be getting a social welfare payment or taking part in a training, employment or adult education scheme. In general, you must be getting an Increase for a Qualified Child with your payment. People getting the Working Family Payment and the Back to Work Family Dividend can qualify for BTSCFA. Also, your total family income must be below a certain level for your family size. The Allowance is €150 for children aged between 4 and 11 and €275 for those aged between 12 and 22.

The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection pays the BTSCFA automatically to many families. This means that they do not have to apply for the payment. If you qualify automatically, you will be notified by 24 June 2019 and you will get your payment the week beginning 8 July 2019. If you do not get an automatic payment you must apply for the Allowance.

If any of your children are aged 18 or over, you must also apply for the Allowance for them and show evidence that they are in second-level education (even if automatic payments have issued for other children in the family).

From 24 June 2019, you can apply for the Allowance online through mywelfare.ie. You must have a Public Services Card and a verified MyGovID account to apply online. You can also apply using an application form, which is available in all Intreo centres and Social Welfare Branch Offices and online from welfare.ie or you can request a form by texting Form BTSCFA followed by your name and address to 51909 or by emailing BSCFA@welfare.ie.

The closing date for applications is 30 September 2019. A dedicated phone line is available to answer your questions from 24 June 2019: (071) 919 3319.

If you are refused the Allowance, you can ask for a review of the decision.

Public Services Card June 2019

Question

What is the Public Services Card and how do I get one?

Answer

The Public Services Card (PSC) helps you to access a range of public services easily. The front of the card holds your name, photograph and signature, along with the card expiry date. The back of the card holds your PPS number and a card number. It also holds a magnetic stripe to enable social welfare payments such as pensions to be collected at post offices. If you are entitled to free travel, the card will also display this information in the top left-hand corner.

Your identity is fully authenticated when it is issued so it saves you having to give the same information to multiple organisations.

You can use the PSC as evidence of identity when applying for a driving licence or learner permit or if you are sitting the Driver Theory Test. In some cases a PSC is required. For example, all first-time passport applicants aged 18 and above who are resident in Ireland need to have one. All applicants for a certificate of naturalisation aged 18 or over who are resident in the State must have a PSC.

A Public Services Card is usually issued when you are allocated a PPS number. If you apply for, or are currently getting a social welfare payment (including Child Benefit) you will be asked to register for your Public Services Card. If you don't yet have a Public Services Card, you can make an appointment to get one either by using MyWelfare.ie or by calling into your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office. You will need to bring certain documents to prove your identity and a mobile phone that can be used to create a verified account. The process takes about 15 minutes and your PSC is posted out to you and is valid for seven years.

You can get more information on the Public Services Card from citizensinformation.ie and learn more about online public services at **MyGovID**.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre above. Also available on scope@ciboard.ie

BIRDWATCH IRELAND

Red Kites have taken to Wicklow as their home as can be seen by the healthy numbers visible in the skies. Marc Ruddock, Project Manager for the Golden Eagle Trust, has an



impressive pedigree when it comes to reintroduction of raptors, and since Red Kites were first released July 2011, the project can be considered a remarkable success in Ireland.

We are all aware of the reduction of insects in general all over Europe, and the bar chart from a German study shows shocking decreases across a wide range of our other flying friends, the very kind of insects our Swift, Swallow and House Martin eat.

Lets hope the latest trend in re-wilding local community patches and even garden lawns will help reverse the trend.

Decrease of insect populations over the past decade Caddisflies Butterflies 49% Beetles Mayflies 37% Mayflies 35% Stoneflies 41% Total decline of insects (past decade) Source: Sanchez-Bayo & Wyckhuys, Biological Conservation 2019

Top food safety tips for BBQs

Just because you're cooking outdoors, don't let your good habits in the kitchen go up in smoke when you light the barbecue – you want your friends and neighbours to go home with memories of a good time, not a tummy bug to remember you by. To make the most of your barbecue, here are some top food safety tips

Cook with confidence

The big issue when barbecuing is *making sure your food has been cooked thoroughly*, all the way through. This is particularly important when cooking poultry, pork, minced and skewered meats, such as burgers, sausages and kebabs on the barbecue - while the outside may look cooked (and in some cases burnt), the inside can still be raw.

We recommend these meats should always be cooked until they are piping hot all the way through, with no pink meat remaining and the juices run clear. If you've got lots of people visiting your barbecue and want to ensure that meat is thoroughly cooked, you can pre-cook meat in your kitchen oven just before you put it on the barbecue for flavour.

How to know it's cooked

When cooking foods on the barbecue, make sure to turn them regularly and move them around the grill to ensure they are cooked evenly on all sides – then remove them from the heat and place them on a clean plate. For meats that need to be cooked all the way through be sure to cut into the centre of them to check that:

- They are piping hot all the way through.
- There is no pink meat left.
- The juices run clear.

Steaks or whole meat joints of beef or lamb can be served rare as long as they are cooked on the outside as any harmful bacteria will be on the outside only, and not in the centre.





Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as judging commenced on 8th June and will continue until the end of August.

Regular walkers and visitors to Carton Avenue will have noticed that this year the grass is being cut differently, this is to allow wild flowers to develop and to feed the bees and butterflies and this is part of our biodiversity programme. Once again we thank Carton House for cutting the grass on this wonderful amenity for Maynooth.

Work on the Sensory Garden has now been completed and members of the public are very welcome to have a look around. A date for the opening will be announced in due course. Please watch our Facebook. Thanks to all who helped with this project.

Over the past number of weeks our teams on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings have been clearing and cleaning out the planting areas in various locations around Maynooth in preparation for new season planting. All weeds sprayed by Maynooth Tidy Towns with ECO Friendly solution.

This planting happened on Saturday the 2nd and 9th June a number volunteers of Maynooth Tidy Towns planted and watered hundreds of flowers the majority of which are bee and butterfly friendly. Also Sunday morning clean-ups are ongoing to the end of October, meeting in the Courthouse Square @ 7.45am.

We were joined by members of Maynooth Community Church on Saturday 15th June who assisted in tree pruning on the Main Street and were also involved in weeding in a number of locations. Afterwards we were treated to lunch in Manor Mills on the upper floor, where the church hold their service. Our thanks to Keith and members for their work and making us welcome.

If you wish to volunteer please contact us on 087-3153189 or on Facebook/Twitter

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns



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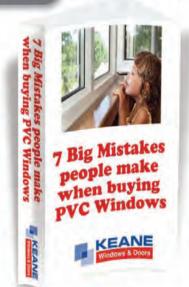
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Community First Responders create strong chain of survival in Maynooth

The cardiac chain of survival is stronger in Maynooth since the establishment of a

Community First Responder (CFR) group in the town, according to both the National Ambulance Service and CFR Ireland. Both groups attended the official launch of Maynooth CFR last week and warmly welcomed another group to the growing network of CFR groups nationwide.

Darryl Coen, Operations Resource Manager with the National Ambulance Service, said that ambulance crews are reassured to know that quality CPR is being performed at the scene before they arrive. "In Ireland we have a 43% success rate for CPR and defibrillation, which is huge. We have a high rate of bystander CPR and we have a growing number of trained volunteers in the CFR network. If we arrive on the scene of a cardiac arrest and there has been no CPR administered, the outcome is not likely to be good. For our staff to know that there is already a team on scene giving quality CPR, is a great support and makes a real difference to the outcome for patients.

We look forward to working with Maynooth CFR and wish them all the best."

The chances of survival from a cardiac arrest decrease by 7-10 percent for each minute that CPR is not being performed. John Fitzsimons of CFR Ireland, reiterated the importance of early



Members of Maynooth CFR.



Members of Maynooth CFR with staff from the Maynooth ambulance station, John Fitzsimons from CFR Ireland (red t-shirt) and Darryl Coen, Operations Resource Manager with the National Ambulance Service.

intervention in cases of cardiac arrest. "We now have 230 Community First Responder groups nationwide, serving a huge number of people in their communities, not only by responding to cardiac emergencies, but by providing training to others in their communities to increase CPR skills. Early access to CPR and defibrillation are key steps in the cardiac chain of survival, before the ambulance arrives. The chain of survival is strong here in Maynooth because of this group so they should be very proud."

Chairperson of Maynooth CFR, Réada Cronin, thanked the other 17 members of the group and everyone who has supported them over the last year. "We have a great tradition of volunteerism in Ireland and it greatly enriches our communities. I'm so proud of what we've achieved this last year and the selfless people who've joined our group of volunteers.

Together we can make an extraordinary contribution to our community here in Maynooth and you can't get much better than that. Huge thanks to all of the individuals and businesses who have helped us along the way and continue to do so."

The group held their official launch in Maynooth GAA club on Wednesday 29th, with Maynooth fire service and ambulance station in attendance.

Maynooth CFR
are currently operating from
8pm Friday to 8am Monday
every week, with plans to recruit
more volunteers and expand hours
in the coming months.



Chairperson of Maynooth CFR Réada Cronin chat with John Fitzsimons from CFR Ireland and Darryl Coen, Operations Resource Manager with the National Ambulance Service.



First Responders: Cathy Lawlor, Maggie Lawlor, Darren Lee, Trish Traynor and Fiona Carroll at the recent launch night



ALOE VERA WONDER PLANT

Its various common names, include the First Aid Plant, the Miracle Plant and Nature's Soothing Healer. People have used the clear, odourless 'aloe gel' contained within its plump leaves to soothe minor cuts, grazes, insect bites, burns and other minor skin disorders such as dermatitis.

Aloe gel is also a popular ingredient in many cosmetics, sunscreens, ointments, shampoos, skin creams, and lotions. The plant is known for keeping skin hydrated and clear. It's rich in antioxidants such as vitamin A, vitamin C, and vitamin E, and it contains seven of the eight essential amino acids. It also improves skin elasticity thanks to an increase in collagen production.

You'll also find hair-care products containing Aloe Vera. Some apply the gel found inside the leaves directly to their hair and use it as a deep conditioner. It can leave a residue behind though, so be sure to rinse it out thoroughly.

Research suggests that when taken internally, aloe gel/juice may help people suffering from adult-onset diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, although such use is not recommended without strict medical supervision.

How to care for Aloe Vera Plant

Plant them in a cactus potting soil mix or a regular potting soil that has been amended with additional perlite or building sand. Also, make sure that the pot has plenty of drainage holes. Sunlight is key to a healthy Aloe Vera plant, so position it in a sunny spot. Whether indoors or outdoors, choose a place where your plant will receive plenty of light. Too much direct sunlight can cause the plant to dry out and turn the leaves brown — but too little light will stunt the plant's growth. It is also important to note that aloe can freeze in the winter if outside so use a pot you can easily bring indoors during freezes. If the plant is to be grown indoors, make sure the plant will receive enough indirect sunlight; south or west-facing windows are ideal.

It's a succulent plant that prefers dry, warm climates, so it doesn't need to be watered every day. A little neglect in watering isn't going to hurt it — in fact, it may actually help, because this drought-loving plant lives best in dry conditions. You should be careful not to overwater the plant as Aloe Vera plants cannot tolerate standing water. Water about every 3 weeks and even more sparingly during the winter. Use your finger to test dryness before watering. If the potting mix stays wet, the plants' roots can begin to rot.



The best part of Aloe Vera is the fact you can grow it in your own home with a little love and tenderness

Water Safety

As Ireland prepares for

more sunny spells and hot weather, people are being warned to take extra care in the water. Ahead of the sunshine. Irish Water Safety are urging people to take the appropriate steps to stay safe in the water and share their top tips for keeping safe in the

Inexperienced swimmers should swim "within their depth"

water this summer.

What we mean by casual are people who just swim a few times a year as opposed to the thousands of people who swim in triathlons or open water swimming, who swim maybe 12 months of the year, and who are well used to safe practices.

The main message is to swim within your depth and swim parallel to the shore. Then if you do feel sick or dizzy, you can just drop your feet and wade back onto the bank."

Swim in designated swimming areas

As much as possible, swim in designated bathing areas, like for instance Salthill where they can dive off the boards where they're being looked after carefully by lifeguards that are trained up to the best international practice. Then, things don't tend to go wrong. It's when they go off on their own unsupervised is when the trouble

starts and unfortunately, they're out of their depth and we lose more people unnecessarily.

Wear a life jacket

We want people going kayaking, sailing and angling particularly to wear a life jacket. It's really important to wear a life jacket no matter what you're doing. Although it can be sometimes quite hot and sometimes people feel a little uncomfortable especially in the midlands, but please leave your life jacket on. Your body will be very hot and susceptible to cold shock. Cold shock is the main contributing factor to drownings in our temperate climate.

Keep paddling pools supervised at all times.

We're very much against paddling pools because unfortunately parents have the best will in the world, may have a drink or a barbecue, and the phone rings and they get distracted. Young children drown in seconds, 20-40 seconds they'll be gone. Drowning is silent, so you won't hear them.

Avoid inflatables.

Don't use inflatable toys, they're absolutely lethal. The coast guard often rescues people out in Donegal bay, miles off shore, sitting in these inflatables because they've gotten blown away with off shore winds.

HOW MAYNOOTH TOWN VOTED

Local Elections 2019

A total of nine candidates contested the five seats in the Maynooth Electoral Area. Five outgoing councillors; Reada Cronin (SF), Timmy Durkan (FG), Teresa Murray (Ind), Naoise O'Cearuil (FF) and Paul Ward (FF), sought re-election. They were joined in the contest by four new candidates; Angela Feeney (Lab), Peter Hamilton (GP), Rioana Mulligan (FG) and John Reid (Ind).

A comparison of the tallies for the Maynooth Town ballot boxes from the 2014 local elections to the tallies for the 2019 local elections show an increase in support in Maynooth Town for four of the five outgoing councillors.

Reada Cronin (SF) (2014) 248 votes -(2019) 265 votes + 17Timmy Durkan (FG) (2014) 301 votes -(2019) 496 votes + 195 (2014) 665 votes -Teresa Murray (Ind) - 93 (2019) 572 votes Naoise O'Cearuil (FF) (2014) 670 votes -(2019) 1,026 votes + 356Paul Ward (FF) (2014) 30 votes -(2019) 57 votes + 27

The tally figures from the Maynooth Town boxes for the new candidates are,

Angela Feeney (Lab) 835 votes
Peter Hamilton (GP) 616 votes
Rioana Mulligan (FG) 147 votes
John Reid (Ind) 62 votes

Naoise O'Cearuil FF, Paul Ward FF and Timmy Durkan FG were successful in their reelection bid and were joined by two of the new candidates Angela Feeney Lab and Peter Hamilton GP. The turnout in Maynooth Town was 49% in the Girls School and 46% in the boys school.

According to the tallies 3,324 people voted in Maynooth Town in 2014 and in 2019 4,076 voted an increase of 752 (22.6%).

Please note that the figures above are from the tally sheets from the Maynooth boxes only and there may be slight adjustments in the final counts.

Stagg Presents Walk Proceeds To Maynooth Senior Citizens

Kildare North Labour
General Election
Candidate Emmet Stagg
and Cllr. Angela Feeney
presented the proceeds of
the Tony Smith Memorial
Walk 2019, totalling
€2,370, to Maynooth
Senior Citizens
Committee on Sunday
June 16th at the Senior
Citizens June Tea Dance
at Maynooth GAA Club.



Left to right: Cllr. Angela Feeney, Josie Moore Chairperson Senior Citizens Committee & Emmet Stagg

The Walk which was held on Sunday 28th April and is organised by Maynooth Labour Branch, is an annual event since 1979. The Walk was named in honour of Tony Smith, who was treasurer of Maynooth Labour Branch and whose idea it was to hold an annual event for our Senior Citizens, when he passed away tragically at the young age of 33 in 1982.

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

Childcare <u>Parents/Guardians</u> Survey (Cont. from Front Page)

Q1 Do you have to take your children outside of Maynooth town for childcare?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes, to Celbridge	13%
Yes, to Leixlip	21%
Yes, to Kilcock	4%
Yes, to Dublin	11%
No	43%
Other	8%
TOTAL	100%

Q2 What type of childcare service would you like to see in Maynooth?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Full Day Care 8hrs	49%
Part Time Care 5hrs	13%
Sessional ECCE 3-3.5hrs	6%
Breakfast Club	1%
After School	13%
Drop In Service	2%
Child-Minder	5%
Other	11%
TOTAL	100%

Q3 Do you feel that there are enough full-day care services in Maynooth Town?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	3%
No	97%
TOTAL	100%

Q4 Do you feel that there are enough sessional ECCE services (3 - 3.5hrs) available in Maynooth Town?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	27%
No	73%
TOTAL	100%

Q5 Do you feel that there are enough afterschool services in Maynooth Town?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	6%
No	94%
TOTAL	100%

Q6 Do you feel that there are enough parttime services (<5hrs) in Maynooth Town

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	5%
No	94%
TOTAL	99%

Q7 Would you prefer after-school services be located?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
In a School	73%
In a Providers Service	27%
TOTAL	100%

Q8 If your child attends after-school, do you need wrap around service, that would take your children during school holidays on a full-time basis?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	82%
No	18%
TOTAL	100%

Q9 Would you use an after-school service, that could not offer a wrap around service, i.e. not able to take children for full-day care during school holidays?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	36%
No	64%
TOTAL	100%

Q10 Are you aware of the new Affordable Childcare Scheme (ACS) that will be offered by the Government?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	36%
No	64%
TOTAL	100%

What does this tell us?

- 1) People leave the town for childcare.
- 2) They feel there are not enough of any type of service in the town.
- 3) They would like additional services.
- 4) Wrap around services in the schools for school age children.

Childcare Providers Survey

Q1 Do you currently run to capacity?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100%
No	0%
TOTAL	100%

Q2 Do you have enrolments for following years?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100%
No	0%
TOTAL	100%

Q3 Do you feel that more full day care facilities are required in Maynooth town?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	100%
No	0%
TOTAL	100%

Q4 Do you have an option to extend your service if demand required?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	0%
No	100%
TOTAL	100%

What does this tell us?

- 1) Services currently run to capacity and have a waiting list for next year.
- 2) Services do not have the ability to expand.
- 3) Services feel that more care should be provided in the town.

This information was supplied by the Maynooth Planning Alliance web: www.maynoothplanningalliance.com email: maynoothplanningalliance@gmail.com





Tricks & Tips

How to lighten your Recycling Bin





To prevent waste and conserve natural resources please use these helpful tips in your home

Leaving packaging in the shop if allowed. e.g. shoe boxes



To reduce weight ensure that used food containers are clean and dry Choose goods in refillable packaging such as detergents & coffee Look for goods with less packaging

Place a NO JUNK MAIL sticker on your letter box

Soup tins

Invest in a refillable water bottle, coffee cup & lunch box to reduce waste when you are on the



Follow the list of recyclable materials accepted by your waste collection company (they will provide you with a list)

Bathroom bottles

What can go in your Recycling Bin ...



All wasted service providers are legally

required to collect all the recyclables listed

How to lighten your Brown Bin

A home garden composter is a way to get rid of garden waste, eggshells/boxes, fruit, vegetables & teabags. For more go to www.stopfoodwaste.ie or www.brownbin.ie

Make sure fruit and veg is stored correctly so you get time to eat it Check the Useby date before purchasing to ensure you will have time to eat it before it goes out of date Keep all dairy products in the fridge to preserve them as long as possible



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*Use up leftovers to make another recipe, or as tomorrow's lunch!

*Note: Food safety guidance should be followed when storing and preparing food

No dairy, Bread or meat products should go into your home garden composter Use newspapers to line your kitchen caddy or compostable bin liners which are widely available to buy (regular biodegradable bin bags are not suitable)



When shopping try to make a list of what you need and stick to it!

Use your freezer its your ally in preventing food waste

What can go in your Brown Bin ...



July Events at Maynooth Community Library

All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

For further information contact: www.kildare.ie/library maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie Ph.: 01-6285530



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Summer Stars Reading Adventure!

Kildare Library & Arts Services will run the Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children in all library branches during the summer from the 15th of June to 31st August. *Summer Stars* is an exciting reading-based programme which is available free of charge to children across the country. We are very happy to work with teachers and families to encourage children to continue reading and also to participate in our range of storytelling and other fun activities during the summer. Each child is invited to register for the adventure at their local library and enjoy reading many books as part of the adventure during the summer holidays!

Call into the library or keep an eye on our Social Media for information on our Summer Stars Workshops - we'll have Coding, Lego, Pottery, Storytime, Making Slime, Space Workshops, Nature Workshops and much much more! Register now!

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday 13th July 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Ages 13+

Booking Required

Every wondered what all the fuss is about? Call in to the library for an introduction to the very popular Dungeons and Dragons. Depending on interest we will set up a monthly meeting here in the library!

Pop Up Gaeltacht

Tuesday 23rd July 7pm – 8pm

All welcome

No booking required

Buail isteach sa leabharlann le haghaidh cluichí, craic agus ceol as Gaeilge! Bain úsáid as an Gaeilge a bhfuil agat agus bain sult as an spórt agus spraoi! Call into the library for games, music and craic all as Gaeilge! Use the Irish you have! All Welcome

Family Friendly Board Game morning Saturday 20th July, 10 – midday

Have a digital detox and enjoy some old fashioned fun in our 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.

Jellyfish Suncatcher Art & Craft

Friday 26th July, 2.30 pm- 3.30 pm

6-9 year olds

Children will enjoy this fun, easy Summer time art and craft where they will make a colourful jelly fish sun catcher using tissue paper, black construction paper and ribbon which they can hang up at home!

Booking Required

Kids' Secret Cinema

Saturday 27th July 2.30–3.50 pm

This month's Secret Cinema is a fun, family summer themed film all about a monster vacation!

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All Welcome!

Summer Stars Story Time

Friday 12th July 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

Listen to stories, join in some songs – get crafty with colouring! Join the fun of storytime!!

No booking required

Oliver Jeffers Story Time

Friday 19th July 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

This weeks stories are from the well known author Oliver Jeffers. Enjoy classic stories such as "Lost and Found" and "The Way Back Home" and meet the loveable characters "The Huevs"

Join in some fun rhymes and songs as well

No booking required

Trains and Planes Story Time

Friday 26th July 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

Swoop and choo choo into this week's stories - spend some quality reading time with your toddler and join in with some fun rhymes and songs. Colouring pages will be provided.

No booking required

Regular Events

Craft Club Every Monday from 11.30am – 1pm

Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired – or just to work on!

Different short demonstrations will take place during the year.

Who knows - maybe a new craft will grab your fancy...

No Booking Required

FitLine

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

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

Make Time

Thursday 4th and 18th July, 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 20th July, 11am New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Group

Tuesdays 11am - 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practice their conversational Irish.

No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group Tuesdays 16th July 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 20th July 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 is 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 July 6.00 pm

Following the success of our bi-monthly family-friendly board games mornings, Maynooth Community Library has launched a monthly adult board game night - 'All Aboard.' Join us in our multipurpose 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.

The Village Book Club

Monday 15th July 10.30am – 11.30am

The Village Book club meet every third Monday from 10.30 – 11.30 am. Discussing "From A Low and A Quiet Sea". Places available, please contact library staff if interested in joining. Ex Libris Book Club

Wednesday 31st July 11am

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 July 6.30pm- 7.30pm

This month, the Readers of the Lost Ark / Science Fiction book club is discussing 'Fever Code'. New members always welcome. Please contact the library for further details.

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 11th July, 11.00 am

This month, the Read & Catch up with Betty book club will be discussing "Colorless". New members welcome. Please contact the library for details.

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday 25th July 11am- 12 pm

July's book club will be discussing "Lady Susan". New members welcome.

Please contact the library for details.

Reel Good Film Club

Tuesday 30th July: Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm

All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm.

Adults Only

Readying works underway at Maynooth University in preparation for construction of a New academic building

- Campus ring-road reverts to two-way traffic system to accommodate future development
- Phase 1 construction works on new academic building to start at early July
- Bus parking facilities for 16 buses and 261 additional car parking spaces
- · Tree planting scheme increasing biodiversity on campus

Monday 17 June: Maynooth University will start construction work on a new academic building on the North end of the campus later this month, with readying works related to utilities and traffic already underway.

The initial phase of the new academic building, to open in late 2020, forms part of a wider plan to modernise and expand the Arts and Science buildings on the Maynooth University campus. The building is needed to accommodate the rapidly growing student population at MU, which at nearly 13,000 students today represents the fastest growing university in Ireland. Since the recession began in 2008, Ireland's university sector grew by 21,000, and MU accounted for 22% of that growth.

As part of the campus expansion plan, the campus ring-road will revert to a two-way traffic system from late June to facilitate construction works and future development. The North Campus will still be accessible from the Moyglare Road entrance and Kilcock Road entrance, though brief disruptions to the Kilcock road entrance will be necessary.

New bus parking facilities for up to 16 buses and 261 new car parking spaces will be located on North Campus, west of the university restaurant, the Phoenix.

These related works are scheduled to start by early July and to be completed in September 2019.



Already underway is an

upgrade of campus utilities along the Kilcock Road campus boundary, which, along with road realignment works, will restrict traffic access for periods during this time. However, pedestrian and traffic control measures will be in place and every effort will be made to minimise disruption.

As part of the University's commitment to a sustainable environment, a major tree planting and biodiversity scheme is being planned in collaboration with the Maynooth Green Campus Committee (a partnership among MU, St. Patrick's College Maynooth and Trócaire that was awarded a Green Flag in 2018).

The tree planting, which is scheduled to take place over the coming 20 months, has a native Irish tree focus. Planting will include over 400 trees ranging from saplings to semimature trees as part of a new wild flower meadow and planting surrounding new buildings.

Prior to 2005, there were fewer than 5,000 trees on the campus, which the University shares with St Patrick's College Maynooth. Today, there are more than 15,000 trees, added over time as part of an active tree management plan. The University's aim is to create a safer, healthier tree population, to reinforce the diversity of trees on campus, to add character and a sense of place, while also contributing to a healthy campus environment.

Additional plans are in place to prioritise pedestrian and cyclist movement with the design of new 'public realm' initiatives to strengthen the links between the south and north ends of the campus.

Further information on Maynooth University construction plans are available on: https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/campus-planning-development

Donaghmore Cemetery (Grangewilliam) Maynooth

Annual Mass 2019

This year's Annual Mass will be held on

Saturday July 6th at 5 o'clock in the evening. Fr. John Nevin M.H.M will say the Mass and bless the graves as he has done for the last 35 years

Airlie Stud has kindly facilitated the event by opening the gates and allowing access to pedestrians and motor vehicles on the day.

Apart from the day of the Mass, the cemetery is accessible by foot from the public road.

We note that Kildare County Council support the maintenance of Donaghmore.

People with connections with the cemetery or simply interested in this ancient site are welcome to attend to graves in advance and prepare the site for the event.

James Byrne, Chairman Peter Nevin, Secretary Donaghmore Cemetery Maintenance Committee.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 24/05/2019 To 20/06/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
19686	Kildare County Council	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	Tesco Store, Carton Park Retail Campus, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	18/06/2019
19680	Kildare County Council	Robert & Bronagh Kennedy	Fuel Café and Restaurant Ltd T/A Avenue Café, at the junction of Main Street and Doctors Lane, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	17/06/2019
19662	Kildare County Council	Ciaran and Julie Halpin	41 Parklands Square, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/06/2019
19660	Kildare County Council	Kevin and Frances Carrigan	9 Parklands Rise, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/06/2019
19628	Kildare County Council	The Golfing Union of Ireland	The GUI National Golf Academy, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	05/06/2019
19630	Kildare County Council	Shane McKenna & Aisling Conlon	32 Silken Vale, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. W23K7H1	05/06/2019
19625	Kildare County Council	Tanya & Stephen Nevin	524b Newtown Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	04/06/2019
19622	Kildare County Council	Maynooth University	Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	31/05/2019
19614	Kildare County Council	Vincent Dempsey	Blackberry Stables, Laragh, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	30/05/2019
19609	Kildare County Council	Seamus Feeney	Moneycooly, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	30/05/2019
19603	Kildare County Council	Shane McKenna and Aisling Conlon	32 Silken Vale, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 K7H1.	29/05/2019
19605	Kildare County Council	Declan and Caitriona Foley	Crannog, Leinster Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	29/05/2019
19604	Kildare County Council	Patrick Clarke	Bramblewood, Laragh, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	29/05/2019

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SUNDAY LUNCH SERVED FROM 1.00PM UNTIL 4.30PM

Our new restaurant Arkle, featuring only the finest and freshest Irish cuisine. Our Sunday Lunch consists of an extensive array of starters, a wide selection of Main courses and desserts, with a selection of poultry, red meat and fish dishes.

We use the finest, fresh locally grown produce, premium quality, free-range meats and freshest seafood from the Island of Ireland.

Our Sunday lunch menu changes frequently to ensure that we use only the finest seasonal ingredients.

3 course €27.50 2 course € 24.00



Zero Waste Maynooth



It's that time of year again!! Plastic Free July!!

Challenge yourself to cut out the four big single use offenders – bags, coffee cups, plastic bottles and straws.

- Start packing an extra shopping bag in your car or in your bag – this will cover you for any shopping emergencies.
- Bring a reusable coffee cup with you
 or decide to sit in the café and use
 a ceramic cup.
- home and carry with you most houses have a sports bottle or two hiding in the cupboard put them to
- When ordering a drink, say "No straw thanks!". As simple as that!!

To help build this habit, change your "Keys, phone, wallet" reminder as you leave – and try out "Keys, phone, wallet, cup and bottle!".

All these small steps do add up and can change the way we look at the world and at our consumption.

Check out the website https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/ to get lots of tips and hints. You can sign up for the Plastic Free July challenge and be part of the global movement.

If you want to spread the word at your workplace/club, Zero Waste Maynooth has a "Simple Swap" kit that you can borrow. You can use it to show your colleagues that going green doesn't have to be difficult!

Mychallenge choices STARTED



WHAT TO AVOID	HOW TO AVOID IT	POUR	MRACT		4	YE
		ESTAN	LANDFILL	GLOBAL		THE
Fill your bin with plastics for 'recycling'	Avoid as much plastic packaging as you can	Ш	Ш	Ш		
Pre-packed fruit and veg	Choose loose products (skip the little plastic bag or put in a reusable bag)	1	1	II	Б	
Lightweight plastic bags	Remember your reusable shopping bags or use a cardboard box		Ш	I		
Pre-packed meat or fish	Shop at the deli counter or butcher or fishmonger for paper wrapped cuts or BYO reusable container	1	I	I		
Takeaway drink straws	Refuse plastic straws (or opt for a paper straw if they have them). BYO reusable straw	Ш	1	1		
Takeaway coffee cups	Bring your reusable cup or sit and enjoy a real cup	Ш	Ш	I		
Takeaway utensils and containers	Support vendors offering compostable alternatives (bamboo or card), BYO reusables or sit and enjoy 'dine-in'	1	III	Ш		
Bottled water	Fill a reusable bottle from the tap	Ш				
Bottled soft drinks	Reduce the amount (helps your health), or make your own with a soda maker/ carbonator or choose glass bottles (and recycle)	Ш	II	1		
Bin liners (or 'reusing' plastic shopping bags)	Have a sealed container for 'wet' scraps and compost or freeze until bin day. Line the kitchen bin with paper	I	III	Ш		
Plastic food wrap for leftovers and sandwiches	Use a reusable lunch box to store food, store food in containers or use beeswax wraps	1	1	1		
Littering: cigarette butts, balloons	Dispose of cigarette butts in the bin (they are plastic and wash into the ocean environment) Avoid releasing balloons (what goes up, must come down)	III	1			

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On this day in 1776 a famous document was signed – although it may have been adopted if not formally signed, historians have various theories and have suggested that the declaration was in fact actually *signed* a month later . . . however, for the rest of us,



the interested laymen, it is held that the Declaration of Independence, by which the United States announced its separation from Great Britain, happened on the 4th of July.

It is a special date – fireworks will illuminate skies across the US, from backyards to public parks. There will be parades and it is always interesting to see exactly how many Disney characters come out in force.

God, they are patriotic. Flags will be waved and the national anthem will be sung, but exactly how many singers will attempt the entire four stanzas?

The Star Spangled Banner is a powerful anthem but it is also very difficult to sing, requiring the range of an opera singer and the lung capacity of a superman or superwoman – or so it is maintained. But hold on there: there is another way of looking at it. It is not that it is difficult to sing, it is simply that many singers are not as good as they think they are, or that they start out warbling so ambitiously that they quickly run out of voice. It is also quite long, and a full performance takes about five minutes. Even at the Super Bowl, we only ever get to hear the first verse.

In the absence of a sufficiently talented performer, there is always the privilege of listening to a recording of Kate Smith's magnificent contralto paying full honor to The Star Spangled Banner. She has vocal clarity, dignity and emotion. Her version is impossible to surpass.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

From the Bogs

A former putdown in Ireland was to say that somebody was from the bogs. Today with the decline in rural communities such comments are rarely heard, which leads to the question, was living in bogs once common? The answer is yes. During the era of the Penal Laws Catholics were not allowed to own land, then in 1771 the Bogland Act was passed; this allowed them to lease not more than fifty acres of poor land for up to fifty years. Naturally many people availed of this concession. The era of the small tenant farmer had commenced.

In my youth there was a raised bog, as distinct from the blanket variety found on mountains, within walking distance of our home. A family, 'The Monks' as they were locally known, lived there in the cutaway west end. Their house was a low thatched cabin with rough stone walls, probably much like those lived in during the Famine, except that it had two small windows, one for the kitchen the other for a bedroom. It would be nice to think that their neighbours respected them but, unfortunately, in rural Ireland it was always a case of 'a penny-halfpenny looking down on a penny'.

The only livestock 'The Monks' had was a donkey a cow and some hens. They grew potatoes behind the cabin in lazy beds dug with a loy. They had three small outhouses, a stable, a cowshed and a henhouse, all thatched. Josey, the eldest, travelled every weekday with a load of good-quality black turf to the town, where he sold it to various housewives. The journey out to the public road was by an unpaved, rutted track that necessitated constant shouted encouragement to the donkey. This track passed a grass grown mound on the east end, site of a former bog dwelling. Apart from occasional work on nearby farms undertaken by his brothers, Kevin and Charlie, those turf sales comprised the family's main income.

There were two other members of the family, Hugh, a heavyset, silent man and Molly, a frail, shy woman. I visited the cabin a few times, more out of curiosity than for any other reason. The cramped interior was dim, the window and fire providing inadequate light, but it was cosy enough. Hugh would be seated near the hearth and Molly was usually washing or cooking. If either of them suspected that I was just being nosey they didn't betray it. On Sundays Molly walked two miles across fields to mass in the village but Hugh seldom, if ever, ventured outside.

Charlie, who had the gift of storytelling, was the most popular of 'The Monks'. He could hold us children enthralled with accounts of the fellow with the cloven hoof or the leprechaun that he had glimpsed entering a ring fort overlooking the bog. He would hide a smile at our wide-eyed fascination when begging for more of such tales.

It may be illuminating to draw a parallel between this close-knit family and an indigenous covey of grouse. The grouse were reliant on the bog for food and cover, eating heather shoots and roosting on dry hummocks. Though shot at by sportsmen enough of them managed to escape to perpetuate their species.

Of course 'The Monks' did not produce a new generation, though at one stage Josey became infatuated with a woman living in the next town-land. The notion of this attractive lady returning his interest afforded great amusement to the locals, myself included. Meeting Josey one day, I told him that she might be won if he had hair on his chest, whereupon he meekly opened his waistcoat and shirt to reveal some wispy growth. I immediately regretted my behaviour and nodding shamefacedly, walked away.

They only member of the family to escape the bog was Charlie, who was given a County Council bungalow by the public road. This soon became a rambling house for local fellows, often with boisterous carryon. For the most part Charlie tolerated such behaviour but one Halloween things really got out of hand. A prankster climbed onto the roof and blocked the chimney with a bag, whereupon smoke poured into the kitchen. Incensed, Charlie knelt down and prayed that God would wreak every sort of vengeance on the culprit's head. Despite their initial amusement, this invoking of divine retribution duly sobered the crowd.

One by one 'The Monks' passed away, often the cost of their burials being met by local collections. They were an anachronism in the changing world of cattle marts and tractors, a reminder of a past that everyone was hell bent on leaving behind. Still, I regret our former readiness to be amused by their simplicity, their closeness in lifestyle to the generations that preceded us when survival was as precarious as it was for the hunted grouse.

By P.G.Nerney

(Names of the people have been changed)

Finegas

Through seven years he honed his skill,
Learning the river's likeliest runs,
Perfecting traps and lures.
His mind was a pool of arcane learning,
Swelling with the winter spates,
Dwindling with the summer droughts,
Yet never really deep, never significant.

He knew enough to feel his lack
Of insight into fire and water,
Which underlie the face of things,
And this awareness drove him on,
Though dead plants, not shining sand,
Dropt slowly through his sluggish thoughts
And darkened all his dreaming.
Then one moon-attended April morning
When the sun slithered in the current
And made the grassy mud banks glow
And the air to shine as crystal
He caught the hazel-homing salmon!
Feverishly his hands bore the strange,
Milt-swollen burden

Milt-swollen burden
Back to his bothy fire,
Where the boy waited, so ignorant
Of established wisdom,
Yet full of animal awareness,
His tongue forever asking questions,
His mind a rivulet of brightness...

Later, when he learned
His pupil had unthinkingly acquired
The knowledge he had toiled to own,
It was a painful confirmation
Of what he dimly had suspected:
Insight is bestowed, not captured.
That was why he blessed the boy
And said he had no more to teach him.

By Colin Scott

Thirty Years Old

He was thirty years old and he had seen enough!

Time to leave the carpentry and building to Joseph!

There was other work to do – John's baptism was good

But it was time to launch the Baptism by Fire,

by the Spirit

Among the poor, the sick, the sinners and all

Those under the sway of Satan and his seductive ways.

Unfortunate people burdened with labour and taxes

To Rome, Herod and Jerusalem, in far-off Galilee.

They needed their lives explained to them,

Who they were, who their Father was,

What the Law was, what their inheritance was;

What wrongs were being done to them,

What wrongs were being done to them,
How precious they were in the eyes of God.
How fleeting life is, what its goal is,
How empty its promises, how deceptive its lures!
When only partly lived, how meaningless and sad.
All things are in a flux, happiness, so ephemeral!
Success so illusory, even gender only a temporal condition.

"Blessed are the poor for they shall possess the land".

There was much to be done in the short time

The erstwhile 'teachers' would allow him.

They had too much invested in the old world

To allow this upstart to upset it

By preaching what they knew to be the truth.

He knew too, of course, the cost to him of his revolution!

But that, he also knew, was the very crowning of his work!

By GM.

Hay fever and asthma link

Aggressive hay-fever causes both nose and sinus inflammation. However the nose and sinuses link to the lungs by a number of pathways that include nerve ending and asthma triggering blood units (called Th2). These move from the nose and sinuses to the bone marrow to produce a number of allergy chemicals which move into the blood circulation and 'stick' in the nose, sinuses and lungs, causing further allergic inflammation that triggers cough and wheeze

- Hay-fever may cause nose symptoms only.
- Hay-fever often involves the sinuses as well as the nose.
- Hay-fever may provoke chest symptoms.
- Hay-fever may go hand-in-hand with asthma.
- Hay-fever in children with asthma causes more asthma-related hospital admissions and greater total days spent in hospital.

Thunderstorms and asthma attacks: Thunderstorms during the pollen season can trigger asthma attacks ranging from mild to life threatening. Pollen grains are carried at ground level by the strong air currents in thunderstorms. Then the pollen grains burst, releasing their allergy provoking material (called allergens).

The allergens are carried as aerosols in the wind currents and easily inhaled, penetrating deeply into the nose and sinuses and lungs triggering breathing crises. For some hay-fever sufferers this may be the first time they've ever experienced asthma.



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Climate Action Plan 2019

June finally saw the launch of the much heralded all-ofgovernment Climate Action Plan 2019. This set over

180 actions and defined the steps to implement them for all government departments. Needless to say, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport figures prominently.

The areas affected range from electric vehicles (7 actions), biofuels (1 action), regulation and fiscal measures (7 actions) and empowering modal shift and sharing economy in transport (16 actions).

Cycling featured prominently and Maynooth Cycling Campaign warmly welcomes the proposal for 10% transport expenditure on cycling. The deadline of 4th quarter in 2020 was a cause of some concern but on reflection it will take some time to ramp up the design, public consultation and construction before facilities appear on the ground.

There is also a commitment to complete the recommendations on Smarter Travel and the National Cycle Policy Framework which date back to 2009. We also welcome the proposal to set up a cycling unit in the NTA as a consequence of ramping up additional funding.

However, we were disappointed that the appointment of a National Cycling Officer in the Department of Transport was not included as that is where the key decisions are made and the key priorities are set. Unless there is someone at a high level of management to drive the process, there is concern that the existing pro-car ethos in the department will continue to hamper and postpone the development of cycling nationally.

It is also disappointing that county towns, the larger urban centres in counties (outside of cities) appear to have been overlooked and that mention of walking does not warrant a higher priority.

There is also concern that no explicit focus on travel to school and the problems caused by the school run.

There is frequent use of words like "assess", "develop" and "where feasible" so much more work is required to deliver the decarbonisation of our transport system. Nevertheless, it is a landmark document and is a sea-change in our attempts to belatedly address the challenge of climate change.

Celbridge Road Active Travel

In their reports, the Citizen's Assembly and the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change recognised the need to prioritise active travel – walking and cycling – over



motorised transport. This has now been recognised by government in the Climate Action Plan and will lead to an approximate tenfold increase in the funding for cycling nationally which will also impact on walking.

The implications for Celbridge Road is that lack of funding can no longer be blamed for building low quality infrastructure. What will be required in the future by our elected councillors is a commitment to high quality and to spend the available funding provided, a commitment which has been lacking in the past.

Electric Scooters

In recent months, an increasing number of electric scooters have appeared in our towns and cities and have been the cause of criticism in some quarters because of their use on footpaths and their speed. Maynooth Cycling Campaign and Cyclist.ie welcome their appearance but like bicycles, if used in close proximity to pedestrians, users need to exercise care. They are part of the "micromobility" movement where people are seeking out more space efficient and environmentally friendly methods of travel than private cars. Like users of mobility scooters, tricycles and skaters, they will be welcome to use high quality cycle facilities.

Electric Vehicles

The Climate Plan forecast almost 1 million electric vehicles on the road in a decade which will require a lot of additional charging points. When they began to install them in the UK, the authorities faced opposition because of locating the units on footpaths – often on narrow footpaths. Kildare County Council should ensure that space for such units should be taken from the space for vehicles rather than for walking or cycling.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European



Going on Holidays (things to watch out for)

Check your Travel Insurance

Avoid Baggage Fees

Airfares aren't the only consideration when you're traveling on a budget. Before you finish your air travel plans, you'll need to examine: baggage fees and your airline's carry-on policies. In this era of air travel, these seemingly inconsequential fees can add to the bottom-line price.

Shady people love to take advantage of tourists, and if you're not careful, it's easy to become a victim. Here are some of the most common travel scams around the world. Stay safe out there!

1. Broken Taxi Meter

Negotiate rates ahead of time, or ensure the meter is in fact working before you get in the car. If the taxi driver refuses to turn on the meter, or tells you it's cheaper without the meter, get out and opt for another driver. Not all cab drivers are scammers.

2. Overbooked or Closed Hotel

Call your hotel in advance and make sure they're open. Ask if they offer shuttle service and then schedule a pickup. If your taxi driver still tells you the hotel is not available, insist that he take you there anyway. Tell him you already have a reservation (even if you don't).

3. Free Bracelets or Rosemary

This scam tends to prey on females. A friendly man or woman will approach to chat, then place a "free" friendship bracelet on your wrist. Or hand you a sprig of Rosemary for good luck. Once you have it, they will demand money. When you refuse, they will begin to cause a scene.

5. Fake Police Officers

The fake police officer scam is a popular one in many large cities. Most often, a person will approach a tourist and offer illicit items, like drugs. While conversing one or two other people will approach, appearing to be police officers and flashing "badges." They will then insist the unknowing tourists hand over their passport and wallet. However, they are not police officers.



6. Friendly ATM Helper

Never let anyone near you while you're making an ATM transaction, and ALWAYS cover the number pad with your other hand while entering your pin code. If someone approaches, take your card and find another ATM.

7. Injured or Child Beggars

It's practically impossible to distinguish who is legit and who is not, so my policy is to never give cash to street beggars. However I do buy food for them, then your money isn't going to a gang

8. Group Photo Offer

A local offers to take a group photo of you and your friends. As you're getting ready to pose for your awesome new Facebook jumping shot, you look up and realize your new friend has completely disappeared with your expensive camera or phone.

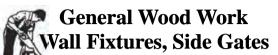
9. Fake Hotel Wakeup Call

While staying at a hotel, you get a call from the front desk in the middle of the night to confirm your credit card details. Only it isn't the front desk calling, it's a scammer who will drain your accounts when he makes a copy of your card using the details you give him over the phone. Never give out credit card details over the phone. Go down to the front desk in person the next morning if there is a problem.

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Contact Josephine on 087 9002296 Our club will close on July 30th for summer recess and will reopen on September 3rd

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

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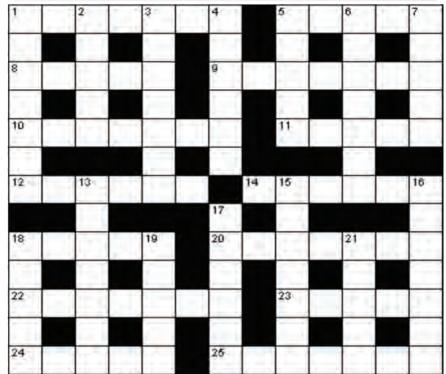
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Clues Across

- 1. Large house (7)
- 5. Pieces of information (5)
- 8. Profits (5)
- 9. Gruesome (7)
- 10. Retaliated (7)
- 11. Form of transport (5)
- 12. Hostility (6)
- 14. Stick (6)
- 18. Permit (5)
- 20. Sincere (7)
- 22. Creatures (7) 23. Doctrine (5)
- 24. Ledge (5)



July 2019 Crossword - No. 481



Clues Down

- 1. Tycoon (7)
- 2. Dissonance (5)
- 3. Perceptiveness (7)
- 4. Wanderers (6)
- 5. Aspect (5)
- 6. Vegetable (7)
- 7. Austere (5)
- 13. Discomfort (7)
- 15. Mocks (7)
- 16. Pull out (7)
- 17. Stopped (6)
- 18. Accumulate (5)
- 19. Dock (5)
- 21. Bird of prey (5)



Solutions to Crossword No 480 E N T I C E D T A I L S A A E R N H R U L E S P A U S E I O O T E N R P G N Y L O N K I T E S E E D T A P I A R Y A M B L E A D O R E H F A X R R F X O O O E E E E L O T

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Wendy's Summer Holiday

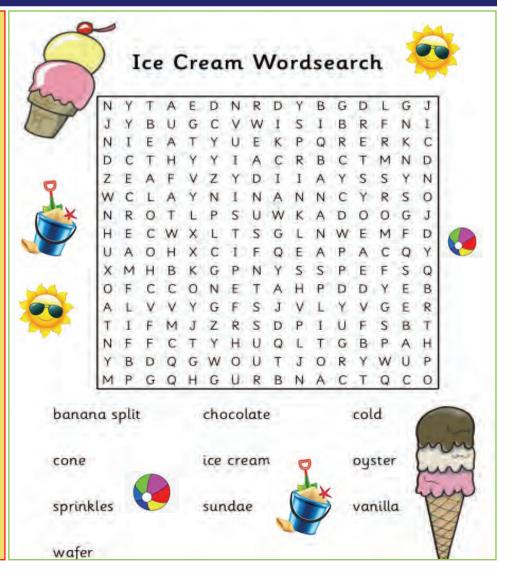
Wendy was sitting by her bedroom window wondering what she was going to do for her summer holidays. Just then her mother came into the room, "what's the matter Wendy? why so sad?" her mother asked. "Mommy, I can't think of what to do this summer. I know I can play outside and go swimming . But what else can I do?"

Her Mum thought and thought. Then she said, "I have an idea. There's a really nice lady living down the street, who is a friend of mine. She lives alone with her four cats. Her family lives far away. I think it would be nice if you would visit her once in a while this summer." So the next day Wendy and her mother went down the street to see the lady. Her name was Mrs. Martin. She and Wendy seemed to like each other right away. Wendy told her she would visit her three days a week. On her first visit Mrs. Martin told her that there was a trunk in the upstairs closet that had dolls in it. Also a dollhouse. Wendy had great fun playing with all the dolls and especially the dollhouse. It was all furnished and decorated . She loved going to Mrs. Martin's"

When summer was just about over, Mrs. Martin told her that one of her cats was going to have kittens and as soon as they were ready, she could pick one out for her very own. Wendy would miss her visits with Mrs. Martin, but, she promised that she would see her as often as she could.

Later that year, Wendy went to visit, Mrs. Martin let her pick out her kitten. She picked out a brown, fluffy girl kitten. You know what she named her? She named her "Summer." Because that's when she met her very best friend.

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July is usually a great month to sit out and enjoy your garden. The workload should be a little less as we progress through the summer months and the vegetable

garden will be starting to reap rewards with the first of the early potatoes ready for digging. However there is always something to be done in the garden, whether it's pruning, tidying or sowing.

The dry weather will slow the rate of grass growth so mowing will not be too onerous this month. Another advantage of the hot spell will be a noticeable reduction in the damage caused by slugs and snails to new herbaceous plants. Slugs or snails do not like hot weather as dry surfaces are more difficult to traverse and making them more vulnerable to attack by predators.

But if you do wish to take a brief break from the more leisurely garden enjoyment, here are some tasks to do this month:



Cut back to ground or prune spring flowering shrubs and perennials

Water all container plants regularly and/or consider moving some to shaded corners to prevent drying out

Prolong summer flowering by dead heading regularly (simply cut faded blooms)

Now is an ideal time to take softwood cuttings of shrubs

Check supporting stakes of tall growing herbaceous plants like Delphiniums Avoid mowing the lawn too short as the risk of scorching, the grass will be very high. Lawns which have turned yellow or brown by sun and higher temperatures will make a full recovery once 'business as usual' weather resumes.

Continue hoeing to control and remove any weed growth in planted borders, containers and raised bed areas, removing any weed before they flower (tip 'hoe light and often').

The following are the priority jobs for this month:

Dead head annuals, perennials and roses to encourage new bloom.

Regular feeding now will keep plants healthy and at their best.

Shrubs that flower in early summer can be pruned back now if needed by removing some of the old woody growth to the ground.

Faded flower spikes of many perennials should be removed to the ground to encourage a longer season.

Monitor planted containers regularly to make sure they do not dry out in sunny, windy weather.

Now is a good time to spray Glyphosate products such as 'Roundup' to kill weeds and grasses in brick patios and walks.

Give the lawn a quick acting summer feed with a fertiliser especially if not given a spring feed.

Continue succession sowing of carrots, beetroot, radishes, turnips, leeks, lettuce, peas and beans.

Sow seeds for next year: spring cabbage, salad onions, winter salads, spinach.

Net brassicas and fruit to protect them from birds and/or cabbage butterflies. Clear away weeds regularly as they compete with your crops for nutrients and water. Clear away any diseased and spent foliage on and around vegetable plants to keep them healthy.

Tie in tomatoes, pinching out any side shoots as you go.

Resist the temptation to harvest more rhubarb stems. This allows the plant to build up reserves for next year.

Prune your plum, cherry and peach trees now to reduce the risk of getting silver leaf disease. Continue to feed all fruiting and vegetable plants in containers with a high potash liquid feed such as `Tomato Plant Food`.

Remember: Make time to relax and enjoy your garden whenever the weather allows. Garden furniture is an important part of the landscape of your 'outdoor garden room'. Again choose furnishings that reflect the taste of the occupants and style of the house. Mismatched tables and chairs and brightly painted benches can look well in some settings and untidy in others while coordinated furniture might look classy in one home and out of place in another. Subtle lighting can be very effective. Avoid over lighting. If your garden is not wired for power there is no need to worry. Consider using solar lights. We all know how well pots look in the garden but have you considered painting your old plastic pots and planting them with plants of co-ordinating colours. Wooden planters also look warm and less harsh than some of the concrete types and more expensive looking than the plastic planters. Take time when decorating your garden and add features that reflect your own personality.

Do not be afraid to be a little bold with your ideas.

Your Mind is a Garden. Your thoughts are the Seeds You can grow Flowers or you can grow Weeds.

Easy Grilled Salmon with Basil Buttere& Broccolini

Ingredients

- 2 (6-8 ounce) salmon filets, skin removed
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2-3 basil leaves,minced
- 1 garlic glove, minced
- 6 ounces broccolini
- 1-2 teaspoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method

- For the compound butter, place the butter into a small microwave safe bowl and microwave for 10-15 seconds. Mash in minced basil and half of the garlic until well combined. Place onto a small sheet of tinfoil and roll, doing your best to reshape into a log. Place in the fridge until ready to serve.
- 2. Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. Season both sides of the salmon filets with salt and pepper to taste and set aside. Place the broccolini in a medium bowl and toss with olive oil and remaining garlic. Set aside.
- 3. Lightly brush the grilling surface with olive oil and grill salmon for 5-6 minutes per side for medium. At the same time, add the broccolini, occasionally turning until slightly charred and golden, about 10-12 minutes.
- Serve each salmon filet topped with a slice of basil butter and a side of grilled broccolini.

Vegetable kabobs

Ingredients:

- 2 cups cremini mushrooms
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into chunks
- 1 red onion, cut into chunks
- 1 zucchini, sliced into thick rounds
- 1 yellow zucchini, sliced into thick rounds

For the marinade

- * 1/4 cup olive oil
- * 3 gloves garlic, pressed
- * Juice of 1 lemon
- * 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- * 1/2 tsp dried basil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C)
- 2. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, garlic, lemon juice, oregano and basil season with salt and pepper to taste.
- 3. Thread mushrooms, tomatoes, bell peppers, onion and zucchini onto skewers. Place skewers onto a baking sheet. Brush olive oil mixture onto the skewers and let sit for 10 -15 minutes.
- 4. Place into oven and roast until tender, about 10 -12 minutes.
- 5. Serve immediately.
- * These can be grilled over medium high heat, about 5-6 minutes per side.

 Grilled or roasted, they are easy to whip up and give you your daily serving of veggies.

 Feel free to serve them as a light lunch or as a side dish to any meal.

Watermelon-Feta and mint salad bites

Ingredients:

- * Watermelon
- Feta cheese
- * 3-4 fresh mint leaves, sliced thinly
- 1/4 cup extra virgin oil
- * 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- * 1/2 tsp honey
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Method

- Slice and cube the watermelon and cheese into bite-sized squares. Thread a piece of each on toothpicks.
- 2. Combine the salt, pepper, honey, lemon juice and vinegar in a bowl and whisk the olive oil into it to create a simple dressing.
- 3. Drizzle a bit of the dressing onto a serving plate. Arrange the watermelon and cheese on the plate.
- 4. Sprinkle slices of mint over top. Drizzle a little more dressing over the top of the bites and serve immediately.







FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON DORIS DAY: TRIBUTE TO A MOVIE LEGEND



When Doris Mary Kappelhoff departed this world last May, she left behind a rich legacy. The star of nearly 40 movies and singer of more than 650 songs in her lifetime, Doris Day was quite simply a national treasure and American sweetheart.

Que Sera, Ques Sera was not only Doris Day's most popular song, it could have been the anthem to her life story as well. Doris was the all-American, blonde, fresh-faced, girl next door star who charmed film audiences worldwide during the heyday of Hollywood. Unlike the sexy allure of a Marilyn Monroe or Grace Kelly, Day's appeal was of the wholesome, freckle-faced variety. Her vivacious personality and golden voice made her a major box-office draw throughout the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.



The Girl Next Door

Doris Day was easily one of the most bankable stars of her era. Just her name on a billboard could guarantee instant box-office success. The bubbly star had a glittering Hollywood career and universal popularity. On screen, Doris Day never failed to find love and romance. Off screen, the actress was not so lucky. She married four times and was treated very badly by her husbands. In later years Doris became an animal welfare activist retreating to a house in California and surrounding herself with her beloved animals.

Early Years

Doris Day began her career as a big band singer in the 1940s. An early car accident in which her right leg was shattered put paid to any hopes of being a professional dancer. It took months for Doris to recover. She passed the time singing along to the radio and, as she put it, 'discovered a talent I didn't know I had'. Day later recalled being heavily influenced by Ella Fitzgerald - 'I'd sing along with her, trying to catch the subtle ways she shaded her voice, the casual yet clean way she sang the words'.

Her mother arranged singing lessons for Doris which led to sessions on a local radio station, where she was heard by the bandleader Barney Rapp. Doris's honey-toned vocals made an impact from the start. She began work with Rapp in 1939. After being impressed by Doris's rendition of *Day after Day*, he persuaded the young singer to change her surname from Kappelhoff to the more marquee-friendly stage name of Day. Doris went on to became one of the most popular singers of her generation. Next to Frank Sinatra, Day was 'the best in the business on selling a lyric,' band leader Les Brown said in the autobiography (*Doris Day: Her Own Story*). Praise indeed for the young Doris Day. The singer's No 1 hit in

1945, *Sentimental Journey*, recorded with Brown's *Band of Renown* became an unofficial homecoming theme for many WW2 soldiers. More than 50 years later, Day's version of the song made it into the *Grammy Hall of Fame*.



Hollywood Beckons

By the time she left Brown in 1946, Doris had become one of the highest-paid female vocalists in the world with a string of chart hits. Doris Day's career really took off when she entered the movie world even though, in her own words, 'Acting in films had never so much as crossed (her) mind.' But Day proved a natural, taking to the world of acting with ease and poise. Her sunny smile and disposition, lilting voice and butter-cup coloured hair made her a perfect choice for the breezy screen musicals of the 1940s and 1950s. In several Warner Brothers musicals, Day lit up the screen with spirited, wide-eyed, innocence and enthusiasm.



The 1950s produced some of her best screen performances in classic musicals, comedies and dramas. She was frequently paired with Hollywood's heavy-weight actors of the period like Clark Gable (*Teacher's Pet*), James Cagney (*Love Me or Leave Me*), Kirk Douglas (*Young Man With a Horn*), Frank Sinatra, (*Young At Heart*) James Stewart (*The Man Who Knew Too Much*). No mean feat for the young singer/actress. However, Doris found the experience of working with Hitchcock on *The Man Who Knew Too Much* intimidating. The movie did produce one of her most famous and enduring songs, the Oscar-winning **Que Sera, Sera** though.



Love Me or Leave Me in particular showcased Day's dramatic ability as the real life 1920s torch singer, Ruth Etting. Doris equalled James Cagney's powerful performance as Etting's abusive gangster husband, surely drawing on her own troubled private life with men. The film was a critical and box-office success. Cagney lavished his co-star with praise saying that Day had 'the ability to project the simple, direct statement of a simple, direct idea without cluttering it.' Doris thought it was her best screen performance and the film's producer, Joe Pasternak was shocked that star did not even get an Oscar nomination for her stunning portrayal.

The Golden Musicals

Doris's exuberant personality lit up many lightweight musicals of the 1940s. In 1953, Day gave one of her most memorable screen performances as the tom-boyish, gun-toting Wild West heroine, *Calamity Jane*. This musical is indelibly associated with Doris

Day's particular brand of joyful exuberance and agility. She literally fills the screen as the awkward, shy but gutsy frontierswoman. Day belts out a string of hit numbers like *The Deadwood Stage* and *Just Blew in from the Windy City* with energetic gusto. In her quieter moments, she serenades the audience with beautiful renditions of the Oscar-winning *Secret Love* and *The Black Hills of Dakota*. Musical regular, Howard Keel is in terrific form as Calamity's sparring partner and love interest, Wild Bill Hickok.

Doris Day also starred in April in Paris and the lively musical The



Pajama Game. The latter movie was an adaptation of the Broadway show by George Abbott and Stanley Donen. Day is in fine sparky form as 'Babe' Williams, a Union Rep for the Pajama Factory where workers' demands for a seven-and-a-half cent raise are being ignored. It's another movie that highlights Day's unique singing talent as she warbles classic numbers such as I'm Not at All in Love and Hey There

The Rock Hudson Years

Day remained one of the top box-office stars in the US into the 1960s. On screen her persona took on a more sophisticated, mature woman of the world guise. In these roles Day was constantly defending her honour, asserting her independence from womanising men, in a series of sparkling battle-of-the-sexes romantic comedies.



Doris struck up a great screen partnership and cinematic gold with Hollywood heartthrob, Rock Hudson in risqué (for their time) 60s comedies such as Pillow Talk, Lover Come Back and Send me no Flowers. It was inspired casting and the two stars shared a unique chemistry on screen and a lasting friendship off screen. Hudson said of Doris - 'I suppose she was so clean-cut, with perfect teeth, freckles an turned-up nose, that people just thought she fitted the concept of a virgin'. Doris would later assert in her autobiography that the public image of her as a 'wholesome virgin, the girl next door, carefree and brimming with happiness' was 'more make-believe than any film part (she) had ever played.' Day displayed a real flair for comedy in these 60s films with Rock Hudson. She played variations of this role in That Touch of Mink with Cary Grant; Move Over, Darling and The Thrill of It All with James Garner. However, none of these later leading men matched the amazing chemistry she had had with Hudson.

In 1968, Doris retired from show business for good. Third husband and manager, Martin Melcher, died suddenly having embezzled all of Doris Day's earnings, leaving her bankrupt. In 2004, there was further heartbreak for Doris when her only son, Terry Melcher died. Day paid homage to him by releasing *My Heart*, an album of unreleased tracks. Doris's great friend, Rock Hudson also died of AIDS in the 1980s. During the last decades of her life, the actress devoted herself to animal welfare. She ran the *Doris Day Animal League* from her home in California, filling her house with stray animals rescued from the streets. It was fitting as the vivacious, charming star of a bygone era stated that she 'never met an animal I didn't like, and I can't say the same about people.' Rest easy Doris Kappelhoff...





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Big Day for the Town!

FAI Extra.ie Senior Cup 1st Round Maynooth University Town v Waterford FC Sunday 11th August 3pm Rathcoffey Road

Admission prices: Adults: €10 Senior Citizens/Students: €5 Under 16's: Free

Sunday 11th August 2019 is a historic day for Maynooth Town Football Club -when our club seniors, Maynooth University Town meet Waterford F.C. in the 1st Round of the FAI Extra.ie Senior Cup.

Our collaboration and partnership with Maynooth University at senior level, has raised the standards of club senior football and provided a pathway for our young players at club and college, to play at the highest level on days like these.

What a day for club, university and town, celebrating our 50th year as a club with the biggest home game ever! We are expecting a capacity crowd at our club venue Rathcoffey Road.

It will be a big challenge against premier opposition Waterford FC. The Town are still in pre-season mode, having won promotion to Leinster Senior League top flight but will be to be ready for the day.

While the team prepare for the game, behind the scenes lots of work is going on to meet FAI requirements.

With limited parking available on site we would urge as many people as possible to walk to the venue, a distance of 2.4km from Main Street.

Stay tuned to Maynooth Town FC Facebook page for further match details and arrangements closer to the date.



Work commences on one of the requirements to host the big game. Foundations are being laid for dug-outs for the 4th Official and the teams.



Please keep Maynooth clean and tidy as National Tidy Towns judging commenced on 8th June and will continue until the end of August.



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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Firstly we would like to thank all those who supported our collections in Tesco, Supervalu and Manor Mills last month and also the management of the three centres for allowing us to collect. Like everything else our costs are going up, particularly heating oil, and the income from these collections are a great help towards those expenses. We are currently on the lookout for a Main Sponsor to help with these costs and if you or anyone you know would like to talk to us please



contact Paddy on 087 2537 906. We have a number of high profile events already planned for next year and a sponsor can be assured of wide exposure at all of these.

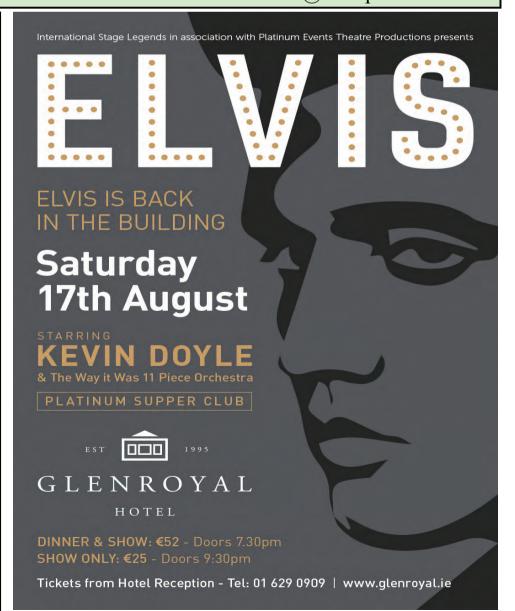
The big event last month was our trip to a band competition in Limerick University on July 27th where we were competing against local and American bands, hopefully we will have news on it next month Newsletter.

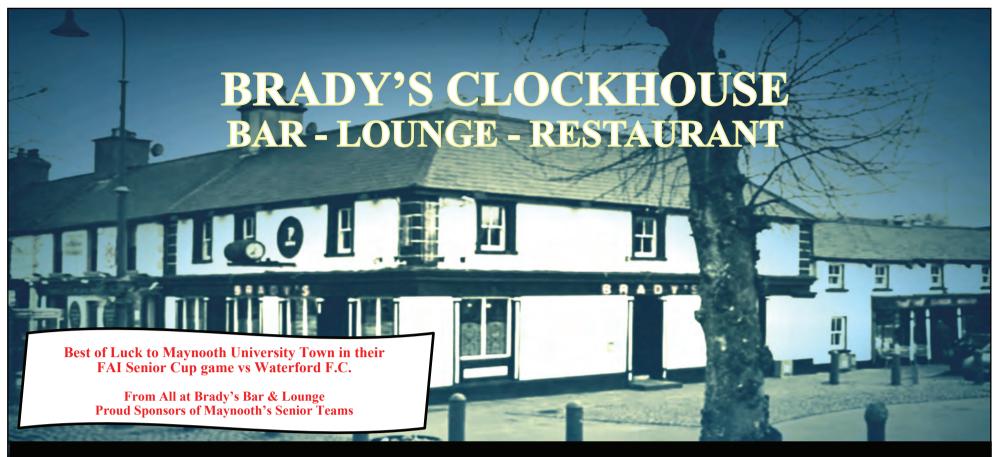
Because the Band has been so busy we are closing for holidays until Monday 12th August to prepare for Culture Night in the Church of Ireland on 20th September and our joint Concert with the Garda Band in October, more news on these next month.



We extend a warm invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to feel free on Monday nights (bank holidays excepted) to join us in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 7.45 and 9.45 where you will be made most welcome. In recent months we have had players from Lucan, Celbridge and Mullingar come to join us. We are a very welcoming band, we have an excellent conductor and we have a very busy programme over the next year.

You can call Paddy on 087 2537 906 if you need any further information.





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7 th	Tom Flatley (28)	30pts
8 th	Brendan Bean (23)	29ptsB9
9 th	John Muray (26)	29pts
10 th	Eamonn Murphy (16)	29pts
Visitors	Darren Harrington (15)	34pts
F9	John Thompson	16pts
B9	John Carroll	16pts
NP	Eamonn Murphy	

Paul Farrelly

Next Outing is to Trim on Saturday the 17th of August

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

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

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

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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Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage -

www.maynoothcep.com.

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

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

Editorial Board Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 20th August 2019

Editorial

As a community activist for almost thirty years, I have been involved in many local organisations in Maynooth, Countywide and National including a number of statutory bodies. I had the pleasure of serving as the inaugural Chairperson of the "County Kildare Heritage Forum" which launched and implemented the first formal heritage plan for County Kildare.

The Heritage Plan 2005-2011 which was funded by national and local funding agencies including Kildare County Council included a broad range of initiatives covering the tangible - our historical sites, buildings, monuments, artefacts and archives, the natural - our waterways, landscapes, woodlands, bogs, uplands, native wildlife, insects, plants, trees, birds and animals and the intangible - our customs, sports, music, dance, folklore, crafts, skills, and knowledge.

The projects were delivered over the life of the plan with annual funding secured for specific projects under the various initiatives.

"Heritage Week 2019" takes place from 17th -25th August and this is the fourteenth year of the event since the Heritage Council first began co-ordinating the week in 2005. This year The Heritage Council's chosen theme for Heritage Week is the celebration of Pastimes and Past Times.

Maynooth University (Russell Library) will host an exciting exhibition 18th and 19th Century Pastimes on the 19th/21st/22nd August from 10am -5pm with tours on an hourly basis up to 4pm. There is free access to public sites during Heritage Week so you should check out the local events on www.heritageweek.ie.

Of course despite the formally recognised importance of our heritage there is no doubt that there continues to be a threat to many aspects of our heritage. It is really important that we instill in future generations the value and importance of our heritage.

As well as the more obvious heritage in Maynooth such as Maynooth Castle, Carton Avenue Lime Tree Walk and the Royal Canal, Maynooth Town Centre with the narrow back streets remains one of the best planned landlord towns in Ireland when these cottages were built as housing for the staff working in Carton House and Estate.

All at the Maynooth Newsletter & Maynooth Community Employment Project extend their "Best Wishes" to Maynooth University Town Football Club in their FAI Senior Cup match against Waterford F.C. on Sunday 11th August 2019 in the Rathcoffey Road. The Rathcoffey Road facilities are maintained by participants of the Maynooth Community Employment Project and we are proud to play our part in such an historic game in Maynooth.

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Main Street Footpaths Must be Upgraded:

At KCC Maynooth MD meeting on July 5th Cllr Angela Feeney asked the Council to confirm when the new footpath will be laid between Fitzgerald, Brady, O'Flaherty, Estate Agents and The Square, Maynooth and what the plans are for replacing the rest of the footpath on Main Street. The Council stated it is currently liaising with Irish Public Bodies (IPB), in relation to approval of a proposal to renew the footpaths in this location. The funding allocation will determine the volume of works which can be undertaken. It is envisaged that the initial section will be tendered in Quarter 3, 2019. Cllr Feeney commented at the MD that this work was supposed to be have been done last year, funded by the Council's Insurer. She welcomed the report but requested more information on the design and details of the type of path being laid? She asked if the same type of material will be used in the refurbishment of the Square for which the MD made 200k available this year. Will the new footpaths be the same as the ones being laid in Celbridge at the moment, which look great. The area engineer confirmed the footpaths in Maynooth would be the same as in Celbridge, ash coloured and that there would be continuity throughout the Main Street and the Square. Cllr Feeney added that if there is not enough funding from IPM the Pay Parking surplus can be used next year and following years.

Cllr Feeney response to Motion on Free Pay Parking on Saturdays in Mavnooth.

Cllr Feeney stated that she would not support this motion. Pay parking is working well in Maynooth and she has seen how it has benefited residents, visitors and businesses in the town. Offering free Saturday parking would clog up parking spaces and work against the locals and business people of Maynooth. If pay parking is a good idea from Monday to Friday it is even more so on a Saturday. If this would benefit people of Maynooth Cllr Feeney would be the first to support it but it would not. This will benefit those who want to leave our town to shop, leave our town to work and leave our town to eat. As one business representative said this would become a 'free park and ride facility for Dublin'. Pay parking has also encouraged people who live in close proximity of the town to walk and cycle more. Saturday is the busiest day for the town and there are ample car parking spaces, one car park on Leinster street is never full. I surveyed business representatives and they are against it. The pay-parking bye-laws will be subject to an overall review in the coming years.

Celbridge Road Footpath and Cycle Lane:

Where the safety of children going to the schools on the Celbridge Road is concerned, finding a solution that works best for all is at heart here. In response to Cllr Durkan's motion on this, Cllr Feeney agreed that safety comes first and that we do not want to wait for a serious accident to move on this. Cllr Feeney suggested that it would be preferable to put a cycle path on the other side of the Celbridge Road given that the Council has rezoned land for housing the whole length of the road up to the Schools. Land would be available free of charge as a result of the re-zoning. The added benefit of any proposed work on the Lawrence Avenue side would be to improve the drainage (Lawrence Avenue floods regularly), the retention and replacement of trees and hedging. The proposal is going for public consultation and allows for all views to be captured through submissions via KCC website or at KCC, Corporate Services, Naas. Have your say!

Carton Avenue

Cllr Feeney asked if the Council is going to get the Developer to narrow the 4m wide 'bridge' as it is a complete eyesore at present and detracts from the beauty of the Avenue. The Avenue is a heritage site it is one of the few tranquil places left in what is becoming a more urban landscape in Maynooth and there are concerns about future openings of a similar nature. While accessibility and permeability is important, nobody has ever had a problem with this as evidenced by previous smaller more discreet openings onto the Avenue which happened almost without being noticed - it is the scale of this that is at issue. The Council stated that the recommendation at the April 12th meeting to narrow the bridge was noted but as the matter is an executive function, no change can take place. Cllr Feeney voiced her disappointment and said the matter would not go away. She also stated that a letter was sent by a member of CAPS to the Department and the reply states that a Part 8 was required for the bridge.

Cllr Feeney's Clinic

Cllr Feeney will be holding a monthly clinic commencing in September to offer assistance with any personal or local issues you may have. Further details will issue soon.

Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh.

Maynooth University and St Patrick's College win 2019 Green Flag Award

Maynooth is the first university campus in the Republic of Ireland to receive the award

Maynooth University campus and St Patrick's College, Maynooth, were awarded the prestigious 2019 Green Flag Awards for Parks and Green Spaces, following the recent expansion of the international excellence accreditation to university campuses and historic cemeteries.

Maynooth is the first university campus in the Republic of Ireland to receive the award.

More than 250 park and garden staff, volunteers, and enthusiasts gathered to witness this year's event, held in Maynooth University's Aula Maxima Hall.

Awarded for meeting exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management and excellence of visitor attractions, the Green Flag Award for Parks and Green Spaces is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world.

A new entrant and winner for the first time, Maynooth University and St Patrick's College in Maynooth, County Kildare, also provided this year's venue to celebrate the 60 Irish Parks and Gardens from across the Republic of Ireland who are receiving their 2019 Green Flags.

Coordinated by An Taisce Environment Education, the 2019 awards were open to public town parks, country parks, gardens, cemeteries, and green spaces from across the whole country.

Dr Joe Larragy, Chair of Maynooth Green Campus, said: "We are delighted and honoured that Maynooth University and St Patrick's



College Maynooth, who share the campus, were selected to host this year's awards in association with An Taisce

"Maynooth Green Campus extends its congratulations to Stephen Seaman and his team in the Maynooth campus grounds department, to staff and student volunteers, on winning the Green flag for Parks and Green Spaces. "This is another milestone following the award of the Green Campus Flag in 2018 to Maynooth Green Campus, a partnership between Maynooth University, St Patricks College, and Trócaire, for its work on water, waste, energy, travel & transport, biodiversity and climate justice", he added.

Of a total 17 countries whose parks met the standard this year, there were more Green Flag Awards secured by Irish parks and gardens than by any country, other than the UK where the scheme originated in 1996.

This year participating countries included: Australia, Belgium, England, Finland, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Maynooth Scotland, Spain, University Sweden, Turkey,

United Arab Emirates

and Wales.



Royal Canal Amenity Group

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MID SUMMER WALK

The mid summer walk took place on mid-summers day 21st June 2019. This walk which takes place between Ashtown and Castleknock is organised in the main by the Spaine family from Ashtown. The walk commenced at 7.15 pm and the walkers walked to the twelfth lock. Here the walkers were greeted by chairman Mr Matt Kennedy after which they availed of light refreshments including strawberries and cream. A local traditional group provided entertainment for the walkers

Chief organiser Mr Noel Spaine addressed the crowd and thanked them for participation and support. Noel, one of our longest serving members has been organising this walk for a long number of years.

ROYAL CANAL TOUR

Booking for this tour has now closed and final preparations are now being completed. It promises to be an enjoyable trip so good luck and enjoy to all taking part.

HERITAGE WALKS

The annual heritage walks take place in early August and members of the Royal Canal Amenity Group will be conducting guided walks on both the Royal and Grand Canals. Walks on the Royal commence at Binns Bridge Drumcondra, while walks on the Grand commence at Mount Street Bridge.



Noel Spaine addresses the walkers **Photo: Janet Leech**



Walkers enjoying the walk. **Photo: Janet Leech**

Full details and times are available on our website at www.royalcanal.ie.



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Tender Report Awaited for Maynooth Education Campus - Stagg

Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the appointment of a contractor to complete the Construction of the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

7 contractors were invited to tender for the completion of the Education Campus by the revised closing date of June 11th last.

The Minister has now advised Mr. Stagg that the assessment of the Tenders by the Design Team is now complete and that the Tender Report is awaited from the Design Team. Once the Tender Report is approved by KWETB it will be issued to the Department for

The Minister concluded that it is expected that the successful contractor will recommence work on site in Quarter 3, 2019 and the two new schools and Shared Sports Facility will be available for occupation prior to September 2020.

Labour's Emmet Stagg has vowed to keep the pressure on the Minister and KWETB until we get the completion works actually started on the ground.

New Maynooth Gaelscoil to Open in September on Interim Basis at Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich

Following the refusal of Planning Permission on June 21st last for the New Gaelscoil in Maynooth to be located in Temporary Buildings at the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Labour's Emmet Stagg was in contact with the Minister for Education and Skills to ensure that the Department assisted An Foras Patrunachta in securing alternative accommodation to ensure that the School would open this September.

The Minister has now advised Mr. Stagg that his Department has been in constant contact with the Patron Body, An Foras Patrunachta concerning a number of interim arrangements to ensure the New School opens for September 2019. The Minister further advised Mr. Stagg that An Foras Patrunachta have made interim arrangements for the school to open in accommodation in Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth and that parents of enrolled children have been notified of the position.

Welcoming the news that the New Gaelscoil opening will proceed Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that this will come as a relief to the parents of the pupils enrolled and he congratulated the Patron on successfully remedying the position in a short time frame.

Further Mill Street Apartment Proposal in Pipeline as Consultation Commences with An Bord Pleanala

Emmet Stagg has stated that a further proposal for the development of apartments on Mill Street, Maynooth, adjacent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, is in the pipeline and that the Community of Maynooth must remain vigilant in relation to the proposals given the prominent location of the site.

The previous proposal was for 135 apartments ranging from 3 storey's fronting Mill Street, to 4 to 5 storey's to the rear and was comprehensively refused planning permission by An Bord Pleanala.

The applicants have commenced a Consultation with An Bord Pleanala in relation to a proposal for 120 apartments at the site under the Strategic Housing Development Rules.

It is not possible for members of the Public to make submissions at this stage, but An Bord Pleanala will form an opinion as to whether the documents submitted by the applicants constitute a reasonable basis for an application or whether further consideration or amendment to the documents is required. They would have went through this process with the previous ill-fated planning application previously.

An Bord Pleanala are due to issue their opinion by 28th August next and at that stage the applicants will, presumably lodge a planning application where members of the Public can have their say on the proposals.

Emmet Stagg stated that the prominent site was in close proximity to St. Mary's Church which is a protected structure and any development of the site would be highly visible from the Lyreen River and Lyreen Area of Maynooth, and because of this it must respect the Character of the Town Centre.

Permission Granted for Additional 34 Car Parking Spaces at Maynooth Train Station Will Bring Total Spaces Available to 257

Kildare North Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council on July 2nd to grant planning permission for the provision of an additional 34 car parking spaces at Maynooth Train Station adjacent to Bond Bridge.

The decision is welcome as Iarnrod Eireann commenced work on Monday July 8th last on an extension on the south side of the Station providing an additional 38 car parking spaces. It is anticipated that this work will take 14 weeks to complete.

Construction on the extension, which has just been granted planning permission, is expected to commence in the Autumn and with both extensions it will bring the total number of car parking spaces available at Maynooth Train Station to 257.

In addition to the additional car parking, Mr. Stagg stated that an additional 65 bicycle parking spaces are also being provided bringing the total to 109 bicycle parking spaces at the Train Station.

Emmet Stagg stated that the provision of the additional car parking and bicycle parking spaces at Maynooth Train Station will go some way towards relieving the existing pressure for spaces at the Station.

Negotiations at Advanced Stage for Purchase of Extra 41 Rail Carriages - Stagg

Emmet Stagg has been pressing Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the provision of additional capacity on existing services on the Maynooth to Connolly Line.

Two options are being looked at to provide extra capacity, before the Major Fleet Order announced last May, the Purchase of 41 additional rail carriages from the manufacturer of the 2007-2012 fleet, and the possibility of securing second hand carriages through purchase or lease.

In relation to the purchase of 41 additional carriages, Iarnrod Eireann have advised Mr. Stagg, that they are at an advanced stage of negotiation with an existing supplier for an extra 41 rail carriages, which will enable them to increase capacity on a number of Commuter and Intercity services.

Subject to the completion of negotiations, and the approval of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, these extra carriages will enter service in late 2021.

Concerning the possible purchase or lease of second hand carriages, Iarnrod Eireann have advised Mr. Stagg that this option is being evaluated, given the modifications involved to the fleet to deal with the different track gauge in Ireland and that an outcome of this evaluation is expected in the coming months, which will establish if this option is viable, and the timescales for any fleet acquisition and modifications required.

Emmet Stagg stated that whilst both options will take some time to deliver extra capacity to the Maynooth Line they must be looked at and everything possible to improve capacity must be done by Iarnrod Eireann.

Resurfacing of M4 Will Reduce Noise from Motorway Traffic in Maynooth and Kilcock

Labour's Emmet Stagg has welcomed the publication of Notices of Temporary Closures both Eastbound and Westbound between Junction 6 Celbridge and Junction 8 Kilcock on the M4 between Mid August and Mid October for resurfacing of the Motorway, as the new tarmacadam is a low noise surface.

Mr. Stagg stated that the current surface on the M4 dates from 1994 and that both himself and former Co. Councillor John McGinley had sought the provision of Low Noise Tarmacadam for a number of years.

Mr. Stagg stated that he had pointed out to Transport Infrastructure Ireland that the M4 as it passed Maynooth and Kilcock is defined as a major road under the Environmental Noise Directive and Environmental Noise Regulations and had traffic volumes 5 times the threshold.

The Noise from the constant traffic has had a serious impact on residents in Maynooth and Kilcock living near the Motorway. In February 2018 TII indicated to Mr. Stagg that they were currently reviewing pavement conditions on this stretch of Motorway, which would assist them in the preparation of future works programmes and the prioritisation of necessary road pavement works.

Mr. Stagg stated that the Municipal Engineer has now confirmed to him that TII have indicated that a low noise surface Stone Mastic Asphalt is being used in the resurfacing. This stated Mr. Stagg should bring some relief from the noise to residents in Maynooth and Kilcock living near the Motorway.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that if following the installation of the Low Noise Surface there continues to be an unacceptable noise emission from the Motorway Traffic he will work with newly elected Cllr. Angela Feeney in seeking the provision of noise reduction barriers at residential areas adjacent to the M4.



Eat well Drink
well and Exercise
well over the
Summer

The key messages from Healthy Food for Life are: **Eat** more vegetables, salad and fruit - up to seven servings a day.

Limit intake of high fat, sugar and salt in food and drinks.

Size matters: use the Food Pyramid as a guide for serving sizes.

Increase your physical activity levels.

Small changes can make a big difference... so start today!

Healthy eating for kids

We all want our kids to have the best possible start in life so getting their diet right is of huge *importance*. Children are better at making changes when the whole family do it together.

Knowing how much food to give your child can be difficult as it can depend on their age and activity levels. Portion size is a good place to start and is something you can introduce gradually for everyone in the family.

As a rule of thumb, a 5-year old should eat about half the amount that an adult does. Many adults eat larger portions than they need also. Try giving everyone smaller portions on their plates to start with and they can have more after if they're still hungry. Using smaller plates, for children and adults, can help.

Cooking healthy meals

Dinner is a busy time in any house. After a long day at work or school, preparing a healthy dinner when you are hungry and tired might be the last thing you feel like doing.

Many recipes can be made healthy without losing the taste. Here are a few tips that will help you adapt your favourite recipes to reduce fat, sugar, salt, calories and increase fibre without changing your diet radically

Cut down on fats: if frying, use a non-stick pan and less oil than the recipe suggests

Cut down on salt: replace salt with alternative seasonings such as pepper, herbs, spices, lemon juice, vinegar or mustard

Sauces and dips: choose tomato-based sauces and replace cream, whole milk and sour cream with semi-skimmed and skimmed milk, or low-fat yoghurt

Cheese: use strongly flavoured cheeses like mature cheddar or blue cheese in savoury dishes - you can use less and still get all the flavour

What you drink matters too

The amount of fluid we need depends on how active we are and how warm it is. To stay healthy, we should drink at least 8 cups or 1.6 litres per day. Water and milk are the best choices. Get into the habit of drinking water with all meals and carry it as a thirst quencher. Still water is kinder to teeth than sparkling varieties.

Drinking a large glass of wine is like eating a slice of pizza, when it comes to calories. If you drink a lot, it's likely to have an impact on your weight over time, as well as your general health.

Losing weight

When trying to lose weight people often focus on one thing, the pounds or the kilogrammes lost. But you can be more successful if you focus on eating healthier foods, and being more active will lead to keeping the weight off.

Some tips are:

Keep track of your food intake, it will make you aware of your eating habits and will help you spot

problem areas

Planning and setting goals is crucial to your success Rewarding your success will help keep you motivated.

Keep up the exercise regime

Before you hide those running shoes in the wardrobe, remember summer exercise doesn't have to stop because of the rising temperatures. On very hot days, change your exercise plan and take it indoors. Take a class, or try an online workout. It's best not to workout in the blazing sunshine, but on a cooler day there's nothing to stop you heading out for a run or bike ride – take plenty of water and wear SPF (see p13 in Newsletter)

Beware of 'healthy' smoothies

Fruit smoothies are a great way to get keep refreshed throughout the summer, but watch out for smoothies made with frozen yoghurts, ice cream or too much fruit, as they're loaded with



hidden calories! A better option is a green smoothie, made with both fruit and veggies – still sweet and delicious, but much lower in sugar.

Tackle hay fever

Summer can be unbearable at times for hay fever sufferers. Make sure you vacuum and clean your home regularly to get rid of excess pollen, and try to shower and change clothes after you've been outside.

Sadly there's no miracle treatment, but get to your pharmacy to stock up on anti-histamine products and nasal sprays. Streaming eyes? Sunglasses are your friend!





Saturday & Sunday Markets

Every Saturday and Sunday Markets set up and spring to life in a flourish of fresh fruit, crafts and scrumptious ethnic foods. There is a wonderful selection of foods from around the world as well as local & speciality foods, so you are sure to find something to suit your taste.

If its crafts that you are interested in then you will find an abundance of handmade goods from hand-made jewellery, paintings, clothes and more. Why not spend the day at one of these markets in the midst of a lively thriving market environment.

Dublin Markets

- Temple Bar Food Market: Sat 10:00-16:30 on Meeting House Square www.facebook.com/TempleBarFoodMarket/
- Honest2Goodness Market: Sat 09:00-15:00 in Dublin Ind. Estate, Glasnevin www.facebook.com/GlasnevinMarket/
- Bushy Park Market: Sat 10:00-16:00 in Bushy Park, Terenure www.facebook.com/bushyparkmarket/
- Red Stables Market: Sat 10:00-16:00 at the Red Stables in St. Anne's Park, Raheney www.facebook.com/RedStablesMarket/

- The Super Natural Food Market: Sat 09:00-15:00 at St. Andrews Resource Centre in Pearse Street www.facebook.com/thesupernaturalfoodmarket
- Marley Park Market: Sat 10:00-16:00 / Sun 11:00-16:00 Grange Road, Rathfarnham www.dlrcoco.ie/en/parks-outdoors/markets/marlay-park-market
- Dun Laoghaire People's Park Market: Sun 11:00-16:00 People's Park, Dun Laoghaire www.dlrcoco.ie/en/parks-outdoors/markets/peoples-

Kildare Markets

- Naas Farmers Market is situated behind Trax Brasserie, just off Friary Lane in Naas, Co. Kildare. Open every Saturday 10:00-1500
- Castletown Celbridge Co. Kildare
 The Castletown Markets and Craft Fairs will
 take place in the recently restored Stable Wing
 and Courtyard on the last Sunday of the Month
 between May and October (11am-5pm).



Great stalls, great music, great staff, a perfect day.

 $(courtesy\ of\ www.dublinkildaremarkets.ie)$



Small Adverts/Local Services



THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

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

Thanksgiving for favour received

Never known to fail Thanksgiving K.M.

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Blanchardstown Hospital Link needed on 139 Orbital Bus Route says O'Rourke Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has pressed for additional services to be provided on the orbital bus Route 139, including a link to Blanchardstown Hospital.

'Last year, after my persistent campaign, Bus Route 139, linking Naas to Blanchardstown via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, commenced. Since then, the route has attracted additional number of passengers.

"There is a growing demand for this bus service as it links significant population and activity centres, and we need it now to connect to Blanchardstown. There are nine services each way, seven days a week, with first departures at 07.15 and last departures at 22.35."

"I have made representations to the NTA to have this service connect to Blanchardstown Hospital. I also believe that we need to increase the frequency of the bus service. Once we have a regular and reliable bus service, we will continue to attract additional passenger numbers."

"I will continue to fight for a better public transport services for North Kildare and I believe that linking Route 139 to Blanchardstown Hospital will be another incremental improvement to the services we have" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Departure of Leisure Insurer from market puts businesses and jobs in Kildare at risk - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has said the Government must hold an emergency meeting with the insurance industry amid reports that Leisure Insure is departing the Irish insurance market.

Deputy O'Rourke commented, "Leisure Insure have been providing insurance to the sport, leisure and entertainment industries in Ireland and the UK for more than 20 years and their departure will be devastating to the leisure and recreational sectors."

"We have all heard stories over the past year of play centre owners and entertainment companies going out of business due to extortionate insurance and public liability premiums so unfortunately this does not come as a surprise."

"What we're talking about here are activities such as paintball, bouncy castles and other inflatables, airsoft sites and indoor and outdoor adventure centres. Places where our children go to have fun and enjoy themselves with friends."

"However, as a result of a high number of claims, many insurance providers won't even cover the leisure and recreational sectors. Leisure Insure is one of the last remaining firms to provide this cover in Ireland and their departure from the market will put businesses and jobs at risk."

"The simple fact is that public liability insurance for the leisure industry is not an attractive business. Not one of the main insurers in the Irish market will provide cover to parts of the leisure industry. The failure of the government to implement insurance reform has led us to this crisis point.

"The Government needs to hold an immediate crisis meeting with the insurance industry in light of this decision to find a way of ensuring that viable businesses can continue to access insurance cover at reasonable rates," he concluded.

There must be deterrents for insurance fraud - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has said the shocking video clip released by the Alliance for Insurance Reform, of a woman placing a piece of glass in her mouth before pretending to choke in a pub in Kildare, is yet another horrific example of the need to tackle insurance fraud..

Deputy O'Rourke said that small businesses are continuing to suffer due to lack of Government action on the matter. He said there needs to be harsher sanctions on those who are convicted of insurance fraud.

He said, "This brazen and blatant attempt to defraud a business in Kildare is disgusting. It's a clear illustration of what small businesses up and down the country are up against. The individual should feel the full vigour of the law but unfortunately there is no practical way of prosecuting somebody for insurance fraud."

'For perpetrators, there is no downside or deterrent. Currently, the worst that can happen is that the case is simply thrown out. Of course, the defendant is often stuck with large legal expenses defending themselves against a fraudulent claim."

"Fianna Fáil is the only party which is pushing the insurance reform agenda and has

brought forward the majority of legislation relating to insurance during this Dáil term. Our Civil Liability and Courts (Amendment) Bill 2019 will ensure that those who bring fraudulent claims will have to pay the legal expenses for the defendant. This would at least ensure that they will not walk away scot-free when they are convicted", he concluded.

O'Rourke presses for noise reducing measure on M4.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Kildare County Council to provide for noise reducing measures on the M4.

"Over the years, there have been many calls for noise reducing measures to be provided on the M4 to deal with the concerns of people living in Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip."

"I have raised this point with Kildare County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and I am again calling on these parties to address this problem. As I have seen for myself, the noise being emitted from traffic from the M4 is excessive for people living adjacent to the M4 in Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip.'

"EU legislation, transposed into Irish Law, now governs the traffic generated noise and we need either to provide noise barriers or other noise reducing measure such as low noise surfacing to reduce the road noise being emitted from the M4."

Irish Mortgage rates too high says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has again called for Government action in relation to the high mortgage rates in Ireland as compared to the average EU rates.

"Irish banks are charging their customers higher mortgage rates, at a time when rates across the EU are falling. Irish Banks have increased the cost of taking out a mortgage, at a time when trends in Europe are lowering their rates."

"My understanding from the Central Bank is that Irish mortgage rates are the second most expensive in the EU. The April average interest rate on a new mortgage was 3.03pc, up from 3% in March. This compares with the average rate for the euro area of 1.7pc, down from 1.74pc in March."

To put this in real money terms, the average first-time buyer is paying an extra €154 a month for their mortgage, based on a loan of €225,000 paid back over 30 years.

"With our spokesperson on Finance, Michael McGrath TD, I continue to put pressure on the Government to deal with this inequality. I have repeatedly called on the Government to address the rising cost of living issues; such as Mortgage Rates and Insurance rates." 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. 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

"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. I will continue to advocate for this essential service to both the Minister for Health and the Minister of State for Older People", concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth
Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service
which provides a free and confidential service to the public.
Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the
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Question

I have a second property, which I would like to rent out to visitors for short stays? Are there any procedures I need to follow?

Answer

Yes, there are new regulations for short-term lettings that you may need to follow. These regulations came into effect on 1 July. They aim to bring properties used for short-term tourist lettings in Rent Pressure Zones (RPZs) back to the long-term rental market. The regulations cover people who let out property for short stays (less than 14 days) in RPZs, which are areas where rents are highest and rising quickly. The Residential Tenancies Board has a rent pressure zone calculator where you can check if your property is in an RPZ to see if the regulations apply to you. If your property is in an RPZ and you want to let it out on a short-term basis for the first

If your property is in an RPZ and you want to let it out on a short-term basis for the first time, you will need to get planning permission so it can be used for tourism and short-term letting purposes. If you are already renting your property on a short-term basis, you will need to apply for retention permission.

You apply for planning permission to the local planning authority, who will decide on your application within eight weeks. However, it should be noted that in areas of high housing demand, where there is high rent inflation, insufficient supply and lots of applications, it is unlikely that permission will be granted.

The regulations do not apply if your property is outside an RPZ. They also do not apply if your property is a holiday home, or is used for longer-term flexible lettings, or is a normal letting used for longer stays of more than 14 days.

The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government website has an FAQ document about the regulations, which includes further information.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre above.

Question

My Irish passport will expire soon. What is the easiest way to renew it?

Answer

There are a number of different ways to renew your passport. You can renew your passport online or by post or in person at a Passport Office.

The Online Renewal Service takes about 10 working days to process your application, if all your documents are in order. However, this does not include the time it will take for your passport to be delivered to you by post. An online renewal application for a standard 10-year passport costs €75.

You can submit a paper application using An Post's Passport Express service. It takes about 15 working days (if your application form is filled in correctly and your documents are in order). The application fee for a standard 10-year passport using this service costs €89.50.

During busy periods, for example, during the summer months, the Online Renewal Service and Passport Express service can have longer turn-around times. You can check current processing times on the Passport Service website.

If you are due to travel in less than 3 weeks, you can apply in person to the Passport Office in Dublin or Cork. You can't just drop-in, you need to book an appointment online. The Dublin Passport Office has a Rapid Renewal Service for adults and children who need to travel in less than 3 working days. This service costs more. You can book an appointment for this service online. If you cannot secure an urgent appointment online you should contact the **Passport Service on (01) 671 1633.**

The Passport Service recommends that you apply for your passport renewal at least 6 weeks before your planned travel date.

Marriage counselling, Child counselling in relation to parental separation, Marriage preparation, and Bereavement counselling and support.

General description of the Scheme

This is a non-statutory scheme of once-off grants to voluntary organisations providing the following services

Marriage counselling, Child counselling in relation to parental separation, Marriage preparation, and Bereavement counselling and support.

The focus of the scheme is on the development of support services in the community for families to enhance stability in family life and to assist families and their members to deal with difficult periods which they may experience. The aim is to ensure a larger and more accessible service, to ensure the highest level of service possible and that the service is delivered at low cost to the client.

Information Leaflet

FSA2: Grants, Marriage, Child and Bereavement Counselling Services (updated as required)

Administration

The scheme is administered by Family Support Agency Floor 4
St. Stephen's Green House Earlsfort Terrace

Dublin 2

Ph: (01) 6114100

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre above.

Also available on scope@ciboard.ie

New Labelling to Make Recycling Easier

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton T.D. has launched a new labelling system, unique to Ireland, to make it easier for people to recycle. The Climate Action Plan to tackle climate breakdown, which was published by Minister Bruton earlier this week, commits to working with industry to improve labelling to avoid confusion or ambiguity.

Proper segregation of waste is crucial. It minimizes the amount of waste ending up in landfill and helps us use our resources more effectively. The three new labels being launched today are voluntary for use by producers, manufacturers and retailers. The labels clearly identify whether an item is widely recycled, whether it is not recyclable, and whether more information should be sought before deciding how to dispose.

These new labels are being introduced at a time when two thirds of the plastic used by industry in packaging is non-recyclable in Ireland today. This is just one initiative being put forward to encourage enterprise to reduce their use of non-recyclable materials and use recycled, recyclable packaging.

Minister Bruton said,

People want to do the right thing when it comes to recycling but it can sometimes be confusing especially with plastics, to know which bin to use. It is easy to confuse the symbol which indicates that a manufacturer contributes to the cost of recycling with the symbol which means that the item is itself recyclable.

These new labels will clearly show when to recycle or dispose of an item and I encourage all retailers, manufacturers and producers to take up this useful initiative. I'd also like to take this opportunity to encourage all retailers who haven't already, to sign up to the Repak Plastics Pledge, which is making a real difference in reducing packaging waste.

Co-operation between the Department, local authorities, Repak and the waste collection industry led to the development a single unified national recycling list for household waste collection in November, 2017.

The Repak Plastics Pledge, which commits signatories to reducing plastic packaging waste and helping Ireland increase packaging recycling rates, will see over 10,600 tonnes of plastic packaging diverted from waste this year.

Mywaste.ie, funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, is the government's one stop shop providing householders with all the advice they need to prevent and manage waste.

Declan Breen from **mywaste.ie** said

We already have interest from major retailers in the new labelling system, and we look forward to rolling it out free of charge to producers, manufacturers and retailers.

To learn more about the new recycling label system and to apply for labels see www.mywaste.ie.



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Velo-City 2019

Well Velo-City 2019 has come and gone.

There is so much which could be said about the conference itself but that is for another time.

One of the things of note around the conference was the comments on Twitter of visitors - cycling activists, politicians, planners, engineers - about the quality of cycling infrastructure provided by Dublin City.

Klaus Bondam, CEO of The Danish Cyclists' Federation, former deputy mayor of Copenhagen and former MEP with the Liberal group in the European Parliament criticised Dublin City Council's lack of commitment to new safe segregated bicycle facilities and added that "the physical absence of Dublin and Irish high-level politicians except at photo opp's [sic] has been noticed". This was a reference to Minister Shane Ross's brief appearance at Velo-City at which he said how important the conference was but disappeared after the opening - never to be seen again. Klaus Bondam added that "Several European mayors have attended for several days".

One of the most influential bloggers, Mark Wagenbuur of the Bicycle Dutch, wrote I couldn't remember when I last felt afraid on my bicycle. Not just anxious, but genuinely fearing for my life. I do now, after I cycled in Dublin last week. Cycling in Dublin made me feel 12 again, in a bad way. It reminded me of what traffic was like in the Netherlands in the late 1970s, when cycling and cycling safety were at an all time low. Brian Salmon from the UK tweeted "Cycled in 30+ cities, mostly in Europe. Dublin definitely the worst for safe cycle provision".

There were loads of other comments - some by people who had attended Velo-City when it was previously held in Dublin in 2005 and who were disappointed at the lack of progress since. Such comments were no surprise to Irish cycling campaigners who have been making the same points for more than 10 years and who have been repeatedly ignored by central and local government.

Velo-City Parade

One of the highlights of the conference is the Velo-City parade when delegates join with local people in a mass cycle around the city in which the conference is taking place. Dublin Cycling Campaign proposed a route through the city centre highlighting the history/ architecture of Georgian Dublin but the Garda Siochana opposed this. Instead a route from the conference centre to St. Anne's Park was selected at a time starting in the midafternoon. Delegates, who had experience of other such parades, felt that the timing, location and short distance were chosen in order to avoid disrupting traffic flow rather than demonstrating the potential contribution of cycling to an efficient transport system.

Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change

Two of the leading speakers were invited to address the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change - Dr. Rachel Aldred of the University of Westminster and Brian Deegan of Urban Movement (Consulting Engineer). Both gave an impressive presentation and answered questions from the committee members. Their appearance is available on Oireachtas TV and Brian Deegan's opening statement can be found at . Moyglare Road https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/committee/dail/32/joint committee on climate action/

submissions/2019/2019-06-27_opening-statement-brian-deegan-

principal-design-engineer-urban-movement_en.pdf. It includes a description of the innovative public consultation which is ongoing in Manchester.

Moyglare Road Work continues r

Work continues providing cycle facilities on the Moyglare Road. For those who think that standards in Kildare are higher than in Dublin, they aren't. Although the design is supposed to prioritise walking and cycling and the County Development Plan refers to the reallocation of road space to active transport, instead additional space at critical locations has been allocated to motor vehicles. This is at a time when the EPA report that parts of Dublin have potentially high levels of NO2 which is mainly produced by traffic emissions.





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Call 01-6203232



Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation



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Make sure you are protecting your skin

We all love the sunshine but we cannot forget the need to protect our skin from the sun

There was a sharp rise in temperatures and sunlight over the last few weeks-and something similar to come in the coming months. We all need to be aware of increased *Sun Exposure* and the increased need to protect our vulnerable skin from the ultraviolet (UV) rays. There are three options for sun protection: sun screen, sunblock and stay out of the sun. Sunscreen is formulated to create a layer that absorbs UV rays while continuing the tanning process.

The sunscreen protection can be used in a spray or a cream and should be reapplied every 2 hours approx. or depending on the sun exposure. Sunblock however creates a protective barrier that does not allow anything to go through to the skin. The sunblock formula is suitable for people who have sensitive skin, this also comes in a cream or a spray and should also be reapplied every two to three hours.

The most important areas to apply sun protection are on the face, neck, chest, ears, shoulders and the back of the neck. Don't forget about the soles of the feet.

The face and neck are more vulnerable than other places on the body because these are the most sensitive areas, and UV rays are always hitting those areas, especially in the summer. Sun protection should be applied every day in all seasons to these areas and should be at least SPF 15. Without proper use of your sunscreen/sunblock and taking breaks from the sun, you can face an increased chance of sunburn and damage to the skin.

Harmful UV rays are linked to all types of skin cancers, and with many people in Ireland being particularly vulnerable to sun exposure, it is best to prevent any such damage by taking the right precautions. Remember it is very important to protect the scalp, especially if you have thinning hair and also wear a hat. Keep up with the expiration dates on all products.

Children

Even when we do our best to prevent sunburn, it sometimes happens. It's easy to miss a spot when applying sunscreen (especially if you've got a squirmy kid).

Sometimes we can't keep up with reapplying when kids are active or in and out of the water. Sometimes we get caught off guard by a really sunny day — and sometimes we just forget to bring sunscreen on an outing.

Here's what you should do if your child gets sunburned.

Get them out of the sun. This sounds obvious, but it's worth stating. If your child is getting sunburned, either find or make some shade, or go indoors. Staying out in the sun is likely to make things worse (and a sunburn may be a sign of too much time in the sun), which can put kids at risk of heat exhaustion or even heat stroke.

Use cool water. A cool bath or shower can soothe sunburn, as can a cool, damp towel or cloth (which may be your best bet on the way home from the beach). Do it throughout the day if it helps.

Use products that contain aloe vera. This is widely available in lotions and gels (you can scoop your own gel out of aloe vera leaves), and can be very soothing to sunburned skin. Don't use anything that contains petroleum, as it can trap heat inside the skin. And while it may be tempting to use products that contain benzocaine or lidocaine, as they are marketed to help pain from cuts and scratches, don't — they can irritate sunburns. Make sure your child stays hydrated. Burned skin doesn't keep fluid inside as well, so anyone with a burn needs to drink more than usual. Fill a water bottle, and have your child drink from it frequently.

Consider using ibuprofen. It can help with pain and swelling. If you're not sure of your child's dosage, call your doctor.

Leave blisters be. If there are blisters that means that the burn is a second-degree burn, which is more serious. Don't pop them, just leave them alone.

Protect sunburned skin by dressing your child in lightweight, tightly woven clothing that blocks the sun. It's not a bad idea, if possible, to stay out of the sun for a bit, especially after a bad sunburn. Do some fun indoor activities instead.

If your child has cramping, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, or sleepiness that doesn't get better once you get them inside and cooled off, call your doctor right away. Hopefully this won't happen, but heat can be dangerous.

Along with being careful about outside activities, the best way to prevent sunburn is to **choose and use sunscreen wisely**.

Even though the occasional sunburn is inevitable and manageable, the skin damage from sunburns can increase the risk of skin cancer. So next time, be extra careful.



(information courtesy of Juliana Reyes https://dublingazette.com)

Family Fun things to do this August

Maynooth Castle Maynooth Castle, a ruined 13th century castle which was built at the The National Botanic Gardens Glasnevin, are open every day, all year round.



junction of two streams and became the home of the Fitzgerald family before its expansion by Sir John Fitzgerald in the 15 century. The Fitzgeralds would later become the Earls of Kildare; Maynooth Castle was known as one of the largest and richest Earls' houses in Ireland.

Today, the atmospheric castle lies in ruins - only the ruins of the main entrance gateway on the southern side remain. Restoration

work on the castle was undertaken by the Office of Public Works in 2000 in order to develop it into an Irish Heritage Site. An exhibition on the history of Maynooth Castle and the Fitzgerald family is on display at the on-site visitor centre.

Summer opening hours: Open daily until 25th September from 10am until 7.45pm. Tel. 01 6286744

Donadea Forest Park is situated in northwest Kildare and comprises of



approximately 243 hectares of mixed woodland. It is part of the old Aylmer family estate. The last of the Aylmers, Miss Caroline died in 1935 leaving the property to the Church of Ireland, who in turn sold it to the State. There are many historical features including the remains of the castle, walled gardens, church, tower, ice house, boat house and Lime Tree Avenue. There is also a 2.3 hectare lake with ducks and

other birds and a wonderful display of water-lilies in the summer. Walled streams form part of the drainage of the park. There are many different walks through the forest, including the 5km Aylmer loop, the lake walk (wheelchair accessible) and a nature trail with stops. A small café serves light refreshments and is open year round. The park is a designated National Heritage Area. There is a 9/11 Memorial at Donadea. The memorial was inspired by the memory of Sean Tallon, a young fire fighter, whose family had emigrated from Donadea.

Car Park 460 spaces

Car park opens at 7am (April to September) and 8am (October to March) Car park closes at 9pm (April to September) and 5pm (October to March) Parking Fee: €5.00 per Car (Coins Only) Annual Access Card €40.00 Toilet facilities are only available during café opening hours. Tea/coffee facilities.



All this Information is given in good faith. Readers are advised to check with all venues prior to planning any visits. Enjoy your trips.



checked if the car is?

abroad this summer, German tyre-maker, Continental Tyres, is advising that some simple car checks before heading off could save a lot of trouble. Here are four simple vehicle safety checks that any driver can do to their car to help keep families safe during the annual migration.

Give the car's interior a clean. The majority of motorists are not particularly careful about keeping their cars very clean – inside or out. A recent Continental Tyres survey of 2,000 motorists showed that one in five claimed to tidy the inside of their car just once a year, generally when it is facing an NCT or garage visit. However, when you are embarking on a long journey such as heading off on holiday, it is important to have the cabin area of the car clear of the usual clutter that can accumulate. For example, an empty can, bottle or other piece of rubbish rolling under the brake

pedal while driving could have very serious consequences.

Check the car's tyres Studies show that the highest number of tyre-related incidents occur during the summer months.

Families heading off on holiday in cars more heavily laden than usual are especially vulnerable. A damaged tyre is more likely to fail when carrying a heavier load on a much longer trip than usual, such as with a heavily laden car with people and baggage

This is exactly what happens when a family departs on holiday in their car, and that's why it is crucially important to thoroughly check the tyres. The next time you fill up the car with fuel, check the air pressures in your tyres and inspect the tread depth of all four tyres, not forgetting the spare wheel, if you have one. If there are any bulges or cracks, take your car to a reputable tyre dealer to have them professionally checked. Tyres are your only point of contact with the road, so it is very important to regularly check on their condition.



The Gardens are open every day throughout the year, except Christmas Day. There is no admission fee to walk and explore. The National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin can also be accessed by guided tours all year round. Check website for more information. The National Botanic Gardens are open every day in Glasnevin and are free to enter and explore.

From Sunday 3rd March 2019 we revert to Summer Opening Hours

Open daily 9am to 5pm weekdays

10am to 6pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Winter Opening Hours: 9am to 4.30pm weekdays, 10am to 4.30pm Sat, Sun & Public Holidays

Usually Winter Opening Hours begin in mid-October. An announcement will be made of the date we begin winter

Visit botanicgardens@opw.ie for more information



Spot wild deer in Dublin's Phoenix Park While Dublin may be better known



for its nightlife and historical attractions, our great little city has a super range of things to do for family city breaks. Every week nature lovers flock to the Phoenix Park -Europe's largest walled urban park. This 352 year old park spanning 7 KM square lies within shouting distance of the city. One of the best things about the Phoenix Park, aside from the fact that it's FREE, is that you walk amongst the many wild deer who live

in the park (Please don't feed our Fallow Friends!) making it ideal for an afternoon of family fun or a stroll in the park

We look forward to welcoming you to our Third Generation Family Farm Rathmuck, Co Kildare



With us, you and your family can experience all that is great about country life. We do not charge visitors to our Open Farm; entry to our farm is Free. We offer visitors a family friendly, buggy and wheelchair accessible destination. Visitors can see a wide variety of animals in a natural and relaxed setting. We are home to many friendly animals including; Wallabies, Mara, Pigs, Goats, Ponies, Deer &

Sheep. We also house a large range & variety of birds including; Ostrich, Black Swans, Ducks, Geese, Chickens, Guinea Foul and most beautiful of all our Peahen and Peacock. Sexton, who runs the business with his wife Susan, is the third generation of his family to work this 150 acre beef and horse farm that has grown in size and stature from the 20-acre Land Commission plot his grandparents owned. In that time, the small shop has also grown. From the moment you drive through the gates, you know you are in for something special, everyone gets a thrill to see the hens and ducks waddling about the gardens. The shop has a relaxed, welcoming feel. It's a sheer pleasure to spend time in.

General Opening Hours Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm Saturday - 9am to 3pm Ph: 045-526774

replacing them before you set off.

Closed Sunday and Public Holidays (our animals love their day off, keeps them happy so they are all the better when you see them)

Hours may vary due to seasonal events, please see social media for details

Check the car's windscreen wipers On holiday, we are all hoping for good weather but sometimes it doesn't always go according to plan, so be ready for some of those sudden, heavy

worn down or peeling away from its base. If they are not totally clearing the water, see about

summer downpours. So, make sure to check the condition of your car's wiper blades. Lift the front and rear windscreen wipers away from the glass and check that their rubber blade isn't



You're ready for your holidays—but have you For families that are planning a holiday with the car, either at home or

> Check the car's lights Driving with defective lights is both illegal and dangerous for you and for other road users. So, take a couple of minutes to ask a family member or friend to walk around your car as you switch on the side lights, the headlights, operate the main beam and then check the indicators and brake lights. Don't forget the fog lamps and reversing lights. If you are travelling to the continent, don't forget to use headlamp converter stickers so that your headlights do not dazzle oncoming traffic.

Check the car's service schedule Occasionally checking the level of oil in the engine is not enough to keep your car in good health.

It should be serviced according to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended service schedule, which can be found in the car's handbook.

During its service, important items such as the tyres, brakes, suspension, engine, exhaust and transmission will all be inspected. Simple items such as the filters will be changed - important when you are embarking on a long drive, perhaps (hopefully) in warm weather.

You don't want to circulate dirty air in the car or - even worse - risk a breakdown because an old fuel filter is clogged with debris.

Drive carefully Courtesy of Declan Glynn https://dublingazette.com

Maynooth Town Football Club

It's been a busy 50th summer for MTFC laden with a host of activities for our young players!

Summer Soccer Blitz

The Annual Soccer Blitz took place on w/e 22nd/23rd June with a huge turnout at Rathcoffey Road. While Saturday was a good weather day, the elements conspired a bit on Sunday with some heavy rain but that in no way deterred the fun and enjoyment being had by all.

We had 6 tournaments, 30 teams, 78 games, loads of goals and over 240 players (192 boys & 48 girls) playing football with a fantastic

attitude. It was a big logistical exercise that ran like clockwork thanks to Michael, Miriam, all the young players who acted as managers on each day, with the back up of coaches, referees and parents assistance.

New Soccer Teen Camp

The introduction of our new soccer camp initiative for teens in July (12-16 yrs.) proved to be an outstanding success. Led by Gary Daly, it had an innovative mix of individual and team building skills, strategies and tactics, confidence building and talks on fitness, nutrition, and code of conduct as well as performance analysis. The participants overwhelmingly endorsed the camp, so much so that we are hosting another due to popular demand from 19th-23rd Aug - see Maynooth Town FC Facebook page for full details re registration etc.

Summer Soccer Camp 1&2 (5-12 yrs.)

Gary, Aibhinn, Conor, Sean and Mike are back with another camp of fun and skills for 5-12 year olds this summer. The first camp in July had over 60 participants and was enjoyed by all. Summer Camp 2 takes place from 6th - 19th August price €40. All coaches are FAI registered with a selection first aid trained too. Make sure you don't miss out by registering on Maynooth Town FC Facebook page or contact miriammtfc@outlook.ie.



Work on the first section of the new cycle and pedestrian route

MOYGLARE ROAD

on the Moyglare Road is progressing outside the Maynooth GAA Club pitches.

These works will continue with other parts of the route also started such as the junction of the Moyglare Road with the Kilcock Road.

The entire project will take a number of months to complete with a number of temporary traffic signals to ensure safety for road users and traffic delays will occur.



Maynooth Town FC 2 Real Madrid 3

MTFC u/14&15 side entertained a team from Real Madrid Foundation at Rathcoffey Road in early July. After an entertaining and close fought game, where MTFC established a foothold in the second half, Madrid squeezed out a winner in the



last minute. The visitors were participants in the Real Madrid Foundation soccer camp held in Maynooth University.

MTFC Supporting Pieta House

The Maynooth Pub/Restaurant 7 aside league supporting Pieta House continues each Wednesday night until 21st August at MTFC Rathcoffey Road. Eight weeks of football bringing the community together over the summer, while supporting a very important cause.

Next Season Team Registrations

Open in August so watch out on Maynooth Town FC Facebook page or contact miriammtfc@outlook.com

MTFC/MCEP Partnership

MTFC wishes to acknowledge and say thanks to our MCEP Grounds and Building Team who keep and maintain our pitches, grounds and club building in pristine condition every week. The team are participants in MCEP (Maynooth Community Employment Project).

MCEP (CLG) is a not for profit company with a voluntary Board of Directors supported by the Department of Social Protection which provides services of social value to the community including services to the soccer club, the harbour and canal amenity, community newsletter, and management of the community space. The services provided by MCEP are invaluable to club and the wider community, delivered professionally and efficiently that have a positive social impact locally and are greatly appreciated by Maynooth Town F.C.

It really is a pleasure to walk into our grounds on any day but particularly on match day to see pitches cut, laid out and ready to go. Many visiting teams have commented favourably on our facilities. Some might think it happens by magic but it is all down to the combined efforts, each week, of the staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project - our unsung heroes who make it all happen.

Needless to say they are going above and beyond to get everything ready for The big game on the 11th August.





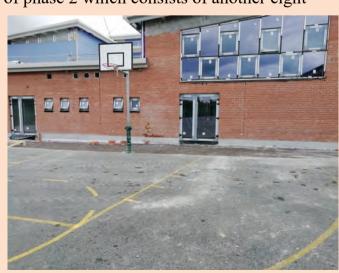


Maynooth Educate Together new school building

Phase one of Maynooth Educate Together NS new school building is nearing completion. The new building includes a multi-purpose hall (pictured). The current temporary building will be removed to make room for the building of phase 2 which consists of another eight classrooms.

The school moves into the new building early in the next school year with the entire building expected to be completed by Easter 2020.

The school is still enrolling Junior infants to start this year.



HERITAGE WEEK

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta The Heritage Council



National Heritage Week 17-25 August 2019

July Days at Maynooth Castle by OPW Guide Moira Devery

Visitors to the Castle

Among our many individual visitors we were delighted to welcome three Gaelgórí from

Hugo Magielse, Moira Devery OPW Guide, Dina Depestel

Connemara (see photo). We also chatted with a lovely couple from Arizona who were celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in Ireland and just a few days ago we had a flying visit from two OPW gardeners who had been attending a celebration event at Maynooth University having been awarded prizes from their work at OPW sites in Killarney and at Derrynane House. Two other visitors were Dina Depestel and Hugo Magielse from Antwerp in Belgium (see photo) who are known to many set dancers in Ireland as they have been coming here for the last 30 years or more. Hugo teaches set dancing in Antwerp and in Brussels and travels long distances to meet up and dance with other set dancers. Set dancing is amazingly good for one's physical and mental

health involving fun exercise, social contacts, eye, hand and foot co-ordination. It is said to decrease the risk of developing dementia and Alzheimer's disease. All you need is a pair of leather-soled shoes, a willingness to learn/have fun and a small purse. A 3 1/2 hour céili costs 12€ in Dublin and 10€ down the country including refreshments. Once you've learned the basic moves you can dance any one of hundreds of set dances. See sets.ie for details of classes and céilithe.

In July we also welcome many young Italian and Spanish students who are here in Ireland to learn English. We are even picking up some of their language and can surprise them by saying "Attentione ragazzi!" (Attention, boys and girls). Many of Maynooth University's summer school students come alone on a visit or as part of a group. And while we are very happy to give tours of the castle to groups, we kindly ask the organisers to phone up and book in the groups and to adhere to the time arranged. Turning



Italian group from Florence with group leader Guido Gabelli at rear

up 45 minutes late without any notice is not simply discourteous but also difficult for the OPW guiding staff, in particular due to the unexpected illness of a staff member. Having only four guides instead of five may mean that Maynooth Castle is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays in September so please check with us on 01-6286744 if you are planning to visit us in September. One recent group from Florence came in with their leader Guido and sang an Italian song and also the Italian national anthem (photo). Yours truly had to sing Amhrán na bhFiann for them then! They were fascinated to learn about the Italian connections to the Fitzgeralds including the fact that the 11 h (Wizard) Earl, Gerald, rescued from the claws of Henry VIII with his brother Edward, spent many years in Florence with the Medici family.

Wildlife Escapades at the Castle

Just a few weeks ago visitors to the grounds found a baby duckling lying stunned on its back near the gatehouse (possibly dropped from the beak of a predatory bird??). They carried it gently into the reception area where OPW staff Alan and Katherine looked after it while working at the desk. After a while it recovered and started chirping merrily while hopping from one side of the desk to the other. The duckling captured the hearts of the staff and visitors and even more so, when a short time later, a loud concerned quacking was heard from the grounds. Yes, you've guessed it! Mother Duck was out searching for her lost duckling followed by five little siblings in tow. Alan and Katherine brought the lost young duckling out close to where Mum was quacking. They took a short video of the reunification and were surprised to see Mother Duck merely give the lost ducking a short reprimanding look before letting it step in behind her. No joyful kiss or loving nudges. Oh no! The look seemed to say "Where have you been, you little brat; I've been searching for you for the last hour!" Mother Duck, who incidentally lives on the Lyreen River behind

the castle, then proceeded to flick the ducklings back over the wall one by one with her beak to get them home. What a sight that must have been!

Heritage Week

Our trad music session will take place on Saturday 17 August at 3pm instead of Sunday 18.8 due to the All Ireland Hurling Championship on the Sunday afternoon. All welcome. On Sunday 18.8. at 12 midday Moira's Medieval Music will take place with live musicians (to be confirmed). This talk/tour will be repeated twice either with some live music or with recordings. A talk will be given on the Fitzgerald Collection: Books and Paintings by Cora MacDonagh on Monday 19.8. at 3pm following on from Mary Henry's talk on Medieval Fashion at 2pm. On Tuesday Augu.st 20 at 4pm Dr. Deirdre McGowan will give a lively talk entitled "An historical survey of Irish



Katherine Colthurst & the lost duckling

marriage". Wednesday is Children's Day with Storytelling at 11am and Arts and Crafts in the afternoon. Mary Henry's talk on Medieval Fashions will be repeated on three days in Heritage Week. Due to illness there will be no Medieval Medicine tour. Joe will be giving a talk/tour on "The Marriage of Eva and Strongbow" on Sat. 17 at 2pm and Alan will also give his talk/tour on the Silken Thomas Rebellion on Saturday 17.



Bríd & Séan Mac Donncha (An Cheathrú Rua) agus Caitríona Ní Dhonncha (Indreabhán)

All events are free as is admission to the Castle. For more exact details, please phone the Castle between 10 & 17:30 at 01-6286744.

Further Information

Each year, during the last week of August, many national and hundreds of local community organisations participate by organising events throughout the country. Many of the events that take place during the week are free and the programme highlights the abundance of great work that is carried

out in all communities in Ireland to preserve and promote our natural, built and cultural heritage.

The Heritage Council assumed the role of coordinator of National Heritage Week from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in 2005. Since then the week has grown into a highly successful programme of over 2,000 events which take place during the last week of August each year. For further information about the Heritage Council including our initiatives, grants programs, history and structure visit <u>Heritage Council website 2019</u>

The aim of Heritage Week is to build awareness and education about our heritage, thereby encouraging its conservation and preservation.

We're encouraging everyone young and old to get outdoors more often and value what our natural world has to offer.

Protecting our natural heritage is so important to every aspect of our lives; jobs, tourism, water, food, health and wellbeing.

For further information visit the : *Heritage Council website 2019*



The Heritage Card

Get free admission to all fee-paying OPW Heritage Sites in Ireland for one year from the date of first use with the Heritage Card! Heritage Cards are available from the ticket desk in Dublin Castle and represent great value: in Dublin, for example, you can get free entry to Dublin Castle, Kilmainham Gaol, or Casino Marino with the Heritage Card. To see a full list of OPW Heritage Sites in Dublin and around the country, please check website

At the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, entry is free for all but guided tours require a paid ticket (except for the free Sunday tours). Holders of the Heritage Card may access these guided tours for free on production of a valid Heritage Card.

The Heritage Card costs as follows:

Adult €40 Senior (60+) €30 Student (valid student ID required) €10.00 Child (12-17) €10 Family (max. 2 adults & 5 children) €90 Check Website for more information on the OPW Heritage Card.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

We finished off our summer events with a trip to Kildare Stud and Japanese Gardens on July 21st. This was a most enjoyable day and despite the rain catching up on us in the

evening, many of us managed to take the guided tour around the stud. We finished the day with a lovely meal at Kildare House Hotel made all the more enjoyable by their efficient and helpful staff. (See pics) Many thanks to Barton's Transport who sponsor the coaches each year and to their drivers, Peter and Peader for their courtesy and kindness to all our people. Our club is now closed for a month while our committee take a welcome break.

Our morning club will reopen on Tuesday September 3rd and on Thursday September 5th we will introduce painting classes, courtesy of Susan Durack, from our own Castle Keep Art Group. Any older / retired people who wish to avail of this opportunity, just come along, you will be most welcome. We plan to have the Art on two Thursdays each month and crafts and needlework on the other two. If none of these are for you, then come along with your own suggestions or just have a cuppa and a chat. Making new friends is always a bonus. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster Street. (Scouts Hall on the Harbour)

In the meantime, may I wish you all a very pleasant summer wherever you are?

Josephine Moore. - Chairperson.













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The Library will be closed on Saturday 3rd and Monday 5th August for the Bank

Extended Opening Hours coming soon -

check FB, Twitter or our website for more information!

Children's Events

3 Day "Telling Tales" Story Writing Camp

29th, 30th and 31st July 11.30am – 12.30pm

Ages: 8-12 years With author Debbie Thomas

Stories live everywhere: up trees, around the corner, under the sofa and of course inside heads. Come and invent your own characters, pack them off on adventures and decide just how happily-ever-after they should live. In 3 workshops, children's writer Debbie Thomas will help you explore the wonderful world of stories and how to wow the world

Session 1: Look who's talking. Jack might have cheered when he chopped the beanstalk down, but how did the beanstalk feel? Find ideas for stories by exploring different

Session 2: What a character. Creating heroes, villains and everything in between. Session 3: Knotty plots and setting the scene. The what, where and when of stories Booking Required

Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th August Kano: 10.30am – 12.20pm (Ages 7 – 12) Mindstorm: 2pm – 4pm (Ages 12+) Kano and Mindstorm kits supplied!! Places limited – booking required

Kids Secret Cinema Saturday 31st August

2.30pm - 4.00pm

This month's secret cinema is a summer themed heart-warming family film about a dolphin who, after getting caught in a trap, learns to swim again with the help of a miracle!

Rated G

All Welcome

Maynooth Library "Our Environment" Awareness Day -12th August

Environmental Awareness Workshop with Aidan from EnviroKids Monday 12^{th} August , 11am-12pm

5 - 10 year olds

Children will enjoy this fun, interactive workshop while learning how to care for the environment! Children will be engaged throughout and will leave with new knowledge they can share with their families – helping them live a greener life!

Booking Required

Monday 12th August 2pm- 5pm With Irish Water and An Taisce

Call in and find out more information on what you can flush and what you shouldn't!

Drop in- no booking required

Make a Light House Art and Craft Workshop Saturday 17th August

2.30pm - 3.30pm

Ages 7- 10 years

Children will create and decorate a colourful light house using colored card, kitchen rolls and decorations

Booking Required

Glitter Hanging Stars Workshop Thursday 15th August, 2.30–3.50 pm

Make a 'summer stars' hanging light-catcher with Annah. Decorate a star, mount them onto CD's and hang inside your window so they can turn in the breeze and reflect the

Booking Required

'Relaxed' Storytime with Helena Byrne Thursday 22nd August 11am- 11.45am

Stories for all, family friendly and ASD friendly

Booking Required

National Heritage Week Event

Saturday 24th August 3pm Booking Required

"Lord Walter FitzGerald's Contribution to Heritage in County Kildare and Surrounding Counties"

Hugh Crawford (President CKAS), Mario Corrigan (CKAS and KLS) and Tom Keegan (Librarian CKAS) will present on Lord Walter FitzGerald's contribution to the heritage of Co. Kildare.

The Kildare Observer 24 October 1898 - from the Daily Independent "Lord Walter Fitzgerald resides at Kilkea Castle, Co Kildare, a charming old residence which has been for centuries one of the family places of the Earls of Kildare... Lord Walter takes a keen interest in the life and times of Lord Edward, for he is a thorough Irishman, and delights to dwell upon the glorious traditions of the House of Geraldine. He is a well known archaeologist and is an authority upon Celtic nomenclature...

Summer Stars Story Time

Story Time

Friday 2nd August 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

Spend some quality time with your toddler – join in the songs and rhymes!

No booking required

Teddy Bear Story Time Friday 9th August 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

This week's stories are all about teddy bears – big and small! Teddy Bears can bring their favourite owner along to listen and join in some fun teddy bear rhymes and songs!

No booking required

Story Time Friday 16th August 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

Come along and listen to some favourite stories – join in the fun songs and rhymes

No booking required

Jungle Animals Story Time Friday 23rd August 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

This week is all about Jungle animals! Get ready to leap, stomp and roar along with the animals in "Walking Through the Jungle" by Julie Lacome and "Monkey and Me" by **Emily Gravett**

No booking required

Starting School Story Time Friday 30th August 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

This week's stories and songs are all about getting ready to start pre-school, Montessori and primary school!

No booking required

Regular Events

Craft Club

Every Monday from 11.30am - 1pm

Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired – or just to work on! Different short demonstrations will take place during the year.

Who knows – maybe a new craft will grab your fancy...

No Booking Required

Family Board Games Saturday 17th August

10am – 12pm

Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be available – or feel free to bring along a family favourite!

All welcome

Thursday 08th and 22nd August 10 am -12 noon
Go for Life FitLine is a free telephone service for people over 50 giving you the information and encouragement you need to get more physically active. (In association with The National Programme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People). Please note this is a telephone service only. For more information call 1800 303 545. Make Time

Thursday 1st and 15th August, 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

No booking required.

Saturday 10th August, 11am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Írish 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 practice their conversational Irish.

. No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group
Tuesday 6th and 20th August 6:15pm
A bi-monthly meeting for writers in the Maynooth area. Beginner writers always welcome.

No booking required.

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August Events at Maynooth Community Library Cont/...

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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 10th and 24th August 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 is 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 29th August 6.00 pm

Following the success of our bi-monthly family-friendly board games mornings, Maynooth Community Library has launched a monthly adult board game night - 'All Aboard.' Join us in our multipurpose 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.

The Village Book Club

Monday 19th August 10.30am - 11.30am

Ex Libris Book Club Wednesday 28th August 11am

This book club is now fully booked but please register your interest in book clubs with

Readers of the Lost Ark Science Fiction Book Club

Tuesday 13th August 6.30pm- 7.30pm

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 15th August, 11.00 am

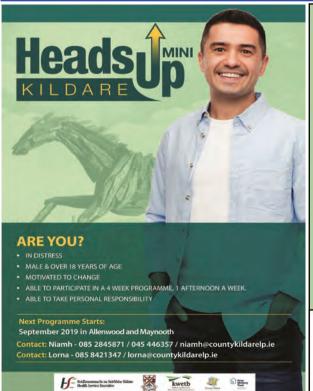
Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday 29th August 11am- 12 pm

Reel Good Film Club Tuesday 27th August: Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm

All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. Adults Only.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 21/06/2019 To 26/07/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website **Development Address** App Num **Authority Applicant Name App Date** Kildare County 19799 15/07/2019 Anthony Gaffney 86 Leinster Wood, Carton Demense, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Council Kildare County 19791 11/07/2019 Mark Kennedy 18 Meadowbrook Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Council Kildare County 19769 Mostafa and Ann Hafdioui 5 Parklands Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 05/07/2019 Council Kildare County 19770 Brendan Bean 13 Parklands Close, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 05/07/2019 Council Maynooth Education Campus, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare County Kildare and Wicklow Education and 19772 05/07/2019 Council Training Board (KWETB) Kildare. Kildare County Tesco Store, Carton Park Retail Campus, Dublin Road, 19730 Tesco Ireland Limited 27/06/2019 Council Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Kildare County 19698 Matt Doyle 11 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 21/06/2019 Council



The Mini Heads Up Programme is a brief programme for men who are struggling, would benefit from meeting others, develop a positive routine, increase mental health awareness and practice new positive coping strategies.



We are happy to announce that we will run a 4-week programme in September 2019 in Maynooth Community Space, Unit 11/12, Tesco Shopping Centre, Carton Retail Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. If you would like more information please contact Lorna at

085 8421347 or lorna@countykildarelp.ie











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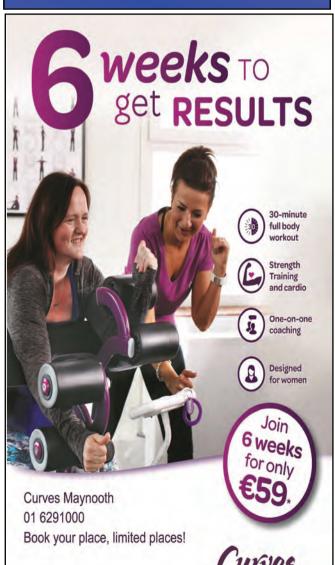


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Official Opening of Community Sensory Garden



John Kavanagh, Chairman of Maynooth Tidy Towns, officially opened the Community Sensory Garden adjacent to the Maynooth Pastoral Centre on the Moyglare Road, on Saturday 27th July 2019

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Money shouldn't be a cause of worry, sleepless nights, or a distraction from enjoying life to the fullest. But for so many it is.

At Life Credit Union, we want money to do good for people. We are local and community minded and like to give back.

But, enough about us, why not pop in and tell us about you?







Lots of information this monthour volunteers have been very active on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday all over Maynooth, watering and litter picking.

We have many wonderful walks

around Maynooth and would be obliged if you have a dog to keep it on a leash and also clean up after the dog and disposed of in the nearest bin.

Our pollinating insects are in decline one third of our 99 bee species are at risk of



extinction by choosing pollen-rich flowers for your garden, you will help provide much needed food for our Bumblebee's and other pollinating insects as well as creating a beautiful colourful garden. For more information see www.pollinators.ie

Learn more about the All Ireland pollinator plan 2015-2020 which Maynooth Tidy Towns are part of.

Once again when buying plants think Bee-Friendly/Butterfly Friendly as this is part of our Pollinating plan for Maynooth this year.

Our gates have been reinstated at the entrance to Carton Avenue. I'm sure you will agree it's a fantastic transformation. The gates were made in Scotland during the Georgian period 1714 - 1830. A little bit of history discovered by the painter after sandblasting.

The Main Gate at Carton Ave was removed and sandblasted and then repainted in white as it was originally.



V of M cc fc fc Award 2019 20 to

Vincent Hannify tidy towns volunteer who took on the project of welding the railing at the other end of Carton Ave.

Maynooth University has been awarded a Green flag. Huge congratulations to MGC Stephen Seaman and his grounds team for winning an internationally recognised green flag for parks and green spaces from An Taisce the first University in Ireland to win.

We were invited by Intel to their Pride of Place Awards ceremony in Leixlip Manor Hotel on June 27th @ 7pm. We were invited in association with Maynooth University, Professor Sinéad Giloway and eConcepts Solutions.

The proposal is to develop a Maynooth Time Bank - a community network based

on 'alternative currency' system, on which participants can exchange services, skills and products in return for 'time credits' rather than money. (ie. where hours of service replace money). The entry was successful, we were worried as we were the last name out of the hat. We received a Cheque for €5,000 which will be used solely for this project.

Congratulations to all the other community groups from Maynooth who entered and won, Rockfield Residents Association, Maynooth Access Group. #PrideofPlaceMaynooth Tidy

Towns and Maynooth University Green Committee were awarded a prize for their time bank project.



At time of writing The Sensory Garden adjacent to the Pastoral Centre, Moyglare Road, is due to be officially opened on Saturday 27th July @ 2pm by John Kavanagh.

At our Saturday morning clean up on 6th July we had a cake to celebrate a special happy birthday for Richard and Mary Farrell, 2 stalwarts of Tidy Towns for the past 40 years. In fact they were the founding members and Richard is still our PRO

with lots of help from Mary. Enjoy the rest of the year from all of us.





Thanks also to Ted Robinson and Shoda for supplying the refreshments of tea and coffee.

Judging in the National Tidy Towns is ongoing until the end of August. We ask all residents Associations and businesses to make special effort to keep their areas tidy.

If you wish to volunteer please contact us on 087-3153189 or on Facebook/Twitter

Richard Farrell - PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

NATIONAL FAMINE WAY

Landlord Denis Mahon from Strokestown Park in Roscommon funded an assisted emigration scheme for the families on his estate in 1847 to help prevent their deaths as a result of the famine. The route that they walked took six days from Strokestown to Spencer Dock in Dublin Port and was mainly along the towpath of the Royal Canal and Maynooth was on the route. The structure (see photo) has been erected

at a number of locations on the route including at Maynooth Harbour.

The shoes symbolise that people were given shoes on their departure from Strokestown and as these were often fully worn people donated shoes to them during the journey.



Blessings of the Graves Donaghmore Graveyard



Fr John Nevin and his brother Peter at the annual blessings of the Graves at Donaghmore Graveyard on Saturday 6th July.



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Failte Guc Alba: Welcome to Scotland

It's a May day, sunny and warm. My wife and I are sitting in the front seat of a touring bus, heading out of Edinburgh for the Western Highlands. A crowd of older Swiss students with their supervisors, a middle-aged man and a glamorous woman, together with some Americans make up the rest of the passengers. Tom, the driver, a Daniel Craig look alike, has already convinced the woman that, despite what her travel printout may suggest, we are not going to stop at certain places. He then quotes lines from the song, "The Black Velvet Band" to mollify her and later plays it on the sound system. Yes, he's really a James Bond!

As we pass through the suburbs, Tom points out an impressive building where Sean Connery and Tony Blair attended secondary school at £18,000 a term but we're more interested in the older, romantic Scotland, our appetites having been whetted by a visit to Edinburgh Castle the previous day – we even saw the room where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James V1, the future James 1 of England! Soon we are passing Linlithgow Castle, where Mary was born, and Falkirk, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's retreating Highlanders defeated an English force under General Hawley. Then we're approaching Stirling.

In the distance we can see a flag flying on a hill, while nearer to us a large tower rises above the treetops. Tom tells us that the flag is at Bannockburn and the tower is the national monument to William Wallace – Mel Gibson's "Braveheart" – whose defeat of the English at Stirling Bridge in 1297 set Scotland on the road to independence – a still live topic since Scotland will soon be holding a referendum on this very issue. It was Wallace's bravery that inspired Robert the Bruce to oppose Edward 11, leading to his1314 victory at Bannockburn over "The Hammer of the Scots". All of these places are now just a short distance away but Tom has no time to stop. Instead, he tells us how the English cut Wallace's body into four parts, which they sent to different locations as a warning to the rebels. Not surprisingly, this display of ruthlessness only galvanised the Scots into further defiance. To complement his blood-soaked account, Tom plays stirring bagpipe music on the sound system.

As we approach the Trossachs, foothills of the Highlands and former stomping ground of Rob Roy Macgregor, Tom starts to talk about Hamish, who has appeared in numerous films and whom we are soon to meet. Hamish has long hair over his eyes, only speaks Gaelic and is very shy. We may feed him with slices of apple, which we must hold out to him on our flattened palms. During a pit stop at Kilmahog village, we find that Hamish is a shaggy, red-haired Highland bull with impressive winding horns! To our chagrin, he ignores our proffered titbits, preferring instead to crop the grass of his enclosure.

The further west we go the wilder and more deserted the landscape becomes, reminding me of parts of Wicklow. Mountains rise on either side and Highland cattle can be seen grazing in bleak, rushy fields. It was cattle like these that got Rob Roy outlawed when he borrowed money from the Duke of Montrose to help him buy a small herd and was unable to repay it. Twelve years after Rob Roy died in 1734 Bonnie Prince Charlie was defeated at Culloden, east of Inverness.

My heart leaps when I notice that the road signs about here are in Gaelic and English. One of the first things that caught my eye on landing at Edinburgh airport was a sign reading FAILTE GUC ALBA. Next morning when I turned on the television in our hotel room there was a children's programme entirely in Gaelic, many words similar to our own Irish. Gaelic – pronounced "Gallic" – is not widely used in Scotland but there is an obvious desire to keep the language alive, evident in the use of bilingual signs in Edinburgh's new parliament building. Now, if only we in Ireland and the Scots could devise a common version of the language?

Historically, the land through which we are travelling was a border area between two diverging cultures, the Gaelic Highlands and the English-speaking Lowlands. In the 12th Century King David 1 — who was later canonised — adopted "Inglis" as the official language and transformed what had been a Celtic society into a feudal one. Not that those cultural divisions were solely a matter of geography. Prior to King David's time there were five ethnic groups in what is now Scotland: Picts, Britons, Angles, Scots and Norsemen, the latter holding the islands to the west and north. Later, during the reign of Mary Queen of Scots the reformation, spearheaded by men such as John Knox, intruded so that, just as here in Ireland, language and religion created fault lines that are only now disappearing.

Every once in a while Tom regales us with some titbit, his latest, that Highland cattle were originally black. Lowlanders paid Highlanders in cattle to avoid being raided, hence the word "blackmail", maol being Gaelic for a hornless cow. I am about to observe that I had read that "mail" referred to the oatmeal which the landowners paid but content myself with recalling images of clansmen gathered round a steaming pot of porridge in some corrie. Stories about the Highlands featured in the comics and novels we read in secondary school – a pal of mine knew all about Rob Roy, clan gatherings and the shooting of Colin Roy Campbell, "the Red Fox", by Alan Breck Stewart as described in Robert Louis Stevenson's Kidnapped. Eventually we reach Oban, a pleasant port town with ferries sailing to Mull – looming up just beyond the bay – and other places in "Eileann Innse Gall", the Hebrides. Iona, the island of Columba – or Colmcille – lies on the west side of Mull. After eating our sandwiches by the harbour we walk to the tourist office, where the woman in charge tells us that her mother, who was from one of the islands, spoke Gaelic. Having bought a few postcards we make a quick circuit of the nearby streets before hurrying back to the bus. Once everyone is on board, Tom heads eastward.

The road takes us past Ben Cruachan, on the left, and a deep, narrow valley on the right, with a single farmhouse at one end. We wonder how the family manage to survive the winter in this isolated spot. Before long we come to Loch Awe, where Tom stops so that we can take photos of Kilchurn Castle, a picturesque ruin on a small island near the far shore.

Kilchurn was the principal Campbell fortress before that family moved south to Inverary in the first half of the 15th Century. Flora MacDonald, who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie – disguised as her Irish spinning maid, Betty Burke – to escape from South Uist to Skye, was imprisoned here for a while before being sent to the Tower of London. On leaving Loch Awe, we head for Inverary, seat of the Duke of Argyll, a Campbell.

Today, Torquhil, the 13th Duke, is in Edinburgh, so his flag is not flying over the castle, an impressive building with round corner towers surmounted by conical spires that resembles a French chateau. The employees all wear kilts, one old man looking as if he might have stepped out of Kidnapped. The soft-spoken woman who shows us around is wearing a dark Black Watch tartan.

At £6 each the tour is certainly worthwhile. We visit the Great Hall, the armoury, an old kitchen and a bedroom with a sturdy four-poster bed, which, our guide tells us, is haunted. It seems that back in the 17th Century, when the family was living in a nearby tower house, they had in their employ a young Irish Catholic harpist. Raiders, that included Irish soldiers, wanted to kill the Duke but finding that he had fled they murdered the harpist and laid his dismembered body on the four-poster bed. Later, the bed was moved into the present building. Since then whenever a Campbell duke is about to die harp music is heard from this bedroom! The hushed voice in which the guide recounts her story would do justice to a shanachie.

Our guide also shows us a portrait of Torquhil's wife, a young member of the Cadbury family, dubbed "Cadbury Rose" by the newspapers because of her beauty. Marriages of this sort may be a family tradition because back about 1760 John Campbell, the future 5th Duke, married Elizabeth Gunning, a beautiful though penniless Irish girl, whose portrait was painted by famous artists such as Cotes and Reynolds. Portraits of Duchess Elizabeth and her sister Maria, who married the Earl of Coventry, are proudly displayed in the castle.

Downstairs we have a conversation with another soft-spoken female guide, who tells us that the family is well liked by the local townspeople. When I mention the 1692 massacre of the Macdonalds of Glencoe, she explains that this was a result of government policy and I have enough gumption to leave it at that. We make our way back to the central hall, where, to my surprise, there is a display case with Rob Roy memorabilia, including his dirk and an actual letter written by him to the 4th Duke: it seems that Rob Roy was keeping him informed about what was happening in the Trossachs. Talk of history coming to life!

After leaving Inverary we swing north around Loch Fyne, then head towards Loch Lomond, a place I'm dying to see. The area around Loch Lomond and the Trossachs was turned into a national park in 2002, so that, like most of the Scottish countryside through which we have travelled, it remains unspoilt. Tom tells us that the loch is 25 miles long, 5 miles wide and 700 feet deep. When we reach it, however, he seems to pick up speed. Now, I realise that he has to make it to Edinburgh via Glasgow on schedule, but having travelled so far, the thought of catching mere glimpses of this renowned stretch of water through a bus window leaves me feeling cheated. I want to walk "by yon bonnie banks", see the sun shining bright on the loch and gaze on Ben Lomond.

Mile after mile after mile passes; my spirits sinking lower and lower. Isn't this stubborn Scot going to stop? I'm like David Balfour, running out of patience with Alan Breck Stewart. Then when I've almost given up hope, we're heading down a side road! Does this mean that we'll be let out? It does! Tom tells us we can leave the bus to take photos, so we all hurry to the door. On stepping down from the bus there is an iron railing to stop us from falling into the water, which beats ceaselessly against the rocky shore a few feet below.

The loch really is as enchanting as the song states, a vast expanse of water in a pristine setting – and there, on the far side, curving up pale against the sky, is Ben Lomond! No wonder the songwriter, living in some foreign land, wanted to again meet his true love here. Since we've arrived in his country we've been delighted, not just by the beauty of the scenery, but by the warmth and helpfulness of the people. Telling my wife to stand against the railing, I begin to focus the camera.

By P.G. Nerney



The Focus

So last Sunday some of us heard the gospel readings about the Good Samaritan and the Sunday before about the sending out of 72 disciples to spread the message of Christ. And the homilies? I only heard instructions about the deportment of the messengers in the first instance and some advice about imitating the kindly actions of a genuine human being in the other. All good, indeed, but it's Christ I want to hear about. And I heard very little.

What was the message to be spread? Who was this Good Samaritan? Surely the Gospel is about Christ himself? It was his message that was worth spreading. The message that Jesus tirelessly promoted, that his Father is a God of compassion, a God who is on our side, who is the Father of the Prodigal and demands no obsequious crawthumping from those who have sinned and who, at his loving invitation, have turned back to Him.

Surely the Good Samaritan is Christ Himself, who spent every hour of his enlightened public life pouring oil and wine into the wounds of all those upon whom the evils of life had fallen, the blind, the lame, the lepers, the sinners, the betrayed, *the last, the least and the lost*.

GM



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers/ Cont.

Quandary

I'm not certain we've the right to set a trap baited with a piece of irresistible Mars Bar – fitting name since Mars was god of war – for the nighttime garden raider who filches our crocus bulbs.

I even wonder if he realizes those crocuses belong to us because we purchased them, took trouble to prepare the soil, pulled skutch grass, added fertilizer, willed the green tips to appear?

We'd probably forgive the thief if he admired those radiant blooms that, marking winter's exit, gladden us, and hastened to replant his loot so he could gaze in rapture on the treasures he appropriated.

But, baser even than the burglar who takes some priceless work of art for sale and not for viewing in his home, this fellow eats the thing he steals — and yet may physical hunger not cap that thrill the well-fed aesthete feels?

An Deamhnaíoch Geiriséanach

Slabhra níos láidre, eagla níos mó, Fágtar anseo é, ní linne a chineál; Ag screadaíl d'oiche, i bhfolach de ló.

Níor tugadh grá duit a dhuine chóir, Go dtí gur tháinig an slánaitheoir. A thuig do chás ó bhun go barr, A d'aimsigh d'anam i bhfolach le náir.

I measc na n-uaigheanna.

Níor tugadh grá duit a dhuine ionúin, Nó gur tháinig Sé féin ag lorg lucht fáin; An slua in eagla romhat, lena slabhra tréan, I measc na n-uaigheanna do thearmann.

Cad é do scéal a fhear anaithnid? Cén mí-ádh a phléasc do chroí? Cá fhaid a chaith tú gan scéal a chlos, Ag réabadh do choirp le cloch garbh?

GM



Liam Reilly's group entertained the revelers outside Brady's during the Gin & Tonic Festival

By Colin Scott

Gt.

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

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Information on Rail Capacity Issues July 2019

Catherine Murphy Welcomes the update to the rail capacity issues on the DART Extension Programme

The National Development Plan 2018 – 2027 (NDP) was announced by the Government on 16th February 2018. As part of the DART Extension Programme included in the NDP, it is intended that a DART service will be provided on the <Maynooth line and the Kildare line as far westwards as Maynooth and Celbridge respectively and to Drogheda on the Northern Line. A total of €2bn has been allocated to the DART Extension Programme under the NDP.

The initial sequencing of investment will focus on delivery of non-underground tunnel elements of the programme using the recently opened rail link and existing connector tunnel under the Phoenix Park. This includes buying additional fleet for the DART network and measures such as re-signalling, junction and station changes to provide expanded services. The next step will be to provide fast, high frequency electrified services to Drogheda on the Northern Line, Celbridge Hazelhatch on the Kildare Line, Maynooth and M3 Parkway on the Maynooth/Sligo Line, while continuing to provide DART services on the South-Eastern Line as far south as Greystones. It will; also include new stations to provide interchange with bus, Luas and Metro networks.

In line with the above provisions, it is intended to proceed with the acquisition of a bimode DART fleet (hybrid fleet) which can operate in full electric mode along sections of the line that are electrified and will operate in battery mode along non-electrified sections of the commuter rail network. This fleet type will allow the introduction of DART services on the relevant lines in advance of completion of the full electrification of the line. Electrification can then be provided subsequently to deliver a more energy efficient commuter rail network.

Parental Leave Act Comes Into Force

We are delighted that our Parental Leave (Amendment) Act 2019 came into legal force today.

This means that eligible working parents can now give notice to their employers to start availing of the extra unpaid leave from 1st September 2019. There'll be more detailed information soon on the Citizens Information website which we'll let you know about.

Working parents live incredibly busy lives – constantly trying to balance the needs of their children with making ends meet.

Our legal reform is about improving work-life balance while providing job protection for working parents.

Our Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017 extends unpaid parental leave for parents from the current four months (18 working weeks) to six months (26 weeks).

It also extends the age of a qualifying child from eight to 12 years. The Bill passed final stage in the Dáil on 14th May 2019 – and will enter into force in September 2019. The new leave entitlements will be phased in in two stages – four weeks in September 2019 and a further four weeks in September 2020.

Childcare costs as barrier

Childcare costs can prove a huge barrier for women to return to the workforce – in some cases, women return simply to keep their job rather than gaining any extra income.

This reform is about improving work-life balance for parents, encouraging women to remain in the workforce and helping reduce childcare costs. For parents with pre-school children in particular, unpaid parental leave might often be a more economical alternative to paying for formal childcare.

Here's how it will work

Parents can spread the 6 months (26 weeks) of unpaid work leave out over the years until their children reach the age of 12.

This time can be used to cover mid-terms or school summer holidays – or simply to maximise parents' time with their children in their early years. If parents have already taken all of their existing parental leave, they will be allowed an extra 8 weeks under our law – once they still have a qualifying child.

Why it's a win-win

Our proposals are a win-win for working parents, for employers and for children. Extra leave helps with preventing absenteeism – when children are sick or have appointments.

It also helps employers to hold on to key employees – evidence suggests that many working mothers in particular don't return to work after having children because formal childcare is too costly.

Of course, children themselves benefit greatly from additional time spent with their parents in their early years in particular.

And parents who are less stressed with the demands of work and family life are able to devote more quality time to raising their children.

We also want to see increased paid parental leave

Unpaid leave is not a substitute for paid parental leave, which the Social Democrats fully support up until 12 months.

Instead, it is a complimentary form of parental leave that offers parents additional flexibility in the work-life balance.

The Social Democrats are committed to the introduction of paid parental leave, and proposed such a move in each of our Alternative Budget proposals since 2016.

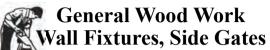
Under Dáil rules, opposition parties are prevented from proposing Bills where there is a cost to the State. This is why we have focused on unpaid parental leave in this Bill.

Ireland is well behind other countries when it comes to parental leave. Many countries allow parents four sets of leave – maternity, paternity, parental, and childcare/carers. According to the European Commission, the average duration of combined maternity and parental leave among Member States is 97.8 weeks. In Ireland this is only 60.

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& 2pm to 5pm
Sat 9.30am to 1pm

I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.
New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

The U3A Group are currently on Summer Break until Friday 6th September

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St.

Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Our club will close on July 30th for summer recess and will reopen on September 3rd

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in The Glenroyal Hotel

New Members Welcome Contact: MCEP Office for more details (Unit 5 Tesco's S.C.)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Maynooth Parents & Toddlers
Group are currently on
Summer Break

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

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 01-6286288 or Lena at 01-6285128.

DIARY ENTRIES

E-mail details of your event before the copy date (2nd last Tuesday of each month) to be included in the next months edition.

E-mail: office@maynoothcep.com Phone: 01-6285922

Bridge Club

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

Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

Arthritis Ireland

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

(Closed for August for Summer Break)

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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

Maynooth Community Church

1st Floor Manor Mills
(entrance next to Chill)
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E-mail: sec@stmarysbandmaynooth.ie Website: www.stmarysbandmaynooth.ie

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Clues Across

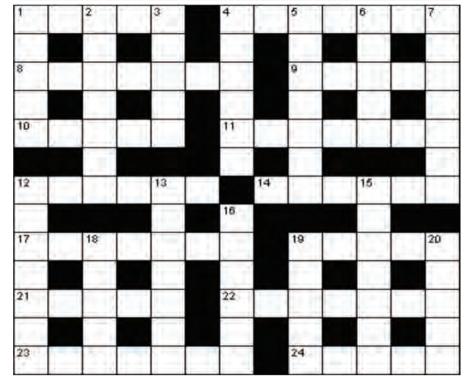
- 1. Dock (5)
- 4. Sore (5)
- 8. Rubbish (7)
- 9. Sacred song (5)
- 10. Boulders (5)
- 11. Sincere (7)
- 12. Real (6)
- 14. Blemished (6)
- 17. Ancient Japanese warrior (7)
- 19. Concur (5)
- 21. Ashen (5)
- 22. Before (7)
- 23. Least difficult (7)
- 24. Viper (5)



Due to technical error in Crossword No 481 Clue No 25 Across was omitted.

We offer our apologies

August 2019 Crossword - No. 482



Clues Down

- 1. Bet (5)
- 2. Fruit (7)
- 3. Emblems (5)
- 4. Fragments (6)
- 5. Endanger (7)
- 6. Fire (5)
- 7. Restricted (7)
- 12. Relieve of blame (7)
- 13. Abbreviate (7)
- 15. Concerned (7)
- 16. Straight forward (6)
- 18. Relocates (5)
- 19. Main artery (5)
- 20. Mistake (5)



Solutions to Crossword No 481 MANSION FACTS 0 N 0 GAINS MACABRE E B B R T R A I N N S I AVENGED H ENMITY ADHERE ALLOW EARNEST DOGMA ANIMALS EL DESSERT

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Shane Ferguson Meadowbrook Cres. Maynooth

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

Sudoku Challenge 2019

Entries must arrive to Newsletter Office before: 20th August 2019

Congratulations to Last Month's Winner:

Uelle Lill O'Neills Park Maynooth

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Last Month's Winner:

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Prize of a Free Family Meal for <u>Colouring</u> <u>Competition</u> can be collected at:

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Junior Puzzle Corner

Help Mr Frog get to the Pool Party



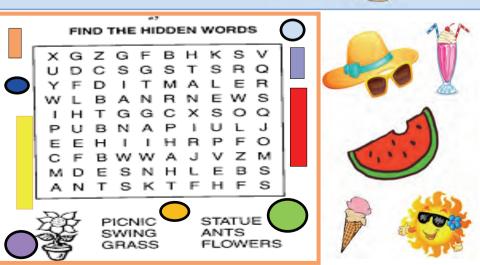
Seaside Word Merge

Can you find two small words in each of the following jumbles? The letters are in the right order, and you must use all the letters up.

Here is an example for you-CSRAHELBL (crab and shell)

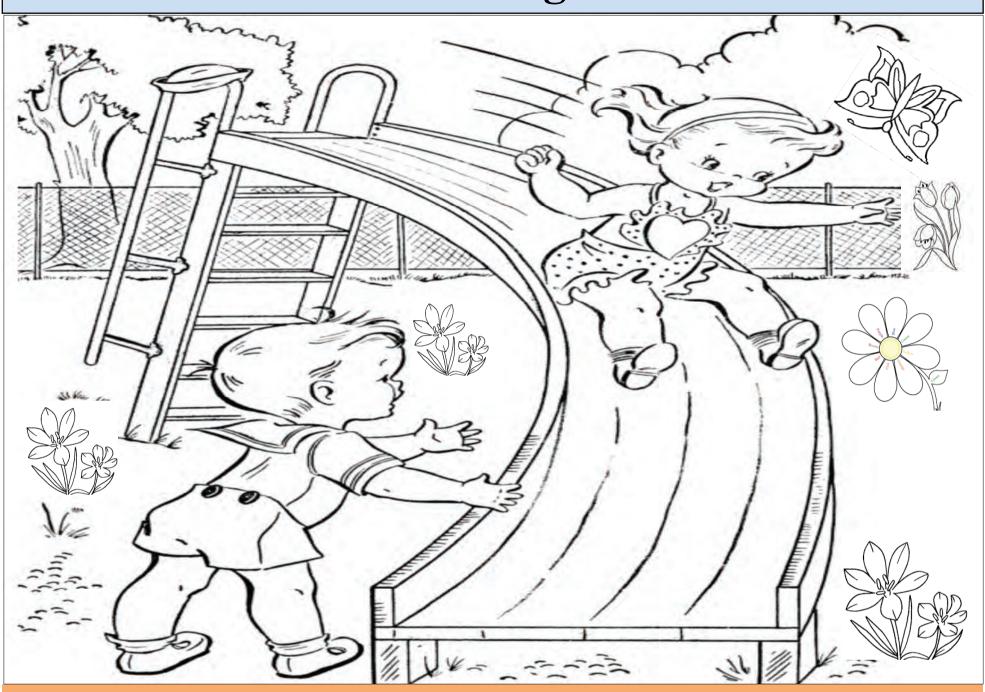
- 1. BTOOWOKEL (two things you may have in your beach bag)
- 2. SBUPACDKEET (two things you play with on the beach)
- 3. SSHUANDE (Sometimes you sit in the . . . Sometimes the)
- 4. DIRCEICRNEKAMS

 (you can usually buy these near the beach)

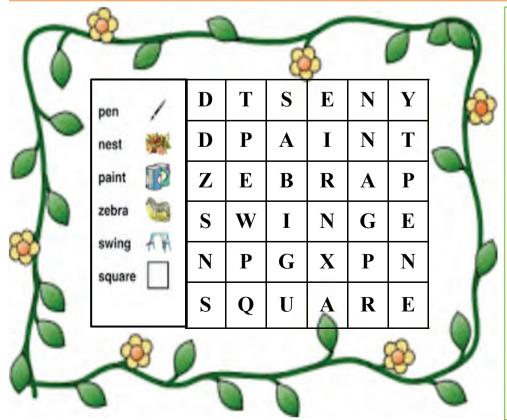




Children's Colouring Corner Extra



Word Search Corner





Summer days can be hot and dry, so water will need to be a top priority for both you and your garden this month. Watering your plants thoroughly and deeply is much better than watering often but lightly. It is best to water in the morning so



that the foliage has had time to dry off before nightfall. Mulching will help retain moisture in the soil. Stay cool and find some shade! August can be a real scorcher.

By August, some of the early spring and summer perennials have bloomed and are fading. Do you have plenty of other perennials with late summer and autum interest that can take over for earlier bloomers this time of year? With a little planning, you can have colour in every part of your garden all season long. By now, you know which plants have met your expectations and those that have not. Did some plants thrive while others failed? Did they receive the proper amount of sun or shade, water, and fertilizer? Be sure to note all of this in your journal and search the Perennial Encyclopaedia for autum bloomers. If you're unsure why something did not do well in your garden, look up the plant in the Perennial Encyclopaedia and read the instructions on how to grow it to be sure you're caring for it correctly. Take photos to help you remember your thoughts for future plantings.

The Vegetable Garden

The Vegetable garden comes into its own in August, with plenty of delicious home grown produce to harvest. Here are some tasks to keep you busy this month: Water sweetcorn plants regularly and feed with tomato food to get the best cobs. Sweetcorn is ready to harvest when you can pop a corn with your thumbnail and the



juices are milky. Apply a high-potash fertiliser such as tomato food once fruits start to form on pepper, cucumber and aubergine plants. Continue to feed tomato plants with a tomato fertiliser and remove lower leaves to help with air circulation and prevent disease. Pinch out the top of tomato plants to concentrate the growth into the fruit that has already formed. Aim to leave 5 or 6 trusses of fruit per plant. Cut back herbs to encourage a new flush of tasty leaves that you can harvest before the frost. Dry or freeze excess herbs to use in the kitchen later on. Thin parsley to help it establish a good root system before winter. There should be 25cm

between each plant. Spring-sown carrots and beetroot will be ready to harvest now although they can be left in the ground to keep growing.

Continue to harvest second early potatoes now - perfect for salads! Start harvesting your main crop potatoes as the leaves yellow and die back. Store your potatoes in hessian sacks which exclude light but allow ventilation. Lift and dry onions, shallots and garlic once the foliage has flopped over and yellowed. Store them in onion bags to prevent mould developing. Harvest French and Runner beans little and often to prevent them from setting seed. Pick Runner beans regularly to prevent them becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods. Leaving mature pods to set seed can prevent further flowers developing and reduce your crop. Take cuttings of herbs such as rosemary, sage or mint now to bulk up supplies. Put cuttings in moist, well-drained potting compost (one part grit to one part compost) and place in a cold frame. Established clumps of chives can be divided now. On a sunny day, collect seeds of herbs such as dill, fennel, caraway and chervil and dry in a warm spot out of direct sunlight. Chervil must be sown immediately. Keep an eye out for potato and tomato blight and remove and destroy any affected plants immediately to prevent its spread. Read our 'How to stop blight' guide for more information. Check for cabbage white butterfly eggs under brassica leaves and squash any that you find. Alternatively use nematodes to kill the caterpillars. Clear away any diseased and spent foliage around your veg plants to discourage pests and diseases spreading office.

If you have plants fruiting in containers, make sure you give them a high potash liquid feed to keep them healthy and productive. Remember to feed your lemon tree (and other citrus fruit trees) throughout summer with a special citrus fertiliser. Plant out any rooted runners of strawberries for a good crop next year. Keep birds and squirrels off your berries with netting or old net curtains. Protect your crops with a bird scarer made from CDs tied to strings. Harvest your fruit trees - cherries, plums, peaches, nectarines and apricots should all be ripe now!



Early varieties of apple trees will be ready towards the end of the month. If you have a glut of autumn raspberries, blackberries or loganberries, freeze them on trays for a couple of hours and then bag them up to use over winter. Tidy up strawberry plants and remove any old straw from around the plants to improve ventilation and reduce the risk of pests and diseases. Prune the fruited stems of your blackcurrant bushes after harvesting. Cut back the fruited canes of your summer raspberries, leaving the new green canes for next year's crop. Tie in next year's raspberry canes to support wires or fencing. Make rough sketches of your flower borders and vegetable plot to help plan for next year. Take lots of photos of your garden if you want to rearrange things over the winter - it's much easier to do this if you have a reference point. Think about which bulbs you would like for next spring - now's the time to order ready for autumn planting.

A person who loves his or her work is like a plant in the right spot: their growth is maximised and the yield is greatest.

Low Carb Eggplant lasagne with the best turkey meat sauce and mozzarella

Prep. Time: 20 minutes Cook time: 1 hr 10 min

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 pound lean 93% ground turkey
- 1/2 yellow onion, minced
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced
- 3 garlic gloves, minced
- 1 (15 oz.) can, no salt added diced tomatoes
- 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tablespoons fresh minced basil (8 large leaves)
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, plus more if necessary
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large eggplant, cut lengthwise into 1/4 inch slices (about 6-8 large slices)
- 1 cup part skim ricotta
 - 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons parmesan cheese
- 8 oz. mozzarella

Method:

- Please the oven to 375 degrees F. 1.
- Place olive oil in a large Dutch oven or pot over medium high heat.
- 3. Once oil is hot, add in turkey and cook for 5-8 minutes or until turkey is no longer
- 4. Add in diced tomatoes, tomato paste, water, basil, dried oregano, fennel seeds, salt and pepper. Stir until well combined then reduce heat to low, cover and simmer. Stir every few minutes.
- Place sliced eggplant on large baking sheet coated with non-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with salt and roast in the oven for 10-15 minutes to help dry out the eggplant a bit. This is a critical step. After eggplant is done cooking, remove or cut off
- While eggplant is cooking, you can mix together the ricotta, parmesan and egg in a medium bowl until well combined. Once eggplant is done cooking, remove the turkey meat sauce from the heat and allow to cool a bit. After it has cooled off for a few minutes, add 1/2 cup of meat sauce to the ricotta mixture.
- To assemble lasagne, spread on 1/2 of the turkey meat sauce into the bottom of a 9x9 inch baking pan coated with non-stick cooking spray. Place half of eggplant slices evenly over meat sauce, spread half of the ricotta mixture, then brake in pieces half of the mozzarella and add it on top.
- Repeat layers again starting with the meat sauce, eggplant slices and ricotta mixture and finish with the rest of the mozzarella on top.
- Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and broil for 5-10 minutes or until cheese is golden brown and bubbly on top.

Best served with a side salad.

Cream cheese pound cake

Hands-on Time:15 min. Total time: 2 hr 50 min. Makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1 package cream cheese (8 oz.), softened
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 large eggs
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- Pinch of table salt

Method:

- Beat butter and cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer for 2 minutes or until creamy: gradually add sugar, beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until combined. Add vanilla extract and beat just until
- Combine flour and salt in a small bowl: gradually add to butter mixture, beating at low speed just until blended after each addition. Pour batter into a greased and floured 10 inch tube pan.
- Bake at 150° C for 1 hr and 25 min. or until a wooden pick inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool cake pan on a wire rack for 10-15 min; remove from pan and let cool completely on wire rack. Top with fruit.









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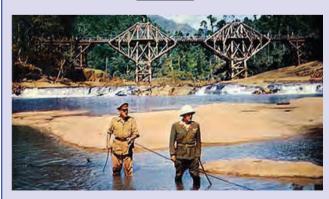


BRIEF ENCOUNTER (1945)



- 1) Which British actor played the part of Doctor Alec Harvey in the story?
- a) James Mason
- b) David Niven
- c) Laurence Olivier
- d) Trevor Howard
- 2) Which piano concerto provided the film with its memorable theme music?
- a) Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto
- b) Liszt: Piano Concerto
- c) Shostakovich: Piano Concerto
- d) Schumann: Piano Concerto
- 3) What was the main setting for the film?
- a) A seaside town
- b) A railway station
- c) Wartime London
- d) A European city

BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI (1957)



- 4) In an Oscar-winning role, who played Lt. Colonel Nicholson in the classic 'Bridge on the River Kwai'?
- a) Sean Connery
- b) Richard Attenborough
- c) James Garner
- d) Alec Guinness

5) How was Lt. Colonel Nicholson punished for his stance against Colonel Saito?

- a) He was locked in an iron box in the blazing sun.
- b) He was whipped 40 times.
- c) He was shot in the foot.
- d) He was paraded in front of the other soldiers.
- 6) Which well-known American actor played US Navy Commander Shears in the film?
- a) James Stewart
- b) Henry Fonda
- c) Kirk Douglas
- d) William Holden

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA (1962)



- 7) Who composed the memorable score for Lawrence of Arabia?
- a) Miklós Róza
- b) Maurice Jarré
- c) André Previn
- d) John Barry
- 8) What is Lawrence doing the first time we see him in 'Lawrence of Arabia'?
- a) painting a map with watercolours
- b) blowing out a match
- c) lighting a cigarette
- d) riding a motorbike
- 9) Which actor slowly and memorably emerges through a mirage in the film?
- a) Anthony Quinn
- b) Peter O'Toole
- c) Omar Sharif
- d) Alec Guinness

DR ZHIVAGO (1965)



- 10) Who narrates the action of Doctor Zhivago?
- a) Omar Sharif
- b) Alec Guinness
- c) Tom Courtenay
- d) Ralph Richardson
- 11) How does Yuri (Omar Sharif) die?
- a) He freezes to death in Siberia
- b) In the war, he is captured and dies
- c) He has a heart attack in the street
- d) He dies of old age in Lara's arms
- 12) Which actor plays Lara's (Julie Christie) student revolutionary boyfriend?
- a) Rod Steiger
- b) Tom Courtney
- c) Albert Finney
- d) Alan Bates

RYAN'S DAUGHTER (1970)



- 13) Who played the village simpleton in Ryan's Daughter
- a) Trevor Howard
- b) John Mills
- c) John Hurt
- d) Leo McKern
- 14) Ryan's Daughter Rosy was played by a well-known actress in the 1970s. What was her name?
- a) Jenny Agutter
- b) Sarah Miles
- c) Jane Seymour





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Maynooth Town F.C. host Waterford F.C. in FAI Senior Cup Tie





What a fantastic day for Maynooth Town Football Club, to host an FAI Senior Cup tie for the first time, to welcome a crowd of over 400 people including visiting supporters to our home ground at Rathcoffey Road.

A massive thank you to all our volunteers across the club who helped in the weeks of preparation for the event and managing the event on the day. It was a great collective effort by everyone concerned, a wonderful occasion and proud day for the club and the town.

Waterford fans were very praiseworthy of the club, the grounds and facilities and the welcome they received. In particular we would like to thank the following for their support for the day:

- Brady's Clock House
- Maynooth University
- Thornton's Recycling
- Willie Kiernan Sound Equipment Systems
- Alan O'Regan Tambourine Catering Ltd.

Maynooth Gardaí - Sgt. Paul Kealy and his team

Kildare County Council Area Office

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Maynooth Fire Brigade

- Order of Malta Ambulance Services
- Dr. Christy O'Rourke
- Laragh Sports Turf Services (Declan Gibbons)

A special thank you to our Maynooth Community Employment Project team who delivered over and above the call of duty to make our grounds so impressive on the day. Everything went smoothly, we got everybody into the ground, parked on site, fed, watered, and entertained by St Mary's Brass & Reed Band.

Thank you to all those who came to support the Town we hope you enjoyed the occasion. Yes we lost to a superior Waterford side but the team gave everything they had. While we lost the game we won the day. We've learned from the experience and look forward to more days like these.

A photo gallery of the day is available on pages 16 & 17

Gerry Folan - Chairman - Maynooth Town F.C.

Maynooth Town Football Club Reeling in the Years

Maynooth Town Football Club is celebrating 50 years as a club this year. Over the years many people have participated in and contributed to our journey, to where we are now, a community club, providing football for 450 players across 35 teams and growing.

The story of our club is ever unfolding and is never stuck in one moment in time. There are many stories held in the collective and individual memory, experiences of playing with or an involvement in the life of the club over the past 50 years. That's why as a club, to celebrate our 50th year, want to capture that history to reflect the experience with club, the memories and stories to

communicate it to a wider audience.

We have started to gather an archive of material and photographs but we are sure that there is more out there. So many people have had the enjoyable experience of playing for and being part of the Town over the years! We would be delighted if people shared that experience with us for the benefit of all with an interest in the

So if you have a photograph, a story, a reflection on your time with Maynooth Town FC, a game that stood out, players you admired etc. please share it with us. Let's celebrate our club's journey and what has been achieved so far.

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COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

We are delighted to report that the Band is still celebrating their big win at the International Concert Band Competition held in the University of Limerick on the 27th July where we competed against bands from Ireland and Canada and coming away with first prize.



This win qualifies us for the World Championships in Taiwan next year or Germany in 2021. It has of course to be the 2021 event as we have already been invited back to the Bad Orb International Music Festival near Frankfurt next year. It never rains but it pours....

The Limerick win has really brought the Band on in leaps and bounds but there's still much to be done as we travel to Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park on Sunday 15th September and participate in the Culture Night event taking place in the Church of Ireland on Friday 20th.

This will be closely followed by a joint concert with the Garda Band in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday 3rd November so watch out for tickets for both, the Culture Night is a free event and there will be a €10 admission to the Glenroyal Concert.

We extend a warm invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to feel free on Monday nights (bank holidays excepted) To join us in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 7.45 and 9.45 where you will be made most welcome. In recent months we have had players from Lucan, Celbridge and Mullingar come to join us.

We are a very welcoming band, we have an excellent conductor and we have a very busy programme over the next year.

You can call Paddy on 087 2537 906 if you need any further information.



Maynooth Community First Responders Information Evening

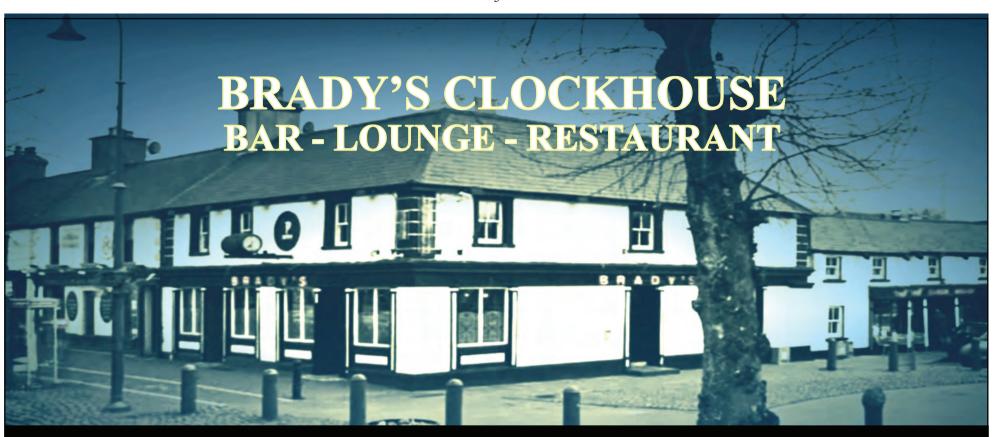
An information evening will be held on Wednesday 4th September in the Community Space, Carton Retail Park at 8.30pm.

All are welcome.

Are you interested in becoming a member of Maynooth Community First Responders? As a volunteer member, you would respond to cardiac emergencies in our community. No previous medical experience or experience of CPR is necessary, all training will be provided. No joining fees. Contact: coordinator.maynoothcfr@gmail.com







Whether dropping by for a friendly drink, food or settling in to watch the match, we are sure you will find a warm welcome with great service and a comfortable setting to ensure your stay is a pleasant and memorable one.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Great Food Served 7 Days

Photos of Community Sensory Garden on the Moyglare Rd, which was officially opened on Saturday 27th July



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Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

- In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.
- In the case of unwittingly or unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person the right to reply.

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

Copy date for receipt of articles is published in the Newsletter. We must stress that material submitted after the copy date cannot be accepted.

Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage -

www.maynoothcep.com.

The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load. The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 17th September 2019

Editorial

Regular readers of this publication will know that we take our role of chronicling the social history of Maynooth very seriously so as well as looking at the present we often give our readers reminders of previous events that happened in the town. This month we are recalling the visit of Pope John Paul II to Maynooth in 1979. As this is forty years ago the number of local people who were present at the event and can remember it and are still living here are a relatively select group. Therefore we are delighted that Mrs Josie Moore the well - known community activist with a lifetime of service to our senior citizens has shared her memories of the visit. We will publish memories from other local people in our October edition so please feel free to submit them with photographs if possible.

Elsewhere in this month's edition we celebrate the ongoing development of Maynooth Town Football Club as they mark fifty years in existence this year. Most of those fifty years were spent on the field near Carton Avenue but the move to the Rathcoffey Road has provided the club with much needed improved facilities.



Pope John Paul II's visit to St. Patrick's College Maynooth 1979 during which he blessed the foundation stone of the then new library the John Paul II Library. Also in the photo is Monsignor Michael G. Olden, President of St. Patrick's College and Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich. (Courtesy of SPCM Archives)

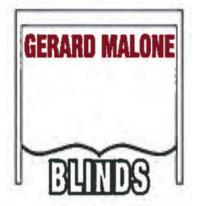
The collaboration with Maynooth University has a positive impact on the progression of the club but with the ongoing expansion of the town the existence of such a strong local club will continue to attract young lads and girls to take an active part in football. In fact Maynooth is lucky to have a range of sports clubs providing opportunities for our young people to try the different codes with field sports such as Rugby, GAA and Soccer leading the way. Of course the valuable encouragement given by the teachers in our schools plays no small part in the story. But no club can succeed without volunteers who are always willing to step forward. One of the key functions of the Maynooth Newsletter is to feature the activities of all local clubs that submit notes to us.

Being September the schools are all back. While progress on completion of the two new Post-Primary schools continues there is much concern about the anticipated completion dates. It will be unacceptable if these schools are not ready to be occupied by the beginning of the next school year in September 2020. This should also mean that the remaining facilities on the site must also be in place. Our children need these facilities as soon as possible and every effort needs to be made to avoid any further loss of time on completing these wonderful new facilities.

We also welcome back students and staff to Maynooth University. For new students coming to Maynooth for the first time we hope our town is a home from home for you. Coming to Maynooth to further your education is a good decision but we would encourage all students to treat Maynooth just like you treat your own home place remembering that Maynooth is home to many other people who are not students and have to live their lives as well. All that been said you can still enjoy your student life just making sure to consider other Maynooth residents who might not want to share in all your fun.

There are additional facilities being developed in 2019/2020 on the University's Northern Campus which could result in additional traffic being filtered on to the Moyglare Road and bearing in mind the current works as well as the possible commencement of other works in this area we could have a very traffic congested September in the Moyglare area.

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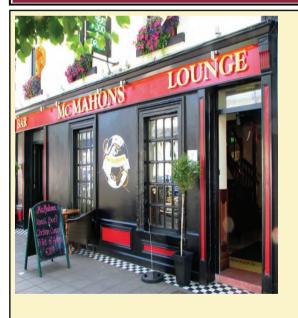
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Public Meeting on Childcare Provision in Maynooth

Cllr Feeney became very aware of the lack of local childcare provision for young families. Since her election, Cllr Feeney has met with The Maynooth Community Creche Action Group which was recently established in reaction to the lack of available childcare places in Maynooth, particularly for those children not yet in preschool. I have reserved a room in the Glenroyal Hotel for a community consultation meeting at 7.30pm on Friday September 20th for an exploration of the options available. All welcome to attend so that we can progress this important issue for families and children in our town.

Newtown Hall Estate Needs to be Taken in Charge

In relation to the TIC of Newtown Hall Estate Cllr Feeney has been in discussion on this matter with representatives of the residents association. Cllr Feeney has scheduled a question on this issue for the next Maynooth Municipal District Council Meeting. The question will ask the Council give an up-to-date report on the Taking In Charge of Newtown Hall Estate to include details in relation to the bond, a works programme outlining when the SNAG list will be dealt with. Cllr Feeney has also requested a response as to why the Council has not met with the Residents Association to discuss the Taking In Charge of their estate?

Maynooth Eastern Ring Road and Noise Reduction for Griffin Rath Estates

The Planning Permission for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road was passed by Kildare Co. All views and comments are welcome and Council on Monday July 29th. The Eastern Ring Road will link the Leixlip Road with the Celbridge Road and includes the construction of a bridge over the railway and canal.

The Council will now proceed with the detailed design of the project and the CPO for lands required, with a view to inviting tenders for the construction of the road in the first quarter of 2020. The construction period is 16 months. Cllr Feeney questioned Recommendation No. 7 of the Chief Executive Report which states that "No noise barrier walls shall be constructed at the existing Griffin Rath Road, between Griffin Rath Manor and Griffin Rath Hall. Alternative noise mitigation may be considered." Cllr Feeney stated that while the road is a very welcome development, the needs of existing residents should be taken into account particularly those of Griffin Rath Manor and Griffin Rath Hall.

This is going to be a very busy road with plenty of traffic and Cllr Feeney suggested that there is an absolute need for Noise Barrier Walls along Griffin Rath Road between Griffin Rath Manor and Griffin Rath Hall. For this reason she suggested that Recommendation 7, be reviewed.

The Council amended the Chief Executive's Report and Noise Barrier Walls will be provided along Griffin Rath Road as part of the project.

Community Centre for Maynooth

Cllr Feeney is continuing her efforts to ensure Maynooth gets the long-awaited Community Centre as a home for all the great artistic and creative activities that happen in different places in the town. Cllr Feeney is working with all interested community groups to deliver this facility.

Planning Regulator First Strategic Plan

A six-week public consultation is open on the Office of the Planning Regulator's first Strategic Plan.

https://www.opr.ie/opr-strategic-plan-consultation/

Members of the public, stakeholders and other interested parties may comment on the plan between 1st August and 12th September 2019.

All views and comments are welcome and should be submitted to info@opr.ie with the title 'observation on draft Strategic Plan'.

Communities 4 ClimateAction Free Training Course

County Kildare LEADER Partnership training programme is working to promote action on climate change in the county. They are looking for 40 communities around Kildare to join them on the 28th of September to begin a free 10-week training course called Communities 4 ClimateAction. They are focusing their recruitment on community groups and clubs in the county so if you would be interested in doing this course you can register here https://forms.gle/cKhr7U3TCQ6TZBMN7

To find out more about the course you can download the course handbook here https://shrtm.nu/ZCJP

Maynooth Golf Society Shay Moore Memorial Cup Sponsored by the Moore Family

Trim Golf Club 19th August

1 st	Pat Connolly (24)	35pts
2 nd	Eamonn Murphy (16)	34pts
3 rd	Brendan Bean (23)	34pts
4 th	Dermot Myles (15)	34pts
5 th	Tom Coffey(18)	32pts
F9	Sean Farrelly	22pts
B9	Norman Kavanagh	16pts
	NP Terry Moore	4
	Visitor Maura Moore	

Next outing is in Kilcock Golf Club
On 14th September



Morning Routine For School

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

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

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

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

Planning ahead for school mornings: the night before

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

Here are some ideas:

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



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Tenders for Construction of Maynooth Eastern Ring Road Should be Invited Tenders Invited for Planning and Design of M4 Widening Between in First Quarter of 2020 - Stagg

Labour's Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council on July 29th to pass the Planning Permission for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road.

The badly needed project involves the construction of a new road linking the Leixlip Road with the Celbridge Road and includes the construction of a bridge over the railway and Royal Canal.

With the planning permission now passed the Council will now commence the detailed design of the project and they hope to be in a position to publish the Compulsory Purchase Order for the Project in early September.

Once there are no challenges to the CPO, the Council expect to invite tenders for the construction of the Eastern Ring Road in the first quarter of 2020, and hopefully construction will commence on site by Mid 2020. The anticipated construction period is 16 months.

Welcoming the continuing progress with the project Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road will assist in relieving chronic traffic congestion in Maynooth Main Street.

Court Date Still Awaited on Judicial Review On Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road Ring Road Via Moygaddy - Stagg

Following the successful passing by Kildare Co. Council of the Part 8 for the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road on July 29th last, Labour's Emmet Stagg was in further contact with Meath Co. Council in relation to the Judicial Review of the Part 8 passed in relation to the Ring Road linking the Moyglare Road and Dunboyne Road in Maynooth Via Moygaddy.

The proposed Ring Road linking the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road via Moygaddy in the Meath part of Maynooth was a critical piece of infrastructure in the Maynooth Outer Orbital Route. With progress on the Maynooth Eastern Ring Road linking the Leixlip and Celbridge Roads it was important that we also had progress on the section linking the Moyglare Area to the Dunboyne Road.

Mr. Stagg stated that Meath Co. Council had advised that the Judicial Review in relation to their decision on 12th October, 2016, to approve the road was ongoing, and that Meath Co. Council have lodged their Statement of Opposition and continue to await a court date.

The Statement of Opposition contest's the facts set out by the applicants who lodged the Judicial Review, namely Brian Clerkin and Kilcloon Environmental Action Association. Mycete Homes have already lodged their contribution to the cost of the Kildare section of the ring road with Kildare Co. Council which covers the cost of completing the road leading to Moyglare Hall Estate to the County Boundary.

Expressing his disappointment at the continued delay, Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that construction of the ring road was a further vital part of the Ring Road System for Maynooth and he hoped that a successful conclusion to the Court Case, which is ongoing now for 2 and a half years would eventually be forthcoming.

Maynooth and Leixlip

Labour's Emmet Stagg was in contact with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in relation to the Upgrade of the M4 between Maynooth and Leixlip, a project which will see the widening of the M4 from two lanes to three, in each direction.

The project is included in the National Development Plan 2018-2027 and is listed as a major road development to be prioritised. The project is approximately 10km in length, with 1.5km in South Dublin Co. Council and the remainder in Kildare Co. Council. The project went through a pre-appraisal stage which was approved by the Department of Transport last January.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland have advised Mr. Stagg, that Kildare Co. Council have recently invited tenders for the provision of technical advisory services to progress the planning and design work on the project.

Welcoming the move to secure consultants to advance the project Mr. Stagg stated that the M4 at present suffers from serious congestion and the project would improve journey time reliability and improve connectivity.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that the delivery of the M4 upgrade is critical and he would continue to press the Minister for Transport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland on the project, given its importance.

Civilian Staff Numbers Must be Increased in Kildare Garda Division - Stagg Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Justice and Equality in relation to the number of Civilian Staff working on administrative duties in each Garda Division in the State in recent years and as of May, 2019.

Mr. Stagg stated that the use of civilian staff within An Garda Siochana frees up trained Gardaí to carry out front-line policing rather than being stuck on administrative duties, which is a waste of resources and training. The provision of additional civilian staff in a Garda Division is as good a way as increasing garda numbers as the allocation of probationer gardai.

As of May, 2019, there were 1,315 Civilian Staff working in Garda Divisions throughout the State and 34 of those were working in Garda Stations in the Kildare Division. Mr. Stagg stated that 15 were at Naas, 7 at Leixlip, 1 in Maynooth, 5 in Kildare Town, 3 in Newbridge and 3 in Athy.

Since 2016, stated Mr. Stagg, there has been a 44% increase in Civilian staff working in Garda Divisions throughout the State whilst the increase in the Kildare Division has only being 13%. This again shows how unfairly Kildare is being treated. If civilian numbers had increased proportionately in Kildare we would have had a further 9 civilian staff, releasing gardai to front line duties.

In conclusion Labour General Election Candidate Emmet Stagg stated that he would contact Commissioner Drew Harris on the lack of provision of Civilian Staff to the Kildare Division. Pressure has succeeded in increasing our allocation of Gardaí to the Kildare Division in recent years and we must press now for more civilian staff also.

Memories of Pope John Paul II visit to Maynooth in 1979

1979 was an eventful year in many ways for different people all over the world. It was the year that Sony gave us the Walkman, Israel won the Eurovision song contest, the Middle East Crises caused petrol shortages and Mother Teresa received the Noble Prize. However occupying the minds of Irish people was the impending visit of Pope John Paul II to Ireland.

Over one million people welcomed the Pontiff to the Phoenix Park on September 29th where he celebrated Mass and while many people from Maynooth made that particular journey, the highlight of the occasion for us was that he would visit Maynooth on October 1st. The plan was that he would bless the foundation stone of what is now John Paul ii Library in Maynooth College.

The buzz, preparation and clean up on the run up to the visit could only be equalled today by our "Tidy Towns People". Security was tight and we were told that cars would not be allowed into the town after 9pm the night before, so to be on the safe side many of us brought family members from outside the town early that evening for the big event.

At 6am on October 1st, despite a dense fog, we all made our way on foot to the College grounds to find the best position and the best view. With all the luggage people were carrying it looked like a mass exodus from Maynooth. There were children, buggies, bags, wheelchairs

Pope John Paul the Second enters St. Patrick's College Chapel, Maynooth on October 1st 1979

and of course the flask of tea, all in preparation for the long wait. This occasion brought people of all religious beliefs together, interacting and standing side by side which today might not seem unusual, but forty years ago it was beautiful to behold.

Even at that late stage there was some concern that His Holiness would not make it due to the tight schedule, as he was also due to visit Drogheda, Clonmacnoise, Galway, Knock and Limerick.

However despite all of that, as the fog lifted, the Pope arrived in Maynooth, if a little late. He first met with the clergy and students in the College Chapel before emerging to bless the foundation stone of the new Library and address the people.

Apart from the news media, photos were in short supply as not everyone had a camera and of course mobile phones had yet to come.

As for a selfie...well.... that was just someone who was self-absorbed.

Allow me now, for a moment, to take you back to another occasion. It was 1963 when the then president of Ireland, Eamon DeValera, attended the funeral in Maynooth of his friend and comrade, Domhnall O'Buachalla. I was then an impulsive young teenager and as the President was speaking I reached out and touched his hand, which caused him to stop and look around. This in turn caught the attention of his security who began to move in. I didn't wait to see what happened next.... I just disappeared back into the crowd.

However, I wasn't a teenager in 1979 but the impulse was the same and as the Pope passed I reached out and touched his arm, but this time nobody noticed. That folks is my dubious claim to historic fame.

What started out forty years ago, as a dull morning filled with doubt and anticipation ended up a wonderful sunny day, in more ways than one. The buzz and excitement continued as we made our way home, happy in the knowledge that something great had happened in Maynooth. It was a very different



The Pope's Visit to Maynooth October 1st 1979

The New Year of 1980 brought new events to grab the fickle world's attention, Ronald Regan was elected President of the USA, John Lennon was sadly shot and the Rubik's cube kept the young people's attention for all of five minutes. However, in Ireland in General and Maynooth in particular, we were still talking about "The Pope's Visit".

Josephine Moore



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Harbour Field Maynooth - Draft Proposals expected soon

A draft design building brief for the development of the Harbour Field, Maynooth is expected to be presented to local councillors at their next council meeting. The Council intends to bring this project through the Part 8 planning process and submissions are invited from residents regarding their proposals. I will keep you informed about this as the project progresses.

Alcohol Bye Laws

Kildare County Council is currently updating the Control of Consumption and Possession of Alcohol in Public Places Bye-Laws for Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge and Kilcock. These proposed bye-laws include provision for the serving of a notice on a person found to be in contravention, specifying a fixed payment to be paid, the non-payment of which will result in a prosecution in respect of any offence committed.

Update on New School for Maynooth

I met recently with the Minister for Education Joe McHugh who stated to me at this meeting that school buildings will open in Maynooth by June 2020.

I will hold the Minister to this to make sure this happens as promised. This development is critical for the schools involved and the Maynooth area and I welcome the Minister's commitment on these dates. The capacity issues in Maynooth's schools have reached a critical level and the new Maynooth Education Campus will be a safer and more suitable location for local children to go to school in.

James Lawless - Constituency Office

My Constituency Office in Maynooth (located on Doctor's Lane off the Main Street behind Brid Feely DNG Offices) is open all day Monday from 10am till 4pm. My colleagues Councillor Paul Ward and Councillor Naoise Ó'Cearúil and I are also available for appointments on Fridays from 10am to 1pm. Please call my office to organise a time. The office serves Constituents from Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and the surrounding areas.

Please call in if there is anything we can assist you, your family or your organisation with.



Comhaltas Craobh Mhaigh Nuad



It's end of August already and the excitement is building toward the upcoming new year and a new term at Craobh Mhaigh Nuad. This will be the branch's eight year of lessons – where is the time going!

Lessons did not take place over the summer, but we had plenty of action over the course of the summer. In July, the branch was invited to the Hooley Tent of Conradh na Gaeilge at the Kaleidescope Festival.

At the centre of August's trad calendar was the Fleadh Cheoil, which took place in Drogheda for the second year running in Ennis. Well done to all from the branch who competed – and indeed to all musicians across North Kildare who participated in the competitions and craic.

The Fleadh one of the largest gathering of musicians anywhere in the world, with a half a million visitors having checked Drogheda this year – many of them with instruments in tow.

The Fleadh is staying in Leinster next year for 2020 as it will be hosted by Mullingar – so super handy from our own town of Maigh Nuad, so pencil it into the calendar now, as it's a special occasion.

Registration for the 2019/2020 Comhaltas year will take place in early September. So we'd encourage all of you to have a think whether you like to join us on our journey through our fabulous traditional music.



Branch members soaking up the festival atmosphere at Kaleidoscope



Caravan-style stage in the Hooley Tent featuring Róish, Katie, Ronan, Seán, Seán T. Caoimhe & Derek

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

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

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

We also have a decent instrument bank built up, for those who'd like to try an instrument without a big up-front investment. In it are concertinas, accordions, fiddles, guitars and more but it's first come, first served, so the early bird...and all that.

Keep an eagle eye on our Facebook or Twitter feeds for more information on upcoming workshops, pop-up sessions and performances. Lots of traditional music still around Maynooth from Tuesday nights in Brady's

Some Maynooth jerseys mingling among veterans of the Fleadh from across Ireland and beyond – Maith sibh!



The Fleadh is an amazing expression of our national culture enjoyed by visitors from all over the globe. Can't wait until next year!

to Thursday nights in the Newtown & Brady's Lounge – rounded off by Friday's in the Roost. The branch also run kids and adults learner sessions in Maynooth GAA – better keep a good eye on Social Media for these as they pop up quick!

http://www.ccemhaighnuad.com/ http://www.facebook.com/ccemhaighnuad http://twitter.com/CCEMhaighNuad

Derek Carroll, PRO, Craobh Mhaigh Nuad CCE

Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 17th September 2019



Small Adverts/Local Services



The Alzheimer Café Leixlip Co Kildare



Alzheimer Cafe Leixlip -Wednesday September 11th 7-9pm

Join us at our next Alzheimer Cafe, Wednesday September 11th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. This month, we will be talking about fun ways to remain physically active.

Attendance is free of charge and there is plenty of parking available www.alzheimercafeleixlip.ie - Phone: **087 7418512**



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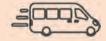


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Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

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Minister Must Urgently Approve Funds for Re-building Ireland Scheme – O'Rourke

-Approx 165 Kildare applicants waiting for approval-

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has expressed his frustration at the fact that Local Authorities are unable to continue processing and approving applications under the Re-building Ireland Home Loan Scheme due to the Government's hesitation to formally sanction more funds for the scheme.

He explained, "Local Authorities are unable to process applications under the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan Scheme because they are still waiting for confirmation of further funding from the Department, this is despite the Department claiming the first-round money is not yet exhausted."

"There is a clear disconnect between the Department and Local Authorities who are crying out for the funds. A recent PQ response I received from the Department stated that 'the scheme remains open and all local authorities have been advised to continue to receive and process applications up to and including the issuing of loans' yet Kildare County Council informed me that they are waiting for confirmation of further funding from the Department with approximately 165 applications waiting to be processed."

"This conflicting information is adding to confusion. I have been contacted by many anxious prospective homebuyers in the Kildare North who have applied for funding under the scheme. They are now left in the dark, with no indication as to whether additional funding will be made available under the scheme. We are told the decision will be made imminently but little else.

"It shouldn't have come as much of a surprise to the Government that the original funding allocation of €200m would be used up so quickly. We are experiencing a housing crisis nationwide and Local Authorities are at the coalface of it."

"Kildare County Council have confirmed to me that they were allocated €15m at the start of this scheme in February 2018. By the end of September 2018, they had approved loans to that value, meaning they had used their allocation in just seven months – this demonstrates the serious demand there is for the scheme. "

They now have approximately 165 applications still waiting to be processed.

"Across eight years in power, Fine Gael have built no affordable housing, this is their first proper attempt to provide access to credit for first-time buyers and they are letting it fall into disarray. The Minister must give a cast-iron guarantee that this important scheme will continue into the future", he concluded."

Passenger Numbers Climb on Bus Route 139 linking Naas to Blanchardstown says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that the passenger numbers using Bus Route 139, which links Naas to Blanchardstown via, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, continue to increase.

"I campaigned, to provide an orbital Bus Service from Naas to Blanchardstown, linking Clane and Rathcoffey. This service was put in place over a year ago and the numbers using the service continue to show strong growth."

"Passenger numbers on Route 139 reached a peak of 11,500 per 4 week period, in late 2018 and early 2019. I have seen myself at first hand, the numbers grow."

"We must improve our public transport services. I have made representations to have this Route 139 link directly to Blanchardstown Connolly Hospital. The National Transport Authority have informed me that they have no plans in place to adjust the service at the moment, but I will continue to make representations to have the service extended."

I have also requested that an Orbital Bus route be provided which would connect Clane/ Straffan /Ardclough area to Maynooth and / or Celbridge.

Linking these smaller towns and villages to regular public transport services will ensure that we encourage more and more people to use public transport." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

VRT Overhaul Needed with Introduction of New CO2 Test for Vehicles - O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has called on the Government to overhaul the Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) system in light of the introduction of the Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicle Test Procedure (WLTP).

Deputy O'Rourke said it was important the system is overhauled as without reform some motorists will opt for older, less environmentally friendly vehicles.

He said, "Having discussed this matter with business owners, car dealers and motorists in North Kildare I can see it is having a serious impact on their motoring decisions."

"Following recent emission scandals, a new test was established to properly measure

CO2 emissions in new cars. As a result, CO2 values are set to increase by 21% under new WLTP measurements. "

More worrying is the fact that lower emitting cars are expected to increase by some 41%, while the highest emitting cars will not increase materially at all – it makes no sense.

"Without reform of the Vehicle Registration Tax, Kildare motorists buying new cars will see very significant increases in their VRT bill.

Understandably, this will put people off buying new, more efficient and cleaner cars because it will more economical to buy older, dirtier cars. Ireland already has one of the oldest car fleets in the EU not to mention the loss of business to car dealers.

"The incentive to buy lower CO2 emitting cars will certainly be diminished which goes against all climate action progress. At a time when we are trying to move towards electric vehicles it's ludacris to think that this change could perversely end up incentivising people to buy older vehicles that are more damaging to the environment and public health."

"I believe the Minister should consider expanding the VRT bands to avoid very serious impacts on the consumer and the motor industry, given the fact that lower emitting cars are facing the biggest increases", he concluded.

Departure of Leisure Insurer from market puts Businesses and Jobs in Kildare at risk – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke has said the Government must hold an emergency meeting with the insurance industry amid reports that Leisure Insure is departing the Irish insurance market.

Deputy O'Rourke commented, "Leisure Insure have been providing insurance to the sport, leisure and entertainment industries in Ireland and the UK for more than 20 years and their departure will be devastating to the leisure and recreational sectors.

"We have all heard stories over the past year of play centre owners and entertainment companies going out of business due to extortionate insurance and public liability premiums so unfortunately this does not come as a surprise.

"What we're talking about here is activities such as paintball, bouncy castles and other inflatables, airsoft sites and indoor and outdoor adventure centres. Places where our children go to have fun and enjoy themselves with friends.

"However, as a result of a high number of claims, many insurance providers won't even cover the leisure and recreational sectors. Leisure Insure is one of the last remaining firms to provide this cover in Ireland and their departure from the market will put businesses and jobs at risk."

"The simple fact is that public liability insurance for the leisure industry is not an attractive business. Not one of the main insurers in the Irish market will provide cover to parts of the leisure industry. The failure of the government to implement insurance reform has led us to this crisis point."

"The Government needs to hold an immediate crisis meeting with the insurance industry in light of this decision to find a way of ensuring that viable businesses can continue to access insurance cover at reasonable rates," he concluded.

Irish Mortgage Rates Too High says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fail TD, Frank O'Rourke, has again called for Government action in relation to the high mortgage rates in Ireland as compared to the average EU rates.

"Irish banks are charging their customers higher mortgage rates, at a time when rates across the EU are falling. Irish Banks have increased the cost of taking out a mortgage, at a time when trends in Europe are lowering their rates."

"My understanding from the Central Bank is that Irish mortgage rates are the second most expensive in the EU.

The April average interest rate on a new mortgage was 3.03pc, up from 3% in March. This compares with the average rate for the euro area of 1.7pc, down from 1.74pc in March."

"To put this in real money terms, the average first-time buyer is paying an extra €154 a month for their mortgage, based on a loan of €225,000 paid back over 30 years."

"With our spokesperson on Finance, Michael McGrath TD, I continue to put pressure on the Government to deal with this inequality.

I have repeatedly called on the Government to address the rising cost of living issues; such as Mortgage Rates and Insurance rates." Concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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Question

If I am unhappy with a result in my Leaving Cert, how can I get the grade reviewed?

Answer

The Leaving Cert results will be available on 13 August this year. If you are unhappy about a result and would like to have it checked, you can appeal your grade to the State Examinations Commission (SEC).

However, before you decide to appeal your grade, you can view your examination script to see how your work was marked. To do this, you must register on the **Candidate Self Service Portal** on the SEC website, examinations ie. You can make an application to the viewing of scripts service online from 9am, 14 August to 5pm, 16 August. You will need your username and password (you get this when you register on the portal). Only the scripts from the written examinations can be viewed - not the results of oral examinations or marks for practical examinations. If your script was marked on paper, you will be assigned a session to view it on either 20 August or 21 August. If it was marked online you can view it online from 5pm on Tuesday 20 August to 5pm on Wednesday 21 August.

If you decide to go ahead and appeal your result after viewing your script, you should log into <u>examinations.ie</u>, access the Candidate Self Service Portal and complete the process online. This service will be available from 5pm, 16 August until 5pm, 22 August. The process is the same for all scripts whether they were marked manually or online. Your script will then be <u>sent to an appeal examiner for re-marking</u>.

The appeal fee is £40 per subject for the <u>Leaving Certificate</u>. The appeal fee for the <u>Applied Leaving Certificate</u> is £15.50 per subject. You will get this fee back if your result is upgraded. You can get more information from the <u>Candidate Information Booklet</u> <u>Leaving Certificate 2019</u>, published by the State Examinations Commission.

Question

What is an emergency medical card?

Answei

An <u>emergency medical card</u> is a temporary medical card that is issued without a means test in certain emergency situations and is valid for 6 months. For example, you could be issued an emergency medical card in an acute medical crisis where you need urgent treatment that you cannot afford without a medical card.

Only a healthcare professional (for example, a doctor or consultant) can apply for an emergency medical card for you. They must include a detailed medical report with the application.

The application will be reviewed by a Health Service Executive (HSE) medical officer. If your application is approved, it can take 7 to 10 days to get your emergency medical card in the post. However, your card will be active straight away so you can get the care you need.

You will need to complete a means assessment before your emergency medical card expires. The HSE will write to you when you need to do this. The means assessment is for a full medical card for you and your family.

In some cases, the medical officer may recommend a terminal illness card. These are given to people who are getting 'end of life' treatment. This means a prognosis of less than 12 months to live.

If you get a terminal illness card it will never be reviewed and will not expire. Further information is available from the National Medical Card Unit on (051) 595 129, or Lo-call 1890 252 919, or from the Citizens Information Centre above.

Question

What is the One-Parent Family Payment?

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The One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) is a means-tested social welfare payment for men and women under 66 who are bringing children up without the support of a partner. To qualify for OFP you must:

Be the parent, step-parent, adoptive parent or legal guardian of a relevant child – generally this means a child under 7 but there are some exceptions.

Be the main carer of at least one relevant child that lives with you. OFP is not payable if parents have joint equal custody.

Be <u>habitually resident</u> in Ireland (certain people, in particular EU nationals who are considered migrant workers, are exempt from the habitual residence condition). Not be living with a spouse, civil partner or cohabiting.

If you are separated, divorced or your civil partnership is dissolved, you must have been living apart from your spouse or civil partner for at least 3 months. This does not apply to cohabitants. You may need to make efforts to get maintenance from your former spouse or partner.

The maximum rate for OFP is €203 per week. If you are working, your gross earnings from insurable employment or self-employment cannot be more than €425 per week. In general, you stop getting OFP when your child turns 7 (the exceptions are where you are caring for a child with a disability who is getting Domiciliary Care Allowance or if your partner has recently died). If you no longer qualify for OFP, you may qualify for

the <u>Jobseeker's Transitional payment</u>. This is a payment for people parenting alone whose children are aged between 7 and 13.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre above.

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I heard that there will be changes to parental leave later this year. What are they?

Answer

A number of changes to <u>parental leave</u> are due to take place in 2019 and 2020. Currently parents (and people acting in loco parentis) can take 18 weeks unpaid parental leave on behalf of children up to age eight.

A phased extension to parental leave is planned. From 1 September 2019, parental leave will increase by 4 weeks to 22 weeks. From 1 September 2020, parental leave will increase again by 4 weeks to 26 weeks.

The age of eligible children will increase from 8 to 12 years of age from 1 September. Currently, if your child has a disability or a long-term illness, you can take parental leave up until their 16th birthday - there is no change to this provision.

If you have already taken some, or all of the current entitlement of 18 weeks parental leave, you will get the additional weeks of parental leave, provided your child is still under the qualifying age.

A new paid Parental Leave Scheme that will allow parents to take two weeks paid leave each during their child's first year is expected from November 2019. Legislation needs to be enacted before this change can come into effect. You can follow the progress on <u>oireachtas.ie</u>.

Scope comes to you from the Information Resources team of the Citizens Information Board. We welcome your comments at scope@ciboard.ie.

Citizens Information Services have helped client's write-off €1.5 million in social welfare overpayments. Angela Black, CEO of CIB also talks about proposals to include warnings on licensed money lender ads to highlight their high interest rates.

Dáil Recess

The Dáil will resume on 17 September 2019 and Seanad Éireann will resume on 24 September 2019.

The Leaving Certificate results will be released on 13 August 2019

A Leaving Certificate results helpline is available from 13-17 August 2019 on 1800 265 165. The online appeals service will be available from 16-22 August 2019 and applications to make an appeal must be made through the Candidate Self Service Portal.

Student accommodation since 15 July 2019

Student-specific accommodation comes under the remit of the RTB and is covered by residential tenancies legislation. Tenants in student specific accommodation now have most of the same rights as private tenants.

Repossession Rules.

The Land and Conveyancing Law Reform (Amendment) Act 2019 was commenced on 29 July 2019. This legislation broadens the range of matters a court must consider when a lender applies for a possession order of a borrower's home.

Free Leap card travel for homeless families.

Arrangements that provide homeless families in emergency accommodation in Dublin with free Leap Card travel on public transport have been extended for August 2019.

Reporting on Court Proceedings

The Law Reform Commission's publication (pdf) on reporting court proceedings under the Defamation Act 2009 recommends that the Act: Is updated with a list of what is fair and accurate reporting of court proceedings, and should apply to bloggers and people updating court proceeding on social media

Early Year's Services

The Government is to strengthen Tusla's enforcement powers to speed up the process for responding to unacceptable standards.

Getting Ireland Brexit Ready

Find out more about how to prepare you and your business for Brexit and details of upcoming events happening around the country.

Extended Parental Leave

Four more weeks of unpaid parental leave will be available to parents of children aged 12 and under from 1 September 2019. This is an increase from 18 weeks to 22 weeks. Parents must apply 6 weeks in advance.

Ones to Watch

E-cigarettes The Journal.ie reports that the Minister for Health plans to bring forward legislation to restrict the sale of tobacco products, including banning the sale of e-cigarettes to under 18s.



Community Sensory Garden adjacent to the Pastoral Centre on the Moyglare Rd, was officially opened on Saturday 27th July by John Kavanagh Chairman of Maynooth Tidy Towns and blessed by Fr. Frank McEvoy. John thanked all who worked on the project from early January. He also thanked the Life Credit Union represented by Julie Thornton who gave Maynooth Tidy Towns a bursary of €2,500 to cover some of the cost of the project and the rest was paid for by Maynooth Tidy Towns. Refreshments were organised by the Pastoral Centre Committee and enjoyed by all. Music was provided by the Maynooth branch of Comhaltas Ceolteori Eireann. (More photos on page 3)

The gates and railings at Carton Avenue were painted, also the gates of the Presentation Girls' National School. The bollards and sign for Carton Avenue over the past few Saturdays have been cleaned and painted.

At the time of writing we are anxiously awaiting the Supervalu National Tidy Towns results for 2019. The results are due to be announced on Monday 30th September in the Helix, Dublin.

We thank all members of the Maynooth Tidy Towns team and all other members of the community who helped with our campaign to beautify and keep Maynooth tidy during 2019.

Once again we appeal for VOLUNTEERS to help with our work on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

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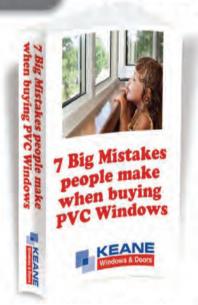
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All About September

September is the ninth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with 30 days September begins in western astrology with the sun in the sign of Virgo and ends in the sign of Libra. Astronomically speaking, the sun actually begins in the constellation of Leo and ends in the constellation of Virgo.

In Latin, *septem* means "seven" and septimus means "seventh"; September was in fact the seventh month of the Roman calendar until 153 BC.

- It is the start of the academic year in some countries.
- On the first Sunday of September, the regata storica parade is staged in Venice, as prelude to the rowing contests known as regattas.
- Labour Day is observed on the first Monday in September in the United States.
- In Japan, Respect for the Aged Day is a national holiday celebrated on the third Monday of September. Autumnal Equinox Day is also a national holiday.
- The equinox named the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere and the vernal or spring equinox in the southern hemisphere occurs on dates varying from 21 September to 24 September (in UTC). In the pagan wheel of the year the spring equinox is the time of Ostara and the autumn equinox is that of Mabon.



September 1st is celebrated as the beginning of Eritrea's 30 year armed struggle for independence from

Ethiopia which began in 1961 and ended in 1991.

Other names for September

- In Croatian, September is called Rujan, meaning red month (leaves turn red before falling).
- In Czech, September is called září, meaning glow or shine.
- In Polish, September is called wrzesień, the month when calluna flowers emerge.

Some Trivia

September begins on the same day of the week as December every year.
September's flower is the aster or morning glory.

September's birthstone is the sapphire. In 1752, the British Empire adopted the Gregorian calendar. In the British Empire that year, September 2 was immediately followed by September 14.

September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to March in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.

World War II started on September 1, 1939 with Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland. It ended on September 2, 1945 with Japan's formal surrender.

Caligula (Roman Emperor 37-41) attempted to rename September Germanicus after his father.





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The eagerly awaited F.A.I Senior Cup game finally arrived on Sunday 11th August. Played on our recently revamped ground at Rathcoffey Road the games turned out to be an enthralling affair. Town were undaunted by the quality of their League of Ireland opponents and matched the higher rated opposition in the many aspects of the game.

The early part of the game proved to be a nip and tuck affair with Town proving to be a team who were primed to the task. With half-time approaching it looked as if Town would hold out until the break. Alas, it was not to be. In the 42nd minute Waterford broke down the right and his pinpoint pass was knocked to Shane Duggan who calmly slotted home.

Waterford increased their lead in the 57th minute when Kenny Browne powered home a header from a corner. Town to their credit did not fold and creaked a few changes of their own but to no avail. Town matched Waterford for the remainder of the game but were unable to break down a resolute Waterford defence. A creditable home performance by Town with Keeper David Stereo performing heroically in goal with many top class saves.

Senior Division Sunday Malahide Utd. 3 Maynooth University Town 0

A disappointing start to our entry into the top division of the Leinster Senior League. We only played in spasms in this opening League game going in two down at half-time it always looked a struggle for the second half. Town were much better in the second half and were unlucky not to reduce the deficit with some inspired play. A late Malahide goal put the result beyond doubt.

We are happy to state that we now have three Senior teams: Senior Division Sunday, Major Division Saturday and Division 3 Sunday. Our Division 3 Sunday side will cater mainly for players leaving the Schoolboy ranks.

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 26/07/2019 To 23/08/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
19933	Kildare County Council	Holohan Fitness Limited	Unit 22, Carton Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	19/08/2019
19927	Kildare County Council	James & Yvonne Barry	Roestown TD, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	16/08/2019
19930	Kildare County Council	Lagan Homes Ireland Limited	Western Side of Barberstown/Maynooth Road, Straffan, Co. Kildare.	16/08/2019
19931	Kildare County Council	Lagan Homes Ireland Limited	the Western Side of Barberstown/Maynooth Road, Straffan, Co. Kildare.	16/08/2019
19913	Kildare County Council	Donal Houlihan	Cormickstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	12/08/2019
19898	Kildare County Council	Minbay Limited.	Silken Gardens, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/08/2019
19895	Kildare County Council	Belmullet Hospitality Group Ltd.	Carton Demesne, Maynooth,, Co. Kildare.	07/08/2019
19864	Kildare County Council	Kerrie Leonard	Kilcock Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	31/07/2019

CARTON AVENUE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of Carton Avenue Preservation Society be held on September 9th in Maynooth Community Space at 8pm. MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

Thanks to Maynooth Tidy Towns for the excellent paint job on the Avenue gates. (See Photo Opposite) The gates were made in Scotland sometime between 1714 and 1830. Also a big THANK YOU for all their hard work maintaining Carton Avenue over the

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Kildare County Council have still not replied to Dave Kelly's complaint despite giving a commitment to do so within 20 days in June.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

The Ombudsman's Office have informed Dave that a case worker will be assigned to deal with his complaint about Kildare County Council.



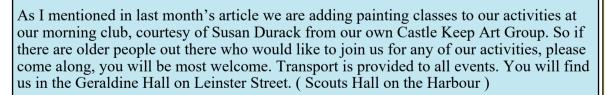






Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Club will reopen on Tuesday September 3rd and our committee will meet that evening at 8pm. Our next tea-dance will take place on Sunday September 15th in the GAA club at 3pm.



We would also welcome new members, male and female, to our committee. Ideally, we should have a committee member to keep in contact with each area, but this is getting more challenging as Maynooth expands. So if this is something you would be interested in, why not give us a call, we would love to hear from you.

For further information please contact, Patricia on 087 7661116 or Jo on 087 9002296. You may also email: maynoothseniorcitizens@gmail.com

Josephine Moore. Chairperson.

Derrylow For Christina

Soon I'll return to that quiet place where I grew up, a drumlin-bounded farm in the west, to survey whitethorn hedge-divided land, visit the heather-covered bog where we saved turf for burning on our open-hearth, and, if there has been heavy rain, go further on to where like molten silver a turlough glistens in our neighbour's field.

At dusk I'll listen to the meannán aerach's bleating, the corncrake's heart-aching repetition, and maybe on a winter's night watch enthralled a will-o-the-wisp dance and flare as if someone with a flashlight walks drunken through the bog.

There's the orchard we raided for plums and apples, the culleen with hazel trees we climbed for nuts, the horse's field that in autumn grew mushrooms, and, past those farms, scrubland where we hunted rabbits. Perhaps I'll view the reed-fringed lake we fished for trout, climb that hilltop over pastures where herds grazed, then make my way home slowly by the hayshed, recalling those indifferent Time erased.

Colin Scott



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Photo Gallery

EXTRA.IE Senior Cup First Round



Maynooth University Town FC vs Waterford FC

Date: Sunday 11th August - Venue: Maynooth Town FC - Rathcoffey Road Maynooth



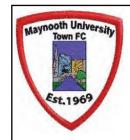


Photo Gallery (Cont.) EXTRA.IE Senior Cup First Round



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Maynooth Castle

The summer holidays meant we had more non-local visitors as many locals took the opportunity to go to warmer climates or just somewhere else for a change of scenery.



Ben MacLochlainn agus Phyllis Ni Lochlainn

Two such visitors were a charming couple from Dublin who love their native language and are involved in spreading the word about the 41 different coffee mornings in Dublin where anyone can come and feel free to chat in Irish to like-minded enthusiasts even if they only have a cúpla focail (a few words). We chatted as Gaeilge and agreed that even if English remains the main language in Ireland for politics and economics, there is no reason why Irish shouldn't remain alive as a language of personal communication among families, friends and in

shops and other businesses who are willing to use it. Irish in the Gaeltacht areas appears to be used less than previously as many non-Gaelgóirí acquire property and move in and even more so since the promotion of tourism in the wilds of Connemara, Donegal, Kerry and Mayo.

Luckily, compensating this trend is a movement to speak and preserve Irish among town and city dwellers and which expresses itself in a rise in the number of Gaelscoileanna, coffee mornings in Irish (as opposed to Irish coffee mornings!) and the co-called líonraí or networks which are areas where many people like to speak Irish on as many occasions as possible. Maynooth itself offers several opportunities to speak Irish or ciorcal comhrá e.g. On Tuesday morning in the local library from 11-12, in the Gaelscoil Uí Fiach on a Friday morning, on Wednesday evenings around 8pm during the Comhaltas music classes in the post-primary school while parents wait for their children.

Anyone wanting to learn Irish can book a week's course in a Gaeltacht area



Linda Irvine giving a talk at the MacCracken Centre in Belfast

while staying locally. I attended the 20th Scoil Samhraidh Mhic Reachtáin i mBéal Feirste from July 29-August 2. There is a very vibrant Irish language scene in Belfast and people like Linda Ervine, a unionist who fell in love with the Irish language seven years ago, and who organises Irish language classes in East Belfast (unionist area) has in my view been doing more to bring the different communities together than all the politicians put together.

She gave a very inspiring talk to the attendees of the summer school telling the story of her project Turas or Journey. She describes it as a journey of discovery of her Irish heritage, of Irish names and place names but also of Irish music and culture and by default of peace and reconciliation. She is very concerned to stress that she will not allow her movement to be highjacked by any political currents, that she sees her Turas as part of an Irish language revival.

Belfast has a beautiful cultúrlann in a former church building on the Falls Road which houses a lovely bialann (restaurant), siopa leabhair (bookshop) and an exhibition area upstairs.

Heritage Week 17 -25 August 2019
At the point of writing, Heritage Week got off to a lively start with our Traditional Irish music session which started outside but which retreated inside due to a shower. The Push for Porter musicians were delighted with the acoustics in the undercroft and with the appreciative audience. (see photos). Joe's talk on The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife proved very popular and interesting. Moira's talk on Medieval Music was also very well received and was accompanied by visual aids, recordings of medieval



Trad Session outside before a shower forced the musicians to inside where they discovered the undercroft's great acoustics!

music and three local musicians who played some folk music to welcome and farewell the attendees.

Mary's talk on Medieval Fashion was fascinating as she related how courtly fashion also changed with each wife that Henry VIII married. Cora McDonagh's talk on the FitzGerald Collection gave a great insight into the FitzGerald's library and the type of paintings they owned and exhibited during the 19 and 20th centuries. Unfortunately, the talk on The history of Irish Marriage had to be cancelled due to illness but we hope we can offer this on another occasion.



Cora McDonagh giving her talk on The FitzGerald Collections

We hope you will all get out there as best you can and enjoy Heritage Week which is very well organised. Thank you to all the organisers and participants! We appreciate your efforts very much!

By Moira Devery



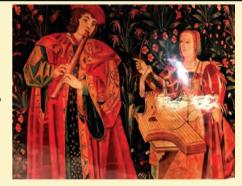
Setting the scene for talk on Medieval Music

Local Carton Quartett: Deirdre Mc Gowan, Damian Donnan and Pete McCluskey

Photo Gallary: Medieval Musicians Heritage Week 17 -25 August 2019 Photos by A. Cleary & Moira Devery



Talk on Medieval Music at Maynooth Castle during Heritage Week





Performance of Folk Tunes prior to talk on Medieval Music



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Parking at Tesco Extra

Cycle lockers were recently installed at Tesco Extra adjacent to one of the entrances which is good practise and more convenient compared to the existing free bike parking which stretches out perpendicular to the building. Although cycle parking comes at a charge, we wish Cyc-Lok, the company behind them, well but being charged to use lockers for short term bike parking such as going into a shop is not the norm here or abroad. It also conflicts with Kildare County Council's policy of encouraging people to switch from the use of a private car to active travel by having people pay to park a bicycle but having car parking free.

Parking at Maynooth Railway Station

Work continues at Maynooth railway station to attract more cars parking in the centre of Maynooth for the day with spaces for a further 38 cars on the south side of the railway lines. This is on top of a further 40 car spaces on the northside. The existing spaces for bike parking are being increased but not to the same extent.

By way of contrast, in the Netherlands, the largest bike park has opened in Utrecht Central Station at a cost of €30 million with space for over 12,500 bikes. The facility is open 24 hours, 7 days a week and the city of Utrecht employs around 40 people to operate the place. In all bike parking facilities around the Utrecht Central Station, there is now room to park around 33,000 bicycles, of which circa 22,000 spaces are public and free for the first 24 hours. This is how to prioritise cycling.

Undoubtedly, the government is working on the details of Budget 2020. This year, it is a particularly difficult job with the uncertainty surrounding Brexit. Cyclist.ie including Maynooth Cycling has made a budget submission to the Minister for Finance in which we again call on the government to allocate 10% of the transport budget to the funding of cycle facilities as recommended by (1) the Citizen's Assembly, (2) the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Change and (3) the government's Climate Action Plan. Rather than additional funding, what is required is a rebalancing of investment to active travel rather than bulk of the funding being allocated to roads.

Celbridge Road

It appears that the proposed cycle facilities on the Celbridge Road will shortly be going to Part 8 Public Consultation. It remains to be seen if Kildare County Council has taken the criticisms of Irish cycle infrastructure from international experts who visited for Velo-City, but it is unlikely that they have. Maynooth Cycling will have more to say on the subject and on the adjacent ring road.

Fridays for Future

Greta Thunberg is sailing to New York for the UN Climate Summit but Fridays for Future continues in Maynooth. In September to coincide with the New York meeting, week long protests are planned between 20-27th. As Greta says "Our house is on fire — let's act like it" and demand climate justice for everyone.

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Free Car Parking

On a related matter of climate change and carbon emissions, one of the Maynooth councillors recently proposed the introduction of free car parking on Saturdays in Council car parks. Maynooth Cycling welcomes that the proposal was turned down. What we need in Maynooth is less cars but more people. When the first parking meters were introduced in Oklahoma in 1935, they were welcomed by retailers as they ensured a turnover of parking meters for their customers.



Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the **European Cycling Federation**



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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Circling Strangford

Apart from liking Percy French's song about the Mountains of Mourne and that I had an aunt who had been born near Quoile and an uncle who had been interned in Ballykinler during the War of Independence, I had little personal awareness of County Down. Oh, names such as Warrenpoint and Hillsborough lingered in my mind from the recent troubles but otherwise the place might have been as far away as Iceland.

To rectify this situation my wife and I on the first sunny August day took to the road and with her navigating and me at the wheel we soon found ourselves on the impressive new N1/A1 motorway linking Dundalk and Newry. The fact that it was difficult to detect where the N1 ended and the A1 began was an indication of the increasingly friendly cooperation between North and South, though eventually the occasional Union Jack or Red Hand flag reminded us that we were no longer in the Republic.

Leaving Newry behind, we motored east towards Downpatrick, intending to make it the base camp for our explorations. A friendly gentleman I spoke to on the outskirts of Downpatrick, however, suggested it might be easier to find a B&B in Strangford so we headed there. It was a happy decision.

Strangford is a picturesque village on the west side of the entrance to Strangford Lough or, to give it its Gaelic name, Lough Cuan (Haven Lough) – A map by Baptista Boazio, dated 1599, gives the name as 'Lough Cone'. We booked into the "Cuan Guest House" facing the village square, a three-star establishment run by a young husband and wife team, Peter and Caroline McErlean. Peter is an accomplished chef and the Cuan prides itself on its cuisine, which is facilitated by a ready supply of fresh lobsters, prawns and fish from the lough.

Outside the guesthouse people were sitting around tables eating and drinking; fathers and their children were fishing from the pier; some visitors were strolling about the square and cars were lined up waiting to take the ferry to Portaferry, just across the lough entrance. Since ours was the only southern registered car we had as a precaution left it in the Cuan's car park, though we needn't have worried. During our four days travelling in County Down we experienced nothing but courtesy from everybody we encountered.

Having eaten dinner earlier, we had sandwiches and drinks on a quayside bench, enjoying the view of the harbour and the Ards Penisula across the lough. Sitting there with the occasional boat coming or going we might have been in a secret world whose unspoilt scenery was reminiscent of the peace and tranquillity of a bygone age. This impression was reinforced later when we walked down a tree-shaded lane, turned left on a whim and soon found ourselves beside a lough inlet where curlews and oystercatchers flew off with musical cries.

Like most places hereabouts, Strangford has its local castle, in this case a 16th Century tower house, which is presently being restored. The castles remind us that this region was often embroiled in conflict. Armies from Connacht and Meath invaded Ulster in early historic times and its people were eventually confined to the small kingdom of Ulidia, comprising modern Antrim and Down. Later there arose the kingdom of Dalriada, which encompassed both north Antrim and southwest Scotland. Later still the Vikings struck, destroying famous monasteries such as Bangor and giving the name Strong Fiord or Strangford to Lough Cuan.

On walking to the castle we fell in with a friendly Belfast man who conducts taxi tours of that city's famous murals. By this time we were tired after our 170km journey so we retired to our room above the square for a cup of tea. People were still relaxing outside, enjoying the balmy evening but we contented ourselves with watching a BBC Northern Ireland programme before turning in for the night.

Next morning, after a delicious breakfast that included strawberries with our cereals and mushrooms with our bacon and eggs, we drove onto the ferry. The six- minute trip cost £5.30 and gave a great view of the lough entrance. Strangford and Portaferry are predominately Nationalist, the latter being an enclave in a Loyalist region – though Peter had told us such distinctions are rarely emphasised nowadays. Nevertheless, it would be foolish to pretend that old rivalries have vanished, so a brief backward look may be in order.

In Tudor times East Down was the territory of the Clandeboy O'Neills. While western Ulster was planted between 1608 and 1610, a few years after the Flight of the Earls, two Scots, Hugh Montgomery and James Hamilton, began to settle this area with Lowland Scots in 1606 following an arrangement with Con O'Neill, who had been imprisoned for his part in the Nine Years War. O'Neill's seat was at Castle Reagh, to the west of the lough. How he was sprung from prison by Montgomery and consequently had to divide two thirds of his lands between him and Hamilton is an intriguing story, too long to go into here, but it explains the present ethnic mix of East Down. The industrious newcomers quickly developed most of the ports and towns in the region, which Boazio's map shows as almost empty. James 1 made Montgomery 'Viscount of the Great Ardes' and Hamilton 'Viscount Clandeboye'.

While docking at Portaferry our attention is drawn by a wooden statue of a warrior standing on the quay. The fact that he carries a rusty spear – bent into a hoop by some vandal – makes us conclude that he is a Gael rather than a Viking. Parking the car, we walk to the visitor centre, climb the stairs of the empty 16th Century castle nearby then, having visited the small park beside the Exploris aquarium, we circle through the somewhat drab streets and back to the harbour.

From there we re-enter the town and take the A20 north through the unspoilt farmlands of the Ards. Before long we are catching glimpses of Strangford Lough on our left and then at Kircubbin and Greyabbey the vast expanse of this inland sea becomes visible. These towns would merit closer inspection but we are heading for Mount Stewart, former home of Viscount Castlereagh, Second Marquis of Londonderry, which is now cared for by the National Trust, though the 85-year-old owner, Lady Mairi Bury, daughter of the seventh Marquis, is still in residence. While approaching the entrance we can see Scrabo Tower, a famous landmark outside Newtownards, on the far side of the lough.

Mount Stewart is an imposing 18th Century mansion, the interior matching the exterior in interest. As our guide mentions Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, who at one time was chief secretary for Ireland and played a major role in the defeat of The United Irishmen and, later, of Napoleon – the chairs used at the Congress of Vienna are on display in one room – I can't help recalling Byron's verse: "I met with death along the way, / He had a face like Castlereagh." That is, however, an unfair slur on a man who by his own aristocratic lights sought to bring about a peaceful Europe. The guide, a man who obviously loves Mount Stewart, shows us a large oil painting of the racehorse 'Humbletonian' above the main staircase that he asserts would fetch more than the entire house!

Yet, however grand the interior, it is the grounds and gardens that make Mount Stewart unique. It would be hard to decide which is more delightful, the lake with its abundant waterfowl, the formal garden, the Italian and Spanish gardens or the enclosed courtyard, 'Tir na Nog', where the family are buried. Two things that for me point up the unexpected features of the place are a circle of giant shamrocks growing under a boxwood topiary harp which faces a hand-shaped bed of red flowers and, in another place, a kiwi fruit tree, while my wife loves the large stone dodos and the Mairi Garden with its "Mairi Mairi quite contrary" sculpture. We are so reluctant to leave that our schedule is seriously disrupted.

Regaining the A20, we continue north, to be met with a blizzard of Union Jacks and Red Cross (Saint George) flags at Newtownards. It was here in a restored priory that Hugh Montgomery had his first Irish home, while his rival James Hamilton had his in Bangor, about five miles further north; later, Hamilton moved to Killyleagh. Ten centuries earlier the Leinster-born Columbanus spent 25 years as a monk in Bangor before, in 590 A.D., setting out with twelve companions to convert Burgundy and Lombardy, founding famous monasteries at Luxeuil and Bobbio.

We would like to visit the Somme Heritage Centre in Newtownards but time is pressing so we head south, passing Scrabo tower on our right and, after Comber, driving to Castle Espie. This Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre on the west shore of Strangford Lough reminds us that, because of its nutrient-rich waters, the lough is one of the great havens for birds, vast flocks of waders and Brent Geese wintering there. A brief inspection of the visitor centre and we are off again.

On arriving at Killyleagh we are greeted by more flags proclaiming this to be another Loyalist stronghold. Now, given their brave participation in two world wars, I understand why Loyalists fly those flags but I cannot help wishing that one day a flag will be adopted that stirs the hearts of both communities – for example, the diagonal red cross of Saint Patrick? Killyleagh is an attractive town built in front of a chateau-like castle owned by the Rowan Hamiltons, no doubt descended from James.

When we approach the castle entrance we encounter a notice telling us this is private property. Walking back though a street that affords clear views of Strangford Lough we pass restaurants before which patrons are dining or drinking. A group of teenage girls sally past, their lilting northern voices full of gaiety.

If we had time to spare this town would merit a longer visit but we are hoping to get to Castle Ward near Strangford village before closing time so we continue on the A22 south. Just outside Downpatrick we turn east. On impulse I pull into a lay-by beside the Quoile River. As is usual in Northern Ireland there is an attractive display panel erected nearby giving concise information about our surroundings. On reading it we learn that the river was once tidal. Consequently a damn had to be built in the 1950s to prevent flooding, with the result that the area became the Quoile Pondage, another wildlife refuge.

It was down this waterway that Saint Patrick came about 432 A.D. after rowing with his companions into Lough Cuan. When they landed somewhere near here Patrick turned a barn at Saul, given to him by the local king, into his first church. His reputed burial place is beside Downpatrick C. of I. cathedral, another place we must visit.

Hurrying westward we soon reach the entrance for Castle Ward but realising that the last tour will now be over we decide to delay our visit till the following morning when there will be ample time to see this house overlooking Strangford Lough whose front is built in Classical style and back in Gothic. It has, we later learn, a bedroom named after Charles Stewart Parnell.

When we drive into Strangford village we have covered about 84 km in our journey about the lough and seen a small fraction of the surrounding area's many attractions. Tired but contented we walk to the Spinnaker restaurant, which serves delicious chowders and seafood, the fish and shellfish all caught locally. How better to end a most satisfying day!

P. G. Nerney

September Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

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7th September

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7 - 10 year olds

Celebrate Roald Dahl Day this year by making your very own and extremely messy "Mr Twit's Beard"!

Kids Secret Cinema
Saturday 14th September
2.30pm – 3.50pm

PG

This month's secret cinema is a whizzpopping great film about a very friendly giant. Rated PG

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2.30 pm - 3.0 pm5 - 7 year olds

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Booking Required

<u>Library Events</u>
Rights Awareness Evening with St John Of Gods
Thursday 12th September 5pm – 7pm

All welcome to attend this evening and address any queries you have to the team. Give It A Go! Box Set Club
Thursday 12th September 6.30 – 7.30pm
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Booking Required

Tuesday 17th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Chronic Pain Ireland is a national charity that provides information and support to people living with chronic pain conditions and their families. This talk will educate people about chronic pain conditions and outline self management strategies that can help, and show what resources and help is available locally. The talk will outline what chronic pain is, what help is available (national and regional, recommended books lists etc.) and look at the key facets of self management including dealing with flare ups, importance of exercise, improving sleep, pacing yourself and minding your mental health.

Booking Required

Boomerang Bags Tuesday 24th September 6.00pm – 7.30pm

A new eco produce bag-making group, meeting the last Tuesday of every month, Boomerang Bags is open to sewers and non-sewers! Based on a worldwide community movement called Boomerang Bags the idea is to make and sew bags that people can use instead of plastic, for fruit, vegetables and bread.

The concept is to use pre-loved cotton material like bed sheets, pillowcases etc and to make these into simple cotton bags – the main aim being inclusive and to educate people on a more eco way of living. Starting with making bags for yourself or friends, the overall aim would be to make enough to do a bag drive and hand them out at local schools, farmers markets and supermarkets to convert more people! Booking Required

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Interested in joining a creative writing group aimed at teens? We would love to hear from you! Contact the library and register your interest – We would hope to set up a monthly meeting to develop and expand your love of writing.

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These three aspects of development are key in preparing children for so many aspects of their lives both as young children and in supporting children's they transition into adulthood. Teenagers are under so much pressure today, building these strong supports in childhood can help them to negotiate difficulties later in life. In this seminar, Dr Mary O' Kane explains the interaction between these three aspects, and offers practical advice on how to support children in these important areas.

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Booking Required

Drop In -Story Time

Jungle Animals Story Time

Friday 6th September 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

Jungle animals! Get ready to leap, stomp and roar along with the animals in "Walking Through the Jungle" by Julie Lacome and "Monkey and Me" by Emily Gravett

Knights and Dragons Story Time Friday 13th September 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

A little knight's tale of adventure and bravery facing Dragons, Monsters and the "Dreaded Bedtime'

with lively songs and colouring in afterwards

Pets Story Time Friday 20th September 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

This week's stories are all about pets big and small, ordinary and extraordinary! Join us in making your favourite animal sounds and in some fun rhymes and songs as well

Story Time Friday 27th September 10 am- 11am for 2-5 year olds

Spend some quality time with your toddler – join in the songs and rhymes!

No Booking Required

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

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Regular Events

Craft Club

Every Monday from 11.30am - 1pm

Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired – or just to work on!

Different short demonstrations will take place during the year.

Who knows – maybe a new craft will grab your fancy...

No Booking Required

Family Board Games Saturday 7th and 21st September

10am – 12pm

Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be available – or feel free to bring along a

family favourite! All welcome

FitLine

Thursday 12th and 26th September 10 am -12 noon

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

Thursday 5th and 19th September, 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

No booking required.

Maynooth Women's Group

Saturday 14th September, 11am

New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Írish 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

practice their conversational Irish. No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group

Tuesday 3rd and 17th September 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 14th and 28th September 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 is 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 26th September 6.00 pm

Following the success of our bi-monthly family-friendly board games mornings, Maynooth Community Library has launched a monthly adult board game night - 'All Aboard.' Join us in our multipurpose 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.

The Village Book Club

Monday 16th September 10.30am – 11.30am

Ex Libris Book Club

Wednesday 25th September 11am

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 Science Fiction Book Club

Tuesday 10th September 6.30pm- 7.30pm

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 12th September, 11.00 am

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday 26th September 11am- 12 pm U3A Book Club Monday 9th September 11am- 12 pm

Reel Good Film Club Tuesday 24th September: Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm

All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. Adults Only

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Monday: 10.30am. 'The Dundrum House', Main Street, Dundrum, D.14.

Monday: 10.30am. 'Morning Star Coffee Shop'. Church of the Holy Spirit, Greenhills, D.12.

Monday: 11.00am. Community Centre, Domville Court, Santry, D.9.

Monday: 10.30am. St.Brendan's Parish Centre, Main Street, Coolock Village, Coolock, D.5.

Monday: 11.00am. The Yellow House Pub, Rathfarnham, D.14.

Tuesday: 1030am. The Beaumont House, Beaumont Road, Beaumont, D.9.

Tuesday: 11.00am. Café Ink, DLR Lexicon / Library, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Tuesday: 11.00am. SPAR The Triangle, Ranelagh, D.6.

Tuesday: 10.45am. The Green Land Café, Marino Mart, Fairview, D3.

Tuesday: 11.30am. The Parish Centre, St. Bridget's Church, Howth Road, Killester, D.5.

Tuesday: 12,00pm. Olly's Place, New Street, Skerrries, Co. Dublin.

Wednesday: 09:45 – 12 noon, The Third Space, The Square, Smithfield, Dublin.7.

Wednesday: 11.00am. The Courtyard Restaurant, DIT, Grangorman, D.7.

Wednesday: 11.00am. The Buttery, Trinity College, D.2.

Wednesday: 11.00am. COSTAS, Finglas Village, Finglas, D.11.

Wednesday: 11.00am. INSOMNIA, Howth Road, Howth, Co. Dublin.

Wednesday: 11.00am. The River Café, Raheny Shopping Ctr, Raheny, D.5.

(ex. 2 Wed. of month)

Wednesday: 10.30am. Friends Hall, All Saints Drive, Raheny, D.5.

(only 2nd. Wed. of the month)

Wednesday: 11.00am. 'An Seomra Tae Café, Main Street, Malahide, Co.Dublin.

Wednesday: 10.30am. Parish Centre, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin

Wednesday: 10.30am. Terenure Inn, 94-96 Terenure Road North, Terenure, D.6W.

Wednesday: 11.30am. INSOMNIA, 10 10 Harbour Road, Howth, Co.

Wednesday: 1.00pm. Helix Cafeteria, DCU, (Dublin City University), Collins Avenue, D.9.

Wednesday: 12.00pm. La Boulangerie Café, 465 South Circular Road,

Thursday: 10.30am. Lé Chéile Community Centre, Donnycarney, D.5.

Thursday: 11.45am. Seán O'Casey Community Centre, St. Mary's Road, East Wall, D.3.

Thursday: 11.00am. One Café, BBQ Centre, Shankill, Co.Dublin.

Thursday: 10.00am. St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Clontarf, D.3.

Thursday: 3.30pm. Perk-U-Licious, 27 Main Street, Raheny Village, D5.

Friday: 1pm. Connolly Books, Essex Street, Temple Bar, (Parliament St. end.) D.1.

Friday: 11.00am. The Brian Ború Pub, Phibsboro, D.7.

Friday: 11.00am. The NOTO Caffè, Thomas St / Frances St. The Liberties, D.8.

Saturday: 10.30am. Kay's Kitchen, Donaghmede Shopping Centre, Donaghmede, D.13.

Saturday: 11.30am. INSOMNIA @ Pennys, Pavillions Shopping Centre, Swords, Co. Dublin.

Saturday: 11,00am. COSTAS, Northside Shopping Centre, Oscar Traynor Road, D,13.

Saturday: 12.00pm. Mollys Café, 17 Bridge Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Saturday: 2.00pm. The North Star Hotel, Amiens Street, D.1.

Saturday: 2.00pm. Cates Café, Donabate Town Centre, Main Street, Donabate, Co. Dublin.

Sunday: 11.00am. Tillies Café, St. Gabriel's Road, Clontarf, D.3.

Sunday: 12.00 noon. Liffey Gaels GAA Football Club, Sarsfield Road, Ballyfermot, D.10.

Sunday: 09.45am. Molloys Café, 14, Qiuinnsboro Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Sunday: 10.45am. Coffee Dock, (after 10.00am. Mass) St. Brigid's Church,

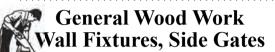
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Community Library

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I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St.

Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in The Glenroyal Hotel

> New Members Welcome Contact: MCEP Office for more details (Unit 5 Tesco's S.C.)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

We will meet on Tuesday 24th September & Tuesday 1st October.

Thursday 10th October and every Thursday onward during term time.

Drop in, €5 per family - refreshments and kids entertainment.

Maynooth Community Space 09:30 till 11:30am

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

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 01-6286288 or Lena at 01-6285128.

Zero Waste Maynooth

Free Community Event 2nd Saturday of the month

Maynooth Community Space: 2-4pm Everyone welcome to pop in for a wander around a cuppa & chat.

Learn how to reduce your waste - save money while looking after our planet

Bridge Club

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

Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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

Maynooth Community Church

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

Everyone most welcome

ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome.

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

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. Restricted (7)
- 5. Perils (5)
- 8. Detection device (5)
- 9. Villain (5)
- 10. The sheltered side (7)
- 11. Flightless bird of Australia (3)
- 12. Chasm (5)
- 14. Complies (5)
- 19. Prohibit (3)
- 20. Diplomatic (7)
- 22. Nimble (5)
- 23. Light beam (5)
- 24. Reside (5)
- 25. Boring (7)



September 2019 Crossword - No. 483



Clues Down

- 1. Food store (6)
- 2. Decoration (5)
- 3. Goals (7)
- 4. Fin (6)
- 5. Stiff (5)
- 6. Stage set (7)
- 7. Repress (6)
- 13. Dressing (7)
- 15. Perplexed (7)
- 16. Overseas (6)
- 17. Dialect (6)
- 18. Tusked marine mammal (6)
- 20. Test (5)
- 21. Lariat (5)



Solutions to Crossword No 482

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

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

Sudoku Challenge 2019

Phone:

Entries must arrive to Newsletter Office before: 17th September 2019

Congratulations to August Winner:

Tom O'Sullivan Laurence Avenue Maynooth

Collect prize from Newsletter Office

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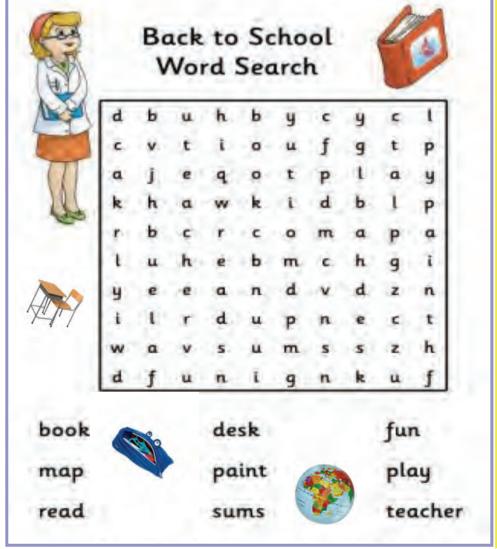
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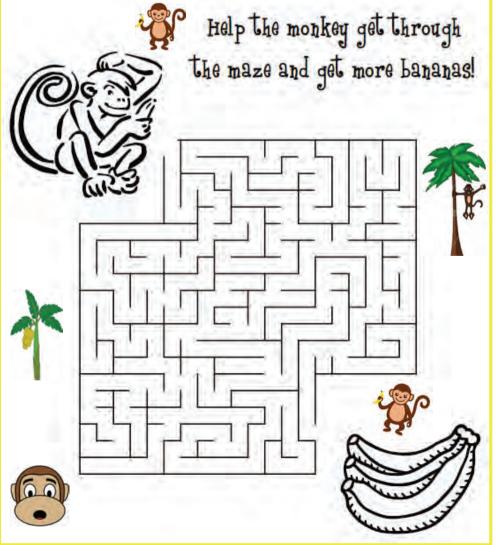
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Junior Puzzle Corner







Zero Waste Maynooth

September marks the start of a new academic year and is often a month when people make new resolutions or plan for new beginnings. This September Oxfam is asking you to take on a new challenge!

Second-hand September – you are asked to say no to buying new clothes for the month of September.

Fast fashion is the second most polluting industry in the world – the water and resources involved in making the clothes, the dyes that spill into rivers, the awful conditions the workers suffer all add up to an industry that is not sustainable.

Oxfam is asking you to make a pledge to avoid buying new clothes on their website (https://www.oxfamapps.org.uk/secondhandseptember). But this doesn't mean that you can't get new-to-you clothes for the month. Maynooth has lots of options to let you get your fashion fix without it costing your pocket or the earth.

- The Glass Doll sells beautiful vintage pieces. They are happy to help you with ideas of how to style a piece.
- Nu Wardrobe is a swap shop that will be at the next Zero Waste Maynooth event. You bring some good quality pieces that no longer bring you joy and swap them for something that is new-to-you!
- Charity shops Maynooth has three fantastic charity shops that stock clothes, books and bric-a-brac. It is easy to grab a bargain and is always worthwhile to pop in when you are going past!

Zero Waste Maynooth will be posting pictures of the great pre-loved bargains available in Maynooth throughout the month to help you with your pledge!



2-4pm Sat 14th September Maynooth Community Space

*Bare Necessities * Package free food

*Nu Wardrobe * Ladies clothing exchange.

Cloth Nappy Library Ireland Info & support

*Zero Waste Maynooth *Display and tips on how

to reduce your waste at home

REDUCING WASTE TIPS

Join us for a cuppa & chat Bring the kids! Free event for the community







Richard Feynman

Richard Feynman, theoretical physicist, in his light-hearted autobiography «Surely You're Joking, Mr Feynman», tells about an incident in his postgraduate days in Princeton. In his doctoral study, I think it was, he came up with some rather striking new theory. His supervisor was impressed, encouraged him and suggested that perhaps he could write a paper on the topic and present it to the faculty sometime.

Feynman was pleased with the offer and began working on the paper. Meeting with his supervisor a few weeks later, he was a little alarmed to be told that Bohr had an interest in his theory and would be dropping in for the presentation – Niels Bohr was a big name in theoretical physics at Princeton at the time. A few weeks later Feynman was told that Pauli (another heavyweight) would be present.

Perhaps there were a few more notable physicists who might be present for the occasion but about a week before D-day when Feynman was told that Einstein would be «dropping by» his self confidence plummeted.

He read his paper, of course, and everything went fine, but not without a great deal of trepidation.

I wonder when bishops, priests, and others, speak of things that really matter, the world of the spirit, for instance, are they aware that the Creator of everything has just «dropped by» and experience similar trepidation!

Just a thought!

"There is no God", the proud man said.
What a curious stance to take!
For only one carved in God's mould,
Could such a statement make.

G.M.

2019 Green Flag Awards for Parks and Green Spaces

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Maynooth University Campus and St Patrick's College, Maynooth, were awarded the prestigious 2019 Green Flag Awards for Parks and Green Spaces, following the recent expansion of the international excellence accreditation to university campuses and historic cemeteries.



Maynooth is the first university campus in the Republic of Ireland to receive the award. More than 250 park and garden staff, volunteers, and enthusiasts gathered to witness this year's event, held in Maynooth University's Aula Maxima Hall.

Awarded for meeting exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management and excellence of visitor attractions, the Green Flag Award for Parks and Green Spaces is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world.

A new entrant and winner for the first time, Maynooth University and St Patrick's College in Maynooth, County Kildare, also provided this year's venue to celebrate the 60 Irish Parks and Gardens from across the Republic of Ireland who are receiving their 2019 Green Flags. Coordinated by An Taisce Environment Education, the 2019 awards were open to public town parks, country parks, gardens, cemeteries, and green spaces from across the whole country.

Dr Joe Larragy, Chair of Maynooth Green Campus, said: "We are delighted and honoured that Maynooth University and St Patrick's College Maynooth, who share the campus, were selected to host this year's awards in association with An Taisce. "Maynooth Green Campus extends its congratulations to Stephen Seaman and his team in the Maynooth campus grounds department, to staff and student volunteers, on winning the Green flag for Parks and Green Spaces.

"This is another milestone following the award of the Green Campus Flag in 2018 to Maynooth Green Campus, a partnership between Maynooth University, St Patricks College, and Trócaire, for its work on water, waste, energy, travel & transport, biodiversity and climate justice", he added.



Of a total 17 countries whose parks met the standard this year, there were more Green Flag Awards secured by Irish parks and gardens than by any country, other than the UK where the scheme originated in 1996

Hello, September! welcome to my

September Garden Jobs

s summer turns into autumn make sure that the necessary tasks are carried out to keep the garden flourishing until the first frosts as planning and preparing the garden for the new season and for the following spring. The following are the priority jobs for this month.

- Continue to deadhead and feed summer bedding plants to prolong colour well into the winter months.
- Cut down perennials that have finished flowering and mulch soil with compost or well-rotted manure. Continue dead heading late flowering perennials.
- Divide large perennial clumps like crocosmias, euphorbias, delphiniums' etc. Regular dividing will invigorate them with better flowering next year.
- An excellent month for planting new perennials as soil is warm and moisture levels are increasing.
- Now is a perfect time to plant autumn and spring bedding plants to take over when the summer colour fades.
- Treat your lawn now with an autumn lawn preparation to control moss and to help grass withstand the harsh winter weather.
- This is a good month to sow a new lawn and repair bare patches in existing lawns.
- Autumn is a great time for shrub planting especially evergreens. Prune back bush roses by 50% to prevent wind rock through the winter months.
- Strawberries generally become exhausted after a few years and need replacing. New plants are now readily available. Cut old, fruited canes of summer raspberries to the ground, thin out and tie in new canes for next year's crop.
- Towards the end of the month start putting crops such as carrots and beetroot in to
- Complete the harvesting and storing of onions, making sure they are well ripened
- A good time to spray perennial weeds such as couch grass with products containing glyph sate such as 'Roundup'.

Note: September is a great gardening month with plenty of colour and hopefully very good weather.

September is the month when everything in the garden thins out, as though the colours and light were being gently stretched and the leaves on the hedges gradually yellow and thin so the light drifts through them like smoke.



The grass borders start to hide the magnificent stride – they will be at their very best next month as the green foliage starts to become metallic and change colour to silvers, golds and bronzes.

The vegetable garden gives its most abundant harvest throughout September but with a sense, as the month draws to a close that the productive year is ending too.

In all, this is one of my favourite times in the garden. Along with lots of good flowers and masses of ripening fruit and vegetables, the fading elegance gives it dignity and the knowledge that every fine

day is one of the last makes them precious. It is a busy time too, with cuttings to be taken, seeds collected, much to harvest and hedge cutting to complete all before the weather turns.

PRUNING SHRUB ROSES

I know that some gardeners are anxious about pruning roses but the many shrub varieties such as the gallicas, 'English' roses, Albas or Hybrid Perpetua's are best simply trimmed with

shears any time this month. Do not worry about the position or angle of the cuts but clip away all long, straggly shoots as though you were trimming a hedge, leaved a compact, slightly domed bush that is about two thirds of its former size. In March, when you can see clearly without any foliage, you can inspect the shrub to remove any damaged or rubbing stems, but a simple shear in September is enough to keep it healthy and packed with flowers next year.

HOW TO ROOT PLANTS FROM CUTTINGS

- 1. Remove only healthy nonflowering stems
- Sprinkle rooting hormone powder on a saucer.
- Fill a small pot with soilless potting mix that is moist.
- 4. Carefully insert the cutting about 1 inch into the planting hole
- 5. Avoid knocking off the rooting powder

Lady Beetles and their larvae are well known as friends of gardeners everywhere. This is due to their seemingly endless appetite for aphids and mites. Plants, such as dill, coreopsis, and fennel will ensure that your garden has a healthy population of

lady beetles. Just keep in mind that they have been known to bite humans on occasion.

You Can Bury a Lot of Troubles digging in the dirt



Stir Fry Chicken, Rice and Peas

Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts, diced
- 3-4 spring onions, finely sliced
- 100g frozen peas
- 150g cooked rice
 - 2 eggs
- Method: Cook the rice in a pan and cool completely
- In a wok, heat 1 tbsp. of sunflower oil or sesame oil and fry the diced chicken
- Add in spring onions and peas to cook.
- Add in rice and break up with the spoon or spatula.
- Stir until everything is hot then crack in eggs.
- Mix thoroughly until the eggs are cooked.
- Serve with light soy sauce and sweet chilli sauce.

We recommend having a small bottle of light soy sauce and sweet chilli sauce to serve with.

Homemade Pasta Sauce

No need to buy any of those convenience bottled pasta sauces. You can make a batch full of pasta sauce which can store in your fridge for days and can even be frozen for months. It's quick, it's simple, it's healthy and it's very cheap!

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp of olive oil
- 1 tin of chopped tomatoes
- 2 garlic gloves, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp of vegetable stock
- Sprinkle of mixed herbs
- Cooked pasta
- Cheese (optional)

Method:

- In a sauce pan, heat the olive oil. Add in the garlic and fry for 30 seconds.
- 2. Pour in the chopped tomatoes and add the vegetable stock and mixed herbs.
- 3. Stir until hot and add in cooked pasta.
- Stir until all the pasta is covered and if you want, sprinkle with cheese.

Cucumber Carrot Sandwich Recipe

Prep. Time: 10 mins

Serves: 2 **Ingredients:**

- Cucumber, very finely chopped -1/4 cup
- Carrot, very finely chopped -3 tbsp.
- Cheese spread or cream cheese 3 tbsp.
- Black pepper, crushed 1/2 tsp
 - Bread slices 4

Method:

- Grate or very finely chop carrot.
- 2. Remove the centre part of cucumber and chop it very finely as well.
- 3. In a mixing bowl, mix carrot, cucumber and cheese spread, black pepper.
- 4. Spread it over the bread slice and cover it with another one.
- Trim the edges if desired and cut into triangles to serve.

- You need a really a large sharp knife in order to chop the veggies very finely.
- Using cheese spread you don't add salt as, adding salt makes the cucumber watery.

Chocolate Banana Bundles

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 medium ripe bananas, halved lengthwise
- 1 sheet puff pastry
- 4 ounces semisweet chocolate— melted
- Vanilla ice cream (optional)

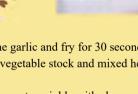
Method:

- Preheat oven to 200° C. In a large cast-iron or other heavy skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar until blended. Add bananas; stir. Remove from heat; set aside.
- Unfold puff pastry. Cut into four rectangles. Place a halved banana in centre of each square. Overlap two opposite corners of pastry over banana; pinch tightly to seal. Place on parchment paper lined baking sheets.
- Bake until golden brown, 20-25 minutes. Drizzle with chocolate. If desired, serve warm with ice cream.









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AUTUMN MOVIE PREVI



DOWNTOWN ABBEY

Downton Abbey is making its big screen debut this film based on the DC Comics character of the same Autumn. It's an 'Upstairs Downstairs' historical period drama, set in the early twentieth century, depicting the lives and loves of a group of people. The series spanned six seasons between 2010 and 2015.



The original series was based in the fictional Yorkshire country estate of Downton Abbey, depicting the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants in the post-Edwardian era.

The new film is set in 1927, directed by Michael Engler, and features a royal visit to **Downton Abbey** by King George V and Queen Mary. The regal visit is the central event in a film sees the reunion of all of the series' favourite characters.

The original creator/writer of the television. Jullian Fellowes, is on board as is most of the original stellar British cast, including Maggie Smith, Imelda Staunton, Jim Carter, Matthew Goode, Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern and Penelope Wilton. Fans of the TV series will be getting their very best finery on for this cinema treat!

AD ASTRA

Ad Astra is an American science fiction film, written and directed by James Gray, starring Brad Pitt This biopic centres on the last year of the tragically as an army engineer travelling the cosmos in search of his father (Tommy Lee Jones) who disappeared on a mission to find alien life, years before. Jones may in fact carry a secret that threatens the universe's very existence.



The project was announced in early 2016 with Gray stating that he wanted to feature 'the mot realistic depiction of space travel, that's been put in a movie'. Apart from Pitt and Jones, Gray has assembled a pardon the pun — starry cast for his space movie; our own Ruth Negga, Liv Tyler and Donald Sutherland are along for the solar ride. Ad Astra should be a cinematic highlight for the Autumn months so!

JOKER

The hugely popular, award-winning British TV series Joker is an upcoming American psychological thriller name starring Joaquin Phoenix as the title character. He is the seventh actor to portray the infamous Batman villain on-screen and is always an interesting watch. Set in Gotham during the early 1980s, Joker tracks the evolution of Arthur Fleck (Phoenix) from a lonely, failed stand-up comedian to the city's most terrifying scourge. Fleck begins a slow dissent into madness, crime and chaos as he transforms into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker.



The film pays tribute to De Niro — who stars as Fleck's antagonist — with allusions to Taxi Driver and The King of Comedy. Don't count this one out come awards season. Phoenix should leave his individual stamp on a manic character that has been made famous by the likes of Jack Nicholson and the late Heath Ledger. The potential to chew the scenery in such an iconic role is enormous. Early press suggests that the film offers an interesting twist on how the popular comic book villain, the Joker, came to be.

JUDY

talented Hollywood icon, Judy Garland. The film is set in 1969 and follows Judy as she battles with managers, handles and her own inner demons during a five-week run of sell-out concerts in London. Judy had starred in a British film of the early 1960s with a not too dissimilar storyline. I Could Go On Singing was one of Judy's best roles.

Judy, directed by Rupert Goold, is an adaptation of the West End and Broadway play End of the Rainbow by Peter Quilter. Renée Zellweger (of Bridget Jones fame) takes on the mantle of the complicated singing legend. No pressure so. Early word on this biographical film would suggest that it has Oscar glory written all over it. Zellweger is an expert mimic but will she be able to truly inhabit the soul and spirit of the late great Judy Garland?



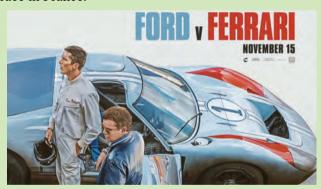


Rufus Sewell and Michael Gambon make up the supporting cast for Judy. It will have its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in

The film promises to be the must-see biopic of the Autumn.

Ford v Ferrari

Director James Mangold's anticipated follow-up to Logan, Ford v. Ferrari brings an exciting real-life racing story to the big screen, with Matt Damon and Christian Bale taking central roles. The movie takes a leaf out of Logan's book, grounding its story both in terms of tense character drama and racing thrills. The film's premise centres around an eccentric, enterprising team of American engineers in the 1960s. Automotive designer Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon) and his British WW2 veteran driver, Ken Miles's (Christian Bale) mission is to build a racing car for Ford that can finally defeat the reigning Ferrari racing team at the 1966 24 Hours Le Mans race in France.



The acting power-house combination of Hollywood heavy-weights, Damon and Bale should make for explosive sparks on screen. Fox and Disney are banking on this and Ad Astra being their best bets at the next Oscars, so it will be interesting to see how this racing drama plays out on screen. Irish interest will be provided by talented **Outlander** star, Caitriona Balfe in the role of Bale's wife.

Ford v. Ferrari is certainly the film to watch out for this Autumn season.

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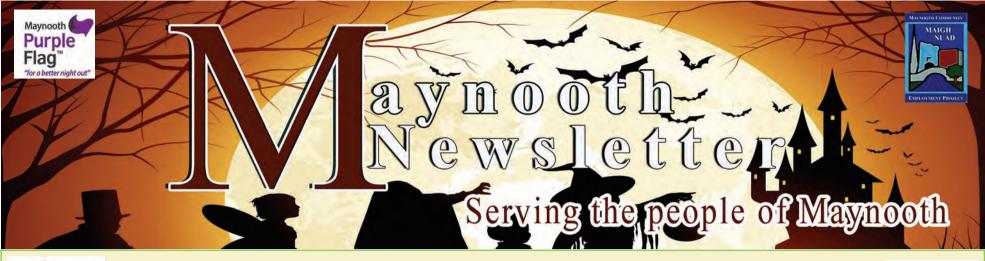
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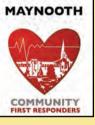


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New Public Access Defibrillator for Maynooth Improves Cardiac Chain of Survival for the Town

A new public access defibrillator has been installed in Carton Retail Park Maynooth by Maynooth Community First Responders (CFR), providing 24-hour public access to this life-saving piece of equipment.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located on the external walkway between the two main entrances to Tesco in the busy retail park and will ensure that anyone experiencing cardiac arrest has early access to defibrillation.

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).

According to Chairperson of Maynooth CFR Réada Cronin, AEDs are a vital piece of equipment for the town. "We are delighted to have installed this public access AED. We wouldn't have been able to do it without support from Keith Brady, Regional Centre Manager, and his team, so we are very grateful to them. Maynooth has a population of 14,500, with a further 13,000 students and while there are a number of AEDs around the town, not all are available on a 24-hour basis. We are currently working on a list of the locations of AEDs in Maynooth so people can familiarise themselves with their nearest one and we hope that this will be available soon."



L/R: Brian Cosgrave, Réada Cronin, Keith Brady Regional Centre Manager, Tesco. Marella Cahill, Jacqui Sykes & Fionnuala Murphy.

Keith Brady, Tesco Regional Centre Manager, said: "The volunteers at Maynooth Community First Responders carry out fantastic work and we are delighted to be able to work alongside the team on installing this 24-hour external AED, which will be available to every member of our community in a cardiac emergency." There have been some incidences of theft and damage of public access AEDs around the country, although it is not commonplace.

For that reason Maynooth CFR

are also asking everyone to please respect all life-saving equipment. "We don't want anyone to be afraid to use an AED if it's needed," said Réada, "but they are expensive to install and replace and could mean the difference between life and death for someone in cardiac arrest so it's essential that the AED is available when such an emergency arises.



CPR Demo CFR Member Jacqui Skyes & David Rigney

It's so disappointing when we see other First Responder groups commenting that an AED has been stolen or damaged and we hope that everyone will understand how important it is."

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.

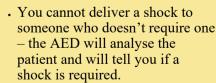
The group was established in May 2018 and went live with the National Ambulance Service in May 2019. They began on a weekend-only basis, but expanded that to 24/7 this summer. They have received 22 calls since May and expect that to increase in the Winter months.

Maynooth CFR is entirely voluntary. For more information follow them on Facebook @maynoothcfr.

How to use an AED

- An AED can be used by anyone, even if you have never used one before. If someone has collapsed and is unresponsive, check for breathing by looking, listening and feeling.
- If they are not breathing call 999/112 and send someone for the nearest AED while you begin CPR. That is the only chance of survival for someone in cardiac arrest.
- The AED has two switches a green On/Off and an orange Charge/Shock

button. Once switched on it will talk you through what to do, including placing pads on the patient's chest.



• Continue CPR as required.

For more information contact Fionnuala Murphy, PRO: 087 4116925.



CFR Volunteer Réada Cronin demonstrates CPR & Rosemary Hughes



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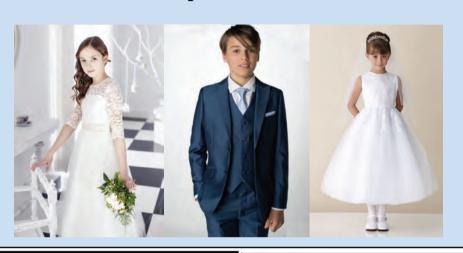
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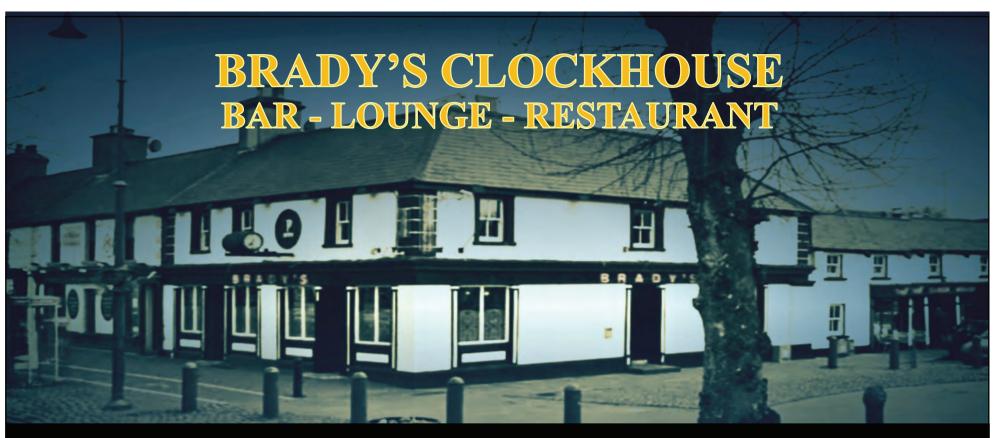


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The End of Another Season at Maynooth Castle by Moira Devery

The guiding team at Maynooth Castle is pleased to say we have had another very successful season in 2019. Our visitor numbers remain consistently high. Many local schools and visitors to Maynooth University have availed of our very attractive and informative exhibition and the expertise of our knowledgeable guides. We welcomed visitors from over 50 countries to view our 13th century Norman castle including visitors from China, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Africa, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, and of course Europe and North America. We also gave tours to lots of student groups from Italy and Spain. Not surprisingly, we often have visitors with the name "Fitzgerald" hoping their family may have a claim to Maynooth Castle! Sorry folks, no chance!

One of the highlights of the year was an Italian student group under the leadership of Guido from Florence who aroused our interest by leading his group into the Castle grounds singing an Italian hit "Ciao Bella, Ciao, Ciao, Ciao". Just like the Irish, the Italians also appear to have a very strong grá for singing and music and are not shy about singing in public. Another memorable visit particularly with the danger of a no-deal Brexit looming was the inspiring friendship between Patsy Douglas and Johnny Coulter (photo right) both from Lisburn. They spoke of the difficulties of being friends since they were each from the "other side". Both had an amazing sense of humour and were a real inspiration. Such friendships give hope for the future that communities will eventually learn to accept each other as human beings with the same right to live in peace.

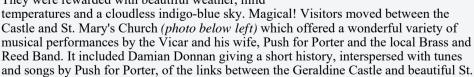


Another highlight was the colourful appearance of the Chilean Karate Club which visited in September in their outfits. (photo left). And just this week we welcomed a small group of Dubliners who meet up regularly to speak Irish at one of the many coffee mornings held there. As the group was a little tired from walking around Maynooth, we sat them down in the sun on the plinth and gave them a tour

sitting down followed by a shorter tour later inside to see the well, the 3-D model of the Castle in 1534 and the Great Hall upstairs. The tour was given mainly in English with lots of Irish thrown in at their request. We can offer this variation for groups of senior citizens interested in a tour of the Castle but who think it would be too strenuous to stand for longer periods. Just phone up beforehand and mention this when booking in your group.

Another highlight of the short season was Heritage Week when the local musicians "Push for Porter" provided entertainment from both inside and outside the castle. We also had a guest lecturer and some very informative talks from the Maynooth Castle guiding staff covering a wide range of topics including Medieval Music, Medieval Fashion, The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife and the popular Silken Thomas

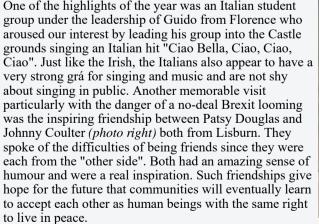
Culture Night on September 20th was another great event when the Castle remained open until 8:30pm and the guides appeared in medieval costumes (photo right). It was lovely to see so many people experience the Castle by night. They were rewarded with beautiful weather, mild



Mary's Church which the FitzGeralds had built in 1248. Definitely a night to be remembered!

The guiding staff, Alan, Mary, Katherine (get well soon!), Joe and Moira would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas of North Kildare for the considerable support we receive from them. Thanks for visiting and we hope to see you again when the Castle re-opens on May 14th, 2020. And remember, check our Facebook page every now and again for updates.

Photos by Moira Devery





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

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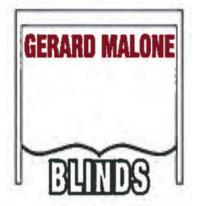
As we move into the autumn of the year housing and the environment continue to rank high in the public mind. With full employment levels again, Ireland will attract people to come to live here. So it is not that surprising when recently no less a person than Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google is quoted as saying that his company is willing to build homes in Ireland to assist in easing the accommodation crisis here. Earlier this year I had the pleasure of attending the press launch of Salesforce in the National Convention Centre when they announced a large number of new jobs in Dublin and one of the first questions that the journalists asked the Salesforce Executive was about the shortage of places for these new workers to live.

Employers providing housing for their workers is not a new idea. Throughout Ireland, state companies such as Irish Rail built cottages bordering railway stations for their workers and in Dublin parts of Inchicore were built to house railway workers. Bord Na Mona built estates bordering the bogs and many of these areas are still occupied by families connected to people that worked the bogs. In Maynooth we have a number of historic examples of housing being built with other developments such as the houses in Parson Street were built to cater for people working in St. Patrick's College. Even more significantly much of the housing behind the Main Street was built to provide homes for the workers employed in Carton House and Estate which gave us the much admired planned landlord town centre we still have to-day. So could it be the case that in future that large industrial developments would have to come with a residential component so that people could live and work in the same area thus providing a place to live and avoiding long commutes?

There is no doubt that long commutes particularly in cars is having a negative impact on our environment and it is Government policy to significantly alter the Irish motor vehicle profile to be predominately electric by 2030. Hopefully it is only one of many other initiatives to tackle to the damage that we are doing to our environment. The Climate Action protests being led by young people have to be commended and the young people in Maynooth are making sure that their message is being heard. As a person who walks to the train to get to work, heats my house with a heat pump and does many other environmentally friendly things every day my efforts to reduce my carbon footprint are good. Unfortunately I know many people who would like to do more for the environment but their lifestyle doesn't make it feasible for them.

Back to the young people who are leading the climate action campaign, it gives me great hope for our future to have people of this young age take positive action in civic society. There is no doubt that from among these young people will come the future political and civil leaders in our community. I recall that a decade or so ago watching a young Maynooth teenager participating in the Kildare Youth Parliament speaking passionately on the future of County Kildare. His name was Naoise Ó Cearúil. He is now starting his second term as an elected member of Kildare County Council for Maynooth. So you see what I mean – young people lead the way.

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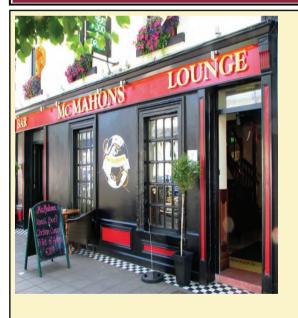
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Taking in Charge of Newtown Hall Estate

The issue of the taking in charge of estates is an issue that Cllr Feeney encountered a lot on her recent local election canvas and having been requested by Newtown Hall Residents' Association, Cllr Feeney scheduled a question at the September meeting of the Maynooth MD Council meeting. At the meeting, Cllr Feeney requested that the residents of Newtown Hall be provided with specific timelines for completion of the items specified on the Snag List with a view to completion of Newtown Hall without any further delay and ultimately its takeover by Kildare County Council. Cllr Feeney stated that in her view, it is totally inequitable for residents having to pay both Service Charges and Local Property Tax when infrastructure, such as roads within the estate, have been left in a deplorable and even dangerous condition. An appropriate layer of tarmacadam has not been laid. Asking the Council to give an up to date report on the taking in charge of Newtown Hall Estate Cllr Feeney said this should include details in relation to the bond, a works programme outlining when the SNAG list will be dealt with. Cllr Feeney also asked why the Council has not met with the Residents Association to discuss the taking in charge of their estate.

The Council responded to Cllr Feeney saying that their Building and Development Control Section has contacted the developer and is waiting for the developer to submit a programme of works to complete the estate to the required taking in charge standard. They added that the original insurance bond was replaced with a reduced cash bond to reflect the amount of outstanding works to be completed. The Council also said that the only outstanding works to be snagged are surface defects, which cannot be completed until the wearing course is laid. As to meeting Residents Associations, the Council said that they do not usually meet with Residents Associations to discuss the taking in charge of estates but that the Residents Association can submit any observations and outstanding issues to the Building and Development Control Section for consideration and review. Cllr Feeney welcomes the fact that the Council has contacted the developer requesting him to submit a programme of works to complete the estate to the required taking in charge standard. Cllr Feeney requested that a time frame be provided on that.

Trees on Celbridge Road/Railpark Maynooth

Cllr Feeney submitted a Motion "that the trees and hedge between house numbers at Rail Park/Celbridge Road, Maynooth, opposite Maxol, be removed in order to make the footpath safer for school children and other pedestrians". Cllr Feeney stated that at this particular section of the road, two people cannot pass; it is extremely difficult for wheelchair users or parents with buggies. There are increased volumes of school children travelling that road to the three schools. At a time when we want more people, particularly children, to walk and cycle but if we make it difficult or even dangerous like this does then they cannot engage in a healthier way of travelling to school. The Council replied stating that under Section 70(2) of the 1993 Roads Act, the owner or occupier of land is obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on the land is not a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road, and that it does not obstruct or interfere with the safe use of a public road or the maintenance of a public road. The Council will write to owners of the relevant properties informing them of their obligations and requesting them to trim or potentially remove the

trees/hedging. Cllr Feeney replied stating that in her view the Council can cut anything that goes beyond the boundary in the interest of public safety and she requested that this is done before there is an accident at this spot. Cllr Feeney understands that the particular trees preceded the building of the estate so Cllr Feeney will be arguing that the Council should carry out the work. The recently appointed area engineer will consider the issue.

Footpaths and Pay Parking Surplus

At the Maynooth MD meeting on July 5th Cllr Feeney asked the Council to confirm when the new footpaths on Main Street will be laid between Fitzgerald, Brady, O'Flaherty, Estate Agents and The Square. The Council stated it is currently liaising with Irish Public Bodies (IPB), in relation to approval of a proposal to renew the footpaths in this location and that the funding allocation will determine the volume of works which can be undertaken. They also said that it is envisaged that the initial section will be tendered in Quarter 3, 2019. Cllr Feeney commented at that MD that this work was supposed to be have been done last year, funded by the Council's Insurer and that if there is not enough funding from IPB, the Pay Parking surplus can be used next year and following years. Given that this work which was to be carried out last year but still has not happened Cllr Feeney put the following motion at the September meeting "That the surplus from Maynooth's pay parking in 2019 and following years be used to meet any shortfall in the Irish Public Bodies (IPB) funding to repave the footpaths in Maynooth's Main Street". Cllr Feeney stated that Pay Parking is working well in Maynooth but people want to see a return and if they see that the monies from it contribute to maintaining and upgrading the town.

Harbour Field Development

At the September MD meeting, the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team presented the draft designs Harbour Field and planned investment. This team has worked really well with the local community and have endeavoured, in the draft design, to reflect the wishes of the public as captured through the Town Health Check meetings. Cllr Feeney welcomed the draft but added that the Community Centre needs to be considered in the design as it is long overdue. The design has come a long way from the proposed car park that the Labour party greatly objected to. It has something for all age groups. The draft design will soon be available for public consultation. Within the next two years we should see the Harbour Field looking fantastic for Maynooth.

Maynooth Community Creche Action Group Meeting

Cllr Feeney became very aware that Maynooth currently has a severe lack of childcare – particularly for children under three years of age. I am following up on the issues that were raised on my canvas and one of the predominant ones is the huge lack of childcare provision in Maynooth. We really need to think about a community crèche model, potentially as part of a community centre which works in partnership with the local community and offers wrap-around care

Maynooth Community Creche Action Group had its first public consultation meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday September 20th and updates will be provided as the issue progresses.

Maynooth University welcomes €25 million capital grant from Government for new 'Technology Society and Innovation Project'

Maynooth University welcomed a capital grant of €25 million from Government for a major new building project to support the University's rapidly growing student population.

The Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, TD, and the Minister of State for Higher Education Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D. today announced a €25 million contribution from the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund (HESIF), which will, along with €32 million in university and EIB funds, deliver a landmark €57 million campus project.

The project comprises a new 10,554 m2 academic building, to open in late 2020. This forms part of a wider plan to modernise and expand a further 5,670 m2 of the existing Arts and Sciences buildings, for completion by 2021.

Welcoming the announcement, Professor Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University, said: "This is landmark development project designed to keep pace with rapidly growing student numbers in the country's fastest growing region, and to support the research and innovation skills needed to face fundamental societal challenges."

Prof Nolan continued: "Maynooth University has seen significant growth in our student enrolment, and the output of skilled graduates across a range of disciplines is vital to balanced regional and national economic development, and critical in addressing the major challenges of the twenty-first century.

This funding will provide much -needed physical infrastructure that will allow Maynooth University to play a vital role in the national context to respond to these challenges."

Maynooth University is Ireland's fastest growing university. While serving students from all corners of Ireland and internationally, MU has played a particularly



West View of the MU Campus Development

important role in meeting the rapidly growing demographic demand for higher education in the Mid-East, Midlands and the western edge of the Dublin metropolitan area.

Formally established as an autonomous university in 1997, Maynooth has tripled its enrolment to almost 13,000 students from at least 90 countries, and is ranked among the top 50 global universities under 50 years old in the Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings.

Prof Nolan concluded: "This infrastructural project will further support Maynooth University's research and innovation in areas vital to economic, social and environmental challenges, including climate science, environmental science, artificial intelligence, regional and urban planning, smart cities, the future of work, as well as services innovation, public policy and social change.

We welcome this important announcement from Government and its recognition of the important role Maynooth University plays in these areas of national and international significance."



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Stagg Welcomes Appointment of Contractor to Complete Maynooth **Education Campus**

Labour's Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement on Tuesday September 10th, by KWETB that the Contractor for the Completion of the Maynooth Education Campus on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth has been appointed.

The Contract has been awarded to Glasgiven Contracts, stated Mr. Stagg, who will be on site before the end of September with works expected to be completed by next Summer and occupation of the two new 1,000 pupil schools and Shared Sports Facility prior to September 2020.

Labour's Emmet Stagg concluded by stating that we have seen many ups and downs on the campaign to deliver the Maynooth Education Campus for the students of Maynooth Post Primary School and Maynooth Community College but finally at last we can see light at the end of the tunnel and he congratulated the staff, students, Parent Teacher Association and School Boards on finally achieving success.

September 23rd Closing Date for Tenders for Team to Deliver DART to Maynooth

Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the process of putting in place a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Team to support the Expansion of DART to Maynooth.

Iarnrod Eireann, stated Mr. Stagg, sought expressions of interest from specialists to support them in the delivery of DART to Maynooth and City Centre Enhancements with a closing date for expressions of interest of 13th May. 6 Specialists expressed an interest in Tendering to be part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team and they were invited to submit Tenders on 16th July, with the closing date for receipt of Tenders being Monday September 23rd next.

The work the Team will be involved in delivering includes:

- * Preparation of the Designs
- * Undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment
- * Preparing costings for the works budget and Business Case approval.
- * Manage Railway Order Process.
- * Tender preparation and evaluation.

Welcoming the progress Mr. Stagg stated that the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in developing the design and tender preparation for the project. In addition to providing DART to Maynooth, the project involves development and enhancements to City Centre Stations and Network, resignalling from Maynooth to Connolly/Dockland and removal of the six level crossings along the Maynooth Line and provision of necessary bridge relief infrastructure.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg welcomed the putting together of the Team that will deliver DART Expansion to Maynooth and he looked forward to further progress once the Specialist Team is in place.

Further Mill Street Apartment Proposal in Pipeline Following An Bord Pleanala Consultation

Labour's Emmet Stagg has stated that a further proposal for the development of apartments on Mill Street, Maynooth, adjacent to St. Mary's Catholic Church, is in the pipeline and that the Community of Maynooth must remain vigilant in relation to the proposals given the prominent location of the site.

The previous proposal, stated Mr. Stagg, was for 135 apartments ranging from 3 storey's fronting Mill Street, to 4 to 5 storey's to the rear and was comprehensively refused planning permission by An Bord Pleanala.

The applicants, stated Mr. Stagg, commenced a Consultation with An Bord Pleanala in relation to a proposal for 120 apartments at the site under the Strategic Housing Development Rules on 27th June last.

An Bord Pleanala on September 10th issued their decision following the consultation that the documents submitted by the applicants constitute a reasonable basis for an application.

The applicants would have went through this process with the previous illfated planning application previously.

Mr. Stagg stated that following An Bord Pleanala's consultation decision we can now expect a further planning application to be lodged with An Bord Pleanala under the Strategic Housing Development Rules.

Labour's Emmet Stagg stated the prominent site was in close proximity to St. Mary's Church which is a protected structure and any development of the site would be highly visible from the Lyreen River and Lyreen Area of Maynooth, and because of this it must respect the Character of the Town Centre. Mr. Stagg concluded that we now must await the detail of the planning application.

Purchase of Extra 41 Railcar Carriages Submitted to Department for Approval - Stagg

Emmet Stagg has been pressing Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the provision of additional capacity on existing services on both the Maynooth to Connolly Line and the Kildare Line serving Hazelhatch and Sallins, through the option of purchasing an additional 41 railcar carriages.

Mr. Stagg stated that the Purchase of 41 additional railcar carriages from the manufacturer of the 2007-2012 fleet, would give us additional capacity before the Major Fleet Order announced by Iarnrod Eireann last May.

In relation to the purchase of the 41 additional railcar carriages, Iarnrod Eireann have now advised Mr. Stagg that they have concluded negotiations and contract terms with the manufacturer. A detailed Business Case has been submitted by the National Transport Authority to the Department of Transport for approval.

Once approved by the Department a memo will be brought to Cabinet to seek Government approval. Once all of this is in place Iarnrod Eireann can then sign the contract with the manufacturer, which is expected later this month. The delivery of the railcar carriages will be in batches with entry into service in late 2021 or early 2022.

Welcoming progress with the purchase of the 41 additional railcar carriages, Labour's Emmet Stagg, stated that their delivery will increase capacity two years before the Major Fleet Order starts to be delivered into service.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to early Government approval of the purchase of the additional railcar carriages so Iarnrod Eireann can proceed to sign the contract.

€57 Million Investment in Maynooth University to be Welcomed

Labour's Emmet Stagg has welcomed the award of a €25 Million Grant to Maynooth University from the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund which when combined with University Funds and European Investment Bank Funds of €32 Million, will see an overall investment of €57 Million in Maynooth University.

The Investment, stated Mr. Stagg, will support the University's rapidly growing student population and will see a new 10,554 Square Metre Academic Building built as well as modernisation and expansion of the existing Arts and Sciences Buildings.

The new Academic Building will open late next year whilst the modernisation of the Arts and Science Buildings and their expansion will be completed by

The projects, stated Mr. Stagg, will enable an increase of over 3,000 student places, with enrolment growth focused on areas essential to economic and social development.

The new development will seek to bring together and integrate the disciplines of Law and Social Science with Science, Engineering and Technology. Maynooth University currently has 13,000 students and this investment will see a 23% increase in student numbers.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg congratulated the President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan, and his staff on securing the investment and on delivering a University which we can all be proud of in Maynooth and Kildare.

Congratulations to Occasions Hairdressing on the opening of their newly relocated salon in Carton Retail Park Maynooth

Congratulations and best wishes all round to Occasions Hairdressing on the opening of their newly relocated salon. Occasions Hairdressing is an award winning salon located in Carton Retail Park Maynooth.



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THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

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

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Frank O'Rourke T.D. Kildare North

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Passenger Numbers climb on Bus Route 139 linking Naas to Blanchardstown says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has stated that the passenger numbers using Bus Route 139, which links Naas to Blanchardstown via, Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip, continue to increase.

"I campaigned to provide an orbital Bus Service from Naas to Blanchardstown, linking Clane and Rathcoffey. This service was put in place over a year ago and the numbers using the service continue to show strong growth."

"Passenger numbers on Route 139 reached a peak of 11,500 per 4 week period, in late 2018 and early 2019. I have seen myself at first hand, the numbers grow."

"We must improve our public transport services. I have made representations to have this Route 139 link directly to Blanchardstown Connolly Hospital.

The National Transport Authority has informed me that they have no plans in place to adjust the service at the moment, but I will continue to make representations to have the service extended."

"I have also requested that an Orbital Bus route be provided which would connect Clane/Straffan /Ardclough area to Maynooth and / or Celbridge. Linking these smaller towns and villages to regular public transport services will ensure that we encourage more and more people to use public transport," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Further Lack of Action on Insurance Costs says O'Rourke

Fianna Fail's Deputy Spokesperson on Finance, and local TD, Frank O'Rourke, has again highlighted Government lack of action in relation to reducing the cost of insurance as there is no sign of the National Claims Information Database being set up.

"Insurance continues to be a critical issue for businesses and consumers. I know from my weekly clinics the negative effect of the high cost of insurance. It is putting excessive cost pressure on small businesses and putting an unfair burden on motorists.'

"The National Claims Information Database was supposed to be set up to provide transparency about the level of claims in Ireland. This was an important policy commitment to attract new entrants into the Insurance market in Ireland, and would not just bring down premiums but would also help tackle insurance fraud."

"This National database was to be up and running last year. The Government seems to have washed its hands of setting up this database.

As stated by our Finance Spokesperson, Michael McGrath TD, this database should be managed and controlled by the State, not by the insurance industry, and avoid competition law issues."

"I will continue to press the Government to implement the recommendations from the Cost of Insurance Working Group. We need greater focus on reducing insurance costs as the average annual cost of motor insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Additional Train Services Confirmed for Kilcock says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke has received confirmation that a later additional evening train service is to be provided for Kilcock commuters, commencing later this month and an earlier Dublin service will also be provided at the weekends for Kilcock, in January 2020.

"The 8.45pm evening Dublin Maynooth Train service will now be extended to "The Government needs to outline all the contingencies and supports that will serve Kilcock, commencing at the end of September."

"Working with the Kilcock Public Transport Group I will continue to make representations to have a better train service for Kilcock commuters. I recently organised a meeting between the Kilcock Public Transport Group and Irish Rail Authorities to press for additional services."

"This is a step in the right direction. I have also received confirmation that further additional early morning Dublin services for Kilcock commuters at the

weekend will be provided in January of next year."

"We must provide better public transport services for Kilcock and I will continue to press for extra services and work with the Kilcock Transport Group to provide these services." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Continued delay to Tenant Purchase scheme report unacceptable – O'Rourke

-Evidence of further delays in publishing key review on the future of the scheme-

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has called on Housing Minister Eoghan Murphy to swiftly publish a report on the future of the Tenant Purchase scheme.

His calls come as correspondence received by Fianna Fáil shows further delays in publishing the report which was due to be completed in 2017.

The 2016 Tenant Purchase scheme enables local authority housing tenants to buy their own homes at a discounted price subject to significant conditions. A report on how the scheme was functioning was due to be completed 12 months following its establishment.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Over two years on since the report was due to be published and we are still waiting on it, this is despite repeated calls from Fianna Fáil for the Minister to prioritise its publication.

"This new correspondence proves that instead of publishing the report and allowing the Dáil to debate its recommendations and set out a path forward for the scheme the Minister has put it on the long finger."

"Why is the Minister keeping the report hidden? Instead of being open about it he is delaying it for political reasons and clearly intends to swamp it as part of a new social housing announcement over the coming months – yet another example of cynical spin by the Government.

"It's past time for the Minister to show a bit of honesty and publish the report. Tenants have been waiting far too long and the Dáil needs to debate it soon as a matter of priority," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Lack of Support from Government for SMEs a real concern says O'Rourke.

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to provide more supports to the SME sector, specifically Direct grant aid, in the context of BREXIT.

"I have consistently raised the challenges the SME sector are experiencing, in particular in the context of Brexit."

"With increased interest rates, as compared to the EU average, increasing labour costs, increased insurance costs, increased commercial rates and now the threat of Brexit, the Government in my view are very slow to respond to the emerging challenges faced by SMEs.'

"Government ministers continuously reference the Brexit loan funds as the solution to any questions posed on business support preparedness for Brexit.

Yet few businesses have utilised these funds with only 11% of the €600m Brexit loan funds been approved for lending, with over €500m still to be sanctioned."

"Revenue previously identified around 90,000 Irish businesses that traded with the UK in 2018. Yet 1 in 675 of these businesses, less than 1%, have participated in the Brexit preparedness one-day customs workshops, run in all counties by Local Enterprise Offices."

be available for businesses to cater for all scenarios including a hard Brexit."

"Direct grant aid is an urgent necessity for SME's to deal with Brexit. Fianna Fáil has consistently called for an enterprise stabilisation fund and employment support scheme to be made available to the worst affected firms, as a policy response from the impact of a hard Brexit," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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My son has been living in Australia for the last fifteen years and is planning to return to Ireland next year for good. Where can he find practical information about returning

The more prepared your son is, the easier his move home will be so he should start his research as soon as he can. Citizens Information has developed a new online Returning to Ireland resource with a broad range of information specifically intended for Irish citizens who are living abroad and are planning to return home to live in Ireland.

This new online resource is filled with practical information to help Irish citizens plan their return and settle back in Ireland as smoothly as possible. It covers everything from residency applications for non-EU family members, applying for passports for children and accessing the public health system on your return to Ireland.

If your son is planning to start work when he returns he may want to know about PPS numbers, registering for tax purposes and getting recognition for foreign qualifications in Ireland. If he is returning with a family or children he may need to know about applying for Child Benefit, enrolling in school or college and exemptions from learning the Irish language in school. The site also has information about converting a foreign driving license to an Irish one, getting car insurance as a returning Irish emigrant and travelling to Ireland with your pet.

I am unhappy with the repair work a builder has done to my house, he hasn't fixed the issue and he refuses to put it right. Do I have any rights in this situation?

If your builder is unwilling to compensate you, you may be able to make a claim against them using the small claims procedure. The aim of this procedure is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers to resolve disputes without a solicitor. The maximum amount you can claim for under the small claims procedure is €2,000. The small claims procedure is provided through local District Court offices.

If you have purchased goods or services for private use from someone selling them in the course of business, you can make a claim using the small claims procedure. You can make claims for bad workmanship, minor damage to property, faulty goods and for the non-return of rent deposits for certain kinds of rented properties, for example, a holiday home. Businesses can also use this procedure to make claims against other businesses about contracts for goods or services purchased.

To make a claim, you need to complete the application form and submit it and a fee of €25 to the Small Claims Registrar. You can do this online at the Courts Service Online website, csol.ie. Alternatively, you can download the application form from courts.ie or get a copy from the Small Claims Registrar at the District Court office. Make sure you include the correct name and address of the company or person you are claiming against. You can double-check this information on the Companies Registration Office website at

Alternatively, you can download the application form from courts ie or get a copy from the Small Claims Registrar at the District Court office. Make sure you include the correct name and address of the company or person you are claiming against. You can doublecheck this information on the Companies Registration Office website at cro.ie. The Registrar sends a copy of your application to the person you are making the claim against. If the other person does not reply within 15 days of receiving your application, your claim will be automatically treated as undisputed. Then the court will make an order in your favour for the amount claimed, and direct that it be paid within a specific period of time. If your claim is disputed, the Registrar will give you a copy of the reasons why the other person is disputing your claim. The Registrar will try to negotiate a settlement to the dispute. If no settlement can be reached, the matter is set for a court hearing in the

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Service above.

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Broadcast (Amendment) Bill 2019

The Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2019 has been published. The Bill aims to reform the current TV licence fee system to take account of changes in technology and how content is now consumed and includes measures to support local community radio. It will be brought before the Dáil in

Possession of Drugs for Personal Use

On 2 August 2019, the Government announced plans for a health-led approach to possession of drugs for personal use, to be phased in from autumn 2020. The new Health Diversion Approach will refer people to health and social services for help and support.

Guardian ad litem (GAL) servicesThe Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2019 was published on 12 August 2019. It establishes a new guardian ad litem service. Guardians ad litem are appointed by judges in child care proceedings. Their role is to independently establish the wishes, feelings and interests of the child and present them to the court with recommendations.

HPV Vaccine Programme

The HSE launched the 2019/20 schools HPV vaccination programme on 27 August. The vaccine is being given to all first year students in secondary school. Boys are being offered the vaccine for the first time. Parents will receive information packs ahead of school vaccination dates.

Public Services Card and data protection

On 16 August 2019, the Data Protection Commission (DPC) published a statement on the Public Services Card. The DPC identified steps that the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection and other public bodies which use the PSC must take to be compliant with data protection legislation. The DEASP is currently reviewing the report with details of the DPC's findings and plans to publish the report with a response to the findings when their review is complete. The findings of the DPC do not affect the validity or use of Public Service Cards that have already been issued.

Extended Parental Leave

From 1 September 2019, new arrangements for unpaid parental leave will take effect. Parental leave for parents will increase from 18 weeks to 22 weeks and the age limit will change from 8 to 12.

The Botanic Gardens Revisited For Mary

After winter's bleakness this Elysium for the feeble limbed, draws us, a pair of nature lovers, whose aging eyes can still enjoy spring arrayed in daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, children trying to befriend a squirrel, magpies scolding a lurking grey-crow, roses cutback for summer debuts, lovers in African costume on a bridge and, as you suggest we detour to glasshouses with their exotic flora, passing the ancient, bearded Socrates, still serene in marble whiteness beside the bright, meandering Tolka.

By Colin Scott

GHOST LOLLIPOP BOUQUET

Supplies:

-wide mouth mason jar -black spray paint -7 lollipops -white cotton -twine -floral foam





- First, give your mason jar a few layers of black spray paint with adequate dry time between coats.
- Take your block of floral foam and trim it down to fit inside your jar. You can use a hand saw if you have one, but a bread knife works just as well. (Younger children should be assisted by an adult where using tools or sharps)
- Cut 4" x 4" squares of the white cotton, drape over the top of the lollipop, and tie with a piece of
- Dab on your eyes with black fabric paint or a paint pen, and you're ready to stick your mini ghosts into your jar.

Maynooth University Town F.C.

Our season has now fully taken off with League and Cup games filling our fixture list. Some results to date include:

L.S.L. Senior Division Sun Town 1 - St. Mochtas 2

The more experienced St. Mochtas proved too strong for a Town side only finding their feet in the much higher rated Senior Division.

Town battled hard and were unlucky not to get a share of the points. St. Mochtas led for long periods with a two goal lead but a Town penalty was not enough to rescue the game.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup Dunboyne A.F.C. 0 - Town 1

The relatively short trip to the Royal County proved to be a fruitful one. Although Town were not at their best. They rarely looked like going out of the first hurdle.

A well worked goal from a corner proved to be the winner to project us into the next round.

Major Division Sat - Noel Ryan Cup Town 5 - Templeogue Utd. 2

A Dean Barrett hat-trick was the feature of this game.

L.S.L. Division 3 Sun Town 4 – Edenderry Town 0

An impressive display by our youthful development squad against our old foes Edenderry Town.





PRAYER TO VIRGIN MARY

(Never known to fail)

O' Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God.

Immaculate Virgin assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea help me and show me here you are my Mother O Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succumb to me in my necessity.

There are none that can withstand Your Power, O show here you are my Mother, O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times)

Holy Mary I place this case in your hands (3 times) Sweet Mother I place this case in your hands (3 Times) O thank you for your mercy to me and mine, Amen.

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Zero Waste Maynooth

Nature doesn't need landfill or incineration to deal with waste because it doesn't produce any! Everything in nature is part of a cycle – think of a leaf that falls from a tree and is broken down in the soil and provides nutrients to the tree to grow more

leaves. This idea of a cycle is the basis behind the circular economy. The aim is to keep resources in use for as long as possible – and not let precious finite materials waste away in landfill or get burnt. The circular economy involves careful design of products so that they can be repaired, reused, or recycled into new products. The aim is to reduce waste as much as possible.



October is Reuse Month so it is an ideal time to take part in the circular economy!

There are lots of ways to get involved in Maynooth!

Reusing is a great way to save money and help the environment. By reusing products and materials already created, we are reducing the demand for new products, and thus the pollution and energy that manufacturing involves.

Here are some ideas on how you can reuse:

- Bring that reusable coffee cup, water bottle and shopping bag with you whenever you leave the house! Using a reusable coffee cup will get you a discount in these fantastic cafes in Maynooth - Emma's Place, Willow and Wild, The Brewery, L'Art du Chocolat, Coffee Mill, Beetroot.
- Before you buy, consider if you can borrow or share an item- for example borrow a fascinator or bag for a wedding from a friend, share the tools with neighbours.
- Check out charity shops, vintage stores and online for "new to you" clothes (fast fashion is a huge source of pollution check out The True Cost on Netflix). The Glass Doll has a fantastic vintage section and a great section of ribbons, buttons and trim to help you update an old item of clothing.
- Check out Boomerang Bags they are a new group meeting once a month in the Community Library they are using old cotton material to make food produce bags. A great way to cut down on those flimsy non-recyclable plastic bags!



2-4pm
Sat I2th
October
Maynooth
Community
Space

*Bare Necessities * Package free food

*Nu Wardrobe * Ladies clothing exchange.

Cloth Nappy Library Ireland Info & tips

*Bring pre loved Halloween Costumes and swap

with others!

COSTUME SWAP

Join us for a cuppa & chat

Free event for the community









- . Join Zero Waste Freecycle group on Facebook this is a group where people offer and ask for items for free. There is also a Freecycle Baby group. There is a great Maynooth Freecycle page well worth joining!!
- For baby/toddler clothes, check out flopsyshop.ie –they buy and sell high quality preloved baby clothes.
- Get creative! When you need something, think creatively about what you already own and how you can repurpose it old clothes could become cleaning cloths, jars can become storage containers/penholders.
- Check out our next event in the Community Space you will have a chance to reuse jars to get loose dried goods, swap items of clothing to add something new-to-you to your wardrobe and look through our Freecycle Halloween costumes.

Check out ellenmacarthurfoundation.org for more information on the circular economy!

REMINDER DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



SUMMER TIME ENDS 27TH OCTOBER PUT CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR





A TRIBUTE TO RONAN HEVER

It is with a heavy heart that Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee write this tribute to volunteer Ronan Hever who passed away too soon on the 31st August, surrounded by his family, at Blanchardstown hospital.

Our first record of Ronan working with us is the September 2018. Our volunteers are from all parts of Ireland but mostly from the West and we remember many hours of

banter with Ronan especially when Roscommon beat Mayo in the Connaught semi-final this year and then went on to beat Galway and win the Nester Cup.

Ronan was involved with our Sensory Garden from the start in January to the official opening on the 27th July. Even though he was only with us for a short time he will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. Below are a selection of photo's of Ronan during his time with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

Condolences to Michelle and family and Rest in Peace Ronan.

Mary Molloy - Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee









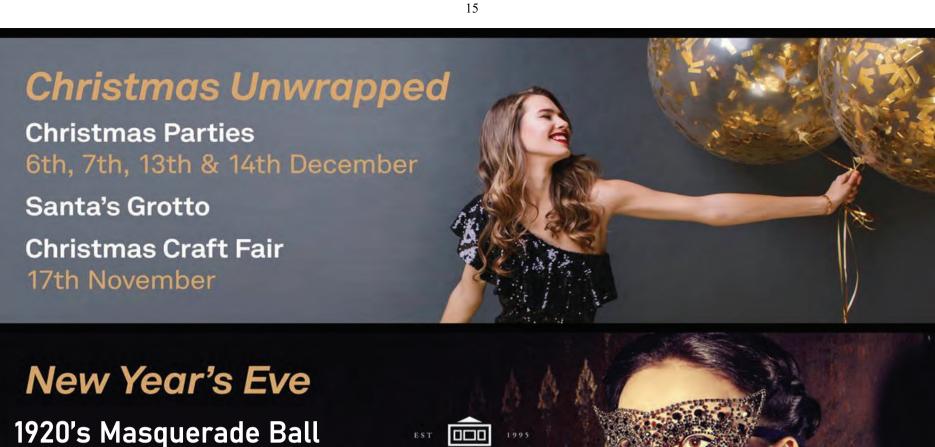
Maynooth Golf Society Eddie Kavanagh Cup Sponsored by The Kavanagh Family Kilcock Golf Club 14th September 2019

1st	Johnny Murray (26)	38pts
2nd	Marty Maguire (21)	33ptsB3
3rd	Mick Flynn (26)	33pts
4th	Danny Finnan (12)	29ptsB9
5th	Joey Edwards	29pts
F9	Declan Byrne	25pts
В9	Mick Fahey	15pts
NP	Sean Farrelly	

Next Outing is the President's Cup
Carton House on Saturday the 19th of October

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area Planning Applications received from 23/08/2019 To 19/09/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority Applicant Name		Development Address	App Date
191025	Kildare County Council	Dave & Anne Mahoney	Elm Lodge, Moyglare Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	13/09/2019
191026	Kildare County Council	Tesco Ireland Limited	the carpark of Carton Park Retail Campus, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	13/09/2019
191010	Kildare County Council	Ann Moran	Moneycooley, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/09/2019
19987	Kildare County Council	Susan and Alan Burke	89 Castledawson, Newtown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	02/09/2019
19972	Kildare County Council	Esprit Investment Ltd.	South of the Maynooth Road, (R148), Collinstown, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.	28/08/2019



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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee



Our morning club is now in full swing and as promised our Art classes are up and running. If you haven't joined us yet, you don't know what you're missing. However it's never too late so please feel free to pop in, you will be very welcome.

Our recruitment weekend was very successful and I wish to thank the Priests of the Parish for the opportunity to speak at all the Masses. Thank you also to Martina and Simon for all their help. It was lovely to meet so many people with such interest in our work, and many of you, male and female, expressed an interest in joining our committee. I will be in contact with those who left their phone numbers and if I don't have your number you will find mine on the sheets we handed out. Our committee meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Geraldine Hall, (scouts den) so our next meeting will take place on Tuesday October 1st. I look forward to seeing many new faces.

Also if there are older people out there who may be new to the area and feeling a bit isolated, why not come along to our morning club. You can contact Patricia on 087 7661116 or myself on 087 9002296 or just drop in, you will be most welcome.

We held our Autumn tea-dance on September 15th and all enjoyed the music of Tony and Brian. Our next tea-dance will take place on Sunday October 20th at 3pm in the GAA club, Moyglare Road and

all those who are young at heart are welcome. This will be our Halloween Party so feel free to come in fancy dress if you wish. I take this opportunity to thank Martin and the staff at the GAA club for their help and courtesy to all our people. They have some lovely young people working there. In the present climate where we hear so much negativity about young people I have to say, this has not been our experience. Over many years our organisation has worked with the schools, scouts and clubs and we have met young people who would restore your faith in our youth.

We are on the count- down now to our "Sale of Work" but more about that anon. I am just planting the seed, so to speak.

Finally, may I express our sincere sympathy to the families of Chris Foley, Leo Bean and Una Kiernan, all of whom died recently.

Suaimhneas agus Siochain doibh.

Josephine Moore, Chairperson.





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SENAN OF LARAGHBRYAN

The name Senan meaning 'wise one' is attributed to many Irish saints, the most well-known being Senan of Inis Cathaigh or Scattery Island in the Shannon Estuary in County Clare. Who was Senan of Laraghbryan? I'll answer that question by first asking, what do we know about this place called Laraghbryan near Maynooth? Laraghbryan, an anglicised form of the place-name Láithreach Briúin, is described on www.logainm.ie as a 'non-validated name'. I understand that 'láithreach' among other meanings, may be translated as a site, position or place.

Historically, north Kildare was part of the Uí Faéláin kingdom, occupied by the descendants of Faéláin, who included the O'Byrnes, hence the place-name Láithreach Briúin. Place-names change over time. The website also informs us that according to Kildare Rentals dating from c. 1518 this area was known as Larabyrne (clue here) and that the name Laraghbryan that we know today was first mentioned (according to their records) in a statistical survey of the area taken in 1837. The O'Byrnes were at one time ancient kings of Leinster. However, as was the norm at the time, kingship did not descend from father to son, which meant that they never held the kingship for any length of time.

There were Christians in Ireland prior to Patrick. In 431AD 'Palladius, having been ordained by Pope Celestine, is sent as first bishop to the Scotti [Irish] believing in Christ'. He landed at Arklow. Perhaps we should be commemorating St Palladius' Day every year instead of St Patrick's? And then again, perhaps not, as it is also recorded that not long after he landed he was banished by the King of Leinster – an O'Byrne? By the 6th century there were over 800 monasteries in Ireland.

This is where our Senan of Láithreach Briúin makes an entrance. What we know about him has been compiled from various sources such as the 'Annals of the Four Masters', by John O'Hanlon (1821-1905), MRIA. O'Hanlon was a Catholic priest, scholar and poet. He is best known as a folklorist and a hagiographer and in particular for his comprehensive 'Lives of the Irish Saints'. The Annals, in which Laraghbryan is mentioned several times, were compiled between 1632 and 1636 by the Franciscans. Their purpose was to record and preserve the race memory of the Irish nation which was in danger of being lost forever through centuries of colonisation and religious persecution.

Senan founded a monastery at Laraghbryan in the 6th century. He was the son of Fintan and Deidi. And as is usual in ancient Irish genealogies, his genealogy is carried back for fifty generations, or for about 16,000 years! Apparently during his lifetime, he was considered to be a person of some importance and was praised for his 'noble qualities'. He is named as one of the churchmen who attended 'the great Synod held at Dromcreat in 580AD'. Today, the area around Drumcreat is dominated by Mullagh Hill overlooking Roe Park Golf Course at Limavady in Northern Ireland. The top of the hill is unnaturally flat and according to folklore the top was deliberately flattened for the sole purpose of holding the synod on its summit. In modern times a club member noted that 'we were warned not to incorporate the hill into the golf layout'.

Early monasteries were built of clay and wood. Within these settlements crafts and trades developed and given their importance it is not surprising that close links developed between the monasteries and the local chieftains, in this case, the O'Byrnes. When Senan died, the monastery that he had founded in the short term continued to flourish. His memory lived on in Láithreach Briúin in Uí Faéláin and his Feast Day or Patron Day was commemorated annually on 2nd September.

In the middle ages, Laraghbryan was dangerously close to the Meath border which was then in a separate province. It suffered badly in cross-border skirmishes. The monastery was plundered and sacked in 1036 and again four years later in a vicious struggle for the Kingdom of Ireland. It never fully recovered from the last attack.

One hundred and thirty years later c. 1169 the O'Byrne's of north Kildare were finally driven off their ancestral lands into the mountains of Wicklow by one known as the Anglo

Norman knight Maurice FitzGerald. What is interesting is that in 1606 Wicklow became the last county to be formed in Ireland when the area gradually came under the control of Dublin Castle. What is even more interesting is that the descendants of the O'Byrnes of Laraghbryan were among the last Gaelic chieftains to hold out. In 1641 their holdings in Wicklow which had previously covered 75,000 acres were reduced to



20,000. They finally lost everything under the Cromwellian regime in 1649.

In 1630 the church at Laraghbryan was 'in good repair, but chancel [altar end] unroofed'. Ten years later it 'had fallen into ruin.' It is suggested that the tower and church were built between 1400 and 1500AD when there was a boom in church building and when many older churches were altered. However, both tower and church were allowed to fall into disrepair in the late 1700s, which coincided with the time that James Duke of Leinster decided to concentrate on a major renovation of St Mary's Church of Ireland in Maynooth. Anything of value which still remained at Laraghbryan was then removed.

O'Hanlon visited Laraghbryan in July 1873 and left a record of his impressions at the time. 'The medieval church ruins of Laraghbrien (sic) are to be seen embowered with stately lime trees, and within a squarely-formed grave-yard, surrounded by a quadrangular wall. A gravel walk runs parallel with the walls on the interior. The church ruins measure 87 feet in length, exteriorly: they are 19 feet, 8 inches in breadth. The walls are nearly 3 feet in thickness. There is a square tower, 13 feet by 15 feet, on the outside; and, it is entered by a low, arched door-way from the interior. Several square-headed opes [openings] are inside of it and a ruined spiral stairway occupies one angle. This leads to a broken part of the wall and showing that it ran much higher. There is a large breach in either side wall. Some ruined windows remain. Two of them have elegantly dressed heading and side stones, and in these formerly were iron bars. The building materials are of excellent limestone and mortar. There was a door in the north side-wall, parallel with the [then] Kilcock Road from Maynooth to Kilcock. Circularly-arched door-ways and windows splayed are still to be seen in the walls. Traces of plaster are inside and outside the building showing that it has been used for purposes of worship, and at no very remote date.'

Today the monastic site at Laraghbryan consists of the ruins of the medieval tower and church and three cemeteries known as the ancient, the old and the new. In spite of restoration work in 2002 the side walls of the church are leaning outwards and crumbling away in places. Unless further restoration takes place soon, what is left of the tower and church and decorative stonework that can still be seen in some places, especially around the windows and arches, will fall into further disrepair and may eventually collapse.

Laraghbryan is a site of historical, archaeological and architectural significance and deserves to be preserved. And perhaps in time the story of Senan of Láithreach Briúin will be restored to the collective memory.

Rita Edwards

(Details from a Walk & Talk which took place from Maynooth to Laraghbryan during Heritage Week 2019)

Halloween Jokes

Why do witches fly on brooms? Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy.

How do witches keep their hair in place? Scare spray.

Why don't witches ride their brooms when they're angry?

They're afraid of flying off the handle.

What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?

A sand-witch.

What do you call two witches living together? Broommates.

What do you call a witch's garage? A broom closet.

What do they teach in witching school? Spelling.

Happy Halloween To All From the Members, Directors & Staff of Maynooth Community Employment Project

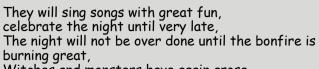
Halloween

Halloween is here again this year so be aware of this scary night.

As soon as the darkness draws near, many spirits will drool with their fright,

Strange faces will call to each door looking for apples and nuts at their fill, These little monsters we so much

These little monsters we so much adore shall inhabit the night a shivery chill.



Witches and monsters have again arose, This festive night held so dear, A childs imagination certainly grows, This spooky night full of cheer.

Patrick Murray

TREAT

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



September saw the Band travel to Farmleigh House in the Phoenix Park on Sunday the 15th only to find ourselves playing to a very small but really interested audience in very wet conditions who stayed to the very end. One couple even danced under the shelter of the big oak tree that is a feature

of the area near the band marquee.

At the time of writing we are preparing for our visit to St. Mary's Church of Ireland on Friday the 20th to join with other singers and musicians to celebrate Culture Night. It is our first time to be involved in this nationwide event and I have no doubt that it will be the first of many.

The big event in October is our Fundraising Concert with the Garda Band in the Glenroyal Hotel on Thursday 3rd at 8pm where any monies coming from this will be going towards the travel costs of our return trip to Bad Orb in Germany next September. This should be a real musical treat for what we hope will be a big audience and there is a link with the Garda Band as well as one of our clarinet players, Tom Corbett, played with the Band for 30 years. Admission is only €10 and tickets can be had from Maynooth Bookshop on the Main Street, at Glenroyal Hotel reception or you can pay on the door on the night.

We extend a warm invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to feel free on Monday nights (bank holidays excepted) to join us in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 7.45 and 9.45 where you will be made most welcome. In recent months we have had players from Lucan, Celbridge and Mullingar come to join us. We are a very welcoming band, we have an excellent conductor and we have a very busy programme over the next year.

You can call Paddy on 087 2537 906 if you need any further information.



Carton Avenue Preservation Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of
Carton Avenue Preservation Society
will be held on
Monday 7th October at 8pm
in the Maynooth Community Space
Tesco Shopping Centre

AGENDA

Items for discussion include the marking of the first anniversary of the construction of the bridge/cycle lane onto Carton Avenue - Lime Walk, The Community Church planning application and the complaints to Kildare County Council.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

The Ombudsman's office have confirmed to Dave Kelly the appointment of a case worker to deal with the complaints.



Irish Traditions and Recipes

The development of Irish cuisine was altered greatly by the English conquest of the early 17th century, which introduced a new agro-alimentary system of intensive grain based agriculture. Large areas of land were turned over to cereal and a large portion of the population were confined to more marginal agricultural areas. The rise of a commercial market in grain and meat altered the diet of the native population by redirecting these products abroad as cash crops used to feed the British Empire's armed forces and cities. Consequently, the potato, after its widespread adoption in the 18th century, became just about the only food the poor could afford (which was the vast majority of the population). As a result, the potato is often associated with Ireland and "Irish potato" has come to mean any dense, white potato with a low starch content. Many elements of Irish cuisine were lost or abandoned during that time, with the loss being particularly acute between the Great Famine of the mid 19th century and the mid 20th century

Traditional Brown Soda Bread

The preparation of soda bread was once a common sight in Irish country kitchens. There were many variations in the recipe; traditionally soda bread was made from just four ingredients: flour, buttermilk, bicarbonate of soda and salt. It was just the simplicity and wholesomeness that lent the bread its unique charm. From humble origins, Irish soda bread has come to be known as one of the finest bread types in the world, and a celebrated symbol of Irish cuisine.

The preparation of soda bread became so ingrained in Ireland's way of life that it developed its own folklore. The most distinctive mark on the bread is the cross, cut into the dough prior to baking. Parents used to tell their children that the cross allowed the fairies to escape Others believed it was a blessing to ward off mischievous spirits so that the bread wouldn't burn in the pot. For many Irish children, their first experience of baking was at their mother's side during the preparation of the daily soda bread bake. Today, it remains at the heart of Irish homes, still an integral part of the diet, and a living tradition.

Recine

2 cups white flour

1 1/2 cup extra-coarse ground wholemeal flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/3 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup oat bran (optional)
1 teaspoon Bextarter (Cream of Tarter)

1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
1 cup of buttermilk



Method

Preheat oven to 350F. Mix all dry ingredients well, then add buttermilk and mix well. The consistency of the mixture should be stiff

Remove the mixture from the bowl and put onto a floured working area. Knead the mixture

into a round loaf. You may need to lightly dust the mixture with flour. Place the mixture onto a skillet or baking tray. With a knife, make an + shape an inch deep into the mixture. Bake for 35-45 min. Remove from oven, tap on bottom and if there is a hollow sound—its baked. Wrap in a tea towel. Cool on a wire tray - Enjoy.

Boxty

Its name likely comes from the Irish arán bocht tí, meaning "poor-house bread", but it could also come from the word for bakehouse, bácús.

Although potatoes and Ireland are stereotypically inseparable from each other, this wasn't always the case. Potatoes were brought over from South America to Europe during the 16th century, and quickly took root. Potatoes came to form a massive fraction of the Irish diet, particularly for the country's poor. By the early 19th century, the average adult Irishman was eating around 6kg of potatoes a day. Because they grow in most types of soil, they were an accessible crop to all, and a large portion of the country's <u>iconic dishes</u> rely on the tuber. For the Irish, it was a true staple food.

2 cups of all-purpose flour

1 teasp salt

2 cups of grated raw potato

1 cup of milk approx. Butter for the pan

In a small bowl place flour and salt

In a larger bowl combine the grated raw potato and flour

mixture—mix well

Slowly add the milk and stir gently (do not overmix) The mixture should be like a very firm, thick batter, almost like a dough, so you can add more

Heat a non stick frying pan over a medium-to high heat, add a pat of butter Scoop a ladle full of mixture on to pan and level out and fry until golden brown on bottom

Flick over and cook top, turn down heat if browning to fast. Continue to add butter. Serve with real butter and tea.









Traditional Bacon & Cabbage

Historically, this dish was common fare in Irish homes as the ingredients were readily available as many families grew their own vegetables and reared their own pigs. It was considered nourishing and satisfying. The dish continues to be a very common meal in Ireland.

The bacon used for the meal can vary somewhat depending on individual preference. Usually back bacon is used for the recipe, but other cuts of bacon are sometimes preferred. However, the bacon used is almost always cured. The traditional curing process is a long process which involves storing the bacon in salt, however, in modern times, mass-produced bacon is cured using brine which is less frequently injected into the meat to speed-up the process. The bacon can also be smoked which adds a depth of flavour- which some people prefer. In Ireland, one can also purchase what is known as home-cured or hard-cured which is bacon cured over a long period and then stored for another long spell, wrapped in paper. This makes the bacon very salty, hard in texture and vellowish in colour.

Three Ingredients—Bacon, Green Cabbage and Potatoes

Method

Steep bacon in cold water for a few hours before cooking. (Bacon will be less salty)

Drain off water and add fresh water, boil according to weight Meantime prepare cabbage-Wash and cut, cut leaves off stem Once bacon is cooked remove and cover, then add cabbage and

pepper (opt) to bacon stock While your cabbage is cooking, if you have a steamer that fits over your pot, place peeled potatoes and they will be cooking while your cabbage is cooking
Place Bacon back in with cabbage for 10 minutes before cabbage is cooked.

Potatoes should be cooked at this stage and can be either left whole or mash them with butter, milk and add a chopped onion (optional) Cut up bacon, plate it add cabbage and potatoes plus the juice

This meal can also be served with potatoes in their jackets.

Carrageen Moss Cough and Chest Tonic

Carrageen moss Mastocarpus Stellatus is a species of red algae which grows abundantly along the rocky parts of the Atlantic coast of Ireland. Commercial use: Irish moss has been used in Ireland since the beginning of the 19th century as a folk remedy for respiratory ailments. It is also used in cosmetics, it has a softening, soothing feel on the skin and hair and a very gentle cleansing effect for the skin.

Ingredients

10g Organic Carrageen Moss. 600ml Water (preferably filtered). 6 Cloves (for a child use only 3 cloves) 1 Organic Lemon zest and juice. 1 Inch Ginger Grated. 1Level tsp Turmeric.:1tsp Manuka Honey: 2tsp Apple Cider Vinegar,: Cinnamon Stick

Method

Soak Carrageen in lukewarm water for 15mins.

Strain and add Carrageen to heavy based pot. Add in water, cloves, lemon, ginger, cinnamon stick and turmeric. Bring to boil and simmer on low heat for 30mins.

Strain and leave to cool for 15mins then add honey and Apple Cider Vinegar.

Heat up as required in small pot up to 4 times a day (150ml) serving.

This mixture will stay good in the fridge covered for 5 days.

This mixture can be taken as a tonic or twice daily as a natural preventative. Can be taken up to 4 times daily should you feel chesty or a cold coming on.



Harvesting Carrageen Moss



Prepared and dried Carrageen Moss

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MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Subsidy for Car Drivers

Cyclists get blamed by some drivers for not contributing to the cost of roads but roads are paid for from general taxation. Vehicles have to pay an emission tax but as bikes don't produce any emissions, cyclists are not liable for any tax. It should be pointed out that car drivers are the ones who are subsidised. This may come as a shock but in Ireland it costs €3 billion a year to subsidise cars. This is not what car owners are paying in taxes; this is the external cost for everybody. Every man, woman and child in Ireland is paying €650 per year to subsidise cars.

Width of Estate Entrance

Last month, an article in the Campaign Notes detailed issues concerning the width of entrance to Moyglare Abbey estate and whether or not the proposed width was in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The proposed width is not in accordance with DMURS because of the entrance is also used by farm vehicles. Is this reasonable. Yes – an entrance has to be fit for purpose. If it cannot cater safely for expected traffic, it would not be fit for purpose. But it does beg the question will the width of other entrances which do not need to farm transport, for example Moyglare Village, be in accordance with DMURS?

Railpark

There is concern about rat running through Railpark to avoid delay at the traffic lights at the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road junction. The solution, which is widespread in European countries such as the UK and the Netherlands, is filtered permeability. In essence, this means closing off one of the two entrances or blocking the through route at a mid-point. This can be achieved very cheaply using bollards.

The problem is that some residents want to maintain free access by cars whereas others point out the risk of an accident to children (never mind the issues of noise and air pollution).

Transport SPC

The May local government elections saw some new and some existing councillors elected to Kildare County Council. It also saw the formation of a number of Strategic Policy Committees with the selection of councillors. One of particular interest is the Transportation and Public Safety SPC which features three councillors from the Maynooth Municipal District – Paul Ward (FF), Peter Hamilton (GP) and Angela Feeney (Lab).

The membership of the Transport SPC is also open to a representative of the Public Participation Network. The Chairperson of Maynooth Cycling Campaign went forward as a candidate and was delighted to top the poll. Unfortunately, there was a three way tie at the top (which later became two way tie). There were no rules governing how to resolve such

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an occurrence so the matter has been referred to Kildare County Council officials to resolve. More importantly, we have been informed that there are unlikely to be any meeting of the SPC (or presumably the Cycle Forum) until 2020 as new rules have to be drawn up, go to Public Consultation and be approved. As the previous meetings were in February 2019, it would mean that there would be no meetings for almost a full year. Other counties, such as Fingal, carried out consultation during the summer. It would be a much more efficient way of operating.



Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation



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Kildare Readers Festival 2019

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of **Kildare** Readers' Festival with Kildare Library & Arts Services this October

This year we look forward to welcoming, Douglas Kennedy, author of; The Great Wide Open, The Heat of Betrayal, The Moment and many more. Joseph O'Connor returns to the festival with Kit de Waal and Henrietta McKervey to discuss their recent work. Niamh Boyce, Martina Devlin and Stacey Halls will talk fiction, witches and their place in history. For the first time, we will offer workshops on poetry, short stories and writing for well being. For full details of these and many other exciting events, browse our full brochure at http:// www.kildarereadersfestival.ie/

All events are FREE of charge; bookings are essential through the Box Office at Riverbank. Events taking place in the main libraries must be booked through those branches

The Muskerry Queen of Song An afternoon of Musical Stories

inspired by Elizabeth Cronin Saturday 5th October at 7pm Renehan Hall, South Campus, **Maynooth University**

Elizabeth (Bess) Cronin is one of the most important historical figures in Irish traditional music. Her songs and style of singing have had a profound influence on generations of Irish singers.

Although she spent her entire life in the Gaeltacht area of Baile Bhuirne on the Cork/ Kerry border, her fame spread far and wide from the late 1940's onwards when songs recorded by Seamus Ennis were played on BBC series 'As I Roved Out'. Subsequent recording by the renowned American ethnomusicologist, Alan Lomax, cemented her reputation.

Donal Dineen will explore her life and legacy in the company of her granddaughter and renowned singer Eilish Ní Thuama, plus special guest sean-nós singer Eithne Ní Chatháin. **Booking Required**

Short Story Panel

Wednesday 9th October 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Maynooth Library are hosting a stimulating panel on the world of short stories with some eminent authors including John MacKenna and Lucy Sweeney Byrne

Booking Required

Mythology and Me Tuesday 15th October

7.00pm - 8.00pm

Richly illustrated talk on Greek mythology, the ancients in contemporary literature, and the artistic influences on the work of author Lynn Buckle in her novel "The Groundsmen" published by Époque Press (2018)

Booking Required

Children's Events Halloween Mask Painting

Wednesday 30th October 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Get ready for Trick-or -Treating this Halloween by painting and decorating your very own 'Spook -tacular' Halloween mask!

Booking Required

Halloween Film Thursday 31st October 5 – 5.30pm Rated G

This month enjoy a special Kids Secret Cinema to celebrate Halloween. This month the film is about a ghost who is so friendly he has to learn how to be scary!

All Welcome

Library Events

Give It A Go! Box Set Club

Thursday 10th October 6.30 – 7.30pm

Got Netflix/NowTV/Amazon Prime and don't know what to watch next? Let Maynooth Community Library help! A New Box-set Club meeting monthly to discuss different series'. Call into the library now and collect your box set today.

Items limited so registration required.

Boomerang Bags Tuesday 29nd October 6.00pm - 7.30pm

A new eco produce bag-making group, meeting the last Tuesday of every month, Boomerang Bags is open to sewers and non-sewers! Based on a worldwide community movement called Boomerang Bags the idea is to make and sew bags that people can use instead of plastic, for

fruit, vegetables and bread.

The concept is to use pre-loved cotton material like bed sheets, pillowcases etc and to make these into simple cotton bags – the main aim being inclusive and to educate people on a more eco way of living. Starting with making bags for yourself or friends, the overall aim would be to make enough to do a bag drive and hand them out at local schools, farmers markets and supermarkets to convert more people!

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Young Adult Creative Writing Group

Interested in joining a creative writing group aimed at teens? We would love to hear from you! Contact the library and register your interest -We would hope to set up a monthly meeting to develop and expand your love of writing. All levels welcome.

Works Matters at the Library Introduction to Market Research Skills With Mintel

Thursday 24th October at 6.30pm

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 16th October, all day

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

"Let's Talk About Parenting"

5 Ways Parents of Teens can assist Career Planning in Senior Cycle

Presented by Dearbhla Kelly Tuesday 1st October, 7pm

What do most parents want for their teens? I believe that they want them to be happy and successful. When it comes to career planning 92% of teens rely on their parents for career choice, therefore, parents have a huge and important role to play.

This talk focused on 5 practical ways that you can help your teen plan ahead in a way that generates happiness, meaning and success in their career choices, You will be given a toolkit in handout form, of tried and tested techniques that will help you assist your teen in navigating the ocean of choices available to them.

Be the parent that says, as Thoreau famously said "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined!" **Booking Required**

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How Families Survive the Teenage Years

Presented by Michael Ryan Thursday 17th October, 7pm

In this talk we will look at the realities facing parents when their children reach teenage years. Michael will talk about what to expect, what are the challenges for everyone at this stage and give practical tips on how to survive the change in family dynamics. We explore the current realities for teenagers and their parents and give practical tips on communication, dealing with a Mental Health crisis and managing technology **Booking Required**

Older Wiser Laughter **Drumming**

With David Day of Jabba Jabba Jembe Monday 7th October at 11am

Enjoy the energy and relaxation and explore your creative spirit with group drumming in a friendly group environment. Recreational musicmaking is accessible to all people regardless of ability, age or previous music experience. Drum circles allow people to enjoy creating and making music instantly in a free and relaxed way while enjoying the many benefits of group drumming. It's not a new craze – people have been drumming since the beginning of time! Drum circles have been known to:

- Reduce stress
- Boost the immune system
- Increase energy
- Release negative feelings
- Promote social interaction and sense of community

Booking Required

Information Talk by Community

With Sergeant George Doherty Thursday 24th October 12pm

For some advice and tips on improving your personal safety and security.

Drop in No Booking Required

Drop In -Story Time No Booking Required

Autumn Story Time

Friday 4th October 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

This week's stories are all about Autumn Time and the wonderful changes in Nature that you can see around you at this time of year.

Fairy Tales Story Time Friday 11th October 10am - 11am for 2-5 year olds

This week's stories are all about Fairy Tales. Come along and listen, sing and colour all your favourite characters

Zoo Story Time Friday 18th October 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

We're going to the Zoo this week - and you can come too! Join in some fun rhymes and songs all about your favourite zoo animals.

Spooky Story Time Friday 25th October 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds

Get ready for Halloween this week and listen to some spooktacular stories! Join in some fun rhymes and songs as well

Regular Events

Craft Club

Every Monday from 11.30am - 1pm

Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired – or just to work on!

Different short demonstrations will take place during the year.

Who knows – maybe a new craft will grab your

No Booking Required

Family Board Games Saturday 5th and 19th October 10am - 12pm

Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be available - or feel free to bring along a family favourite!

All welcome

FitLine

Thursday 10th and 24th October 10 am -12

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

Make Time

Thursday 3rd and 17th October, 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 12th October, 11am New members welcome. Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language **Conversation Group**

Tuesdays 11am - 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practice their conversational Irish.

No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group Tuesday 1st and 15th October 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 12th And 26th October 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 is 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

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.

The Village Book Club Monday 21st October 10.30am – 11.30am

Ex Libris Book Club Wednesday 30th October 11am

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 Science Fiction Book

Tuesday 8th October 6.30pm- 7.30pm

Read & Catch-up

Thursday 10th October, 11.00 am

Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday 31st October 11am- 12 pm

U3A Book Club Monday 14th October 11am- 12 pm

Reel Good Film Club

Tuesday 29th October: Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. Adults Only



Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Rosc Catha; Battle Song

No sooner had Father Brian, their classics teacher, left the room than Colin and his pal Donald Duck were up from the desk they shared. While other Third Years memorized their Irish poetry in preparation for the arrival of Badger, Colin had Donald backed against the wall, tapping the area round his head with their loose, plank-like seat. Next moment disaster; the seat broke through the wall! Colin had thought it was solid concrete but it was only plastered lattice. Now he was for it.

He and Donald were again seated, studiously reading Filidheacht na nGaedheal (The Poetry of the Irish), when the door from the corridor opened and Badger in his black soutane and biretta entered. He walked slowly to the dais at the top of the room on which the teacher's desk was mounted, turned and walked slowly down again, surveying the bent heads. Maybe he won't notice the hole, Colin told himself, staring blankly at his book. Instead of turning, however, Badger halted as if mesmerized.

'Ní raibh sé seo anseo inné,' (This wasn't here yesterday), he finally observed.

Silence from the students ...

'Cé rinne an poll seo?' (Who made this hole?) Now Colin was in a quandary. If he remained quiet somebody else, or even the entire class, could be punished. 'Mise' (Me), he admitted.

Badger looked at him as if considering the best course of action, then in an ominously quiet voice said, 'An bfhuil punt agat?' (Do you have a pound?)

Now, it was the middle of the term and Colin had already spent his pocket money on buying sweets in the tuck shop. Furthermore, he couldn't write home for more funds, his parents having already sacrificed so much to get him a college education. There was no easy way out, so he said, 'Níl' (I don't).

'Tá go maith' (Alright). Badger seemed to accept this answer and walked slowly back to the top of the room, where he asked Josey Morrison for the first stanza of 'Anach Cuain' (Annaghdown), a poem by the blind poet Raftery about a boatload of people who had drowned on their way to Galway. Now, Josey, a dayboy, was one of the brightest students in the class, but the strain of being asked to recite made him stumble over the words. To urge him on as he would a horse balking at a jump, Badger hit him a slap across the jaw then continued his slow, methodical walk to the other side of the room, turned and walked back to administer another slap. Instead of helping, these physical spurs made Josey so nervous that Badger gave up in disgust and asked Donald to recite, which he did with panache. Colin expected to be called upon for the second stanza but Badger chose a boy on the other side of the

'You're not in his good book,' Donald remarked when the class was over.

Colin grimaced, 'Do you think that's why he didn't ask me to recite?'

'Badger knows Anach Cuain would be a cinch for a brain box like you,' Donald punched him playfully, 'but watch out for tomorrow.'

'Don't worry. "Rosc Catha na Mumhan" (The Battle Song of Munster) may be 18th century stuff, but I'll have it nailed

'By the way, something just struck me. Do you think Badger could have got his hands on that recording we made in the music room?'

'You mean when we were clowning around last week?'
'Yep. We never got a chance to erase it. If I recall
correctly, you made a few derogatory remarks about our
beloved Irish teacher, like, "What's the difference between
a Gaeilgeoir and a jennet?"'

'That wasn't me – thought I did mimic Badger's recitation of –' What Colin was about to say was interrupted by the arrival of 'Pythagoras' Darcy, their lay, Maths teacher. Pythagoras had got his nickname from his frequent allusions to that man's achievements, 'Ah, world-famous Pythagoras!' - achievements which were in such sharp contrast with those of his students.

The class passed off without incident, Darcy not in the belligerent mood that followed one of his occasional binges. After that it was dinner in the refectory, where they tucked into gristly beef stew, cabbage and boiled potatoes. As he ate, Colin told himself that the crisis was over; by tomorrow morning Badger would have forgotten the hole in the partition.

'Dun na leabhair!' (Close the books!), Badger commanded when he entered the classroom next day. He then asked Colin to recite the first stanza of Rosc Catha na Mumhan. Conall stood up and in a confident voice rattled it off, but instead of telling him to sit down, Badger pushed back his biretta, always a bad sign, and said in an ominous voice, 'Abair é sin arís' (Say that again). Something was wrong, but what? Conall knew he had the stanza word perfect, so in a hesitant voice he repeated the recitation, ending with the refrain, 'Torann na dtonn le sleasaibh na long / Ag tarraint do teann 'n-ár gceann ar cuaird' (The noise of the waves by the sides of the ship / Pulling strongly towards us on a visit).

As he finished, Badger was walking towards him, lips compressed in a thin, cruel line. He grabbed Colin's hair with his left hand, yanked it till it seemed the roots would give then swung his open right hand. When the palm connected with the side of Colin's face it seemed as if his head would be knocked clean off his shoulders. Now Badger grabbed his hair with his right hand, shook vigorously and swung with his left. Steadily, methodically he switched hands, while tears rose in Colin's eyes and threatened to spill over. But he couldn't give his attacker the satisfaction of seeing him cry. Instead, as the blows crashed against his skull he kept his gaze fixed on Badger's face, determined to show neither fear nor defiance.

Gradually the impact of the blows lessened; either he was becoming so numb that he could no longer feel them, or Badger was tiring. At last, as if aware of the danger of beating a boy unconscious, he stopped and Colin smiled into his eyes. Badger had done his worst and his victim was still standing.

Going to the top of the room, the reverend father recited the closing lines of the stanza in his strong, manly voice:

'Thurann na done le sleasaibh na lung / Ag tharaint go choun 'nar gcoun ar cuard.'

Being partially dazed, the onomatopoeia of those lines was lost on Colin, the noise in his ears drowning out the sound of the waves.

'What did I do wrong?' he asked Donald when the class finished.

'You didn't give the correct Munster pronunciation,' Donald told him, 'but as for that, do you remember Manannán's ditty?' - Manannán was Father Lee, a bluff, enthusiastic teacher, interested in drama, who made learning Irish a joy.

'No,' Colin wasn't in a fit state to remember anything.

'Bheadh na fataí nité, bruité, ite ag an gConnachtach fad is a bheadh an Muimhneach a rá p-r-á-t-a-í' (The spuds would be washed, boiled, eaten by the Connacht man while the Munster man was saying potatoes), Donald recited. 'Anyway, it wasn't pronunciation but that hole in the wall. Why in hell's blazes couldn't you have asked for the loan of a quid? We'd all have chipped in a bob or two.'

'I know,' Colin gave a wry smile. 'I wasn't thinking. Anyway, why should Connacht people have to speak Munster Irish?'

'Because Rosc Catha was written by Piaras Mac Gearailt, a Munsterman...'

'So what?'

Donald shook his head as if listening to a hopeless case.

For the rest of the week, when he went to the dormitory bathroom in the morning, Colin was combing out loose hair. Every day Badger would ask, 'An bhfuil sé agat?' (Do you know it?), and he would answer, 'Tá sé' (Yes), but he was never put to the test. Instead, if another pupil failed to answer or recite properly, Colin was sent out to get a stick in the nearby grove.

It seemed likely that their beloved teacher must have figured that parents would regard a caning as less reprehensible than a clattering administered with bare hands. Nevertheless, he was now being put in the position of an accessory to cruel punishment.

To salve his troubled conscience, on the first occasion that he visited the grove Colin chose a slender branch that was joined to a much thinner one and cut it with his penknife. When Badger used this stick on the outstretched hand of a classmate it broke at the joint and the end flew up, just missing his face. He glared at Colin and ordered him to go out at once - 'agus déan i gceart é an t-am seo' (and do it right this time), he warned.

There was no option but to comply, so with a heavy heart, Colin returned to the grove. As Father Brian might have pointed out in their Latin class, he was like Aeneas cutting the golden bough in order to enter the Underworld but, unlike Aeneas, he was now an accomplice of one of the Underworld's infernal demons, the Badger.

Note: While this story is based on real events, all names and nicknames have been changed.

P.G. Nerney

Causality

Why? Because! That's the reason! That's the cause! Everything has a cause, arose from somewhere, depended, depends on something else. The cue ball pots the black. Violence, cancer and other diseases kill millions. Food and oxygen keep all of us alive until old age has the final say.

The Big Bang theory has seriously focused our minds on causes and effects. The ball, on which we live, which we devastate with impunity, which thrills the poetic in us, has a cause, many causes, was assembled lump by lump, rock by rock, is the result of numerous 'random' collisions, pulverised and was remade and at this moment swings around the sun at 67,000 miles per hour like a slingshot at the end of an invisible rope called gravity. But how? How can a ball of rock, water and gas be held prisoner by another million-mile diameter ball of gas, at a distance of 93,000,000 miles? Does this gravity act at the speed of light? Or is it instantaneous? In other words if the old sun were to disappear would we have to wait 8 mins. 20 secs. before all hell would break loose and be thrown in a straight line through space until some other greedy sun would grab us and get us swinging again?

Causality? I don't believe in it anymore. Astrophysicists talk reams about dark matter and dark energy in an effort to explain the accelerating dispersion of gallaxies and other celestial phenomena. Why can't they be logical and having accepted that the original particle, source of all there is, has no cause and go on to admit that matter has no influence on other matter and does what it does simply because the great Creator, the "I am" of the Hebrew scriptures, the Alpha and the Omega of Christianity, is the only cause and creates the entire universe second by second, nanosecond, by nanosecond? Causality is continuous creation!

But what about bad things? Is God the cause of those too? Yes, but unwillingly. Sinful man perverts God's power towards unhappy ends. And nature, still seeking perfection, also runs amok occasionally. Why? It takes many hammer blows and great heat to forge a rose out of a piece of iron!

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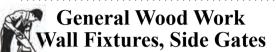
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I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St.

Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in The Glenroyal Hotel

> New Members Welcome Contact: MCEP Office for more details (Unit 5 Tesco's S.C.)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

We will meet on Tuesday 24th September & Tuesday 1st October.

Thursday 10th October and every Thursday onward during term time.

Drop in, €5 per family - refreshments and kids entertainment.

Maynooth Community Space 09:30 till 11:30am

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

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 01-6286288 or Lena at 01-6285128.

Zero Waste Maynooth

Free Community Event 2nd Saturday of the month

Maynooth Community Space: 2-4pm Everyone welcome to pop in for a wander around a cuppa & chat.

Learn how to reduce your waste - save money while looking after our planet

Bridge Club

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

Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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

Maynooth Community Church

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

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ST MARY'S BRASS & REED BAND

Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall on Pound Lane each Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas are most welcome.

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- 27. Extremely bad (6)





Solutions to Crossword No 483

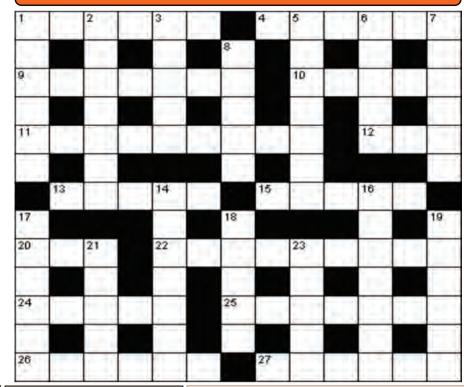


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- 2. Asinine (7)
- 3. Ambit (5)
- 5. Yelled (7)
- 6. Relative (5)
- 7. Mistakes (6)
- 8. Varieties (5)
- 14. Injured (7)
- 16. Foreshorten (7)
- 17. Barrel maker (6)
- 18. Wild and savage (5)
- 19. Blot (6)
- 21. Flower (5)
- 23. Part of a play (5)



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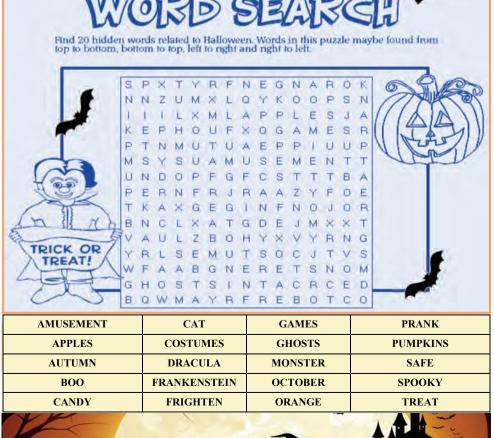
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How to lighten your General Waste Bin



What can go in your General Waste Bin ...





Autumn... the year's last loveliest smile

Autumn has most definitely arrived and the leaves are starting to fall. At this time of year, it can be difficult to know where to start when it comes to caring for your garden in October, and it is tempting to take the 'less is more' approach, especially when there is a nip in the air.

Yet there is a lot you can do in the garden in October, whether it is making it look better, harvesting crops or planting new ones.

Split up spring-flowering perennials

Divide herbaceous perennials, which flower in the spring, to ensure healthy, vigorous plants that will continue to perform year after year. It's best to do this on a dry day when the soil is not too wet. Plant some of the newly divided plants back in the ground and take others to pot up and give away to friends!

Plant garlic

Garlic is best planted in autumn. Plant it in your vegetable patch with the pointed ends up, just below the soil surface and spaced 10cm apart.

Plant some spring-flowering bulbs

Plant bulbs to ensure a colourful display when spring arrives. Try planting clumps of five or seven bulbs of the same variety through a border,

or seven bulbs of the same variety through a border, for a really effective display sure to impress! Plant them at a depth equal to twice the height of the bulb. Start spring bedding in beds and containers. Plant out spring bedding and biennials, such as wallflowers. Pots and hanging baskets can be planted with spring bedding and teamed with bulbs, grasses, cyclamen and violas for a colourful display, with lots of glorious texture. Grow hyacinths for winter flowers and



fragrance. Plant prepared hyacinths in vases to provide winter scent and a splash of colour to your home. For hyacinths that will flower around the Christmas period, make sure you buy bulbs that are labelled 'prepared' and plant them in early October.

FLOWERS

Here is a list of autumn flowers that you can plant right now to keep your garden looking great.

Asters. Asters produce pretty daisy-like flowers in a range of colours and, depending on the species, are frost tolerant. ...

Calendula... Chrysanthemum. ...Cosmos. ... Daisies and Pansies.

Spring bulbs, such as daffodils and crocus, followed by perennials, such as dianthus and garden phlox. When you plant early (in autumn), your perennials flourish faster in spring and summer.

VEGETABLES

Most can be planted or sown directly outdoors to ensure that your winter vegetable



garden is fully stocked. Onions and Shallots.
Autumn planting onion sets are easy to grow and will virtually look after themselves over winter. ...
Garlic. ..Spring Onions. ...Perpetual Spinach. ...Broad Beans. ...Peas and Asparagus. October is really the time to clear out the vegetable garden and to take care of the crops which will remain in the ground for winter like sprouts, cabbage and kale. Niall will be sniggering when I advise you to keep

your winter veg well weeded and remove any dead leaves to prevent the spread of disease, you should see the state of my garden. I guess that's what I'll be doing this weekend. If you have any good leaf mulch or compost it's a good idea to use it to protect the bare soil around your winter vegetables from the wet weather

FRUIT

The fruit garden can be a busy place in October, there is still harvesting happening

and there is plenty of timely maintenance to undertake to ensure safe passage through winter and a bumper harvest next year. And there is always the chance to add some new varieties. October is perfect to start a fruit garden if you haven't one yet — there are container and bare-root varieties in garden centres today (along with some expert planting and selection advice), and it is just the right side of the planting season to get them established before it gets too cold or too wet — for you or the plant. If you are planning to start or want to add more varieties, then get



yourself some well-rotted farmyard manure or well-turned home compost. All fruit appreciate a fertile site and will reward you for it.

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons"

Potato and Onion Cakes

Ingredients:

- 425g mashed potatoes
- * 125g plain flour
- 1 onion, diced
- * 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 120ml vegetable oil, or as needed

Instructions:

- . Mix mashed potatoes, flour, onion, egg, black pepper and salt together in a bowl until well combined.
- 2. Heat vegetable oil in a pan over medium heat. Carefully drop a large dollop of the mixture into the pan. Cook until golden brown, about 5 minutes per side. Remove with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen roll. Repeat with remaining mixture.

Halloween Banana Popsicles

Ingredients:

For the banana popsicle:

- * 4 large fresh bananas (not overly ripe or the bananas may be too soft)
- * 1 cup non-fat Greek yogurt
- * Mini semi-sweet chocolate chips (for eyes)
- * 16 popsicle sticks
 - (For the banana popsicle mummies)
- * 1/3 cup creamy natural peanut butter

Instructions:

- 1. For the Banana Popsicle Ghosts: Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Peel 2 bananas and slice each in half, crosswise. Slice each half in half again, the long way, so that you have 4 long, narrowed pieces total. Carefully insert a popsicle stick into the bottom of each, then place on the banking sheet.
- 2. For the Banana Popsicle Mummies: Cut the pointy tips off of the 2 remaining bananas, then slice the bananas crosswise into 3 equal round "logs". Insert a popsicle stick into one end of each, then place on the baking sheet. Freeze all banana pops for at least 30 minutes or overnight.
- 3. In a small bowl, mix together the frozen yogurt and powdered sugar. Once the bananas are frozen, dip them into the yogurt mixture, then return them to the lined baking sheet. Place 2 mini chocolate chips on each of the ghosts for eyes. Do not place the eyes on the mummies yet. Return to the freezer for at least one hour to allow the yogurt to set.
- 4. For the mummies, place the peanut butter in a small, microwave-safe bowl, then heat until gets smooth and creamy, about 30-35 seconds, stirring as needed. With a small spoon, drizzle on top of the banana mummies to make "bandages". Place mini chocolate chips for eyes. Return to the freezer until the peanut butter is firm (about 30 minutes). When ready to serve, let the banana soften at room temperature for a few minutes.
- 5. Enjoy immediately, or place in a zip-top bag and freeze for up to 2 months.

Cheesecake Stuffed Baked Apples

Cook time: 25 mins Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- * 6 apples (gala apples)
- * 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- * 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- * 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - Graham cracker crumbs, caramel sauce, pecan (optional)

Instruction:

- 1. Chop the tops of the apples off and scoop out the insides. Discard the cores and
- 2. In a medium bowl, mix together cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Mix in vanilla, egg and cinnamon until smooth. Fill each of the apples 2/3 full with the cheesecake mixture.
- 3. Place filled apples on a baking sheet (make sure they aren't touching) and bake at 150° for 20-25 minutes until cheesecake filling is set. Transfer to a place in the fridge until completely cooled.
- 4. Serve apples at room temperature or chilled. If desired, top with caramel sauce, graham crumbs and pecans.





FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON HALLOWEEN MOVIE QUIZ









- 1. Which horror film has as its main characters, Morticia and Gomez?
- a) The Witches of Eastwick
- **b)** Hocus Pocus
- c) The Rocky Horror Picture Show
- d) The Addams Family
- 2. This tagline 'Whatever you do, don't fall asleep' features in which horror classic?
- a) The Omen
- b) Nightmare on Elm Street
- c) Candyman
- d) The Chainsaw Massacre
- 3. Dan Ackroyd and Harold Ramis originally wrote Bill Murray's role in *Ghostbusters* (1984) for which actor?
- a) Steve Martin
- b) John Candy
- c) John Belushi
- d) Chevy Chase



- 4. *Thing* was a character from *The Addams Family* TV series. What was the only part of this character ever seen?
- a) A Hand
- b) An elbow
- c) A foot
- d) A leg
- 5. In which horror film would you find the character Ichabod Crane played by Johnny Depp?
- a) Halloween
- b) Friday The 13th
- c) Sleepy Hollow
- d) The Blair Witch Project
- 6. In which famous supernatural film directed by M. Night Shyamalan did Bruce Willis star?
- a) Poltergeist
- b) The Sixth Sense
- c) The Nightmare Before Christmas
- d) The Corpse Bride

- 7. What is the name of the hunchback that Dr. Frankenstein meets in the Mel Brooks spoof-horror film, *Young Frankenstein?*
- a) Frankenstein
- b) Igor
- c) Inspector Kemp
- d) Mr Hilltop
- 8. Who plays the title role of *Bram Stoker's Dracula* in Francis Ford Coppola's 1992 film version of the horror classic?
- a) Anthony Hopkins
- b) Gary Oldman
- c) Christopher Lee
- d) Patrick Stewart
- 9. In Tim Burton's classic comedy-horror, Beetlejuice, which famous actor played the role of Adam Maitland?
- a) Jeff Goldblum
- b) Bill Murray
- c) Michael Keaton
- d) Alec Baldwin
- 10. Name this cult horror movie classic



- 11. In The Exorcist (1973), what does Linda Blair's mother think she's hearing in the attic?
- a) Demons
- b) Rats
- c) Burglars
- d) Bats



- 12. Which famous American actress is possessed by a demon in *Ghostbusters* (1984)?
- a) Sharon Stone
- b) Sigourney Weaver
- c) Melanie Griffith
- d) Michelle Pfeiffer



- 13. What is the colour of the secret room the family discover in their basement in the paranormal classic *The Amityville Horror* (1979)
- a) Blue
- b) Green
- c) Red
- d) Purple





- 14. How long did the Lutz family last before they were driven out of the house in *The Amityville Horror* (1979)?
- a) A year
- b) Six months
- c) **28 days**
- d) Three months



Answers to movie quiz in November Newsletter





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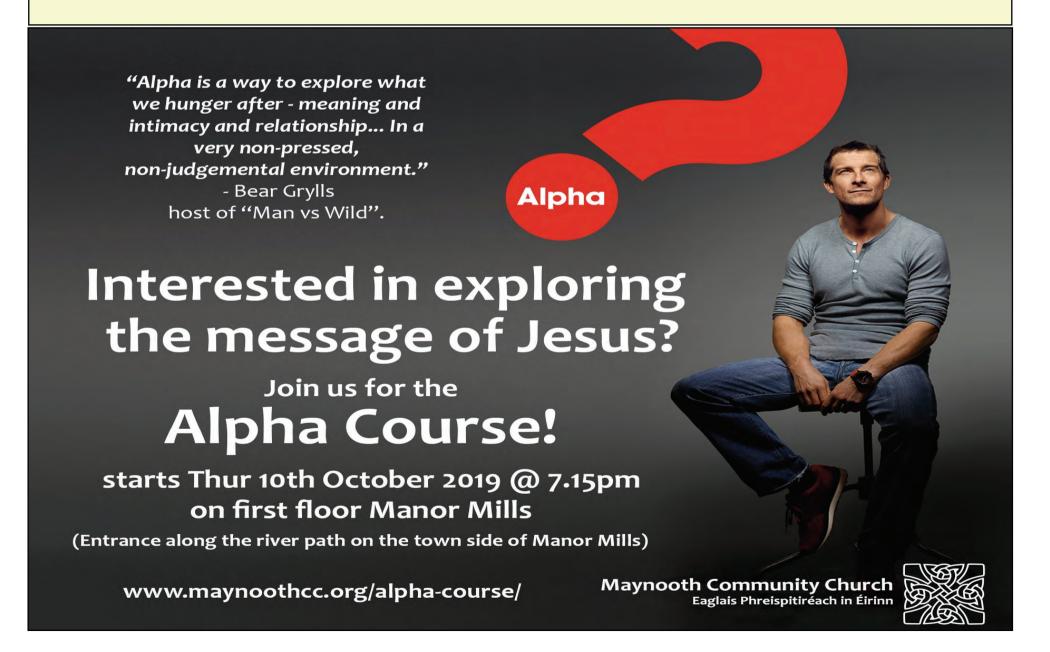
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Tidy Towns Competition 2019

Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth - County: Kildare Category: G - Ref: 377 - Mark: 337 - Date(s): 17-27/06/2019

Area	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2018	Mark Awarded 2019
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	54	54
Streetscape & Public Places	60	43	43
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	47	50
Nature & Biodiversity in your Locality	50	39	39
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	21	22
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	56	56
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	34	35
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	38	38
Total Mark	470	332	337

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

Cuireann an moltóir seo fáilte roimh Maigh Nuad/Maynooth chuig Comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara SuperValu 2019. Maynooth is very welcome to this year's Tidy Towns Competition. At the outset you must be commended for having 30 members involved in your committee and they are well supported by a further group of 25 volunteers. Of course you have acquired a lot of experience because you tell us your participation in the Tidy Towns Competition goes back four decades. That's a great achievement and it reflects really well on the community spirit you have inspired. It's great also to hear that some of your committee members have been helping you for the past 25 years.

We appreciate the care you took in preparing the details contained in your application. It is certainly wide-ranging and the photographs tell us a good deal about your activities. Your colourful logo caught our attention as well. It emphasises the greener environment that you are pursuing. Thank you for the maps you sent us, with the location of the projects identified there. They were clear and bright and proved to be of great assistance to us on adjudication day.

You have built up a good relationship with the various residents' associations, business groups, Maynooth University, primary schools and secondary schools, amongst a wider list.

We agree with you that as a small group of volunteers you face a daunting task as Maynooth continues to grow at a pace. You have been very successful in maintaining such a high standard and completing new projects. Congratulations go to all those involved.

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

We see from your application that you have taken on board the previous year's adjudicator's comments and tried to deal with them one by one. You have been very pro-active in approaching individual owners of properties that require refreshing and have had some success in that area. St Mary's boys' National School was well maintained with its Green Flag flying proudly. Moyglare cottage-style nursing home was very nicely kept.

The ongoing construction and physical development of Maynooth was evident on adjudication day. Kildare County Council grounds are well kept beside the Harbour area. The Harbour was in full use as the sun had come out after a heavy rain shower. Maynooth is fortunate in having waterways surrounding it and such long-established trees. Maynooth business park was very impressive, with the lovely tree-lined entrance and well maintained banks. There was eye catching lavender planting around the car park.

On our walk around Maynooth we came across the Mall, an old narrow lane open at both ends, that opens up to give useful and central parking. We made good use of it, while enjoying a lovely snack at the Elite Café. We were also pleased with many of the shopfronts that have taken on board the more muted and elegant paint palette. The Amber Bistro was lively and bright. An Siopa Milseán, McCormack's Pharmacy, the Atelier, the Credit Union and The Avenue also caught our eye. The Ely wine restaurant was attractive, as was Picaderos and the Maynooth Bookshop. We were attracted by the new ESB shop with its fresh bright appearance. You are surely succeeding in turning around the look of Main Street. Well done to all involved.

Green Spaces and Landscaping / Spásanna Glasa agus Tírdhreachú:

The Sensory Garden to the side and back of St Mary's Church was an absolute delight. Your photographs showed all the stages of this development and the hard work that went into it. However, visiting it gave us the very experience of the quiet and peace that it was designed to deliver. We particularly loved the lavender-lined bed and the magnificent copper beech. The granite ball fountain set in an old trough was a marrying of the old with the new. The use of the mirror windows in the old Stonewall gave an impression of age and substance. We spoke briefly with Vinnie who was testing the water pump. Luckily it was successful. Well done to all involved in such a big project which you have brought to a wonderful realisation.

The round bed at St Mary's national school deserves some refurbishment. The roadside verge on the opposite side of the road required cutting. Moyglare Abbey stone plaque and the blue and white planting were very attractive. All we saw around The Harbour impressed us. That included the wild flower garden and the water's surrounds. It was being maintained by a group of men as we walked nearby. The Riverside Park beside St Mary's Church looked very well, with many people sitting out on the newly mown lawn.

Your second largest project of extensive planting also took a lot of man/woman hours. We applaud your dedication in avoiding the use of chemical spray. Well done on maintaining vigilance in regards to the Japanese knotweed.

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

This is a category where you have made progress and that was reflected in the extra marks you were awarded last year. You are making good connections with groups seeking practical advice and assistance, such as the Wild Kildare, Butterfly Conservation and the local bat group.

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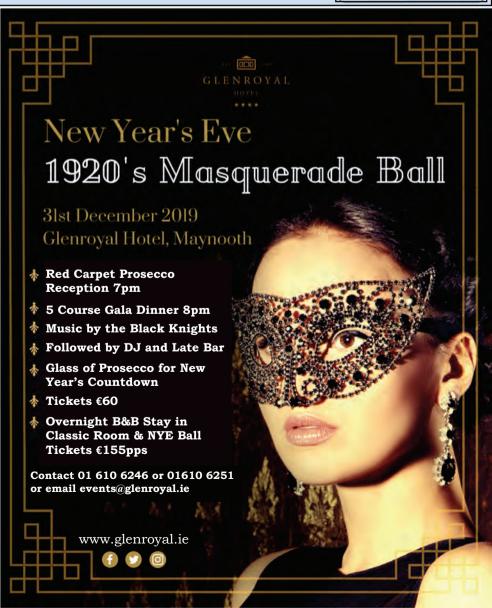


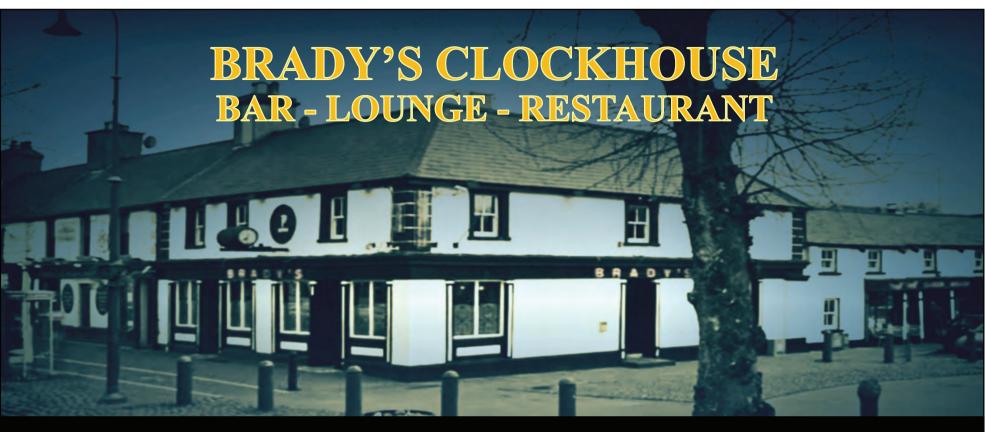




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We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events.

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

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The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load. The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 19th November 2019

Editorial

I am sure that many readers of this publication are Brexit weary so I risk turning you away from reading the rest of this article by even mentioning the word. Brexit has divided the people and the political class in the United Kingdom. What you might not know is that the word Maynooth had a similar effect on the people and politicians in England in the 1840's and after much parliamentary debate in the House of Commons and public protests, the Maynooth College Act 1845 was passed into law. The main intentions of the act was to grant extra funding to the seminary which was originally opened fifty years earlier in 1795 and to keep moderate Catholics on side to limit the impact of those in favour of repealing the union.

One historian of the time argued that the Bill shattered the morale of the Conservative Party and that the damage done to the Party by the Bill was "incalculable" because it undermined the relationship between Church and State. In the course of passing the Bill three senior Conservatives resigned in protest against the Bill, the President of the Board of Trade, the Conservative chief whip in the Lords and a junior Treasury minister.

There was a resurgence of anti-Catholicism against the Bill, with petitions hostile to the proposals and public meetings against them held across Britain. An Anti-Maynooth conference was held at Exeter Hall where a committee was set up to fight the Bill. One commentator claimed that the whole of Great Britain overflowed with bigotry and fanaticism against it. In the end the Liberal Party supported the Bill with the Conservatives split on it but the Bill was eventually passed by a large majority. The existence of St. Patrick's College was also the foundation of what is now Maynooth University. One can only surmise if we would have the university we have to-day if the Maynooth College Bill of 1845 had failed to pass in the House of Commons. So welcome to Maynooth for our new student readers.

In the 2016 Census Maynooth was recorded as the town with the second youngest resident average age of 31.9 years behind Balbriggan where the average age was 30.8 years old. When asked about the general state of their health 91.8% of Maynooth residents indicated that it was either good or very good which is the third highest recorded in the census. There is no doubt that there is a correlation between being younger and being in good health. Statistics like this are not necessarily an advantage because census data is used as a guide to Government on where priority investment in services should be made. Many voluntary services will find it more difficult to get resources in areas where the general population are young and healthy. Maynooth also scored high in other indices of wealth and education. We must not forget that a community must look after the less fortunate who for reasons of economic or wellbeing circumstances need our support.

As a daily pedestrian between Moyglare and the centre of Maynooth, I along with many others have been without a footpath because the original surfaced footpaths were dug out in anticipation of the new footpath and cycle lane. Why were they allowed to remove footpath without a defined timeline to replace it? Parts of the footpaths on the Moyglare Road were removed between three and six months ago and we are left to walk on a surface of sand and tarmac patches. I have tripped on two occasions on clumps of tarmac where there are no lights to show where they are. I asked the workers and they said that they are waiting for the ESB to cable the new lights before they can put down the new surface. The worrying thing is that these works could continue for another four months. Who is supposed to be in charge of this work – they are not taking any interest in the hundreds of pedestrians who use the Moyglare Road every day?

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Cllr. Feeney addressed Public Meeting on Traffic in Maynooth

Cllr. Feeney welcomed the opportunity to address this public meeting held in the Glenroyal Hotel on October 7th on the very important matter of traffic in our town. She stated that there was outrage in Maynooth that particular week and that many appealed to the Council to "fix our town" "our town is broken". The current traffic problems, Cllr Feeney stated are a result of decisions to build thousands of houses before putting the required infrastructure in place first.

Added to that, the University is just back in action with more students than ever and as the University grows, more students need to be accommodated and inevitably then they will end up driving to college or being driven so the issues are interlinked. Cllr Feeney welcomed the decision to defer the closing of Parson Street as that was the last straw for the community of Maynooth. She also welcomed the fact that the Director admitted that some mistakes were made and that there would not be a reoccurrence. Cllr. Feeney agreed that the real solution is the ring road but in the mean time people have to live in the town and do their business in the town. More people might get out and walk or cycle and that can be a positive outcome. We need a partnership approach to solving the traffic situation.

Cllr Feeney also took the opportunity to update the attendees on the most recent Council MD meeting on October 4th at which the traffic situation was discussed at length. At that meeting, the Director for Roads, Transportation and Environment at Kildare County Council, addressed a meeting regarding extreme traffic congestion in Maynooth, informing councillors that an emergency meeting had taken place in KCC about the traffic in Maynooth. The Director stated that he is acutely aware of the traffic issues in Maynooth which reached its extreme that week and that there are things within the control of the Council such as the work on the Moyglare Road for the North-South corridor.

Money is being invested and there will be enormous benefits down the road with the focus on getting more people walking and cycling. They have had discussions with the contractor on the Moyglare Road. That particular week, for example, where the Kilcock Road meets the Moyglare Road there was only one lane in operation and this had not been approved by KCC. The Director apologised as it led to huge tailbacks. Also, the Council examined the sequencing of traffic lights and on Friday 27th there was a failure in communication to SCOOT and this led to back up of traffic. In addition, the Director referred to the works planned at LIDL saying these further works will improve this junction.

The real solution to the traffic congestion and the bigger solution is the ring road and with regard to this, the Director confirmed that the detailed design and CPO will happen at the same time, the design will be published possibly in November but certainly before Christmas, with a view to going to tender in March/April and an 18 month construction period.

Cairn will deliver a new inner relief road linking the Moyglare Road and the Dunboyne Road in the first quarter of next year. KCC will be working closely with Cairn and this will be a release valve for traffic. With the new schools in 2020 the aim is to provide cycling and walking facilities. With regard to the Moyglare Rd. to Dunboyne Road to Dublin Rd, the Part 8 judicial review at Rataoth MD will be overtaken by a planning application due to be submitted so it will be delivered much quicker and using private funding.

The Director stated that Maynooth is getting great attention -the North-South corridor, the Ring Road and in addition the M4 project team which is examining the possibility of a second interchange to serve Maynooth and that work is well underway. Parson Street works have been cancelled - to provide water main and that has a knock - on effect In trying to minimise the impact of the works, they will look at having them by night and will liaise with contractors.

The SCOOT traffic light system will be reviewed but there is no point in doing this until Moyglare Road and Mill Street are finished. Regarding the Fire Station, a new site has been purchased behind Lidl which will improve accessibility and this will free the current site for other use. Maynooth University has been proactive and this should be acknowledged and they work well with the Council, they have a traffic management plan in place.

Moyglare Hall and Safety Audit

Cllr Feeney requested the Council Engineers to confirm if the raised ramped platforms will be put in place at the junction of The Drive and The Avenue, and The Green and The Avenue in accordance with the planning permission that issued under PL.09.243724 - 14/73, prior to the carrying out of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit. The Council confirmed that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department will liaise with the Planning Department and Development Control Section to ensure the road-related planning conditions are complied with.

The R.S.A. will be required to be completed prior to the opening of the road. In relation to ramped platforms, there are two indicated, these were included on the Developer's plans and went through the approval process just as the houses did. They are meant to be built by the developer before the road is taken in charge, not after. Cllr. Feeney stated that in essence, these platforms have already been paid for by the home owners in Moyglare Hall because they are part of the whole infrastructure of the development. After the road related planning conditions are complied with, Cllr. Feeney welcomed the confirmation from the Council that the Road Safety Audit will be required to be completed prior to the opening of the road.

Moyglare Hall and Retrofitting

Given that the opening up of the through road in Moyglare Hall imposes new conditions on the existing residents of Moyglare Hall constructed under 02/2491, 10/551 and 09/978, Cllr Feeney asked what plans the Council has, as required by DMURS, where there is a retrofit situation to consult these residents.

Councillor Feeney asked for clarification as to whether this plan is a retrofit? Cllr. Feeney stated that according to DMURS, if new conditions are imposed on an existing community it is a retrofit and residents must be consulted. The Council responded stating that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department is satisfied that the through road complies with DMURS. The Moyglare Hall Estate is not in charge and the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department has no plans to consult with residents.

Cllr. Feeney quoted from DMURS Section 3.3.3 where it speaks of retrofitting. It requires that "where local authorities prepare plans to retrofit areas, in order to create more sustainable neighbourhoods designers should engage closely with local communities and it also talks of "consultation sessions" Cllr. Feeney stated that there is concern among residents that the road through Moyglare Hall is intended to be an alternative route to and from the ring road.

Third level participation discussed at Clondalkin/Rathcoole Branch meeting

Cllr Angela Feeney addressed the Clondalkin/Rathcoole Branch on Education held this week. While participation rates at third level in Clondalkin has improved, it is still low compared with the national average and should be higher. Cllr. Feeney discussed measures to address this such as the different access pathways to third level including CAO, PLCs, FETAC, HEAR and DARE schemes and apprenticeships. Cllr Feeney also addressed the challenge in the teaching profession to be socially diverse with the increased costs of acquiring a teaching qualification. Other issues were discussed such as rent and accommodation costs, migrant education and how to support students in their transition to higher education and ensure completion of their programme of study.



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- Stagg

Labour's Emmet Stagg was in contact with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to the application by Kildare Co. Council for grant aid for the development of a Swimming Pool in Maynooth.

The Minister advised that 72 applications were received under the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund and that work is underway in assessing applications, but in view of the detailed information contained in each application, it will take a number of months to have all the work completed. The Minister concluded that he expected that it would be towards the end of 2019 before any allocations are announced.

Commenting on the Minister's response, Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to press the Minister to sanction the allocation of grant aid for the development of a Swimming Pool and sports complex in Maynooth in a joint venture between Maynooth University and Kildare Co. Council.

9 Groups Invited to Outline How they Would Deliver Primary Care Centre for Maynooth

Following on from the move by the HSE last May seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals and companies in providing accommodation for a Primary Care Centre in Maynooth, Labour's Emmet Stagg sought an update from the HSE on progress with the project.

The HSE placed ads in National Newspapers seeking submissions from individuals/ companies who are developing or were planning to develop health facilities in Maynooth, which would facilitate the delivery of primary health care in conjunction with local General Practitioners. The HSE would enter into fixed term leases with the providers of the proposals selected for the provision of public healthcare in the primary care facilities. This is the route that saw the successful opening of the Celbridge Primary Care Centre in Celbridge.

The HSE have now advised Mr. Stagg that 9 groups have been invited to progress to Stage 2 of the Process which is the engagement of the developers with GP practices. Once this stage is complete and submissions are evaluated, the HSE are confident that a tender for the successful group should be awarded in the first quarter of next year. Welcoming the progress Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that the delivery of a Primary Care Centre for Maynooth was a priority and he looked forward to more progress early next



Stagg Calls for Dangerous Bend on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth To Be Dealt With Now

With work on the Cairn Homes Mariavilla Development proceeding at pace, Labour's Emmet Stagg has stated that Kildare Co. Council need to address the Dangerous Bend on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth now.

Decision on Maynooth Swimming Pool Application Expected by End of Year Mr. Stagg stated that part of the Mariavilla Development will see a Link Road constructed from the Moyglare Road to the Dunboyne Road and work on the Link Road is progressing well and it should be opened to the Public early next year. Once opened, this will substantially increase traffic on the Dunboyne Road as people living in the Moyglare area of the town take the opportunity of avoiding the Main Street to access the M4 via the Celbridge/Intel Interchange.

> That would be fine, stated Mr. Stagg, if the Dunboyne Road was up to standard, but there is a very dangerous Bend on the Road near Pebble Hill House, which is treacherous, and the increased traffic volumes will only make things worse.

> Regrettably stated Mr. Stagg, An Bord Pleanala, when granting planning permission for the Mariavilla Development did not impose a condition requiring the removal of the Bad Bend. However a condition was imposed providing for development contributions of €3.6 million in respect of Public Infrastructure and Facilities benefiting the development of 462 dwellings and student accommodation.

Mr. Stagg stated that Kildare Co. Council must act now to resolve the issue of the Dangerous Bend and he has requested his colleague Cllr. Angela Feeney to table the following motion for the next Maynooth Municipal District Meeting:

'Given that the Link Road from the Moyglare Road to the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, through the Mariavilla Development, will open early next year, that the Council now use the Development Contributions of €3.6 Million derived from the Mariavilla Development, to remove the dangerous bend on the Dunboyne Road near Pebble Hill House, in the interests of traffic safety, and that a footpath be provided from Castlepark Housing Estate to the roundabout on the Blacklion Road'.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that the Council must act now on this dangerous situation before it is too late. Should the Motion succeed we will also seek the provision of table top ramps either side of Pebble Hill House to slow traffic as it approaches Castlepark Estate and other Estates on the Dunboyne Road.

Pre-Qualification Process for New Maynooth Boys' NS Completed - Tender Stage Next - Stagg

Labour's Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Minister for Education in relation to the construction of the New St. Mary's Boys' National School on the Moyglare

The Minister has now advised that the process of Pre-Qualification of Contractors to compile a short-list of suitable candidates is now complete. The next step for the project will be Tender Stage. In that context, the Department will shortly be in contact with the school and Design Team to update them on further progression of this major building

Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress with the project until we get it to actual tender and construction.

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Our Joint Concert with the Garda Band last month was an unqualified success and sincere thanks to everyone who came out to support us despite Storm Lorenzo. The two Bands gave brilliant recitals and we were in no way overawed by the presence of the fulltime musicians in the Garda Band and we made a small profit on the night which was in aid of our trip to Germany next September.

One of the most important events of the Band's year is our Annual Mass for deceased members which this year takes place on Sunday 3rd November at 1 p.m. when it offers us the opportunity to remember those who have passed on, through the medium of music that was their life as members of the Band. In particular we will think of some who passed away in the recent past including Cornet players Mick Dempsey and John Curran as well as Bass player Mick Murphy. We will also think of our President Micheal Dempsey who cannot, for health reasons, be with us at the Mass.

Our Christmas CD, recorded last year, will be on sale in the lead up to the Festive season. It proved a real success last year, particularly with those who had relatives living abroad, to remind them of Maynooth at this time of the year. The CD is available from Maynooth Bookshop Main Street, Donovans Centra Greenfield, the Parish Centre beside the Church and the Maynooth Newsletter Office beside the Post Office in Carton Park. All proceeds from the sale of the CDs will be going towards the sizeable travelling costs of our trip to Germany in September, more of which you will hear in the New Year.

We extend a warm invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth and the surrounding areas to feel free on Monday nights (bank holidays excepted) to join us in the Band Hall on Pound Lane between 7.45 pm and 9.45 pm where you will be made most welcome. In recent months we have had players from Lucan, Celbridge and Mullingar come to join us. We are a very welcoming band, we have an excellent conductor and we have a very busy programme over the next year.

You can call Paddy on 087 2537 906 if you need any further information



St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band Christmas CD



We are going to dedicate our November information article to our good friend and volunteer Tina Drury (RIP)

Tina came to live in Woodlands, Maynooth from Australia in 1991. Our first records of Tina having volunteered with Tidy Towns would be 10 years ago in 2009. Tina was very involved even though she already had a diagnosis of MS. She helped with bulb planting, litter picking, watering and if we had a problem Tina was a great listener. She celebrated with us ever since we won our first national title in the Tidy Towns Competition in 2013 and would have been ecstatic that we won Gold Medal again in 2019. Unfortunately that was the same day, the 30th September, that Tina passed away surrounded by her family in Carton Square.

The Council Car Park and the bottle bank were Tina's designated areas to clean and boy did she take pride in her work. She even enquired from her sick bed if we remembered her spot. While Tina was with us she took part in many mini-marathons to raise funds for MS Ireland. She always completed the 10K, armed with her Oxygen. Tina also won the Tidy Towns Local Hero Award 2017 at the Helix for her contribution to the town of Maynooth.

Saturday the 14th September was the last day Tina joined us in the Square. She was full of the joys and wanted to buy all of us coffee after our clean up. Thankfully we took some pictures that day. Tina loved the Environment and Ireland. She joined us on many Walks/Talks on campus in MU and on Carton Avenue with Professor Gail Maher. Tina you will be missed and remembered by all at Tidy Towns.

Condolences to her daughter Alison, Dad Tommy, her two brothers and all Tina's extended family.

Ar Dheis De do raibh a h-anam dilis.

Mary Molloy - Maynooth Tidy Towns









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THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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

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Carton Avenue Preservation Society

GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of Carton Avenue Preservation Society will be held on Monday 11th November at 8pm in the Maynooth Community Space Tesco Shopping Centre

AGENDA

Ombudsman Report
 The Next Steps



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Bus Connects enters next phase of consultation process says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on commuters to consider the revised bus connect plans which were announced today and see what bus services need to be provided in addition to the proposals on the table now.

"Bus Connects proposal attracted 50,000 contributions from the public in the last public consultation process and while we have seen that our submissions have had some impact, we need to ensure that we utilise the next public consultation process to secure the remaining services we need for Kildare."

"The National Transport Authority (NTA) has agreed to increase the number of bus routes in the Bus Connect plans by 22%".

"Bus Connects involves seven super frequency spine routes with buses at high frequency rates. The original proposal had 11 connecting orbital routes".

"We are now entering a second round of public consultation. This is our opportunity to make submissions to capture any loss in service associated with the current proposals. Bus Connects will be gradually rolled out up to 2022."

FF introduce Bill to prevent families from entering homelessness – O'Rourke Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare-North, Frank O'Rourke, has introduced a Bill to prevent families from entering homelessness.

The Fianna Fáil Housing (Homeless Housing Assistance Payment) (Amendment) Bill 2019 makes it a requirement that a Local Authority would assist a family eligible for the Homeless Housing Assistance Payment from the time they receive a notice of termination from their current accommodation.

Deputy O'Rourke explained, "The period of notice which a family is served with varies and is dependent on the length of their tenancy. As it stands, a family must wait until the last month of their notice before they can even apply for Homeless HAP. This gives little or no time to find alternatives and results in a lot of families entering homelessness".

"Given the state of the current rental market, finding alternative accommodation in less than four weeks is impossible, even more so if a landlord knows they will have to wait weeks or even months for HAP payments to kick-in".

"If a family seeking alternative accommodation are armed with the Homeless HAP payment earlier in their notice period, which provides for a deposit and two months rent, then they are much more likely to find a place to live and therefore avoid homelessness. The landlord too will be much more receptive to taking on new tenants once they know they are guaranteed a deposit and rent in less than two weeks".

"There needs to be a logical approach taken here. A family in homelessness costs the state significantly more than a family in stable accommodation being assisted by HAP. Aside from that, the worry, stress and strain that impending homelessness causes is immense and we know from many expert reports that this has negative physical and mental health implications, especially on children".

"It would make much more sense for the family to be able to apply and get Homeless HAP from the date their notice of termination is issued. At the very least they would have comfort in the knowledge that they can get looking for alternative accommodation at an earlier stage and avoid homelessness," he concluded.

17% decrease in overnight respite in Kildare – O'Rourke

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, has criticised a 17% decrease in the number of respite nights available in the Kildare – West Wicklow area.

Deputy O'Rourke was commenting as new figures provided to Fianna Fáil show that in Kildare - West Wicklow there were 7,064 respite overnights in 2015 but just 5,808 in 2018 – a drop of over 1,200.

He said, "Nationally there has been a drop of some 26,523 respite overnights for people with disabilities between 2015 and 2018 – representing a 14.3% decrease. This comes as the numbers requesting overnight respite continues to rise."

"Every week I hear from people in Kildare who are fighting for respite overnights for their loved ones. Many are carers and they are desperate for some overnight support. Their own health is deteriorating as they try to care for their loved one."

"As it stands the figures for 2019 don't look as though they will be any better. From the beginning of the year to the end of June there were just 2,376 respite overnights in Kildare – West Wicklow. At best any increase will be modest and will still be significantly behind what was delivered four years ago."

"The Government need to realise that carers save the state huge amounts of money each year so overnight respites are a small ask considering", he concluded.

Better alignment needed between assessment of need and school support applications – O'Rourke

Unacceptable delays in getting assessment of needs

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare-North, Frank O'Rourke has said there needs to be a better alignment in the assessment of need process.

Deputy O'Rourke made the comments during a recent Fianna Fáil Private Members Motion highlighting the shortfalls in special needs education and said, "One of the greatest problems when it comes to special needs education is the assessment of need."

"There is a significant waiting time, often more than two years for these assessments and every day that passes is another day when a child does not have the supports that they need to excel in education".

"This is of particular concern when it comes to the assessment of children starting school at primary level, going up to post-primary level or even moving within primary or post-primary classes, who need further assessments carried out as part of their development to ensure they are getting the proper supports and services."

"There is no alignment between the assessment of need and the school making an application to the Department of Education. Essentially the assessment of need is sometimes not carried out until the child has started school or is halfway through the school year meaning the school does not have the necessary supports in place."

"When the child's need is then identified, he or she has lost valuable time. The school can of course make another application for additional supports, but this can take a long time and can even be refused by the Department."

"The Department need to examine prioritising the assessments of needs for schoolchildren so that when Principals are making their applications to the Department for school supports they will be able to take all their pupils into account and not have to make supplementary applications as the results of assessments of need come in throughout the year."

"I understand this will not be possible in all situations but if the system were more streamlined it would result in better outcomes both for the child and the school", he concluded.

Increased supports for older people needed says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has pressed the Government for additional resources to support older people. Deputy O'Rourke made the comments following a meeting with his Party colleague and Fianna Fail Spokesperson on Social Affairs, Willie O'Dea TD.

"I know from my weekly clinics, the lack of home care packages and inadequate resources for the Fair Deal scheme among other issues are a real concern for older people."

"In addition to an increase in the Old Age pension that our party spokesperson, Willie O'Dea, has called for, it is important that the Government provide adequate resources for other areas associated with older people in the forthcoming budget."

"Winter can be a very challenging time for older people and their families. It's also a period that puts hospitals under pressure. As I established last year, the Kildare Wicklow region has a significantly higher waiting list for Home Care Packages than other areas."

"From my clinics, I come across people who are recovering from strokes, dealing with cancer and older people who need additional home supports, all requiring Home Packages."

"It makes little sense to delay giving home care supports to people that need them and have been approved by the HSE to get them. It goes against the Government's stated aim of ensuring people can continue living in their home if they so choose to do so and it is also leading to unnecessary overcrowding in our hospitals."

"There are many older people in hospitals that are ready to be discharged but are unable to return home as the necessary home care supports have not been put in place."

"I am also calling for more resources for house adaptation grants as well, these grants are there to assist with independent living for older people. We should make progress on this issue in the forthcoming budget."

"We all know that there are limited resources available, but providing resources for Older people is an important policy issue for me," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Government must press the EU for better Irish Mortgage rates says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has again called for Government action in relation to the high mortgage rates in Ireland as compared to the average EU rates and has called on the Government to enlist the support of the EU.

"Irish banks are charging their customers double the EU mortgage rates. At a time when interest rates across the EU are falling, Irish Banks have increased the cost of taking out a mortgage."

"My understanding from the Central Bank is that Irish mortgage rates are the second most expensive in the EU. The average interest rate on a new mortgage is around 3.pc compared with the average rate for the euro area of 1.7pc."

"To put this in real money terms, the average first-time buyer is paying an extra €154 a month for their mortgage, based on a loan of €225,000 paid back over 30 years. Parents and working families are in much need of this extra income to cater for their day to day expenses. In addition, as Brexit brings uncertainties, having this extra €154 per month available for the local economy will bring benefits to local businesses."

"With our spokesperson on Finance, Michael McGrath TD, I continue to put pressure on the Government to deal with this inequality. I have repeatedly called on the Government to address the rising cost of living issues such as Mortgage Rates and Insurance rates and they must get support from the EU to deal with this imbalance."

"We also have a situation, whereas the Taoiseach says our mortgage lending rules are "very tough" when he cited situations where couples are trying to save for a deposit to buy a house but have to pay as much €2,000 in rent. We need to provide support to assist young couple buy their home," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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I got the seasonal flu vaccine last year. Do I need to get it again this year?

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

The flu viruses that are circulating change every year. This is why you need to get a new vaccine each year. Vaccination is free if you are in one of the following groups: Are aged 65 and over.

Have a long-term medical condition such as diabetes, heart, kidney, liver, lung or neurological disease.

Have an impaired immune system due to disease or treatment.

Have a body mass index (BMI) over 40.

Are pregnant.

Live in a nursing home or other long-stay institution.

Are a carer or a healthcare worker.

Have regular contact with poultry, water fowl or pigs.
This year the flu vaccine is available from October 2019 until the end of April 2020. You should get your flu vaccination from early October to be protected for flu season. You can get the vaccine from your GP (family doctor), pharmacist or Occupational Health Department. Children can get the vaccine from a GP.

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

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

My brother and I have started in third-level College this year. Can my parents claim any tax relief

Answer

Your parents may be able to claim tax relief on both tuition fees, including the student contribution (sometimes called the registration fee) for the following approved courses: Full-time and part- time undergraduate courses in both private or publicly funded third-level

colleges in approved colleges in Ireland or in any EU member state. The course must be for at least two years duration.

Postgraduate courses in private and publicly funded colleges in Ireland as well as universities and publicly funded colleges in other countries (EU and non-EU). Postgraduate courses must be between one and four years in duration and students must already have a primary degree or equivalent qualification.

Foreign language and IT courses that are less than two years duration and which result in the award of a certificate of competence. The course fees paid must not be less than €315 and not more than

Tax relief is given at the standard rate of 20%. You can claim it as long as you have actually paid the fees, either on your own behalf or on behalf of another person. There is no limit on the number of individuals you can claim for.

The maximum amount of fees, including the Student Contribution that can qualify for tax relief is €7,000 per person per course. For a full-time student for the 2019/2020 academic year, there is no tax relief on the first €3,000 spent on tuition fees, including the Student Contribution. There is no tax relief on the first €1,500 spent on tuition fees for part-time students. If you are claiming for more than one student, you will get full tax relief on tuition fees for the second or subsequent students.

You can claim tax relief on tuition fees using Revenue's my Account service. Alternatively you can download an application form from revenue ie and return the completed form to your Revenue

Lists of courses and colleges approved for relief each year are published on the Revenue website.

Budget Information

Budget 2020 was announced on 8 October 2019. The main points include:

- An increase in the Home Carer Tax Credit from €1,500 to €1,600
- An increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit for the self-employed from €1,350 to €1,500
- An increase in Group a Capital Acquisitions Tax threshold from €320,000 to €335,000

- · An increase in Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) and Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) for people aged 25 from €157.80 to €203 from January 2020.
- An increase in JA and SWA for people aged under 25 living independently and in receipt of a
- State housing support from \in 112.70 to \in 203 from January 2020. An increase in the earnings disregard for the One-Parent Family Payment and the Jobseeker's Transition payment from \in 150 to \in 165 per week from January 2020.
- An increase in the weekly rate for a qualified child under 12 from €34 to €36 from 6 January
- An increase in the weekly rate for a qualified child 12 and over from €37 to €40 from 6 January 2020.
- An increase in the Living Alone Increase from €9 to €14 from 6 January 2020.
- An increase in the weekly rate of Fuel Allowance by €2 from January 2020.

Health

- A reduction in the prescription charge for medical card holders by €0.50 from July 2020
- A reduction in the monthly threshold for the Drugs Payment Scheme from €124 to €114 from September 2020.
- An increase in the medical card weekly income for people over 70 of €50 for a single person to €550 and €150 for a couple to €1,050 from September 2020.
- An additional one million home care hours will be provided in 2020.

The Help to Buy Incentive for first-time buyers or people building their first home is extended to the end of 2021

Parent's Leave and Benefit

The Parent's Leave and Benefit Bill has been published. The Bill will provide for 2 weeks' leave and benefit for each working parent of a child who is born or adopted from 1 November 2019. The benefit will be paid in the first year of the child's birth or adoption, at the same rate as maternity and paternity benefits and it is available to both employees and the self-employed.

Changes to divorce

RTÉ reports that Cabinet has approved proposals contained in the draft Family Law Bill 2019 to:

- Reduce the separation period for couples seeking divorce to two years out of the previous
- Reduce to one year, the minimum "living apart" period of three years that applies to judicial separation applications, in cases where the respondent does not consent to such a decree being granted.
- Recognise divorces, legal separations and annulments granted under UK law so that UK decisions will be recognised under similar rules to those granted within the EU in the event of a no-deal

JobPath extended

The Job Path programme has been extended by 12 months. Client referrals were due to cease on 31 December 2019. JobPath supports people who are long-term unemployed to secure and sustain full-time paid employment.

Money Tools

The CCPC have launched new Money Tools to help compare the costs and benefits of a range of financial products including mortgages, personal loans and current accounts.

New primary schools supply panel scheme

A new initiative creating six regional panels of substitute teachers for primary schools is being rolled out for the 2019/2020 school year.

Student Grant Scheme

Maintenance grant payments for PLC students will start from the 18 October 2019.

Cost of childcare

Department of Children and Youth Affairs has published new data on the cost of early learning and care and school-age childcare to families in Ireland.

Education social media campaign

The Government has launched a social media campaign #TeachMeAsMe to promote individuality in schools.

Brexit

Budget 2020

Budget 2020 included measures to respond to a no-deal Brexit. The funds announced include €410 million for social protection spending on unemployment supports and helping people return to employment. The measures also include €220 million to support the most affected sectors and to provide grants, loans and investment to firms that are vulnerable but viable in the event of a no-deal

NI access to healthcare and childcare post Brexit

The Government has published draft legislation that will allow eligible residents of Northern Ireland to access EU emergency health care and the National Childcare Scheme, in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

UK driving licence exchange

Opening hours at National Driver Licence Service offices will be extended until October 31st to accommodate drivers who need to exchange their UK licence for an Irish licence.

Brexit news

Keep up-to-date with Brexit news and developments on citizensinformation.ie.

Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT)

The deadline to return and pay CAT due on gifts or inheritances where the valuation date arises between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, is on or before 31 October 2019. The deadline is extended to 12 November 2019 for those who pay and file online through ROS.

Information is also available online at citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121



MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Permeability at Moyglare Hall

Residents at Moyglare Hall who walk or cycle have been shabbily treated for years by Kildare County Council. At the planning stage, Kildare County Council prioritised the access road for cars but overlooked the needs of walkers and cyclists who for more than ten years have faced an unnecessary length of journey to access the town. As a result, people can be seen on a regular basis climbing over the fence /hedge on the Moyglare Road. There is a potential alternative route between the GAA pitch and Moyglare Nursing home but the short distance between the end of the existing cul-desac and Moyglare Road will have to be constructed. The developer has agreed to the work but it will not be carried out until December.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes and supports the increasing opposition to the through road between Moyglare Road and the roundabout at the Schools Campus. As the residents rightly point out such a road will turn into a rat-run. As it had been intended for local traffic and filtered permeability, it was constructed with no dedicated facilities for cyclists.

Widening of M4

One of the projects included in Ireland 2040 by the Government is the widening of the M4 in Kildare. The issue arose at a meeting of the Community Council when it was said that part of the justification for the scheme was the need to reduce noise by reducing congestion. Reducing congestion by building or widening roads is like reducing obesity by loosening your belt. Even in a country as car dependent as the USA, most Departments of Transport accept that building more roads results in more traffic due to Induced Demand.

Budget 2020

This government talks the talk about climate action but most of its activities promote increased emissions of CO2. Maynooth Cycling Campaign through Cyclist.ie has sought the allocation of 10% of transport spending on cycling. From the budget announcements, this amounts to €194 Million. Shane Ross, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, announced that he had allocated €114 Million but based on its analysis, Cyclist.ie estimates that the spend on cycling will only be in the region of €42 Million. Minister Ross also claimed in the Dáil that he had allocated 3.1% of his capital budget to cycling in 2018 but Cyclist.ie also challenges this and estimates that the Minister is spinning the results and had spent only 1%.

Climate Change

October has seen the spread of Extinction Rebellion to Dublin. Greta Thunberg was overlooked for the Nobel Peace Prize and the campaigner and author Naomi Klein was welcomed to Dublin where she discussed her new book On Fire and climate change in the National Stadium with Maynooth's own Lorna Gold.

Width of Estate Entrance

Last month, an item in the Campaign Notes considered whether or not the width of reconstructed entrances to estates on the Moyglare Road would be in accordance with the Irish standard - the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). Work has also been carried out on the Celbridge Road entrance to Railpark. The entrance there was reconstructed with a width which appears not to be in accordance with DMURS.

Space for Bicycles on Trains

Earlier this year, the EU parliament passed a requirement that from 2021 any new or refurbished rail carriage will have to provide a minimum of 8 spaces for bikes. As part of its climate action, the Polish rail operator Stadler Flirt has announced that from now any new carriages will include the space for bikes which is two years earlier than required. Meanwhile, Ireland has ordered new carriages but no-one seems to know if any space for bikes are included.



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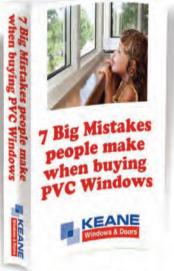
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Cyclist.ie Council Meeting

Finally, Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network, held its bi-annual meeting in Dublin recently. Cyclist.ie has expanded with another two groups making twenty five in total across the country. One of the key policy changes was that Cycling Officers in local authorities should be appointed at Director of Services level and should be responsible for ensuring that targets on increased level of cycling are met. We will wait and see if this is taken up by the political parties.



Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group.

Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation





Maynooth University Supports Scholars at risk of Persecution



Maynooth University was unveiled as the European base of a new EU-funded initiative to support scholars at risk of persecution.

Launched at Maynooth University by ten European partners, **InSPIREurope** is a Europe-wide alliance for academics who are at risk due to discrimination, persecution, suffering or violence.

The project is coordinated by **Scholars at Risk Europe** and funded under the European Commission's **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**.

From September 2018 to the end August 2019, over 580 scholars and researchers sought the assistance of Scholars at Risk. The organisation successfully placed 115 scholars at universities globally. The highest rate of applications came from Turkey, Syria, Iran and Yemen. Over 1,000 applications have been received from Turkey alone since January 2016.



Photo: (l-r); Robert Quinn, Founding Executive Director, Scholars at Risk Network; Sinead O'Gorman, Director, SAR Europe; Prof Linda Connolly, Director, Maynooth University Social Sciences, Prof Philip Nolan, President, Maynooth University

Prof Philip Nolan, President of Maynooth University,

said: "Maynooth University recognises the central importance of academic freedom in scholarship, research and teaching for the promotion and protection of democracy. Together with our European partners, we recognise our shared responsibility to support scholars who are at risk due to discrimination, persecution or violence."

"With this ambitious Europe-wide initiative, we hope to make a difference."

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HOUSEHOLD PLANT CARE IOF

Moira from Maynooth Flower Club will discuss tips & ideas on how to care for our plants







St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band / Maynooth Youth Pipe Band

You may have heard the sound of bagpipes and drums ringing around the town of Maynooth over the last year or so. That's because the world renowned pipe band St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band (SLOTPB), formerly of Dublin City Centre have taken up residence in Maynooth Town and have been practicing between



Gaelscoil Úi Fhiaich and Maynooth Town Football Club over the summer months. For those who are not aware of who they are, SLOTPB are the premier pipe band of the Irish Pipe Band Association and the only Grade 1 band in the South of Ireland. Founded in 1910 in Dublin's Seville Place, Sean O'Casey, Arthur Griffith, Padraig Pearse, Douglas Hyde & Thomas Clarke were all present at the band's inaugural meeting and some even held roles on its first committee. Now a competitive band who travel regularly to the North of Ireland and more frequently to Scotland to compete at the highest level and more often than not, bring home the titles!!

Pipe bands are a dying tradition in the South of Ireland and as a result, St. Laurence O'Toole have had to look further afield to recruit players of a high enough calibre to continue to compete at the top level. Some of the current members of the band come from as far away as Canada, Denmark, and San Francisco along with a group from Scotland and Northern Ireland. The total membership of the Grade 1 band stands at 50 competing members in 3 sections of the band, Pipe Corp, Drum Corps and Bass & Tenor Section.

The main body of the band are local to the South of Ireland while the leadership of the band reside in Maynooth and Newbridge. Alen Tully, a local to Maynooth is the Pipe Major (or leader of the band) who has 2 kids in school in the Gaelscoil, while Stephen

Creighton the Drum Sergeant (or head of the drum section) lives in Newbridge.

Due to the declining nature of pipe bands, SLOTPB have embarked on a project to find a new home for the band.

The reason for this is to protect the future of this great organisation and keep it at the top of the pipe band world for years to



UK Pipe Band Championships (Stormont)



St. Laurence O'Toole Pipe Band (SLOTPB)

come. The band have tried on numerous occasions to become self-sufficient by teaching kids which have usually been relatives of current members. This has proved successful to a point but the lack of a community support has hindered progress. Relocating to Maynooth is now the primary goal of the organisation and this process began last year by starting pipes and drums lessons in the Gaelscoil and more recently the establishment of a new youth band in the town, Maynooth Youth Pipe Band.

To date the band have 9 children from the local area, coming to practice each week on a Thursday night to learn pipes and drums and the ambition is to eventually use the youth band as a feeder band to the Grade 1 band.

With regard to tuition, both Alen Tully along with his father Terry (the previous Pipe Major of SLOTPB for 30 years) are the primary piping instructors while Stephen Creighton is the primary drumming instructor. Alen and Terry have both led the band to a combined 10 Major Championship titles in Scotland including the World Pipe Band Championships in 2010, while Stephen has won over 20 Major titles including 6 World Championship titles with the Drum Corps. In short, the level of tuition is WORLD

The band are still on the lookout for a suitable practice venue when practice resumes in late November and would appreciate any assistance with their efforts, while they also hope to take part in some small outdoor concerts in the coming months along with St. Patricks Day parade in the town.

If you would like to read more about the history of the band please visit their website www.slotpb.com. Alternatively if you would like to find out how you can support the band while they settle into the town or even get your kids involved with the Maynooth Youth Pipe Band you can contact us directly at admin@slotpb.com.

Be Winter Ready

You, Your Health and the Winter





Keeping well and warm:

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

Personal Safety – staying safe

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

Fall prevention in your home

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

- Know your Eircode
- Know your GP's contact details
- Get the Flu Vaccine

Remember:

- Wear a personal alarm
- Keep warm, eat well and avoid unnecessary travel

Cold and Flu

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

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

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

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

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Halloween Tea-Dance on October 20th was a most enjoyable event, with a

great crowd from all the surrounding areas as well as Maynooth, great music from "Unity" and great food from our own committee. Thank you Pam for all the goodies. Well done to all who entered into the spirit of the evening with some scary outfits. This winds up our tea-dances for 2019. Many thanks to Martin and all the staff at the GAA club and we will do it all again in 2020, Le Cuinaimh De. Our next social event will be our Christmas shopping and party, courtesy of SuperValu Maynooth on December 1st, and our Christmas Lunch on December 15th in The Glenroyal Hotel.

However, before all of that we have to make some money, and we do so through our annual "Sale of Work" which, this year, will be held on November 17th in the Post Primary School. Our committee members and helpers will be dropping fliers in your post boxes and if we miss you when we call you can deliver items to the school hall on Saturday afternoon on November 16th or Sunday morning November 17th.

We will be selling tickets for our "Monster Hamper" at SuperValu on November 7th / 8th & 9th and this draw will take place on the day of our "Sale of Work". Please note, regrettably, we cannot take large items of furniture or "Soft Toys", due to health and safety....who knew. We value your support.

Finally, may I extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Anne Doyle who passed away recently.

Ar Dheis De go raibh a Anam.

Josephine Moore, Chairperson

MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE



ANNUAL SALE OF WORK

will take place in Maynooth Post Primary School, Moyglare Road. On Sunday November 17th 2019



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Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 27/09/2019 To 21/10/2019 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	m Authority Applicant Name		Development Address	App Date
191165	Kildare County Council	Ann Travers	Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare,	21/10/2019
191155	Kildare County Council	David Tracey	279 Old Greenfield Road, Maynooth, County Kildare.	18/10/2019
191134	Kildare County Council	Idare County Council Tesco Ireland Limited, Unit 22, Carton Park Retail Campus, Dublin Ro		14/10/2019
191114	Kildare County Council	Shaun and Elaine Iredale	20 Parklands Crescent, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	08/10/2019
191110	Kildare County Council	William Holmes & Maurice Cowhey	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/10/2019
191102	Kildare County Council	Shane McKenna & Aisling Conlon	32 Silken Vale, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	04/10/2019
191072	Kildare County Council	Maria and Colin Cunningham	19 Leinster Wood, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	27/09/2019

Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday19th November 2019

November Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

For further information contact: www.kildare.ie/library maynoothlib@kildarecoco.ie Ph.: 01-6285530



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Now open from 10am Monday to Saturday! (Events are Free but Booking is required!)

Children's Events

Fizz and Chips Drama Workshop

Saturday 16th November 10am – 11am (5-7 years) 11.30am - 12.30pm (8 - 10 years)1pm - 2pm (10 - 12 years)

Fizz and Chips Theatre Company are running bilingual drama workshops as Gaeilge agus Béarla for children. In this one hour workshop, explore movement, sound, and voice in a fun and friendly environment through Irish and English. The Company are working on a new theatre show for children and will introduce some scenes and themes to play around with. Orlaith Carr, Eoin O'Dubhghaill and Orla Ní Thiobraide are theatre-makers and actors who have worked on many Irish language productions including Ros na Rún on TG4 and they are sharing their love for the Irish language through exciting theatre workshops for children. The workshop is open to all young drama enthusiasts, regardless of their level of Irish. Tá an compántas drámaíochta Fizz and Chips Theatre ag rith ceardlanna drámaíochta dhátheangach as Gaeilge agus Béarla do pháistí. Beidh na páistí ag úsáid gluaiseacht, fuaim agus glórtha i dtimpeallacht spreagúil le cabhrú leis an gcompántas dráma nua a chruthú. Beidh na páistí ag obair le radhairc agus téamaí an dráma nua.

Is aisteoirí agus ealaíontóirí iad Orlaith Ní Chearra, Eoin Ó Dubhghaill agus Orla Ní Thiobraide a bhfuil taithí faoi leith acu a bheith ag obair trí Ghaeilge, ar Ros na Rún agus tograí eile do TG4, agus tá siad ag roinnt a gcuid taithí agus a ngrá don Ghaeilge trí na ceardlanna spreagúla seo do dhaoine óga. Tá an ceardlann oscailte do chách, fiú mura bhfuil líofacht Gaeilge acu.

Make a Picture Book - "My Little Book of..."

Saturday 9th November

11am – 12pm

7-10 years

Join illustrator Tarsila Krüse on a drawing journey through your favourite theme or topic! Prompted with images from Tarsila's latest book My Little Album of Dublin (co-authored with Juliette Saumande, published by The O'Brien Press) children are invited to contribute with their own ideas and create an 8-page Little Album of their own to bring home!

Owl Babies Art and Craft

Saturday 30th November

2.30 -3.30pm

5-7 years

Inspired by Martin Waddell's story of 'Owl Babies' children will use coloured card, glue, large pom-poms, glitter and paper plates to create their very own owl babies!

Peat lands – Irelands Climate Change Heroes

Saturday 23rd November

Irish Peatland Conservation Council 2PM, 3PM and 4PM (40 minutes each).

Family workshop on how peat lands act as carbon stores, exploring the variety of values of peat lands. Some live invertebrates will be brought along and a demonstration of how peat land plants store water will also be included.



Tek Central Ozobots Workshop

Saturday 30th November

Paper Programming: 10am – 11am (6+ years

This is a really good way of getting younger kids coding without screens. Ozobot Bit uses sensors to follow lines and read Colour Codes you make with markers (or stickers!). Choose from Speed, Direction, Cool Moves codes, and more. Have great fun making your own tracks and courses for ozobots to use.

Laptop Programming: 11.30 – 12.30pm (8 – 10 years)

Ozobots are robots that can be programmed in two ways: on paper or on screen.

Each person will have their own laptop for ozoblockly or markers and stickers for paper programming. Ozobot can be programmed using a block like drop and drag language called ozoblockly and Ozobot is programmed directly from the screen.

Library Events

Make Create Innovate Workshop – Make Music Using Codes (for adults)

Saturday 9th November 2-5PM

During this music-making workshop participants will tap into their own experience with music. Using Sonic Pi software, they will learn coding basics in order to make sound, composing beats with a baseline along with other melodies to create a finished loop!

Booking Required

Chair Yoga with Katherine

Thursday 7th 14th, 21st and 28th November 10.30am - 11.30am

Stretch, breathe and relax in this four week seated yoga course, suitable for all levels of ability and fitness. Designed to gently stretch and move your body, Katherine will ensure you leave the class feeling energised and relaxed

Booking Required

Pre-Puppy Talk

With Catherine Clarke

Tuesday 12th November at 7pm

Thinking about getting a puppy for Christmas? Come along to this talk and find out all you need to know about your new pet – before it arrives!!

Pop-up Gaeltacht!

Dé Máirt 19ú Lá déag Mí na Samhna / Tuesday 19th of November

6.45 pm - 7.45 pm Fáilte roimh chách / All welcome!

Art and Poetry Exhibition "Flying on Clipped Wings" Launching on 14th November at 7pm and running through until 27th November Flying on Clipped Wings is the debut collection of Mal

Shine's poetry, accompanied by Roisin Murdock's illustrations. Mal's poetry is about their memories, their experiences, their feelings and reference points. Roisin's art is her attempt to depict her experiences and feelings, inspired by funny moments, awkward moments, discomfort and alienation. Her illustrations are the ways in which she related to Mal's poems and an exploration of their differences. At the exhibition we will debut copies of our zine, Roisin's original illustrations and Mal will perform a reading. We hope you will all get something out of it.)

German 'Stammtisch' at Maynooth Library

Thursday 28th November 6.30pm

An informal, German conversation meet-up, for anyone with an interest in the language and culture in German speaking

All levels from learners to native speakers are welcome. First Meeting on 28 November 6.30pm.

Maynooth Podcast Club

Maynooth Library Podcast Club

Are you a podcast addict? Do you need help finding and downloading podcasts? Don't know what a podcast is but dying to find out?

We are seeking expressions of interest from anyone who would like to join a Podcast Club, starting in early 2020.

(Similar to a book club, we will listen to and then discuss a selection of podcasts. Help and advice on using your smartphone or tablet, with the various podcasts apps, can also be provided.)

Local Enterprise Office – Business Advice Clinic

Wednesday 20th November – all day

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

Young Adult Creative Writing Group

Interested in joining a creative writing group aimed at teens? We would love to hear from you! Contact the library and register your interest – We would hope to set up a monthly meeting to develop and expand your love of writing. All levels

"Let's Talk About Parenting"

Parent and Toddler Yoga

With Yo-Yo Yoga

Wednesday 13th November 10am

Join Yo-Yo Yoga for a fun filled and beneficial yoga session for toddler and their parents or caregivers. Sessions are lively with an emphasis on spending time together doing yoga through song, stories, games and cuddles.

Suitable for little yogis - from 1 year (crawling) to 4 years of age. Sessions are child led and very relaxed.

Healthy Sleep Habits in Babies and Children

Presented by Erica Hargaden of Babogue Sleep Solutions Thursday 21st November 7pm

In this seminar Erica will cover why sleep is so important, what happens when we sleep and what constitutes healthy sleep in babies and children. Guidelines will be given on how to recognise sleep issues versus healthy sleep habits. Overviews will be given on why such sleep issues arise and practical advice given on how to resolve them. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at these sessions.

Booking Required

Regular Events Give it a Go Box Set Club

Thursday 14th November 6.30 – 7.30pm

Got Netflix/NowTV/Amazon Prime and don't know what to watch next?

Let Maynooth Community Library help!

A New Box-set Club meeting monthly to discuss different series'. Call into the library now and collect your box set

Items limited so registration required.

Boomerang Bags Tuesday 26th November 6.00pm – 7.30pm

A new eco produce bag-making group, meeting the last Tuesday of every month, Boomerang Bags is open to sewers and non-sewers! Based on a worldwide community movement called Boomerang Bags the idea is to make and sew bags that people can use instead of plastic, for fruit, vegetables and

The concept is to use pre-loved cotton material like bed sheets, pillowcases etc. and to make these into simple cotton bags the main aim being inclusive and to educate people on a more eco way of living. Starting with making bags for yourself or friends, the overall aim would be to make enough to do a bag drive and hand them out at local schools, farmers markets and supermarkets to convert more people!

Booking Required.

Craft Club

Every Monday from 11.30am – 1pm

Bring along your various crafts to inspire and to be inspired – or just to work on!

Different short demonstrations will take place during the year. Who knows – maybe a new craft will grab your fancy..

No Booking Required

Family Board Games Saturday 2nd and 16th November

10am – **1**2pm

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November Events at Maynooth Community Library (Cont)

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Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be available - or feel free to bring along a family favourite!

All welcome

Thursday 14th and 28th November 10 am -12 noon

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

Make Time

Thursday 7th and 21st November, 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 16th November, 11am New members welcome.

Contact the library for further details.

Ciorcal Comhrá / Irish Language Conversation Group Tuesdays 11am – 12 noon

This is an informal group for adults who would like to meet on a weekly basis to use and practice their conversational Irish. No booking required. All welcome.

Maynooth Creative Writing Group Tuesday 5th and 19th November 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 9th and 23th November at 3 pm

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 is 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

Drop In -Story Time No Booking Required

Witches and Wizards Story Time

Friday 1st November 10am - 11am for 2-5 year olds Take a ride on a broomstick and listen to stories about friendly

witches and other magic characters.

Friends Story Time

Friday 8th November 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds Stories about friends and friendships, and what makes them special to us.

Friday 15th November 10am - 11am for 2-5 year olds Story time with Leigh -come along to listen, sing and join in!

Owl Babies Story Time

Friday 22nd November 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds Enjoy the classic 'Owl Babies' and other stories, including 'Bears, bears bears!' and 'The Big Big Sea' from the much

loved author Martin Waddell.

Join in some fun rhymes and songs as well.

Rainy Day Story Time

Friday 29th November 10am – 11am for 2-5 year olds Stories for a rainy day - all about the weather and more!

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Wednesday 27th November 11am

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Jane Austen Book Club

Thursday 28th November 11am- 12 pm

U3A Book Club

Monday 11th November 11am- 12 pm

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Tuesday 26th November: Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm All are welcome to come watch the film at 5pm and discuss it at 7pm. Adults Only



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Maynooth Harbour Project

Deputy Catherine Murphy welcomes the update received from the Minister for Culture; Heritage and the Gaeltacht in respect of the status of the redevelopment of the Maynooth Harbour project and related works. Catherine Murphy TD had asked about the amount of funding committed to this project for 2019 and 2020.

The response received is as follows:

The redevelopment of Maynooth Harbour is part of a larger proposed re-development of the Maynooth Harbour area by Kildare County Council. Waterways Ireland is aware of plans being advanced by Kildare County Council and has met with Council officials in this regard. The plans incorporate improvements to the Harbour area that is within the control of Waterways Ireland. The plans are subject to the Council obtaining planning and funding approval. Waterways Ireland is supportive of the plans and will continue to work with the Council to support their delivery. As a funding application has yet to be made by Kildare County Council, there is currently no committed funding for 2019 or 2020.

Maynooth Traffic

Following a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth recently, I contacted Kildare County Council to discuss a number of the issues that had been raised at the meeting. A major issue of concern was the lights at Lidl on the Straffan Road and the dangers there with people regularly running the red lights. It was highlighted that there is a problem with the red filter arrow and people would prefer to see this changed to a standard red light. In addition there is a pole in the way of the lights and the stop line is far too close to the junction.

In relation to the entrance of the new estate, on Moyglare Road people had highlighted the Dublin 2, D02 WT20 or email: consultations@busconnects.ie need to open the pathway from the new estate to the Moyglare Road in order to improve access to schools without any further delays. In addition to contacting KCC about this I also made contact with the developer who came back to me to say they have examined the request and will endeavour to open the footpath within the next 4 weeks and the road will be opened in Mid-December. I will keep an eye on this and follow up if required.

People also raised concerns regarding a number of other road and traffic issues around Maynooth which I raised with KCC including:

The pedestrian lights on main street not giving enough time for pedestrians to cross safely.

- The need to reinstate the coach parking bays at the Boys' National School.
- The inadequate size of the bus pull-in bays on Maynooth Main Street and the knock-on traffic issues caused. The Council have assured me that they will take this on board.
- The need to repaint and refresh the yellow box traffic management system at the Roost on Main Street.
- There is also significant concern regarding pedestrian safety on the Celbridge Road along Laurence Avenue with people afraid to let their kids walk to school.

Changes to Dublin Bus Network with Bus Connects Project.

In June 2017, the NTA released the Choices Report, an examination of the existing bus network, the levels of demand and need for public transport services throughout the greater Dublin area, and possible paths forward to improve service. The Choices Report release was followed by a public survey which gathered the priorities of over 11,000 respondents. In July 2018, the Public Consultation Report detailed the initial network proposal. The public consultation followed from July to September 2018. This consultation yielded over 30,000 comments and submissions and the outcome for the network redesign is now published.

Deputy Catherine Murphy urges the public to look at the detail of the new Bus Connects Proposals. The second round of proposed changes are open for public consultation until 3rd December 2019. It is important for our communities and those impacted by the changes to give feedback and there are a number of ways to do so. Feedback can be submitted online, by giving your comments electronically using the feedback form on www.busconnects.ie Alternatively you can send your comments in writing to: Dublin Area Bus Network Redesign, National Transport Authority, Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane,

Catherine Murphy TD will be organising activity to gather responses and will present them to Bus Connects before the deadline. If you would like any further information please feel free to get in touch with the constituency office on 01 615 6625. Each home will receive a brochure detailing the route changes and there is an on-line map where you can plan your journey and see how it impacts you. The new bus network will be introduced in phases. The first phase is expected to be introduced in early 2021 and the network roll out could take up to two years.

For more information see Bus Mapper: https://routemapper.busconnects.ie/

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Tidy Towns Competition 2019 Adjudication Report Cont.

We commend your initiatives with the local school pupils, especially where the projects involve a pollinator plan, working with identification of the essential insects. You mention bumblebees and they are certainly central to that work. Maynooth occupies an exceptional position, in having its university campus and it is great to see your work progressing there on the green campus. The work done on the college grounds is most impressive. That's especially true of the major programme of tree planting. The number of trees there has trebled over the past decade and a half.

For us, what really stands out is the emphasis placed on native trees that enrich the eco system. Above all, they are the oaks but also include hazel, ash, holly and birch. We paused at the Harbour to admire a pair of swans sitting out on the grass along with two good sized cygnets. There were Grey Wagtails in the river and Swallows flying low. Well done on the Slade riverside enhancement and the installation of the Swift boxes. We look forward to hearing about the success of that project over the next year. You are very active in organising various events throughout the year, including National Tree Week, Biodiversity Week, bat walks and the nature outing for children. All of these activities raise the profile of the Tidy Towns work in Maynooth. Ar feabhas.

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

You mentioned that this is a category that you find difficulty with. We would suggest that you look to other participants who are using best practice in this category. However, having said that you are doing well with the various activities to raise local awareness about sustainability. Amongst these are the 'bare necessities', the clothes swap shop. Your support for the eco bricks project is admirable and this adjudicator was fascinated by it. You have also listed some businesses in the town which had taken on environmental issues proactively. Congratulations to all those concerned.

You sent us numerous photos of the local volunteers engaged in collecting litter and waste. This is the hard side and the less glamorous part of being involved in the Tidy Towns. We acknowledge that this constant and consistent work brings a benefit across the entire community. The workers went to great trouble, even wading through watercourses. The evidence of their success is there for all to see. It seems too that this exercise helped in introducing people to each other. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

It is remarkable how much work you have carried out on recycling of electrical goods. You gave a figure 43 tons of mixed electrical waste goods. That's a great achievement. We note also the good work you do to removing items discarded in hedgerows. Hopefully, that type of waste disposal will peter out over the next while.

Maynooth is fortunate to have three charity shops. They might be regarded as part of the wider recycling network. We note with interest what you say about balloons and the local initiatives in reducing the release of balloons out into the environment. That's commendable.

Tidiness and Litter Control / Slachtmhaireacht agus Rialú Bruscair:

Following on from last year's adjudicator's report there seems to be a lot less clutter on Main Street from advertising boards. We only saw one premises which had two outside it. This change makes for a much neater appearance and less of a hazard for the elderly or incapacitated. We were disappointed to see litter discarded in the river at Mill Street. It was also a pity to see graffiti on the wall opposite The Harbour opposite the Glen Royal Hotel. We take on board what you say about how these graffiti can appear overnight no matter how diligent you are. We have seen how CCTV has been a deterrent in other centres. The general appearance of Maynooth on adjudication day was neat and tidy and litter free. Well done.

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

Moyglare Abbey has a generous proportion of open space which is marvellously well maintained. The tree-lined avenues are maturing nicely and a lovely asset to the estate. The gardens and common areas are maintained to a very high standard. Is breá na radharc iad anois.

Meadowbrook estate was nicely presented. It is unusual in that it had a stream running through it. The well-kept green open spaces are a lovely amenity for the community. Beaufield looked well as did the Straffan Way. Your engagement with the residents associations is definitely paying off. There is a social dividend for all to enjoy as a result of the residents' hard work.

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

As mentioned by last year's adjudicator the approach roads, road surfaces and markings were in good condition. Again there is a lot of construction of roadworks on entry from Kilcock and that poses a challenge to Maynooth Tidy Towns to maintain a good impression on entry to the town. We found the stone plaque on the Kilcock road required cleaning and the sign on Moyglare road was obscured by sprouting bushes.

There was the lot of advertising clutter before the Business Park access. The roses planted in front of the sign were blocking views on the Straffan Road. The roundabouts were nicely kept. Generally the access roads were litter-free which is a great achievement given the continuous traffic into Maynooth. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as ár dturas go Maigh Nuad agus is áit deas slachtmhar í. Good work.

Concluding Remarks:

Second Round Adjudication:

Maynooth as always is a pleasure to visit and adjudicate. The tree lined streets with historical buildings appearing over the trees at both ends, as one looked up and down the street is certainly unique. Carton House with its magical wildflower meadows was a joy to visit as the sun shone through the magnificent trees. At the other end, St Patrick's College looked pristine with its cared for grounds and an array of colourful planters at the entrance. The heritage remains of what was once Maynooth Castle was also admired. The well painted facades of the buildings along main street was admired. The businesses in some cases had colourful window boxes and hanging baskets brightening up the streetscape. The houses along the streets off main street were bright and colourful, a lovely area to ramble away from busy Main Street. Accommodation development in Maynooth is ongoing with the building at the College and new housing developments in progress. Landscaping in Maynooth is of a very high standard. Planting at roundabouts, Dublin Road and the planting at Glenroyal Hotel is superb.

The use of good ground planting was noted at different locations, along with areas of tree planting which is the way groups are encouraged to go. The new Sensory Garden is a delight, just magical. This type of garden is great therapy to help one gather their thoughts and just relax. Let's hope that it has many visitors. This is a project that should be celebrated and embraced with a walk organised from the community. All roads have good entrance signs with good landscaping. The entrance road from Kilcock has an old development sign just before the 50km sign that needs to be removed. The Car Park near the Fire Station needs to be enhanced as it looks untidy. The children's play area is a lovely amenity for the community to enjoy. There are also good walks throughout the town that can be enjoyed by everyone.

You are doing good work trying to reduce on waste in the town. This in ongoing and needs the wider community to do their bit to reduce and recycle where possible. The same applies to litter and keeping the town neat and free of litter. The committee are doing good work in this area as they are very visible out and about on the streets. The committee gives good encouragement to people to get involved, making the work more enjoyable by having that cuppa afterwards that is enjoyed by all present.

Well done on your work and you are wished continued success.

An Nuadha Players Panto Time! Yes – it is hard to believe but it is that time of the year again! After an exciting year

Yes – it is hard to believe but it is that time of the year again! After an exciting year celebrating our 20th anniversary we are now back in rehearsal for *Beauty and the Beast*, this year's panto offering.

Earlier in the year we presented a brand new musical, *Twisted*, from the pen of Martin Higgins to mark our 20th year in existence. It was a great success and reunited many former members of the group, who combined with the present membership to create an evening of magic and laughter.

In September we held a Sunset Boulevard Ball in the Glenroyal Hotel, an evening of glitz, glamour, fun and dance: lots of red carpet arrivals and flashing cameras – Hollywood eat your heart out.

Now we are back to learning a new script and new dance routines – those of us with two left feet are having to face a feat comparable to climbing Everest but, no doubt, we will get there and keep smiling in the process. Meadhbh Fitzgibbon Moore, as our choreographer, certainly keeps us on our toes and gives us a complete workout with each rehearsal. Catriona Higgins, as director, makes sure that we all know where exactly we are supposed to be and what we are supposed to be doing – and most of the time we do remember! Colin Sloane keeps all the music on track and loves coming up with challenging harmonies for us to learn. We won't feel November slipping by with rehearsals and before we know it we will be on stage again.

Beauty and the Beast opens on Thurs. 28th Nov. and runs until Sun. 1st Dec. Evening shows on Thurs. to Sat. start at 7.30 and matinees on Sat. and Sun. start at 2.30. The show will run in the Aula Maxima, St. Patrick's College and we are eternally grateful to the College for their continued support.

Tickets are available from Maynooth Bookshop and online at buytickets.at/annuadhaplayers.

We are also having a fundraising Table Quiz in Brady's (upstairs) on Fri. 8th Nov. at 8.30. If you enjoy brain teasers then do come along!

If you are new to the area and are interested in any area of theatre or stagecraft you can find us on Facebook or contact us at annuadhaplayers@gmail.com — we are always looking for new members.

See you at the Panto – please support your local talent!





Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Belfast Visit

As the packed Enterprise train from Dublin glides slowly towards Belfast's Central Station I recall the late November day that I, with a college pal, hitchhiked from University College Galway to this city. In the intervening fifty-one years I haven't been back once, no doubt subconsciously deterred by the image of dour, southern-hating Loyalists. What sort of reception will my wife and I receive now that power sharing has finally been achieved?

The station is modern, its long corridor reminiscent of an airport terminal. After making enquiries, a friendly attendant advises us to take a local train back to Botanic Station, near which there are a number of guesthouses. It is excellent advice and we are soon ringing the bell of a corner B&B on Botanic Avenue. The Lebanese student who greets us is informative and welcoming. She regrets that there is no ensuite empty but we can have a room for three at a little extra cost, payment in advance. The room is somewhat cramped but as we are now within walking distance of the city centre we decide to accept. It turns out to be a wise choice.

After a cup of tea in the lounge, we walk up to Great Victoria Street, surprised to see a mountain ridge above houses to the west. On one gable a mural in large print proclaims that the district beyond is Loyalist territory but apart from this there are no obvious tribal markers. Most people we pass look open and relaxed and one man we speak to informs us that the mountain is called Black Mountain. The street, while busy, is not as crowded as a Dublin street would be on an August afternoon and there are almost no non-Europeans to be seen.

We pass the much bombed but now unblemished Europa Hotel and the ornate Grand Opera House before eventually turning right into Wellington Place and walking to Donegall Square. This square is dominated by the City Hall, an impressive building that with its surrounding lawn gives the city centre a sense of space and grandeur. People are strolling about inside the railing, two lovers are reclining on the grass and tourists are resting on benches.

We make enquiries about a good place to eat and are directed to the Basement Restaurant on the east side of the square. After a tasty meal of lamb chops with mash and red berry sauce, accompanied by a glass of Shiraz, all for the reasonable price of £14 each, we walk east to the recently developed Waterfront area, a lovely addition to the cityscape. Here the Hilton Hotel and Waterfront Hall facing the broad Lagan capture our attention but what strikes me especially is a gleaming metal-tube statue of a girl holding a hoop in her upstretched hands. Does she symbolise the new spirit of freedom pervading this city? Further up there is another imaginative work of art, a beautiful large fish covered with ceramic tiles showing well-known local images. Despite the attractiveness of this whole area, however, it is, except for five or six boys with skateboards, almost deserted, perhaps because the Waterfront Hall is closed for renovation.

We retrace our steps down Great Victoria Street, passing The Spires, an ornate former Presbyterian church turned into a shopping mall, and the popular Crown Liquor Saloon, where good-humoured couples are standing on the pavement with glasses of beer – hardly the image of a kill-joy city! Back in our B&B we have an interesting discussion with the Lebanese girl about the unequal position of women in Muslim countries and she points out that despite having a female monarch here, some professions such as pharmacy - for which she is doing a postgraduate course at Queens University – do not have equal pay for men and women: "Why doesn't the Queen do something about that?"

After a cup of tea we watch BBC2 in our room before taking an early night's rest. As I pull the duvet over me I recall how half a century previously my friend and I, notwithstanding our conspicuous display of UCG scarves, would still have been hitch hiking at this hour, it being 10pm by the time we managed to reach Belfast. On that occasion we stayed at the Union Hotel and the following day, a Saturday, joined spectators in Casement Park for the intervarsity Sigerson competition. Queens put on a grand display of Gaelic football but, to the best of my recollection, UCD won the cup by defeating UCC.

Back in the 21st Century my initial impressions of Belfast are confirmed next morning when we take a sightseeing bus tour. Our young female guide has a wicked sense of humour that spares neither Loyalist nor Nationalist. We are taken past the great landmarks such as Harland and Wolff with its two giant cranes, the popularly renamed George Best Airport and Stormont with its magnificent mile-long approach, then past the first 'peace wall', a reminder that, despite power-sharing, old rivalries still fester. This fact is reinforced later when we drive down the Shankill with its angry murals and remains of a massive 12th of July bonfire, though two small boys we pass call out a friendly greeting.

Maybe it's my Southern bias, but the Falls Road seems less paranoiac: there is a reverential mural of Bobby Sands – which counterpoises one of the Queen Mother in the Shankill – and various signs written in Gaelic, including Cultúrlann McAdam Ó Fiaich. Our guide informs us that each night the gate in the peace wall separating the Shankill and Falls is locked and does not reopen till 5a.m. She then tells a joke about the Mater Hospital, which the Loyalists pronounce 'Mayter' and the Nationalists 'Máter': "If you went to the hospital with a gash in your head, it wouldn't mayter or máter so long as you got it fixed!" Further on we pass a grammar school that President Mary McAleese attended as a teenager while I endeavour to snap another photo before we head east towards Queen's Quarter.

The tour is over, we take a No1 bus to Belfast Castle on the slopes of Cave Hill. Public

access to this wonderful amenity is free and there are various walks, one leading up to MacArt's Fort on the summit, where in 1791 Theobald Wolfe Tone, Samuel Neilson and other Protestant radicals formed the United Irishmen. Lack of time precludes a visit to the summit so we content ourselves with enjoying the bird's eye view of the city and, after lunch in the bistro, taking in the various exhibits. While waiting for the bus back to the city centre we photograph Cave Hill, its outline resembling a man's head – Could it be the profile of one of our Mesolithic ancestors or, if you prefer legend, of Finn Mac Cumhail, who built the Giant's Causeway?

Back in Botanic Avenue this evening we are able to transfer to an ensuite that costs less than our first room. The landlady, a warm, gregarious Armagh woman, confides that she only explains the facts of cultural divisions to her children, avoiding all emotional bias. In this part of Belfast there is none of the intertribal feuding that persists in some of the outlying estates, a view that our observations so far confirm.

Next morning we walk to Queens University, where, in the visitor's centre, Seamus Heaney's picture is prominently displayed. An attendant allows us to view the Great Hall, though its tables are laid for a wedding dinner, and a cabbie reverses unasked so that I can photograph the facade. In the Botanic Gardens we encounter the same spontaneous courtesy, men and women smiling an acknowledgment as they pass. This pattern is repeated throughout the day, whether it is the greeter in St. Anne's Church of Ireland cathedral entering into a long discussion that ranges from Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code to his dislike of the cathedral's new metal spire or the young deacon in St. Patrick's R.C. church who helps us find information about Sir John Lavery's beautiful painting of "The Madonna of the Lakes" on display in the side aisle.

Of course there are less pleasant images – the small group of winos sitting in an alleyway, the fortified police barracks with its massive gates opening onto a blast wall, the Orange Hall encased in wire-mesh on the northern fringe of the Shankill – but these are few and far between. What is more obvious is the quiet confidence of this city, a confidence that for me is epitomised by that new gleaming spire on St. Anne's or even, perhaps, the motor cyclist zooming up Great Victoria Street with his front wheel in the air!

In the city centre we visit another famous landmark, the Albert Memorial Clock, the Northern equivalent of Nelson's Pillar. Despite efforts to strengthen the foundation the pillar now leans 1.25 metres off vertical, causing it to be nicknamed "Belfast's Leaning Tower". City Hall's interior affords, among other delights, a spectacular view of the great dome and a number of stain glass windows, one commemorating the Great Famine and a more recent one Jim Larkin and the Irish labour movement. Obviously the city authorities are making an effort to emphasise traditions common to both communities.

Over roast beef dinner in The Spires I tell my wife about a wild night in the Union Hotel following the Sigerson Cup when drink-fuelled renditions of rebel songs such as "Kevin Barry" led to the RUC being called. It was on that occasion also that a student climbed a hotel flagpole to remove a Union Jack that was later burned in Dublin's O'Connell Street. Thankfully things have moved on since those fractious times with former adversaries such as Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness working amicably together in Stormont. Today's Belfast is a rapidly changing city, open and friendly, a vibrant young girl dancing with a hoop. We shall certainly return.

P.G. Nerney

Goldfinch Nest

It's just a compact, blackish lump cradled in a forking branch of our cherry-blossom tree stripped by heedless winds and rain, its bright-winged ménage flown.

I see in it my natal home left derelict and barren, the college where I came of age among lighthearted classmates shabby now, deserted.

It could even be the semi-detach
in which we raised our bright-eyed brood
or this nurturing planet earth
threatened by overexploitation,
its former grandeur lost.

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Traffic Chaos in Maynooth

During the last weeks of September the growing traffic problems in Maynooth tipped into to critical levels. Some residents experienced one-hour delays to travel less than 2 miles across town. Drivers became frustrated leading to potentially dangerous situations. Our pedestrians and cyclists felt very unsafe in this hostile and unfriendly environment

The factors that led to this were partly due to a normal September/October surge as schools, college students and work commuters are all back to their normal patterns. However, a number of other factors contributed to make a bad situation worse and gave us the worst traffic the town has ever experienced. Roadworks and construction, faults in traffic light control systems, along with poor planning and traffic management in the Moyglare roadworks created a worst ever situation.

"Residents who have lived in Maynooth for up to 50 years reported having never seen worse conditions, even before the town was bypassed by the motorway."

Give us our town back

Maynooth Community Council called a public meeting on Monday October 4th attended by about three to four hundred people. Fergal Barton from Barton's bus company described two new records with buses taking one hour ten minutes to get across town, and 50 minutes just to get out of the gate of the Post Primary School on the Moyglare road. Angela Treacy from Treacy buses and the Community Council said they are losing valuable business as people cannot count on the buses to get children to school on time.

Contributors said that our growing traffic levels are "preventing people living their lives". A 25-year Maynooth resident said "we are losing our town". Parents are being forced to put kids back into cars for the school run because in is too unsafe to walk.

Designated Growth Hub

Maynooth and Kilcock are designated growth hubs for the greater Dublin area. The population of Maynooth is heading for 16,000 with a further 13,700 students enrolled in Maynooth university. The population of Kilcock is heading for 7,000 and there are new housing developments in progress or planned for both towns.

"We are in a housing crisis; people need affordable places to live and we are one of the most important computer belt areas supporting the greater Dublin metropolitan area"

This development plans will see Maynooth and Kilcock together grow to a total population of over 30,000 within the next 5 years, as the two towns merge to become a single urban area. We are supporting the economy of the wider Dublin metropolitan area and playing a significant part supporting the strong national economy we have benefited from over the past decades. We are also in the middle of a housing crisis and we do need to show compassion towards people who cannot find affordable housing or get onto the first rung of the housing ladder. Our strong national economy has benefited most of us with employment and prospects for us and our children, close to the highest levels of wealth in Europe though many in our society do not experience this. However, it is now essential that we plan and mange this growth of our towns very carefully over the next few years. There are important balances to be found between our economy, environment and climate considerations, quality of life, and also the type of education, health, affordable housing and other services a strong economy should be able to provide to more of us.

Developer first planning

A policy of market-driven developer first planning has created many of our problems including 35 years of plans for a ring road that is not completed yet. We finally have clear plans to complete most of the ring road. The planning for the Maynooth Eastern bypass route is progressing in record time, partially due to the housing and traffic challenges and needs of a growth hub. The northern bypass route is in advanced stages of planning and the connection from the Celbridge Road to the Meadowbrook junction is being completed by the developer.



Last April this 67 bus waited for 4 light changes at the Celbridge road junction with two other buses in the line of traffic behind it.

A second motorway interchange is in early stages of planning as well as plans for a third lane on the motorway. This could turn out to be a very mixed blessing by simply attracting more car traffic locally and from further out. This has been proven in other countries where roads are prioritised over efficient public and other forms of transport. We could simply be digging a deeper and deeper hole in terms of our quality of life and what we need to face up to in order to address the climate emergency. We cannot keep building while ignoring this.

"2-3 Tough Years"

We now have the prospect of 2-3 very tough years in Maynooth completing the school

campus on the Moyglare road, completing the Moyglare road improvements and the bypass routes, planning the long overdue improvements to the Celbridge road, and the housing construction in progress through our towns. Where are the plans for quality bus routes, cycling infrastructure and rail electrification and improvement in all this?

Short-term improvements

The Directors in Kildare County Council and the engineering team have started to pay very close attention, listening to the councillors and the output from our public meeting. Immediately they have put in place closer roadwork and construction monitoring. Mistakes were made by leaving only a single lane open on Moyglare road in peak times. The Parsons Street water mains work has been deferred and the council

have asked Irish Water for a very clear justification, public consultation and a plan to complete the works at a quiet time of the year. With the amount of growth and other work in our town these short-term measures will only prevent the worst problems.

The traffic lights on the Straffan road have several problems. The smart timing system at the Meadowbrook junction failed over a 3-day period which caused some of the worst gridlock. The traffic lights at LIDL is to be replaced with smarter lights synchronised with the rest of the lights. This is the responsibility of the developer as well as the



Tailback at the Meadowbrook junction earlier this year

connecting ring-road as part of the 'developer led' approach. KCC cannot control the timing of this but promised me they are speaking to the developer to get this work done as early as possible. Meanwhile there are quite serious safety risks caused by the visibility of lights at this junction which have caused some serious accidents and near misses. The Garda superintendent has already addressed this with the council and they are working on short- and medium-term solutions to make the light more visible.

There is a different way - Active Travel and Liveable Cities

There is a different way — we can get out of this downward spiral with a different kind of planning to reclaim our town and quality of life. It will take courage and good planning to create a different kind of community. Most of all it takes looking forward instead of backwards looking at very positive models that are working very effectively in Denmark, the Netherlands and Germany. We don't have a 'magic wand' for this so it will take a multi-year and very strategic approach to development planning.

- Planning for much more pedestrian and cycle friendly routes and lifestyles.
- Support for ring roads and services for cars on the ring including parking and good connections.
- Lifestyles less dependent on commuting discovering different ways of working and different economic models – with work hubs for small local business and schools right in the community.
- Significantly better rail and bus links with line electrification and double tracks to Kilcock and Enfield for much greater capacity and quality of service.
- In the medium term plans for more express buses linking major commuter centres similar to those in Swords and Fingal.
- Public transport planning that supports much faster carbon reduction for each journey than can happen with private cars through the electrification of our trains and buses.

As a daily commuter to Dublin I know our rail line at near full capacity and can be a very bad experience at peak times. Electrification will increase this with much faster times between stops. An electrified double line to Kilcock and Enfield will bring thousands more commuters and students to work faster with significantly less environmental impact and cut into the continuously lengthening tailback on the M4 every morning.

"Reclaim our town centre by making it less necessary or attractive to bring cars and delivery vehicles into town"

Well-designed ring-roads help us reclaim our town by making it less necessary or attractive to bring cars and delivery vehicles into town. This is why I supported the ring road development in my election campaign despite some criticism from environmental groups. I have supported this consistently in the Council chamber since the election for the same reason helping the rapid progress of the Easter bypass plan

All of these things will help towards the 'modal shift' that will be necessary as we 'wake-up' and start to work more urgently towards the climate and carbon emission targets being set for 2030 and 2050. I appeal to everybody in the town to look beyond the logjam of our car culture and the result of decades of sprawling developer first planning. We need to be courageous in starting to make changes for many

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Peter Hamilton Green Party Councillor Cont/...

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And now for something completely different €1m for Royal Canal Greenway

New funding was announced on October 10th to complete the Royal Canal Greenway from Maynooth in County Kildare via Mullingar to Cloondara in County Longford. When completed hopefully by spring or early summer 2020 the Royal Canal Greenway will be the longest in Ireland at 130km. Minister Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD together with Waterways Ireland and representatives of Westmeath, Kildare and Longford county councils announced a funding €1m for Phase 2 of the Royal Canal Greenway, provided from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Budget 2020 allocation for greenways.



Photo: Minister Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD with Sharon Lavin, Waterways Ireland; Pat Keating, Westmeath County Council; Cllr Peter Hamilton, Kildare County Council; and Barbara Heslin, Longford County Council. Photo courtesy Westmeath Examiner

The Green New Deal – moving from the 'gig and dig economy'

Our local hero from Maynooth Lorna Gold chaired a stimulating talk by world-renowned climate action champion and author Naomi Klein. A crowd of almost 1,500 people came to the National Stadium on Friday Oct 18th. Naomi Klein showed us clearly that government and industry had clear knowledge of climate



Lorna Gold and Naomi Klein at the National Stadium 18th October. Photo courtesy Naomi Klein

warming risk going back to 1980, how the carbon industry lobbied and funded agencies spreading misinformation while at the same time taking measures to protect themselves from the impacts.

Her new book 'On Fire' shows how a new approach to economic and social thinking with creative financing similar to wartime bonds and the post-war 'New Deal' can help us move to the new sustainable and equitable economic model.

Maynooth was well represented at the event by our Zero Waste Team, MU Climate Action Group, Maynooth Cycling, the Maynooth and Clane SEC Groups and of course the Green Party.

Our Green Party Team in North Kildare

Peter Hamilton: Green Party Councillor for the Kilcock-Maynooth LEA

Vanessa Liston: Green Party Councillor for the Celbridge LEA

Vincent P Martin: Green Party General Election Candidate and Green Party Councillor for Naas LEA





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Maynooth University Town Football Club Leinster Senior League Results & League Tables



Congratulations go to our top class winger Cillian Duffy on his call up to the Republic of Ireland Junior International team. Just reward for his consistency over the past few seasons. A great honour for himself and the team.

Our season continues to move along at a fast pace with some excellent results of late

L.S.L. Senior Division Town 3 Ballymun Utd 1

Town produced an excellent performance to outclass a Ballymun side who were intent on smothering the game with a packed midfield. Town soon unlocked the combination and Daniel Burke opened the scoring with a close range effort. Cillian Duffy increased the lead when smashing home from the edge of the area. Ballymun reduced the lead midway through the second half. Town upped their game once more and Cillian Duffy closed the scoring to secure an excellent win for Town.

L.S.L. Senior Division Town 2 Newbridge Town 0

Town grabbed the bragging right in this first Kildare derby in many years. The experience of Newbridge helped them settle early but Town soon got to grips with the game and matched the visitors in every aspect of the game. Goals by Cillian Duffy and Conor Foley ensured the points in an impressive performance.

L.S.L. Senior Division Town 3 Edenderry Town 0

Town proved the masters in this grudge match against old foes Edenderry Town. Cillian Duffy proved to be the star of the show when setting up Jackson Ryan for an early opening goal. Duffy then smashed a free kick off the upright. The torment of Edenderry continued with Duffy scoring twice more in the second half

to cap an excellent personal and team performance.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup 2nd Round Town 1 - Bluebell Utd 0

This was a game where strength in our panel paid handsome dividends in a workmanlike performance. Five times winners Bluebell Utd fancied their chances going into this game. Town tore up their script and put up a superb performance to grind out a hard fought win.

An evenly matched ninety minutes failed to produce a goal with both defences in top form.

Extra time seemed to be going the same way as the previous ninety minutes until the tenth minute when Conor Foley found room for himself twenty yards out and placed his shot wide of the Bluebell keeper much to the delight of the home fans. With tiring legs beginning to tell the introductions from the bench added extra impetus and Town held out for an excellent win.

L.S.L. Major Div Saturday - Town 1 U.C.D. 1

A Darragh Deegan goal helped Town to share the points in this hard fought game.

L.S.L. Major Div Saturday - Town 5 Colepark Utd 2

Town were excellent value for this win with a top class win over Colepark Utd. A Dean Barrett hat-trick and a couple from Dan Reynolds were the highlights.

L.S.L. Div 3 Sunday - Edenderry Town 1 Town 1

A youthful Town side were unlucky not to take all three points against an experienced Edenderry side. A Ross Banahan goal helped Town share the points.

Leinster Senior League Senior Division Sunday											
# Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts			
1. St. Mochtas FC	7	5	2	0	14	7	7	17			
2. Liffey Wanderers	7	4	2	1	16	7	9	14			
3. Bangor GG FC	5	4	1	0	15	4	11	13			
4. Maynooth University Town FC	8	4	1	3	11	9	2	13			
5. Newbridge Town FC	10	3	3	4	18	25	-7	12			
6. Malahide United	7	3	2	2	11	8	3	11			
7. Edenderry Town	7	3	2	2	10	9	1	11			
8. Bluebell United	6	2	4	0	15	12	3	10			
9. Crumlin United FC	5	3	0	2	11	7	4	9			
10. Killester Donnycarney FC	5	2	1	2	8	6	2	7			
11. Cherry Orchard	5	1	1	3	9	15	-6	4			
12. Portmarnock AFC	6	1	0	5	11	19	-8	3			
13. Wayside Celtic	6	0	1	5	4	12	-8	1			
14. Ballymun United	6	0	0	6	6	19	-13	0			

	Leinster Senior League Major Saturday										
#	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
1.	Bluebell United	7	7	0	0	27	7	20	21		
2.	Crumlin United FC	6	4	2	0	13	4	9	14		
3.	UCD AFC	6	4	1	1	15	3	12	13		
4.	Maynooth University Town FC	5	3	2	0	13	4	9	11		
5.	Booth Road Celtic	5	3	0	2	11	11	0	9		
6.	Cherry Orchard	6	2	2	2	12	8	4	8		
7.	Bangor GG FC	7	2	2	3	13	18	-5	8		
8.	Swords Celtic FC	7	2	0	5	6	19	-13	6		
9.	Ballymun United	4	1	0	3	6	8	-2	3		
10.	Liffey Wanderers	3	1	0	2	3	9	-6	3		
11.	St. Patrick's CYFC	6	0	1	5	8	16	-8	1		
12.	Colepark United	6	0	0	6	6	26	-20	0		

	Senior Division Sunday Results										
Date	Home	Result	Away								
11/10/19	Maynooth University Town FC	3:0	Edenderry Town								
04/10/19	Maynooth University Town FC	2:0	Newbridge Town FC								
22/09/19	Wayside Celtic	1:2	Maynooth University Town FC								
18/09/19	Maynooth University Town FC	3:1	Ballymun United								
06/09/19	Maynooth University Town FC	1:2	St. Mochtas FC								
01/09/19	Bluebell United	2:0	Maynooth University Town FC								
23/08/19	Maynooth University Town FC	0:0	Killester Donnycarney FC								
16/08/19	Malahide United	3:0	Maynooth University Town FC								

Major Saturday Results										
Date	Home	Result	Away							
19/10/19	Maynooth University Town FC	1:1	UCD AFC							
12/10/19	Maynooth University Town FC	5:2	Colepark United							
21/09/19	Liffey Wanderers	0:3	Maynooth University Town FC							
07/09/19	Bangor GG FC	1:1	Maynooth University Town FC							
31/08/19	Maynooth University Town FC	3:0	Swords Celtic FC							

Leinster Senior I	League	Divi	ision	3 Sui	nday			
# Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Maynooth University Town FC	8	6	1	1	31	15	16	19
2. Confey FC	7	5	1	1	26	10	16	16
3. Verona FC	9	4	3	2	32	17	15	15
4. Loughshinny United	6	4	1	1	24	7	17	13
5. Ayrfield United	6	4	0	2	23	13	10	12
6. Edenderry Town	7	3	3	1	12	11	1	12
7. Woodfarm Football Club	10	3	2	5	11	17	-6	11
8. Dingle United	8	3	1	4	21	17	4	10
9. Esker Celtic FC	9	3	1	5	20	30	-10	10
10. Tymon Bawn AFC	8	3	0	5	17	41	-24	9
11. Wayside Celtic	6	2	1	3	8	13	-5	7
12. River Valley Rangers AFC	5	1	0	4	11	18	-7	3
13. Shankill FC	5	1	0	4	13	30	-17	3
14. Spartak Dynamo FC	4	0	0	4	2	12	-10	0

Division 3 Sunday Results									
Date	Home Result Away								
20/10/19	Maynooth University Town FC	5:4	Shankill FC						
13/10/19	Edenderry Town	1:1	Maynooth University Town FC						
06/10/19	Maynooth University Town FC	2:4	Esker Celtic FC						
22/09/19	River Valley Rangers AFC	1:5	Maynooth University Town FC						
15/09/19	Maynooth University Town FC	4:0	Edenderry Town						
08/09/19	Woodfarm Football Club	2:3	Maynooth University Town FC						
27/08/19	Maynooth University Town FC	8:1	Tymon Bawn AFC						
25/08/19	Ayrfield United	2:3	Maynooth University Town FC						

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I.C.A.

Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm. New members welcome

University of Third Age (U3A)

We meet on Fridays between 11am & 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC

Activities vary to include social, cultural & educational interests of group & new members.

New members welcome Drop in for a cuppa & chat if interested

Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

Maynooth Senior Citizens

Our morning club continues on Tuesday and Thursday and new members are always welcome. Perhaps you are new to the parish or new to the age bracket, why not come along you might enjoy it. You will find us in the Geraldine Hall on Leinster St.

Contact Josephine on 087 9002296

Maynooth Multiple Births

Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 & 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.

For further details email: maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Maynooth Local History Group Meets Last Thursday of each Month in The Glenroyal Hotel

> New Members Welcome Contact: MCEP Office for more details (Unit 5 Tesco's S.C.)

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group meet on every Thursday during term time.

Drop in, €5 per family - refreshments and kids entertainment.

Maynooth Community Space 09:30 till 11:30am

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

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 01-6286288 or Lena at 01-6285128.

Zero Waste Maynooth

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Maynooth Community Space: 2-4pm Everyone welcome to pop in for a wander around a cuppa & chat.

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Bridge Club

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

Arthritis Ireland

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

Maynooth Men's Sheds

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

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The content of the Monthly Planner Diary is published in good faith. All details should be checked with groups in advance

Clues Across

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- 1. Utensil (5)
- 3. Path (5)
- 7. Disregarded (7)
- 9. Send out (5)
- 10. Military command (5)
- 11. Mythical beast (7)
- 12. Taste (6)
- 14. Movie house (6)
- 18. Bet (7)

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- 20. Deduce (5)
- 22. Unsuitable (5)
- 23. Roamed (7)
- 24. Finished (5)
- 25. Small boat (5)



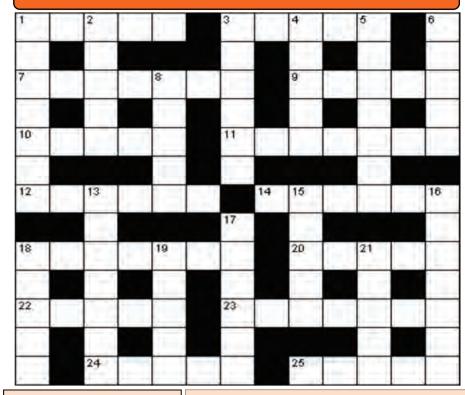
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- 2. Possessed (5)
- 3. Boredom (6)
- 4. Legal excuse (5)
- 5. Svelte (7)
- 6. Beer mug (5)
- 8. Relating to country life (5)
- 13. Tycoon (7)
- 15. Dialect (5)
- 16. Condense (7)
- 17. Worshipped (6)
- 18. Forgo (5)
- 19. Graded (5)
- 21. Criminal (5)



Winner of Crossword No. 484

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> **Congratulations to Last Month's Winner:**

> > Eileen D'Arcy Castlepark Drive Maynooth

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What Happens in November?

Hibernation occurs when an animal becomes inactive, or "sleeps," during the short, cold days of winter. Hibernating and dormant mammals include bears, squirrels, groundhogs, raccoons, skunks, opossums, dormice, and bats.



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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers Cont/....

Gem on the River Neisse

Last year I had the pleasure of visiting Gorlitz which is the most easterly city of Germany. This City is located on the river Neisse about 110 km east of Dresden. Following the Second World War, all the German territory east of the Oder-Neisse rivers was ceded to Poland in accordance with the Potsdamm conference of 1945. The new border between Germany and Poland divided a number of German cities in two, Frankfurt / Oder and Gorlitz to name but two.

The eastern part of Gorlitz was now renamed Zgorzelec, all the streets were renamed in Polish and the German population were expelled by the Polish authorities. The main part of the city lay on the western (German) side of the river and today has a population of 58,000, where as the eastern side (Polish) has 32,000 inhabitants.

Gorlitz is an architectural gem and is sometimes referred to as Dresden's little sister. With a heritage stretching from the 11th to the 20th century and with over 4,000 monuments and buildings spanning a wide range of architecture from late Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, to the Industrial age (Grunderzeit) and Art Nouveau (Jugend stil), I would describe it as an out door art gallery.

Fortunately Gorlitz suffered no damage during the war, the German army held the city before evacuating on May 8th 1945, the day the war ended. Before that they blew up the two Bridges in the City to slow up the Russian advance.

Since 1995 an anonymous donor has contributed a half million Euro per year towards the restoration of the beautiful facades that are so numerous in this City. The East German government were in no position financially to do much during their existence to look after these buildings and many of them became dilapidated.

Gorlitz is a very walk-able city since the vast majority of the most noteworthy sites are within a two kilometre radius of the City Centre (Alt Stadt) which is comprised of the Upper Market (Ober Markt) and lower market (Unter Markt). These two areas of cobbled stone streets and squares are full of nice restaurants, pubs, shops, churches, museums including the City Hall. It would be difficult to single out any particular sight that that would take preference such is the array of interesting sights to see here. If I were pushed I would say visit St Peter and Paul the land mark Gothic Church on the river bank in the lower market, The Schlesischen (Silesian Museum) which houses priceless documents and artefacts going back over one thousand years.

The Heilige Grab (Holy Sepulchre) which is a copy of the one in Jerusalem AND was instigated by the Mayor of Goerlitz Georg Emmerich in gratitude for his safe return following his pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 1465.

Because of its beautiful buildings Gorlitz has become a very popular place for the film industry with such blockbusters as "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and "Inglorious Basterds" among the many films that have been shot here over the years, so much so that the city has been tagged as "Gorliwood". The scenes for The Grand Budapest Hotel were filmed in the Strassburger Passage which is an Art Nouveau shopping mall, this is situated about a ten minute walk from the train station.

Gorlitz prospered in the middle ages due to its location on the "via Regia" (Royal Road) which was a trade route that ran from the Rhine in the west to Krakow in the east. It became an important centre for the linen and brewing industry.

The main bridge over the river to Zgorzelec which carries road rail and pedestrian traffic was restored following the treaty of Gorlitz between Poland and East Germany (DDR) in 1950. This bridge was named the Bridge of Peace, despite its name, it was a very tightly controlled bridge even though Poland and East Germany were supposed to be fraternal socialist allies, both being members of the Warsaw Pact. In 2004 a pedestrian bridge was opened which connects the lower market in the old town with the Polish side. Walking across this bridge today is just like walking across O'Connell Bridge in Dublin. What is immediately noticeable when you cross to the Polish side is obviously all the signs are in Polish with street names like Wroclawska and Lubanska etc. The only exception were the signs for cheap beer and cigarettes which were in German.

On one of my ventures into the Polish side (Zgorzelec), I noticed a few well appointed Polish restaurants along the river side displaying menus in Polish and German which were considerably cheaper than back in Gorlitz. Further along this street I noticed a plaque on

the wall which stated that this was the house of Jakob Boehme. He was a Luthern theologian and mystic who was born in 1575. Boehme came from a modest background and served his apprenticeship as a shoe maker before he became engaged in philosophy and theology. This house which has been tastefully restored, is today a museum with all the tools of the trade that Boehme would have used as a shoe maker on display.

Further along the river I noticed a stone monument with Greek and Polish inscriptions which was situated in a narrow linear park between the street and the river walk. As I do not understand Greek or Polish with only the dates being clear to me, I saw a Polish couple approaching and I asked them if they spoke English or German, they replied that they spoke English. They read out the inscription in English for me - it was to commemorate the arrival of Greek communists who following, their defeat in the Greek civil war 1946-48 were given refuge in Zgorzelec by the Polish government. The young lady told me that her grandmother remembered them coming. They had their own schools and an orthodox church. Most of them returned to Greece some years later. Today that Greek presence is celebrated with a Greek festival every year. Having complimented the young man on the excellence of his English, he told me that he had worked in Ireland for three years.

There is not a lot to see in Zgorzelec as it is an industrial city with Stalinist type blocks of apartments which were necessary to house people in a hurry following the second world war. There are some tastefully restored or new builds which have preserved the character of the streets especially near the river. The stand out building in Zgorzelec would be the Dom Kulturyi which is a neo- Baroque building erected in 1904. This serves as an exhibition centre for various civic and cultural events.

Gorlitz has been described by many people including Nobel prize winners and prominent cultural figures as the most beautiful city in Germany and was also declared a world heritage site, yet I have met many Germans who have never been there. There is great cooperation between the two cities. Gorlitz/Zgorzelec market themselves for tourism and culture as one City (Europa-Stadt) and there is a festival of culture every year in August which takes place on both sides of the river. It entered the competition for European capital of culture a few years ago and received runner up status.

Besides the pedestrian bridge, there is a bus and train which links the two cities together. Gorlitz / Zgorzelec is a great example of what being members of the EU is all about even though Poland still has the Zloty as their currency.

Gorlitz itself has three Tram lines which all pass through Demiani Platz in the City Centre. These lines, about 15 kilometres long run to the suburbs in the northern suburb which is very industrial, one can see the legacy from the DDR (East Germany) as there are huge apartment Blocks (Plattenbau) which were built for the workers. I also came across another relic from the past which was in a street where the buildings appeared to have been renovated except for this faded old building with a sign over its entrance which read VEB, this would have been a peoples cooperative state run factory of some sort during the Socialist DDR era.

Gorlitz has a wonderful city park which would be about half the size of the Phoenix Park and contains a wide selection of trees, a rose garden, several monuments and walkways. This is within a ten minute walk from the Alt Stadt and is located along the river. To the North of the City there is an artificial lake which was formerly a disused ignite mine but it has now been transformed into a wonderful amenity for water sports, cycling and jogging paths. For those interested in football, Michael Ballack who was the German Captain around 2000-2003 also played in England with Chelsea.

Gorlitz location on the 15th Meridian makes it the Centre of Europe for time, CET. There is a monument to mark this at the Bridge of Peace.

While there is no Airport in Gorlitz, it is 90km from Dresden, it can also be reached from Berlin by train in ca 3 hours 50 mins via Dresden. Another option would be to fly from Dublin to Wroclaw (Breslau) in Poland and take the Bus from there to Zgorzelec which works out cheaper except that the journey time varies depending on which bus you take. The train is another option but make sure you book to Zgorzelec and not Gorlitz otherwise you will be charged international fare.

Paul Connolly

Clann an tSolais

Agus de bhrí go dtuigeann sibh an uair atá ann, is mithid daoibh dúiseacht as bhur gcoladh, mar is gaire dúinn ár slánú anois ná nuair a ghlacamar leis an gcreideamh. Tá sé i bhad amach san oíche agus ní fada uainn an lá. Caithimis oibreacha an dorchadais uainn, mar sin, agus cuirimis orainn cathéide an tsolais. Mairimis go béasach mar dhaoine atá faoi sholas an lae, gan ragairne gan meisce, gan striapachas gan drúis, gan achrann gan éad. Agus cuirigí oraibh and Tiarna Íosa Críost mar éide agus ná bígí ag déanamh cúraim den cholainn d'fhonn a hainmhianta a shásamh. (*Rómh. 13.*)

Cad is brí le "cuirigí oraibh an Tiarna Íosa Críost mar éide"? Aithris a dhéanamh ar Íosa, ar ndóigh. Agus conas? Trí shiúil mar a shiúil seisean : i gcónaí i láthair Dé, san airdeall ar na hothair agus ar na bochtáin. Agus má déantar sin leanann gach rud eile, maith, go réidh slachtmhar.

Aguisín: Críostaithe! Cad chuige nach gcreideann ach a mionlach? Fiú amháin i measc na cléire? "... nuair a thiochfaidh Mac an Duine, an bhfaighidh sé creideamh ar an talamh?" (*Lúcás*, 18).

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ow flower colour for next spring and summer. Flowers can be simply sprinkled onto your garden soil, raked in and will germinate during the winter and spring periods to reward you with a super show of flower colour next spring and summer. Easy flowers are perfect for children to sow their own flowers.

The Bare Root Season has started – It's time to plant Laurel and beech hedging plants as bare rooted plants now for a strong well rooted hedge for next spring. Laurel and beech can be planted two plants per meter for a solid dense hedge.

Take cuttings from your favourite plants. Use rooting powder on the base of the cutting stem to ensure strong roots for next spring. Hydrangeas, fuchsia, dogwoods, Spiraea, and all common garden plants can be propagated now from cuttings.



Winter flowering shrubs including Mahonia Charity, Viburnum eve price, Christmas roses, sweet box and Witch hazel can be planted this month for some welcome colour during the winter and spring months.

Blue bells, Snowdrops and Crocus Orange bulbs need to be planted in the next two weeks to ensure good rooting and a good show of colour in January and February.

November is also fruit planting time in the garden, Dwarf Apples, pear, plum and cherries can be planted this month. Remember to add organic compost when planting and to stake all newly planted trees to ensure strong rooting during the winter. Rhubarb and strawberries can be planted this month, remember to add plenty of organic farm compost to the planting hole and enrich the soil with fertiliser when planting.

It's time to clean out your poly tunnel and greenhouse of old tomato, pepper and cucumber plants. Remove and store all fruit and simply remove to the compost heap, any of the summer fruiting glasshouse crops. Wash the glass or polythene with easy clean treatment it cleans old moss, algae, pests and diseases from your greenhouse or tunnel. Manure seed can be sown during November on bare patches of soil in your veg and fruit garden. The green manure seed will germinate during the winter months producing a green carpet of organic fertiliser that you



simply dig in next spring before planting your summer vegetables. A packed of manure seed will cover approx. 50 sq. meters on bare soil. Green manure also helps to prevent weeds from growing.

Autumn is often treated as a time to hack everything back for a big tidy up before winter really sets in. However it's actually not a good time to prune many trees and shrubs — you are better to do this late in winter, or in early spring. Cherries, if pruned, are very vulnerable to silver leaf disease. And evergreens are usually tackled in early spring, or after flowering.

Saying this, there are some plants that should be pruned in the autumn – these include beech, hawthorn and hazel trees. As well as climbing and shrub roses. Vigorous growers like buddleja, dogwoods and lavatera can be reduced by half to lessen problems of wind rock over the winter. The most important part of autumn pruning is removing dead, diseased, or misplaced branches. Always aim to make a clean cut, either back to a bud on living wood, or back to the stem it's growing from. After pruning, scatter a few handfuls of bonemeal around the root area of shrubs to stimulate root growth over winter, and mulch with garden compost.

As long as the ground is not frozen or waterlogged, keep planting out pot-grown hardy climbers, shrubs and trees – and, you must remember to water them through the winter. It's also a good time to plant bare root specimens which are usually cheaper to buy. It's your last chance to plant some tulip bulbs! By planting them this late in the year you'll have a much better chance of preventing the bulbs being infected with the fungal disease, tulip fire. Just don't leave it too late – if you can get them planted right at the start of the month. They'll be best to plant in a lightly shaded spot that gets more sun as spring progresses.

Encourage hungry birds into your garden by investing in _bird feeders. Our feathered friends will keep pest numbers down and bring joy on a bleak winter's day.





Insulate your outdoor containers from frosts, using hessian or bubble wrap held in place with garden twine. Raise pots off the ground for the winter by using bricks or 'pot feet', to prevent waterlogging.

Protect roses from wind rock by pruning them by one-third to half their height. This will stop them swaying in strong wind and prevent roots coming loose in the soil.

Mediterranean style stuffed peppers

Cook time: 50 min. Yield: 6 stuffed peppers

Ingredients:

- 1 small yellow onion, chopped
- ♦ 1/2 lb ground beef
- Salt and pepper
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- ♦ 1 cup cooked or canned chickpeas
- ♦ 1/2 cup chopped parsley, more for garnish
- ◆ 1 cup short grain rice (soaked in water for 15 minutes, then drained)
- ♦ 1/2 tsp hot or sweet paprika
- ♦ 3 tbsp. tomato sauce
- ♦ 2 1/4 cups of water
- ♦ 6 bell peppers, tops removed and cored
- 3/4 cup chicken broth (or water)

Method

- 1. In a medium heavy pot, heat 1 tbsp. of oil. Sauté the chopped onions until golden. Now add the meat and cook on medium-high heat, stirring occasionally until deeply browned. Season with salt pepper, all spice and garlic powder. Stir in the chickpeas and cook briefly.
- 2. To the same pot, now add the parsley, rice, paprika and tomato sauce; stir to combine. Add the water and bring to a high simmer until liquid has reduced by one half
- 3. Turn the heat to low. Cover and cook for 15-20 minutes or until the rice is fully cooked and no longer hard or too chewy.
- 4. While the rice is cooking, heat a gas grill to medium-high heat. Grill the bell peppers for 10-15 minutes, covered. Be sure to turn the peppers occasionally so that all sides get charred. Remove from the grill and let cool briefly.
- 5. Preheat the oven to 150° C.
- 6. Assemble the bell peppers, open-side up, in a baking dish filled with 3/4 cup broth or water. Spoon in the cooked rice mixture to stuff each of the peppers to the very top.
- 7. Cover the baking dish tightly with foil and place it in the oven at 150° C. Bake for 20 -30 minutes.
- Remove from the oven and garnish and garnish with parsley, if you like. Serve immediately with your favourite salad and a side of Greek yogurt.

French toast

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

- 1 egg
- ♦ 75 ml milk
- ♦ 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 4 slices bread



Method:

- 1. Beat together egg, milk, cinnamon, vanilla and salt.
- 2. Heat a lightly oiled frying pan or flat griddle over medium heat.
- 3. Soak bread slices in egg mixture for 20 seconds on each side or until thoroughly coated. Cook bread until browned and crisp.

Serve hot!!

Eggy bread is always popular for breakfast or brunch at the weekend, plus it's something the whole family can enjoy! But if you fancy these for dessert instead, give them a light sprinkle of icing sugar and serve with toffee sauce and vanilla ice-cream and a selection of berries.



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JOKER (2019)



The positive word of mouth about *Joker* was flagged for months before its recent screening at the 69th *Venice Film Festival*. The movie received an impressive 8-minute standing ovation from the assembled audience and scooped the top prize at the Festival. It went on to break Box Office records worldwide in its October weekend opening and has divided critics ever since. So is all the hype justified?

Joker and The Marvel Universe

If you're a *Marvel* movie/*DC* fan, *Joker* might not be quite the movie you're expecting and you could be a tad disappointed with your cinema outing. It's a film that stands completely apart from the rest of the *Marvel* and *DC* Universe franchise. CGI effects, typical of these blockbusters, are in short supply in *Joker* as a character driven plot takes precedence over special effects. *Joker*, directed by Todd Phillips is an imagined origin story set some time in 1980s Gotham City. The movie traces the story of the popular *DC Comics* clown prince of crime and Batman's arch enemy in totally original terms. At its core, *Joker* is a hyperviolent, slow-burn psychological case study with few commercially-appealing elements.



The Plotline

The universe presented in Phillip's *Joker* is bleak and unrelenting. Humour is certainly in short supply. In Gotham city, the searing divide between the rich and the poor is strikingly evident. Rats rummage in piled up trash and parts of the city are no better than slums. Gotham is a place of grimy despair and festering lawlessness, teetering on the brink of collapse. You can almost smell the gloom in the air.

In the midst of all this filth, squalor and chaos, Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix) lives with his sickly mother (Frances Conroy) in a cramped, run-down apartment block. Arthur is one of life's losers and 'freaks', on the margins of society. He's beaten up, mocked and abused as he tries to eke out an existence as a unsuccessful party clown. If all this wasn't bad enough, Arthur also struggles with mental illness, and is prone to maniacal, uncontrolled laughing fits in the most inappropriate of situations. When his medication and counselling support system is cruelly taken away from him, the slippery slope into madness and decline is inevitable. Arthur gradually morphs in to the *Joker* persona we are all so familiar with.



The Scorsese Factor

Todd Phillips of *The Hangover* comedy films series might have seemed an unlikely choice for the director of *Joker*. However, he has proven ideal for this dark, gritty tale. The influence of Martin Scorsese is deliberate in the script. Phillips had hoped to get the renowned director on board as producer for his movie. This didn't happen as Scorsese was filming *The Irishman* at the same time as *Joker*. Apart from Robert De Niro in the role of the smug chat

show host that Arthur Fleck idolises in *Joker*, there are clear parallels with classic DeNiro/Scorsese movies like *Taxi Driver* and *The King of Comedy*. The ghosts of Travis Bickle and Rupert Pupkin are clearly hovering in Joaquin Phoenix's disturbed loner and aspiring stand-up-comedian. Director Todd Phillips' *Joker* presents a Gotham City that is obviously a stand-in for the hellish, crime-ridden, corrupt New York City of the era. The film correspondingly has a nightmarish 80s feel, look and production design to match.



Joaquin Phoenix's Joker

If *Joker* already feels like a hard sell, you haven't reckoned with the acting force that is Joaquin Phoenix. The three-time Oscar nominee is one of the greatest actors of his generation.

We first witness Phoenix sitting in front of a mirror, slowly painting his face, He attempts to smile and resorts to holding the corners of his mouth up in a grin that stretches from ear to ear. A single tear rolls down his cheek unnoticed. The scene is reminiscent of Chaplin's classic clown-themed film, *Limelight*. In fact there are several references to Chaplin in Todd Phillips' *Joker*.

In *Joker*, Joaquin gives an electrifying performance of a man on the edges of society and insanity. It is a radically different interpretation to any other version of the *Joker* character that you have seen on screen to date. Arthur is a man who has never had a good break or happy day in his life. Phoenix's intense, powerful performance perfectly embodies the utter despair of his character's hopeless situation. The actor lost a staggering 52 pounds in preparation for the role. Consequently, his body is painfully thin, so thin that when he strips to the waist and bends, his spine and shoulder blades jut out grotesquely from the skin. Arthur's strange habit of contorting his body is equally agonising to watch. Misery is etched in every crevice of his tortured face.



Phoenix's Arthur Fleck is a tragicomic nightmare, a persecuted sign-twirling clown who suffers from a medical condition that turns his internal screams into cackling laughter. His eyes are thick with pain and anguish as yet another unnerving laughing fit overcomes him. Arthur dreams of becoming a stand-up comic but tragically has no idea what other people find "funny" He finds a degree of consolation when he strikes up a relationship with his single Mum neighbour played by Zazie Beetz. But *Joker* is not always what it appears on the surface...

Todd Phillips' camerawork is often claustrophobically tight on Phoenix, who carries practically every scene of the movie. The actor digs deep with a fully realised performance, forever struggling to find hope but failing. Phoenix expertly captures all these tiny nuances in Arthur and his interactions with others that reveal so much about this disturbed individual's inner life. The character's desperate search for connection and engagement in an increasingly hostile society has devastating consequences.

Audiences will find themselves empathising with Arthur's tragic predicament as Joaquin Phoenix brings layers of humanity and depth to Arthur Fleck.

It is an intensely physical performance by Phoenix. The way he walks, runs, sits, shrinks, slouches, smokes or dances is truly remarkable. His movements alternate from balletic, graceful turns to wild, flailing, flapping motions in the blink of an eye. The physical effect is even more striking when Joaquin Phoenix stops being down-trodden Arthur and transforms into his confident, narcissistic alter-ego. His whole body straightens up as he fully embraces the liberating madness and violence of the *Joker*. The bright colours of the *Joker*'s clown make up and outfit offer a strange relief from the previous tragedy of Arthur Fleck's joyless existence. Arthur's dramatic change in persona can either be viewed as an unravelling or awakening depending on your point of view. Some may be uncomfortable and even repulsed by the *Joker*'s uninhibited violent excesses as the movie progresses.



Controversial Joker

Joker has divided critics since its record-breaking release. It has been attacked for its treatment of mental illness and seeming condonement of extreme violence. Opponents of the movie fear copy-cat crimes. Others see *Joker* as a plea for humanity, empathy and the better treatment of people on the margins of society. The film is a clear indictment of society and the callous disregard that might let an individual slip between the cracks. *Joker* is a fictional period piece but it is undeniably reflects our own troubled, violent modern world.

Phoenix versus Ledger

With the release of the *Joker* trailer last summer, the comparisons with the late Heath Ledger were inevitable. The actor had set the bar high after his justly praised Oscar-winning portrayal of the violent, psychopathic, anarchist with delusions of grandeur in *The Dark Knight*. Heath Ledger brought in the madness and the chaos, but Phoenix delivers the depression, darkness and the whole trauma that lies behind the character of *Joker*. Joaquin Phoenix bring out the melancholy and makes the audience actually feel sorry for the *Joker*, which is something that hasn't been seen on screen before.

Joker is strangely beautiful but deeply unsettling too. It won't be to everybody's taste, but in my opinion it's one of the most original and stunning films I have seen in a long time. See it for the sharp direction of Phillips, fantastic, edgy script and fabulous cinematography. Most of all, see Joker for the amazing, supremely physical and mind-blowing performance of the brilliant Joaquin Phoenix. He's on the road to Oscar glory next year.







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hristmas, the season of giving and receiving is upon us once again. This is the perfect opportunity to support our local shops and businesses in Maynooth. Small in size but huge in character, Maynooth comes alive with festive atmosphere for Christmas. This beautiful town is packed full of specialised shops, pretty boutiques and a variety of restaurants and cosy cafés where you can drop in for a hot chocolate to warm chilly fingers. You will find exceptional value for money is to be had in the smaller local shops where you get a more personalised service and friendly atmosphere. Lets buy our Christmas presents from our local businesses and self-employed people. If the goal is for money to flow back into the local economy, we must commit to choosing wisely. Driving an hour out of our town or shopping online does not contribute to the community we live in.

Maynooth is a lively town with plenty of heart - many would say it has

more going for it than other places on the commuter belt. It's also a pretty place with family-friendly housing, canal side walks, and a main street that hasn't been hollowed out by retail small-town retailers. It's a great parks. There is ample car parking in Maynooth, customers can park (check business and give your customers a parking fees and time allocated) while pleasant experience. Retailers need to shopping in Carton Retail Park, Manor Mills, Glenroyal, Greenfield and Beaufield Shopping Centres. There is also ample customer car parking in the Aldi and Lidl stores. Pay Parking is also available within the town enabling customers to enjoy the many retail shops, pubs and restaurants in and around the Town.

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Stay local this year and take the stress out of shopping, avoid the cost of travel and expensive parking fees. When all the shopping is done there is a multitude of restaurants, bars and coffee shops to visit and enjoy the

gastronomic delights and Festive atmosphere of Maynooth.

Christmas Shopping is important to opportunity to focus on your own say, "Stay in Maynooth", we have lots to offer. Support our community, our businesses, our schools, our organizations. Everyone working together will continue to make Maynooth a great place to live in.

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

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

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

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.

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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.

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter



The next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be February 2020 Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 21st January 2020

Editorial

In the November issue the full 2019 Maynooth Report from the National Tidy Towns Competition was published. With Maynooth within nine points of the overall winner Glaslough, Co. Monaghan, Maynooth was again presented with a Gold Medal Award the fourth received in the last four years. Surely if everyone follows the example of the tidy towns' volunteers greater rewards (such as overall winner of the competition) cannot be many years away. Maynooth Community Employment Project plays our part in this success by maintaining the Maynooth Harbour area including keeping it litter free. Well done to all.



Mattie Callaghan, John Kavanagh, Mary Molloy and Vincent Mulready from Maynooth Tidy Towns after collecting the 4th Gold Medal at a ceremony in Blackrock, Co. Louth in November 2019.

Volunteering in the community has been a significant focus for Intel Ireland employees and there are many projects around Maynooth which would not have been possible without Intel support. On November 22nd Intel celebrated 30 years in Leixlip. Through the Intel Involved and matching grants programmes staff from Intel have made very significant contributions to Maynooth and in marking the 30th anniversary of the company in Ireland we would like to thank all the Intel staff on behalf of every organisation in Maynooth that has benefitted from their support over the years.



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At this time of year please look out for each other and if you have worries or concerns talk to someone as there has never been a problem that does not have a solution. Whatever your faith or none we wish you everything that you would want for yourself at Christmas and into 2020.

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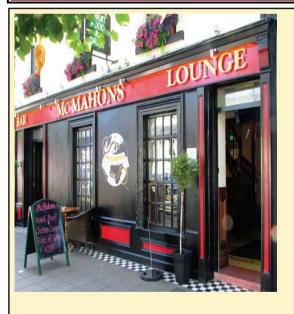
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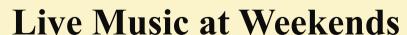


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Cllr. Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour News



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Dunboyne Road Bad Bend Motion to Council MD

Cllr Feeney submitted a motion to the November 1st MD meeting as follows: "That the Council now use the development contributions of €3.6 million derived from the Mariavilla Development to remove the dangerous bend on the Dunboyne Road near Pebble Hill House and provide a footpath from Castlepark housing estate to the roundabout on the Blacklion Road." The Council responded to the motion stating that the public infrastructure and facilities identified in the Capital Programme are considered to be those projects which can be progressed with the estimated funding from the Development Contribution Scheme. The Council also stated that Condition 29 of the An Bord Pleanála's decision (ref 301230-18) in relation to the Mariavilla Development outlines a Special Contribution of €300,000 towards a high quality pedestrian connection bridge over the Lyreen River from the applicant's site to Pound Park in accordance with the policies of the Maynooth Local Area Plan 2013-2019 including policy AR11. The bridge will be delivered by Kildare County Council in the future, when adequate funds are in place. There was no condition for a special contribution to fund improvement works on the Dunboyne Road.

Cllr Feeney responded to the Council reiterating that not only is this a dangerous bend but that it floods everytime there is heavy rain and with no clear and visible solid white line on the road surface it is beyond acceptable for its usage. The Dunboyne Road is used as a rat run for getting to N3/ or airport and is gridlocked on school mornings and afternoons. Cllr Feeney also stated that the critical element that the Council response overlooked is that the new link road from the Moyglare Road to the Dunboyne Road will open early next year so there is an urgency to this issue given the additional traffic now predicted. Cllr Feeney stated that if the Council will not remove the bend that the following measures should be implemented before there is a serious incident:

- (A) Put in Drainage to remove constant flooding which forces cars out into the middle of the road.
- (B) Put in Public Lighting either side of the Bend.
- (C) More Advance Warning Signage is required.
- (D)Rumble Strips are required either side of the approach to the Bend.

Cllr Feeney requested that the Council come back to her on this at December MD meeting with some plan to mitigate the dangers as is the responsibility of the Council.

Cllr Feeney participates in live TV Panel on Health and Housing

Cllr Feeney participated in a live TV panel discussion at the Labour Party Conference on November 9th on the theme of Health and Housing. Cllr Feeney talked about the impact the housing and rental crisis is having on students and that when out on the canvas for the local elections she met many parents who talked of their sons and daughters feeling that they will never be able to afford to move on with their lives and get on the property ladder. Cllr Feeney emphasised that the State should be building houses again, to solve the housing crisis once and for all. Not just homes, but near zero emissions houses and apartments, which can now be built for nearly the same cost as a conventional building, but which are much cheaper to keep warm. Cllr Feeney stated that over three-quarters of a billion euro (a third of the housing budget) goes to HAP and other payments to private landlords every year which is not a solution. For 750 million euro the State could build in excess of three and a half thousand homes on public land. Instead of doing this, we have thousands of families in a temporary rental arrangement rather than in long-term homes. Check out the RTE player if you wish to see the full panel discussion.

Cllr Feeney asked to comment on Boil Water Notice on Newstalk

Councillor Feeney was contacted by Newstalk Breakfast Show on November 7th to comment on the Boil Water Notice issued by Irish Water. Cllr Feeney stated that while there was general acceptance that the precaution was driven by public health and safety, there was a lot of growing concern mixed with frustration in Maynooth. Having two Boil Water notices issued so close to each other was very alarming.

In fact, Cllr Feeney stated that a lot of trust had disappeared in the system that treats the water coming into our homes and rebuilding that trust is going to be an issue for Irish Water. Cllr Feeney commented that when the second notice, we were told, was due to the recent heavy rain, there are concerns that there will be further reoccurrences as we face into the winter months. Irish Water in its most recent statement said "It is aware of the upcoming yellow weather alert but that it's not possible to say conclusively what impact it may have on the water produced but that they will be monitoring the situation closely". So, It is really worrying the longer it goes on. Cllr Feeney also talked about the impact the Boil Water notice was having on households, on local businesses and on schools.

Request for Public Meeting with Irish Water

Cllr Feeney and the other Labour Councillors and Green Party Councillors requested a public meeting with Irish Water at Kildare County Council. The meeting was scheduled to take place on Monday November 11th but was cancelled late on the preceding Friday. The public meeting was replaced by a 'briefing' at KCC which was a closed session to the public and the press which Cllr Feeney stated was a missed opportunity to rebuild trust in Irish Water.

The 'briefing' was provided by Mr. Michael O'Leary, GM at Irish Water, who stated that a crisis management meeting would be taking place later that day to review the most recent samples and to decide on whether the boil water notice would be lifted the following day. Mr. O'Leary also stated that the filters and upgrade at the Leixlip plant would be completed by the end of 2020. Cllr Feeney also stated that communication to vulnerable users was key and that it should not be presumed that everyone has access to social media

Motion at Council Plenary on Communication by Irish Water

Cllr Feeney submitted a motion to the Council meeting on November 25th that the Council write to Irish water requesting that future urgent notices regarding water contamination should be improved and should not be made only through social media. The issue of poor communication by Irish Water was mentioned by many people to Cllr Feeney during the recent Boil Water Notices-the lateness of the notices issued at last minute and without regard for vulnerable users who may not have access to social media. Many people were still using the water before they had heard that a Boil water notice had been issued. Cllr Feeney stated that Irish water needs to review its communication to reflect this. Where there is an issue that affects people's health and of such public importance, communication is key.

Meetings attended by Cllr Feeney since last Newsletter:

- Moyglare Hall Residents Association in GAA October 21st
- Maynooth Limetree Hall Residents Association in Community Space October 23rd
- Maynooth MD Council in KCC on November 1st
- · KWETB Audit and Risk Committee in Áras Devoy on November 5th
- Briefing with Irish Water in KCC on November 11th
- County Development Plan in KCC on November 11th
- Finance Committee in KCC on November 11th
- Budget Meeting in KCC on November 11th
- · Carton Avenue Preservation Society in Community Space on November 11th
- · Maynooth Community Council in Glenroyal Hotel on November 11th
- KWETB Board Meeting in Clermont House Rathnew on November 12th
- Maynooth Post Primary BOM in MPPS on November 13th
 Budget Meeting in KCC on November 18th
- Council Plenary in KCC on November 25th

If you would like me to attend your community group or residents' association meetings please just email me.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Christmas. Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir.

CHRISTMAS

That **one** thing necessary! To believe, to accept from moment to moment, to be aware that Jesus is true man and true God and consequently the perfect intermediary. He is the President of the supreme Labour Court, negotiating a new settlement, a new Covenant. But with a difference! Only one party has to compromise. God has no further to go. He has already given all that man could possibly demand. God is the Father of the Prodigal - man!

But how can we be sure? We can be sure because Jesus has put his all into the negotiations. His life for his word, if necessary! Of course, it was necessary because through our leaders, pharisees and high priests, we drove a hard bargain. So it was. All the way to the cross. All the way and beyond, to his last gasp. Unto the consummation! So what? He wasn't the first to be crucified for his cause! No, but he was the first to be raised from the dead – raised by the Author of Life – his Loving Father.

And how do we know that? Primarily through the change in his followers. He appeared to them and they were transformed. From cowards running for their lives they became champions of his message: Compassion and mercy!

At Christmas we celebrate his Birth!

Gabriel Martin



Maynooth Golf Society Trevor Cassidy Memorial Scramble

Sponsored by The Cassidy Family Trim Golf Club 16th November



This was the last event for Maynooth Golf Society for 2019.

AGM will be held in the new year when the courses and dates for 2020 will be announced. Thank you to our Captain John Saults and all committee members for 2019. New members welcome for 2020 season.

Please contact 089-4906510 with any queries.

December Events at Maynooth Community Library All of our events are free of charge and open to everyone

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Christmas Hours: Closed 24th – 27th December, Open 10am - 5pm 31st December, closed 1st January.

Exhibition to Commemorate 120th Anniversary of the 1st Local Elections in 1899 2nd – 20th December April 2019 marked the 120th anniversary of local democracy

in Ireland. This exhibition is a Department-funded mobile exhibition, compiled and curated by Local Authority Archivists and Record Managers, detailing key local government events over the past 120 years.

Dronehenge: The Story Behind the Remarkable Discovery at Newgrange with Anthony Murphy Tuesday 3rd December 6:30pm

In 2018 the discovery of new archaeological sites around Newgrange via drone photography became an internet sensation. In *Dronehenge*, Anthony Murphy tells the story of the remarkable discovery of this monument and describes the events that followed the first social media post and how he spent three weeks doing little else but taking phone calls, answering emails and engaging in Skype interviews with media all around the world.

Female Health and Wellbeing with Boyne Holistic Clinic Thursday 5th December 7pm – 8pm This talk focuses on the small changes that can empower you

to return to hormonal balance and overall great health. We will discuss the simple tools to help reduce the stress impact of everyday modern living. Booking required.

3D Printer Workshop Saturday 7th December 2:30pm - 4pm 11 - 15 years. Booking required

Moone and Sixpence Puppet Show

Saturday 14th December 2pm – 3pm "Jacqueline and the Beanstalk" is a re-telling of the classic story that upturns the gender-stereotyping of traditional fairy tales! This marionette production also tackles the issue of bullying, showing how it can be overcome with the help of friends, and how bullies can change their ways when they realise the pain they cause. As with every Moon & Sixpence marionette production, this live show, performed live with music and sound effects, is filled with humor and audience interaction.

Kids Christmas Film

Tuesday 17th December 6pm – 7:30pm

A classic Christmas film to put you in the festive mood.

Children's Christmas Art & Craft Wednesday 18th **December 3pm – 4pm** Ages 5 - 8 years. **Booking required**

Paint your own Christmas tree decorations to make your Christmas tree extra special this year.

Christmas songs with the Library Trio Friday 20th December 3pm

Get in the festive sprit with our library staff and sing along to songs you know.

Regular Events

<u>Ciorcal Comhrá</u> Tuesday 3rd December (every Tuesday) 11am

This is an informal group for adults who meet on a weekly basis to use and practice their conversational Irish. No booking required. All welcome.

Creative Writing Tuesday 3rd December (first and third Tuesday of the month) 6:15pm

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

No booking required.

Make Time: Craft Meet up Thursday 5th December 6pm

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.

Fit Line

Thursday 5th December 10am - 1pm

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

Winter time Storytime

Friday 6th December 10am – 11am

This week's stories are all about our animal friends in winter time. Join in on fun rhymes and songs. Colouring pages will be provided. All welcome.

Family Board Games Saturday 7th December 10am - 12pm

Chess, Draughts, Cluedo and Boggle will be available – or feel free to bring along a family favourite! All welcome

Maynooth Women's Group Saturday 7th December 11am – 1pm

New members welcome. Contact the library for further details.

Relocation to Ireland: Women's Meet Up Saturday 7th December 3pm – 5pm

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. All welcome.

U3A Bookclub Monday 9th December 10:30am – 11:30am

Please contact the library if you are interested in joining this book club or would like to start a book club.

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Readers of the Lost Ark Science Fi Tuesday 10th December 6:30pm ence Fiction Book Club

Please contact the library if you are interested in joining this book club or would like to start a book club.

Read and Catch Up Book Club Thursday 12th December 11am – 12pm

Please contact the library if you are interested in joining this book club or would like to start a book club.

Give It A Go! Box Set Club Thursday 12th December 6:30pm – 7:30pm

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Children's Storytime Friday 13th December 10am – 11am Story time for 2-5 years. All welcome.

Dungeons & Dragons Saturday 14th December 2pm – 4:30pm

Monthly meet up. Please contact the library for more details.

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Ex Libris Book Club Wednesday 18th December 11am – 12pm

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LEO Business Advice Clinic Wednesday 18th December 10am all day

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Jane Austen Book Club Thursday 19th December 11am – 12pm

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German Stammtisch at Maynooth Library: a new monthly

Thursday 19th December 6:30pm – 7:30pm

A monthly informal German conversation meet-up for anyone with an interest in the language and culture of German speaking countries.

All levels from learners to native speakers are welcome

Spanish Conversation Exchange Thursday 19th December 6:30pm – 8pm

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

Jingle Bell Storytime Friday 20th December 10am – 11am

Hohoho! This week's stories will get you in the spirit for Santa's arrival. Join in some seasonal songs and rhymes. Colouring pages will be provided.

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Contract to be Awarded this Month for Team to Deliver DART to Maynooth However this time around Kildare, stated, Mr. Stagg has received 6% of probationary - Stagg

Labour's Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with Iarnrod Eireann in relation to the process of putting in place a Multi-Disciplinary Consultancy Team to support the Expansion of DART to Maynooth.

6 Specialists expressed an interest in Tendering to be part of the Multi-Disciplinary Team to support Iarnrod Eireann in the delivery of DART to Maynooth and City Centre Enhancements and they were invited to submit Tenders on 16th July, with the closing date for receipt of Tenders being Monday September 23rd next.

Iarnród Éireann have now advised Mr. Stagg that the evaluation of Tenders has been undertaken and a contract award is expected in November following public procurement procedures.

Welcoming the progress Mr. Stagg stated that the work the Team will be involved in delivering includes:

- * Preparation of the Designs
- * Undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment
- * Preparing costings for the Works Budget and Business Case approval.
- * Manage Railway Order Process.
- * Tender Preparation and Evaluation.

Mr. Stagg stated that the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in developing the design and tender preparation for the project. In addition to providing DART to Maynooth, the project involves development and enhancements to City Centre Stations and Network, resignalling from Maynooth to Connolly/Dockland and removal of the six level crossings along the Maynooth Line and provision of necessary bridge relief infrastructure.

In conclusion Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that he looked forward to the award of the contract so that work can begin on delivering DART Expansion to Maynooth.

Garda Numbers in Kildare Reach 405

Emmet Stagg has welcomed confirmation from the Garda Authorities that a further 11 probationary Gardai will be assigned to the Kildare Garda Division following their attestation on 29th November in Templemore, which will bring Garda numbers in the Kildare Division to 405.

Mr. Stagg stated that the last assignment of probationary gardai last June was hugely disappointing as no Gardai were assigned to the Kildare Division. At that time, 78% of new probationary gardai were assigned to the Dublin Metropolitan Area and the Louth Division to deal with ongoing well documented Gangland Crime.

Gardai, which is to be welcome. We will now have 341 Gardai, 54 Sergeants, 7 Inspectors and 3 Superintendents.

Concluding Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that the campaign to increase Garda manning levels in Kildare must continue, not just probationary gardaí, but transfers into the division of experienced garda personnel, to assist in the battle against crime.

Stagg says 'About Bloody Time' as Cabinet Finally Gives Go-ahead for 41 New Rail Carriages

Labour's Emmet Stagg, whilst welcoming the Government decision on October 30th to give Iarnród Éireann the go-ahead to sign the contract for 41 additional rail carriages for use on increasing capacity at peak times on the Maynooth and Kildare Rail Lines, says its 'about bloody time' the Government addressed the serious capacity issues for commuters on the Maynooth and Kildare Rail Lines.

The expansion of the fleet stated Mr. Stagg will increase capacity at am peak times by 34% on both Rail Lines but this really is an issue which should have been addressed years ago. For far too long commuters have had to put up with the inconvenience of overcrowded trains and for many having to stand for the full journey into the City Centre. And now it will be late 2021 before the first of these new carriages will enter service.

Concluding Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that Labour has a proud record of delivering Public Transport and of supporting it, and he again criticised the FG/Independent Government for their failure to address this problem a number of years ago, which would have seen the carriages actually in place now rather than a further two year wait.

Stagg presses KWETB on North Kildare Gaelcholáiste Setting Up Emmet Stagg has been pressing Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board on two issues relating to ensuring that the North Kildare Gaelcholáiste opens next September as planned in Maynooth.

Mr. Stagg stated that a number of parents who want to send their children to the Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth next September were unhappy with the delay in holding an 'Open Night' to advise parents of the plans for the new Gaelcholaiste and to outline how pupils could be enrolled.

They were particularly critical of the fact that all the other Secondary Schools in North Kildare had their Open Nights and nothing was forthcoming in relation to the Gaelcholaiste. KWETB have now advised Mr. Stagg that the date for the 'Open Night' will be confirmed shortly and that it will be held in Maynooth Post Primary School.

Mr. Stagg also raised with KWETB the delay in appointing a replacement principal for the Gaelcholáiste. KWETB have now advised Mr. Stagg that interviews for the position of Principal of the Gaelcholáiste will be held in the week commencing 25th November.

Labour's Emmet Stagg stated that he would continue to press KWETB to ensure that the North Kildare Gaelcholáiste opens in Maynooth next September as planned.



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At time of writing Maynooth Tidy Towns will finish all our planting of bulbs and we plan to resume in early 2020. We thank all who volunteered and supported us during 2020.

After Christmas please recycle your Christmas tree in Kildare County Council depot yard beside the Fire Station in Leinster St. Maynooth.

Also remember to recycle your bottles and cans in Glenroyal shopping centre, Tesco and Aldi after Christmas.

The WEEE Ireland Collection of electrical goods and batteries will take place in March 2020 in the Tesco Shopping Car Park date to be advised.

On behalf of Maynooth Tidy Towns we wish Staff, Editorial Board and readers of Maynooth Newsletter and all who supported us a very Happy Christmas and litter free New Year.

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The Alzheimer Café Leixlip Co Kildare



Alzheimer Cafe Leixlip

Join us at our **Christmas Party** at the next Alzheimer Cafe, Wednesday December 11th in "The Conservatory", Ryevale Nursing Home, Leixlip from 7-9pm. The speaker and the cafe organisers will still be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We will also have refreshments, music and a bit of Christmas fun. This is a great night to try out the cafe for the first time!

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More support for SME sector needed says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Government to provide more support for the Irish SME sector given its importance to the Irish and indeed local Kildare economy.

"Two recent reports have cited rising costs as a main concern for 50% of Irish SMEs. The SME sector is the backbone of the economy. We need to support them and help them create and sustain jobs. Rising costs, such as rates and insurance, are a big problem for many SMEs and it needs to be addressed."

"The two recent reports prepared EY-DKM Economic Consultants and Bibby Financial Services, have both highlighted rising costs, cashflow management and Government regulations as key concerns for SMEs."

"Despite many Government announcements on tackling prompt payments for SMEs, two in every five respondents stated that payments collection is the principal challenge to cashflow.'

'Over recent years, I have consistently raised the cost of rates and insurance as being a key element of rising cost for businesses. The cost of both motor insurance and business insurance remains stubbornly high for households and businesses across the country. The average annual cost of motor insurance now stands at €750 compared with €450 in 2014, an increase of nearly 70%."

'We need to address the rising costs, for business and for families, if we are to protect our jobs for the future." concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

O'Rourke welcomes new rules on Motor Insurance – as more action required

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the Central Bank rules requiring insurers to give customers more information when renewing their policies which come into effect today. However, more needs to be done to reduce the cost of insurance.

'Insurance companies will now have to provide details such as the premium paid the previous year with an upfront comparison. They will also have to provide the cost of different levels of cover, a comprehensive quote, a third party fire and theft quote, and one for third party only cover.'

"Insurance companies also must now give consumers 20 days' notice of the renewal, up from 15 days, giving consumers more time to shop round."

"This is all part of the recommendations of the Working Group on the cost of insurance. It will increase transparency. However, it has taken far too long for this relatively small step to be put in place.

"The government needs to understand that failure to tackle the insurance crisis facing certain sectors is costing jobs. Motor Insurance is higher here than in other EU countries and we need the Government to bring greater focus on the implementation of recommendations from the working group on Insurance.

"I will continue to raise the issue of the high cost of insurance in Ireland. With my colleague Michael McGrath TD, we continue to raise the issue on the floor of the Dáil until we make further progress," concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

Additional Services on Orbital Route 139 says O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the recent additional services on the Naas to Blanchardstown 139 Route, as further services were needed.

'Recently, additional services were added to the 139 Bus Route servicing Naas to Blanchardstown, via Clane, Rathcoffey, Maynooth and Leixlip. One additional service at 7.00am departing Naas and one additional evening return service."

'This service is growing in popularity, students attending college, commuters linking to the train service, people going to work, hospital visits or using other public transport services are examples of the valuable contribution to the area.'

"I campaigned for this Orbital Route and it is now in service for well over a year. We need to increase the number of services on the route and more commuters will use it. I will continue to raise the issue with the National Transport Authority to have the service improved."

"As we cater for increased demand for public transport, we need to improve the Bus and Rail Services for North Kildare. The Bus and Rail Service for Kilcock needs improvement. Rail service on the Maynooth and Kildare Line need to be improved and we need a connection linking Maynooth to Tallaght via Celbridge and City West,' concluded Deputy O'Rourke

Additional Home Support Hours Welcome but more supports needed -O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has welcomed the one million additional Home Support hours which was announced in Budget 2020, but stated that more needs to be done to tackle long waiting lists for Home Care hours.

"Leading up to Budget 2020, our Fianna Fáil negotiating team pushed hard to secure additional home help hours. The additional one million hours will go some way towards easing waiting times, but more is needed."

"Families seeking home care packages contact me on a weekly basis. There has been an increase in the number of people seeking home care packages and we need extra resources to meet the demand.

"Fianna Fáil introduced the Home Care Package in 2006 and fully appreciates its value. Enabling care for people in their own home is a win-win for everyone. It is generally the preferred choice for older people and their families and it saves the Government money."

"A crisis in home care supports has escalated over the past year. The service has been unable to keep pace with the demand and while the additional hours announced in the budget is a welcome step in the right direction, we need to see more resources for home care packages," concluded Deputy O'Rourke

5,883 bed days lost in Naas hospital due to delayed discharges – O'Rourke Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Frank O'Rourke, said the high number of delayed discharges in Naas General Hospital is putting immense pressure on the rest of the

Deputy O'Rourke called on the Government to get serious on delivering home care supports which would alleviate the problem.

He made the comments as figures revealed to Fianna Fáil show that 5,883 bed days were lost at Naas General Hospital since the start of this year. This figure is among the highest of any hospital outside of Dublin.

Deputy O'Rourke said, "Lost bed days mean there were people eligible to be discharged from Naas hospital but had no access to an appropriate step-down care facility or home help provision.'

"They don't want to be in hospital, their families don't want them to be in hospital and the medical professionals who are battling through each day don't want to see them in the hospital when they know they are healthy enough to go home.'

"The simple fact is that there is nowhere else for them to go and this is putting huge pressure on the rest of the hospital network, which is in desperate need for the spare

"This vicious cycle will continue until decisive action is taken. We need more home support hours, home care packages and respite support for families. Only when these are in place will we see these numbers drop", he concluded.

Secondary School capacity at Scoil Dara in Kilcock needs to be addressed savs O'Rourke

Local Fianna Fáil TD, Frank O'Rourke, has called on the Department of Education & Skills to urgently address the capacity issue at Scoil Dara in Kilcock in order to alleviate the concerns of parents, as next September approaches.

"I have been in regular contact with the Minister's office on this important issue since being contacted by the parents last week. "I know from meeting with parents last week and with the School principal in Kilcock, that there are not enough places at Scoil Dara to cater for the demand from the Kilcock catchment area for next September. Parents and the Principal have expressed concern and frustration to ensure that the extra capacity is delivered."

"I am aware that the Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth will be open next September and that additional capacity will become available in Enfield, both of which will help alleviate the capacity issues at Kilcock. I have been assured that this issue will be resolved positively, well in advance of the next academic year. The Department has also confirmed to me that they will engage with the school to provide the necessary places, to ensure that no child is left without a school place."

"I, along with other public representatives, met with parents that have concerns in relation to the lack of places at Scoil Dara last week. I will continue to press the Department of Education & Skills to address the issue and I will continue to liaise and engage with the Parents and School" concluded Deputy O'Rourke.

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Answer

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- Norway or Switzerland

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If you live outside the countries listed above or do not want to use the online service you can still apply using a paper form.

When you apply online, you must generate and print an Identity Verification Form. If you are living in Ireland, this form must be signed by a member of An Garda Síochána who must be satisfied as to your identity. If you are applying from outside Ireland, you can find a list of or appropriate witnesses on the form.

If you are applying for a child's first passport online, you need to confirm the child's identity and guardians' consent by sending your child's Passport Identity and Consent Form to the Passport Service at the end of the online process. You may need to provide additional documentation, for example, a birth certificate, or documents relating to guardianship. When you have completed the online process, you will be told if you need to provide additional documents.

You also need a digital photograph, an email address and a credit or debit card.

The application process generally takes ten working days and is the fastest way to apply for or renew your passport. Further information is available from www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121

Question

I am due to have a baby in three months and have planned to take maternity leave. Am I entitled to any more paid leave to look after the baby?

Answei

Parent's leave is a new statutory entitlement for parents that allows each parent 2 weeks paid leave for a child born or adopted on or after 1 November 2019. It aims to let working parents spend more time with their baby or adopted child during the first year.

Parent's leave is different from **parental leave**. It must be taken within 52 weeks of the birth of a child or in the case of adoption, from the date of placement of the child. If you have enough PRSI contributions, you get a weekly Parent's Benefit payment of $\ensuremath{\in} 245$ from the Department of Employment and Social Protection during parent's leave. In contrast, parental leave is unpaid and can be taken up until the child's 12^{th} birthday.

You can take parent's leave in one 2-week block or in 2 one-week periods.

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Each parent is entitled to 2 weeks paid parent's leave for a child born or adopted on or after 1 November 2019. Currently parent's leave is 2 weeks but it may be increased in the future (up to a maximum of 9 weeks).

Parent's leave is available to both employees and people who are self-employed. <u>Parent's Benefit</u> is paid while you are on parent's leave from work if you have enough social insurance (PRSI) contributions. If you are self-employed you should apply directly to the Department of Employment and Social Protection (DEASP) for <u>Parent's Benefit</u> at least 6 weeks before you intend to take parent's leave.

Please note that your employer does not have to pay you while you are on parent's leave, although some employers may 'top-up' your parent's leave. If you qualify for <u>Parent's Benefit</u>, you will get €245 each week. What is the difference between parental leave and parent's leave? Parental leave entitles parents to take unpaid leave from work to spend time looking after their children. Currently both parents can take up to 22 weeks parental leave and from 1 September 2020, this will increase to 26 weeks.

You can get more information in our document on <u>parental leave</u>. Parent's leave is specifically for parents during the child's first year. <u>Paternity leave</u> is specifically for fathers in their child's first year. Other statutory entitlements available for parents are <u>maternity leave</u> and <u>adoptive leave</u>.

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Minister Bruton Cracks Down on Plastics, Single Use Cups, Landfill and Takeaway Waste

New environmental levies proposed to encourage more sustainable behaviour The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment Richard Bruton, T.D. today (Wednesday the 6th of November 2019) announced a number of proposed environmental levies to encourage more sustainable behaviour, which will now be put out to consultation.

Minister Bruton said, "How we use and dispose of our resources is crucial – in fact it accounts for 60% of our emissions. We must be more conscious of the impact we are having by the daily choices we make.

"Sustainable alternatives exist for all the items we are purposing to levy and the purpose is to shift behaviour towards the use of these alternatives."

"These changes, we hope, will make people more conscious of this and will encourage people to make small changes such as bringing their own bags shopping, or their own cup when going for a coffee, that can make a difference. All of the funds collected will go back into environmental action. Industry too will be expected to make changes and we will be designing levies on food packaging and takeaway containers."

Tusla Education Support Service or TESS

Is launching its first national, School Attendance Drive 'Every School Day Counts' to promote regular school attendance. Each school day approximately 60,000 students miss school in Ireland. TESS is running an attendance drive throughout the month of November, when attendance traditionally dips, to encourage and promote the importance of regular school attendance with children, young people, parents and schools. In addition TESS believes that attendance is everyone's business and encourages the wider community to come on board and endeavour to make 'Every School Day Count' this November and throughout the school year.

Over 1700 schools right across the country have already signed up to the drive and will be running attendance initiatives in their schools throughout the month.

During the launch, the service will also be unveiling its new name and logo as part of its brand refresh project, to highlight the integrated supports available through its three service strands — Educational Welfare Service; Home School Community Liaison Scheme; and School Completion Programme.

The three services work with children, young people, parents, schools and community family support services to improve attendance, participation and retention.

Addressing over 350 attendees, including government representatives, education professionals, children and young people, Bernard Gloster, Chief Executive of Tusla said, "Research has shown again and again that regular school attendance is vital in helping children get the best possible start in life. It lays the foundation for developing good social skills, building relationships and achieving success later in life. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to stay in school and achieve better educational outcomes."

Noel Kelly, Director of Tusla Education Support Service, added, "Access to education is a child's right. We know that investing in education is the most effective way of offsetting the impact of poverty and helps create a level playing field, which gives children from disadvantaged backgrounds a better chance to reach their potential.

Equal access to educational opportunities has the power to pull families and communities out of the cycle of poverty which in turn can help generations to come. The focus of our work in TESS is to give additional support to the most marginalised 8% of children and young people in our education system who are most likely to leave school early without any qualifications."

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Speaking about the rebrand, Noel said: "I'm also delighted to be here today to reveal our new name and logo. The overall aim of the process is to educate the public on the services we provide to ensure that anyone in need of support, can access the right service, at the right time. Over 150 children, young people, parents, schools and staff were engaged in this brand refresh process, to ensure the new name and look resonated with its users and reflected the supportive services it provides."

Christmas Bonus

You must have been getting Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) or basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) for 15 months to get a Christmas Bonus. However, if you were getting another payment that is eligible for the Christmas Bonus immediately before claiming JA or basic SWA, and your combined time on both eligible payments is 15 months, you get the Christmas Bonus.

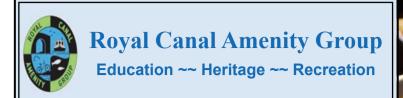
The Christmas Bonus will be paid to certain people getting a <u>Further Education and Training (FET)</u> <u>training allowance</u>, (people coming from jobseeker's payments must have been on their payment and/or training allowance for 15 months).

Note that for Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA), which is paid monthly, the bonus is 100% of the weekly payment. The DCA portion of the bonus is calculated independently of other payments. So, for example, if you are getting full-rate DCA for one child, 100% of the weekly payment is €77.38.

The Christmas Bonus is also paid to people getting Blind Welfare Allowance, Mobility Allowance, and rehabilitative training allowance from the HSE. Survivors of Thalidomide who get payments from the Department of Health also get the bonus. How much is the Christmas Bonus?

In 2019, the Christmas Bonus is 100% of your normal weekly payment (including the <u>Living Alone Increase</u>, the <u>Island Allowance</u> and the Over-80 Increase). The Christmas Bonus does not include Fuel Allowance. The minimum Christmas Bonus payment is €20.

If an Increase for a Qualified Adult is paid directly to your dependent spouse, civil partner or cohabitant, the Christmas Bonus is also paid directly to them. If you are getting 2 eligible social welfare payments (for example, a One-Parent Family Payment and the Domiciliary Care Allowance or a half-rate Carer's Allowance as well as your primary payment) you get the Christmas Bonus for both payments.



RCAG ENFIELD WALK

This walk took place on Sunday 20th October last, from Fureys Public House in Moyvalley back to Enfield Transport was laid on to bring the walkers from Enfield to Furey's Pub, where the walk started.

Walkers traversed the recently up-graded Royal Canal Towpath, making their way back to The Bridge House Bar in Enfield where light refreshments awaited them.

The Moyvalley to Enfield Walk is a distance of about 5km so walkers would have acquired an appetite while walking. Walk coordinator, and long



Walkers crossing the newly constructed bridge at Moyvalley

serving RCAG member, Mr Brian O'Donoghue Said he was very happy with the turnout, good weather and enjoyable walk.

ROYAL CANAL TOUR

Our tour to Scotland in September was a great success. An early 6.30am departure from Maynooth and to further pick ups in Dublin saw us arrive in Belfast at 10.30am after a short comfort stop earlier. Arriving at the ferry-port we were advised that the ferry was delayed. The sailing was pleasant and the food on board not as expensive as anticipated.

Having disembarked we arrived at Dumfries House some what behind schedule. On arrival we were ushered in to a side room where we viewed a recorded welcome from HRH Prince Charles. This was followed by the guided tour. Much of the furniture in the house was early commissions by Thomas Chippendale.

Arriving at our hotel, we were quickly checked in and shown our rooms Shortly afterwards weary travellers made their way to the dining room and availed of Dinner.

After Breakfast on Saturday morning, having consulted with driver Maurice Rochford, travellers were offered an added bonus of a Trip to Edinburgh. Two and a half hours after arriving in Scotland's capital we departed for the Kelpies. The tour here was conducted by tour guide Ciara who was informative, helpful, and kind. Leaving here we made it to the Falkirk Wheel with minutes to spare before the pre booked boat trip. Once again staff members were very helpful and the ship's crew told us to relax After the guided trip we returned to the hotel. Some dined in and some went out.

The guided part of the tour was bilingual and travellers could only smile when, on the Sunday morning, poet Robert Burn's house was introduced as "Teach Bob Ó Broinn"

Burns cottage is a 10 minute walk from the Burns Museum but the young and "the not so young" walked to see the cottage.



The group who travelled to Scotland pictured outside 'Burn's Cottage'



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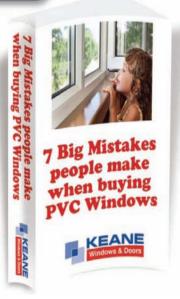
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CHRISTMAS JUMPER WALK

The Christmas Jumper Walk will take place on Friday 27th December commencing at 11.45am at the Harbour. The route will take walkers up the main street, Carton Ave., Carton Estate, Pike Bridge and back along the canal to the Harbour. Light refreshments will be available afterwards.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Chairman and committee take this opportunity to extend good wishes for Christmas and the New-year to our readers, Newsletter staff and all RCAG members, associate members and friends.



OCCASIONS HAIRDRESSING

Occasions Hairdressing is raising the bar with their new Salon in Carton Park Maynooth. The Maynooth Salon first opened in 2005. The salon was 689 sq feet with 9 sections and an amazing team of talented stylists that continued to grow. The proud owners knew that one day they would need to expand the business and this is now the realisation of their dreams.

The new and improved salon located next to Sports Direct is just metres away from the previous site. The new state of the art premises is significantly larger at 5560 sq feet. With 20 sections and 12 award-winning team members. Occasions Hairdressing has all the edge, sophistication and expertise you'd expect from an award winning salon. The team delivers up-to-date advice on current trends and a great customer experience every time you visit. At this unique hairdressing salon not only can you get your hair styled but you can also get your makeup, brows, tan and nails perfected in this ultra modern establishment. Occasions Hairdressing has teamed up with the very talented Makeup Artist Rebecca Sophia creating looks from Bridal to festival and everything in between, working along side Sugar Dolls.



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Fantastic Hairdresser Awards 2019

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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

As 2019 draws to a close, we look forward to 2020 with enthusiasm. So why is this, you may ask, because we had one of our most successful fundraisers ever. Our "Sale of Work" this year raised €11, 845.77. So take a bow people, we couldn't have done it without your support. You are just the gift that keeps on giving. You made our collectors welcome at your homes, you gave donations and you came in your droves on the day. Many thanks to the business people for your support and rest assured we support local business.

Thank you to Johnny Nevin, school principal, for the use of the hall and to Caroline, Mark and Caretakers for all their help. A big thank you to Maynooth Scouts and other young people who did Trojan work on the day and to Johnny and Tony who harness all that energy. A special word of thanks to "Thornton's Recycling" who played a huge role in leaving the school without as much as sweet paper.

Our next event is our Christmas shopping courtesy of SuperValu Maynooth on Sunday December 1st at 3pm. All seniors welcome. Our Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday December 15th at 3pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. Those attending should have their names with us no later than December 2nd.



Our morning club will close on December 5th and will reopen on Tuesday January 7th 2020, "Le Cuineamh De". May I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas, while acutely give that it will be a little and for those of you who lost

aware that it will be a little sad for those of you who lost loved ones during the year, especially the Tracey family who lost Kevin just recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

ne with you all.

Suaimhneas agus Síocháin Do Josephine Moore. Chairperson.





MAYNOOTH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE



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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Seniors in St. Ciaran's

Yesterday I was reading about the apparently peaceful relations between natives and newcomers in Ireland prior to the 1641 rebellion and while not wishing to trivialise the horrors of that period, my mind went back to the relationship between 5th and 6th Years in my old alma mater, St. Ciaran's College. As seniors we shared the same long dormitory on the 3rd Floor, and although to an outsider relations might have appeared cordial, underneath there were simmering tensions, the seeds of which were sown in our first year.

Newcomers or "Chaws" in St. Ciaran's were on the receiving end of much attention, both from older students and priests. A senior might kick a Chaw in the backside just because he felt like doing so – this never happened to me but a few of my pals were less fortunate – or demand that he surrender his place at table-tennis or on the ball alley. During our first week, Fr. Eoin, the Dean of Discipline, arranged a Chaws' Concert in the Aula Maxima in which we were all required to participate. One sang, danced, played the accordion or did whatever one could to entertain. The results were often unintentionally hilarious

I can vividly recall Mickey Cooney reciting Brian Boru's address to his warriors before the Battle of Clontarf:

'Stand ye now for Erin's glory, Stand ye now Erin's cause..

The contrast between Mickey's treble tones – his voice hadn't yet broken – and the heroic subject matter nearly brought the house down, ensuring that he was henceforth known as 'Standye Cooney'. Another Chaw, John McGlynn, sang a popular song about 'The Rich Maharajah', who in addition to ten thousand camels, had 'rubies and pearls and the loveliest girls' - he got no further. The moment Fr. Eoin heard mention of girls he called out in apparent horror, 'Stop!' with the result that John was thereafter nicknamed 'Maharajah McGlynn'. What my own contribution was escapes me now, but it must have passed off without trauma.

The next initiation rite was a 'Chaws versus 2nd Years' game of Gaelic football. Here the Chaws could be sure that the whole school, apart from 2nd Years, were supporting them. The 3rd Years in particular longed to see their own former rivals humiliated and if this happened, the 2nd Years had a score to settle with the victorious newcomers. Of course, Chaws who displayed exceptional talent would be placed on a pedestal from then on; the mediocre, such as myself, had to win acceptance by other means or not at all. But whatever the outcome of the game, in general, the scene was set for future rivalry, which reached a peak when prefects were chosen from among the 6th Years.]]

Chosen from 6th Years, prefects wielded considerable authority in the college. They constituted a kind of informal police force and might dole out corporal punishment using their thick leather belts, or bare hands. When in charge of a dormitory a prefect would ask every student to contribute towards the cost of a long silver torch. Consequently, fellows in the process of tipping a mattress with its sleeping occupant onto the floor or engaging in a pillow fight were often caught in a powerful beam of light they themselves had paid for. Punishment was usually swift and painful, though use of the belt diminished after our first year. Now as I said, 5th and 6th Years shared a dormitory. The prefect slept in an end bed that commanded a view of the entire room with its four rows of beds. In our first senior year the prefect in charge, Liam Browne, must have been selected for his brains - he was an honours student – rather than his physical prowess. 'Sow' Browne, as his nickname suggests, was not one of those naturalborn leaders who command respect because of innate strength of character. Nevertheless, he represented the priests and so we were expected to obey him. In the meantime, if we showed signs of overt insubordination his henchmen, Bruiser Naughton and Flint Quirke, were there as enforcers. Not that Browne ever had need of their services – at least not in his first months as prefect.

Students from both senior years engaged in high jinks in the dormitory. As well as the usual stuff of making 'apple pie beds', engaging in pillow fights and, occasionally, feasting on sweet cakes after lights-out, a few of us used attempt to walk like tightrope performers from one end of the dormitory to the other along the metal end-rails of beds. Another stunt involved jumping up from an end-rail to grab one of the iron bars spanning the room that tied together the wooden roof trusses. The danger here was that if one missed the bar one would almost certainly land on an end-rail and risk breaking a leg. Successful jumpers such as the 6th Year student Hawkeye Flynn would, in trapeze artiste fashion, swing by their knee joints from the tie bar before dropping to the

These feats were only undertaken while Browne and his henchmen visited the nearby washroom. I was quite good at rail walking but never succeeded in grabbing a tie bar, probably because I lacked the nerve to jump up straight enough – that way if I missed the bar I wouldn't land on an end-rail.

One night I was fast asleep when suddenly, as if hurled by an avalanche, my body hit the wooden floor: pranksters had tipped over the mattress. While I was remaking the bed with the help of my pal, 'Freddie the Fearless Fly' Conroy, the harsh light of Browne's torch dazzled us and his voice boomed, 'Scott and Conroy, report to the Dean after mass tomorrow morning.' Our protestations of innocence were brushed aside: we had been caught red-handed creating a disturbance.

Since reporting oneself to the Dean, Fr. Eoin, involved a major risk of unpleasant consequences, neither Freddie nor I complied with Browne's order. Later, we were called before Fr. Eoin, who, surprisingly, accepted our explanation and did not fine us. It was a victory of sorts, but victories have consequences. After that Browne resented the fact that we had flouted his authority. We would have to watch our steps.

A few nights later we were all lying quietly in our beds. The lights were out and apart from a few whispered conversations most of us were half asleep. Suddenly, Hawkeye's excited stage whisper announced, "There's an eclipse of the moon tonight!" Immediately, Freddie and I joined a stampede of twenty or more students towards the windows. Despite clambering up on the sills to peer at the sky, we could detect nothing unusual. Next minute the overhead lights were switched on and a furious Sow yelled, "Everyone back to bed! I'm reporting this in the morning."

Although Freddie and I had definitely been spotted among the moon-gazers, we assured one another that Browne wouldn't make a big deal out of the incident - after all, there were quite a number of 6th Years involved. How wrong we were. Sow duly reported every 5th Year, with special emphasis on Scott and Conroy. Not one 6th Year was included. I can't recall that Fr. Eoin imposed any great penalty, but the 5th Years were smarting at the unfairness of it all. It was in this climate that I decided to redress the balance of justice with my pen.

Prior to this I had had a piece of verse published in the Western Champion and I occasionally amused my classmates with topical ballads. Now I composed a lampoon to commemorate the eclipse incident. One verse still sticks in my mind:

"There's talk of war and action:

The Fives are feeling sore, They'll look for satisfaction, They're calling Browne a boar."

It was fairly crude stuff and only intended for private consumption. Unfortunately, one of my classmates, Gary Heenan, got hold of it and thought it the most wonderful piece of satire. Unknown to me, Gary decided to read it aloud in the Back Jacks. It was like a conspirator choosing the Roman Forum to deliver a tirade against Caesar.

The Back Jacks was the place where seniors, including prefects, congregated after teatime to smoke and chat. On this occasion, Sow, Bruiser and Flint, were present. Freddie told me afterwards that you could hear a pin drop as Gary read out the lines. When he had finished, Sow and his henchmen promptly confiscated the lampoon and demanded to know who had written it. Gary refused to tell. Since Heenan's brother was a priest in the college, Freddie was convinced that there would be no repercussions. Nevertheless, I could have murdered Heenan for putting us both at risk, especially when I heard that Sow and his henchmen had been spotted inspecting jotters and copybooks in the 5th Year classrooms. That night my foreboding proved accurate.

When we were all in bed, Sow, flanked by Bruiser and Flint, all fully clothed, entered the dormitory, approached Heenan's bed and ordered him out on the floor. Watched by the entire dormitory, Gary rose. Like a lamb facing a butcher, he stood there mutely in bare feet and pyjamas, arms hanging down; eyes full of apprehension. Sow reminded him of what had taken place in the Back Jacks, adding, "You had your fun, Heenan; now you'll pay

Losing no time Sow began to carry out the punishment. First, he swung his right hand in a broad sweep and hit Gary full across the face; then he swung his left hand. Again and again he struck the unfortunate Gary, switching hands methodically, while my stomach tightened into a knot with angry fear. When blood began to trickle from Gary's nose I thought Sow would relent. After all, this was a priest's younger brother who was being 'clattered'. But Sow was determined that we should all see the consequences of ridiculing him. It wasn't until blood began to splash onto Gary's pyjamas that he stopped. Then the three avengers turned away and headed down the aisle.

Now it's my turn. Watched by countless pairs of eyes I get out of bed when ordered.

Browne faces me, while his two henchmen stand like torturer's assistants behind his back, ready to intervene if I resist

Sow glares at me: "Scott, did you write the poem which Heenan recited?

I look into his flushed face and beady pig's eyes. He is only slightly heavier than myself. If I swing at him the watching 5th Years will almost certainly come to my assistance. Maybe Naughton and Quirke will flatten me but there will be one hell of a battle – in which case Fr. Eoin, whose room is almost directly underneath, will hear: if he finds out that I caused it by striking a prefect, I'll be for the high road in the morning. Better take my medicine like Gary.

"Scott, I asked if you wrote the poem?" Browne's voice is shrill. I again refuse to answer.

"It doesn't matter whether or not you admit it. We checked the handwriting against the handwriting in your copybook – and do you know what? They match. So now we'll see how smart you really are.'

The blows to my head are delivered with brain-rattling force while I keep my hands by my side and my eyes drilling into Sow's. With the regularity of a metronome his hands crash against the side of my face, though by some miracle my nose doesn't bleed. What hurts even more than the battering is the conviction that in a man-to-man fight I'd give this bastard just as good as I'm getting. In the meantime, I won't let him have the satisfaction of seeing me flinch. Finally it's over. My ears are buzzing and my brain is groggy, but during the entire ordeal I haven't uttered a sound.

When Naughton and Quirke had gone away and Sow was getting ready to turn out the lights I forced myself to walk half dazed down the aisle between the middle and side row of beds. The humiliation of having been beaten like an animal in front of all the seniors added coals of shame to the fire burning in my head. Somehow I had to recover my manhood. Browne looked surprised and more than a little wary when he saw me approach his bed. But at this stage I had no intention of risking expulsion.

'Liam', I addressed him by his Christian name, 'I've a favour to

'What?' He gave me a half-guilty look.

'Liam', my voice was pleading, 'will you meet me some place outside the college grounds so that we can settle this man-to-

Recovering from his surprise, he said truculently: 'You know where I live. You can meet me there any time you like.

Sure enough, I vaguely knew that he lived in some place at least forty miles from my home, but there was no point in getting into an argument.

'I'll remember that,' I promised and walked away.

Gary Heenan didn't report the incident to his brother, or, if he did, there were no obvious repercussions. In any case, Fr. Eoin would be reluctant to censure a prefect he himself or the college staff had appointed.

Over sixty years have passed since that night, but Liam and I have never met. It is clear to me now that he and I had this much in common: we were both determined not to lose face. If we do bump into each other before we die, I hope that Liam will be man enough to ask me for forgiveness. Maybe I'll ask him for forgiveness too.

After all, despite the proverb about 'sticks and stones', words can sometimes hurt even more than blows.

Note: Names of all characters have been changed, as has the name of the college.

P.G. Nerney

Clough Oughter Castle

In the tree-grown island of a tranquil lake this ruin's broken wall pains like a wound that, though it may have healed, flares now and then: Owen Roe, our last hope against the Roundheads, died here in Forty-Nine and left us ripe for conquest.

Harassed Owen O'Reilly imprisoned Planters captured during Ulster's bitter conflict in Clough Oughter's gloomy, fireless chambers; he even held learned Bedell there for weeks before Cromwellian cannon breached its wall.

But such blood-soaked tales of ancient discord are now vague memories in our cyber-busy zones, or, if more vexing, art's transforming power, as in a luminous watercolour, tempers conflict with autumnal tones.

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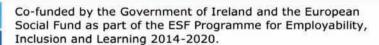


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The Advice Service will resume in the New Year on Friday 10th January 2020



Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas & A Peaceful New Year





MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Cycling without Age – the Right to Wind in your Hair Maynooth Cycling Campaign would like to thank Minister Michael Ring of the Department of Rural and Community Development for providing funding of over €8,000 for the purchase of an electric trishaw (it is similar to a rickshaw

but with three wheels). It will allow Maynooth to set up a local chapter of Cycling without Age and offer cycle rides to elderly in nursing homes who may have mobility problems and are no longer able to cycle. Ole Kassow started the movement in Copenhagen in 2012 after he noticed an elderly man sitting outside a nursing home and thought that he might enjoy a bike ride. Afterwards he was inundated with requests from other residents. Cycling without Age is now present in more than 42 countries and in Ireland there are over thirty trishaws. More details on Cycling without Age - Wind in Your Hair can be found at https://cyclingwithoutage.ie.

Public Consultation on Ireland's Sustainable Mobility Policy

The DTTAS has launched a public consultations to review Ireland's sustainable mobility policy. So if you want to make a point to the government on cycling, walking or public transport, this is the time. Details of the consultation can be found at https://www.gov.ie/en/news/d0f148-minister-ross-launches-review-of-sustainable-mobility/. The consultation ends on 24th January.

Celbridge Road Cycle Facilities

To date, Kildare County Council has still not published proposals for cycle facilities on the Celbridge Road. We hope that the delay is because they are having a radical rethink of their earlier poor proposals rather that a decision being stalled for the sake of it.

Space for Bicycles on Trains

The National Transport Authority has confirmed that the order for new rail carriages includes flexibility to allow increased spaces for bikes in accordance with EU parliamentary requirements. It is understood that the parliament has not fully confirmed that any new or refurbished rail carriage will have to provide a minimum of 8 spaces for bikes.

Cyclist.ie Council Meeting

In November, Cyclist.ie representing Maynooth Cycling Campaign among others, appeared before the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport Tourism and Sport on funding for cycling.



Review of the Year

The Good -

- Dublin hosting Velo-City 2019, the international cycling conference in Ireland. Maynooth Cycling Campaign's Chair being elected to the Kildare County Council's Transport and Public Safety Strategic Policy Committee.
- The truth about the low level of investment in cycling dragged out of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. In Budget 2020, Shane Ross allocated approximately €42 Million over €100 Million short of our benchmark of €182 Million.
- To date no cyclist road fatality in Kildare in 2019 after one dying in each of the previous two years.
- Fridays for Future protests in Maynooth with extreme floods in the UK and Italy and extreme fires and drought in New South Wales and California, climate change isn't just affecting the Third World any more.
- Moyglare Road cycle facilities work has started.

And the Bad -

- Moyglare Road cycle facilities Kildare County Council plans offer the fifth and lowest level of service to cyclists (level of service D).
- Dublin hosting Velo-City 2019 and international delegates seeing the lack of progress since 2005.
- · No meeting of the SPC until 2020.
- No meeting of the Kildare Cycle Forum since February 2019 and no talk of when it will resume.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on meetings and activities is available on our website.

We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation





ZERO WASTE MAYNOOTH

Dear Santa,

I hope everything is running smoothly with all the preparations for Christmas. It must be very hectic around the workshops getting all ready for the big day.

I have been trying really hard to be good this year — especially to the environment. The climate is getting warmer and melting ice in the North Pole and running into extreme weather around the world isn't going to make your job any easier.

I want to do my bit to help the planet and that includes thinking about the impact of my Christmas presents.

So Santa, please could you ask your elves to **get my presents second hand?** We have really good charity shops around Maynooth and you can get loads of things on adverts.ie. This would save lots of precious resources and prevent good toys going to waste. It will also help keep the house calm on Christmas morning as the toys will already be made up!

Next, could you please ask your Gift Wrap Elves **not to wrap my presents?** They do a lovely job but really I don't appreciate all their effort in my frenzy to get to the gift! A lot of the paper is not recyclable and just makes the bin overflow. If your elves really do want to wrap then maybe they could use newspaper or put things in pillowcases – that would save money and resources.

And finally Santa, I have a lot of games and toys, it can get a bit tiring to keep them neat and sorted. So instead of more things to clutter up the house, I was thinking you could **bring me an experience** – like a trip to the zoo or cinema, lunch out in my favourite café, or a winter walk with hot chocolate to finish. I could spend more time with my favourite people building memories and less time tidying!

Thanks for everything throughout the year!
Dreaming of a green Christmas,
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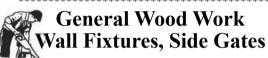
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Catherine Murphy TD Kildare North (Social Democrats) Wishing readers a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2020

Bus Connects submissions - Have your say!

The Dublin Area Revised Bus Network redesign, Bus Connects, is open for public consultation and the closing date for submissions to Bus Connects is Tuesday December 3rd. Catherine Murphy is asking people to review the proposed changes and to make submissions

The way in which you can make a submission is as follows:

Feedback form is here: https://www.research.net/r/BusConnectsbusnetwork

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Alternatively send your comments in writing to:

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In your submission, tell Your story, how you use the buses so that the Network Design personnel can understand how you would like to or how you see a future bus service working. It is important that your voice is heard. If you need any help at all with any aspect of the submission process, please feel free to call me on 01 615 6625 or email kildarenorth@socialdemocrats.ie

Full details of the proposed redesign are below

The north Kildare towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth are currently served by both Dublin Bus and Irish Rail suburban services. Combined, the towns have a population in excess of 50,000 with the expectation that population will expand.

Current Rail Services, especially at peak times, are used to capacity. Delivery of new rolling stock has a lead in time of 2022. It is important to make a submission in respect of the proposed changes as it impacts all residents.

Orbital Service W8

A new proposed service - W8 Maynooth Moyglare to Tallaght via Celbridge-Hazelhatch – City West and is a welcome addition to the network. A direct bus between Celbridge and Maynooth has dropped from the original plan, this one appears to compensate the transport needs of the schools on Moyglare Road.

There are a number of changes to current schedules that will directly impact the Maynooth area.

Route 66 will have a name change and will be the C3 Maynooth to City, terminating in Ringsend. This service will run every 30 minutes with some extra services at peak times.

Peak time two additional services 325 and 326 will operate from Maynooth, the 325 will terminate at Customs House. The 326 will go via city centre and terminate at UCD. 66X will discontinue and the 66N will remain.

Below is a link to Network MAP of the proposed redesign

https://busconnects.ie/media/1635/celbridge-leixlip-accordian-leaflet-260919-fa-web.pdf

Details in tables below of the Peak services - issued to Catherine Murphy from the NTA:

Table 1 bellow shows the existing "X" services during the peak hours, shaded in green, and the BusConnects equivalent of the "X" services, shaded in blue. The point that I was seeking to make in our discussion is that there is a slightly higher level of these limited stop services in the new network proposal. While it is only slightly higher, this is something that can be adjusted further if necessary.

Table 1: Peak Times "X" Services

Existing route	Existing route AM Peak Services	Existing PM Peak Services	Proposed Route		Proposed PM Peak Services
66X (River Forest)	1	1	323 (River Forest)	3	3
66X (Castletown)	1	1	324 (Castletown)	2	2
66X (Maynooth)	3		325 (Maynooth)	3	3
66X (Maynooth via Easton)	2	5	326 (Maynooth via Easton)	2	2
66X (Easton)	2				
67X (Aghards)	5	4	327 (Aghards)	5	4
67X (Main St.)	4	4	328 (Main St.)	4	4
Totals	18	15		19	18

Table 2 below shows the other the all-day services which also operate during the peak commuting periods. The existing services are shaded in green and the BusConnects proposals are shaded in blue.

Table 2: Other Services in the Peak Hours

Existing Routes	Existing AM Services	Existing PM Services	Proposed Route	Proposed AM Services	Proposed PM Services		
66	7	6	C3	C3 7 6			
66a	3	3	Replaced local connection to Main St. (258, 259) to the C3 & peak service 323				
66b	3	3	Replaced by local connection to Main St. (258) to the C3 & peak service 324				
66e	1	0	Replaced by local connection to Main St. (259) to the C3 & peak service 325				
67	8	6	C4	7	6		
Totals	22	18		14	12		

While Table 2 shows C3 mirroring the level of service of existing route 66, and the 67 and C4 broadly equivalent, there is a difference in the case of the 66a, 66b and 66e. Those routes are, in the locality of Celbridge/ Leixlip/ Maynooth, replaced by the local routes - 258 and 259 - which provide connections to the train station(s), the C3 service and the other peak hour services(323, 324 or 325 if not already served by those peak hour routes).

Bus Routes in your local area

Spine and Branch Routes (all via City Centre)

Spines are very frequent routes made up of individual bus services timetabled to work together along a corridor. At the end of the corridor, the individual services branch off to serve different areas. E.g. where bus services A1, A2, A3 and A4 join together that forms the A-Spine

1.1 Spin	1.1 Spine and Branch Routes								
Route	From	Via	To	How Often					
C1	Adamstown	Griffeen Rd - Foxborough - Lucan Bypass - Chapelizod Bypass - City Centre (Quays) - Pearse St - Grand Canal Dock - Ringsend	Sandymount	Every 30 mins					
C2	Adamstown	Griffeen Ave - Foxborough - Lucan Bypass - Chapelizod Bypass - City Centre (Quays) - Pearse St - Grand Canal Dock - Ringsend	Sandymount	Every 30 mins					
С3	Maynooth	Leixlip - Lucan - N4 - Chapelizod Bypass - City Centre (Quays) - Pearse St - Grand Canal Dock	Ringsend Bus Garage	Every 30 mins					
C4	Celbridge	Lucan - N4 - Chapelizod Bypass - City Centre (Quays) - Pearse St - Grand Canal Dock	Ringsend Bus Garage	Every 30 mins					

Orbital Routes: Orbital services operate around the city. They provide connections between suburbs and town centres without having to travel into the city centre. They also provide connections to Rail, Luas or other bus routes.

1.2 Orbital Routes									
Route	From	Via	To	How Often					
W8	Maynooth	Celbridge - Hazelhatch & Celbridge Station - Newcastle - Saggart - City West	Tallaght	Every 30 mins					

Local Routes

Local services provide important connections within local areas, linking to local retail centres and to onward transport connections (e.g. to Rail and Luas, or Spine routes).

1.3 Local Routes								
Route	From	Via	To	How Often				
251	Adamstown	Dodsborough Rd - Lucan Village - Adamstown Rd - Willsbrook Rd - St Loman's Rd	Liffey Valley	Every 60 mins				
252	Adamstown	Dodsborough Rd - Lucan Village - Laraghcon - Westmanstown Rd - Clonsilla Rd	Blanchardstow n	Every 60 mins				
258	Leixlip Confey	Leixlip - Celbridge Rd	Barnhall RFC	Every 30 mins				
259	Leixlip Confey	Leixlip - Easton - R449 - Maynooth Rd - Shackleton Rd - Celbridge	Hazelhatch & Celbridge Station	Every 30 mins				

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Peak Time Routes

For clarity, Peak Only services are also illustrated on a separate map available on the BusConnects website.

Peak-time services operate during the peak travel periods, generally weekday mornings and evenings.

1.4 Peal	1.4 Peak Time Routes								
Route	From	Via	То	How Often					
321	Adamstown	Lucan Bypass - Chapelizod Bypass - Heuston Station - Custom House	Merrion Sq	Peak Only					
322	Adamstown	Lucan Village - Chapelizod Bypass - Heuston Station - Custom House - Merrion Sq - Ballsbridge - St Vincent's Hospital	UCD	Peak Only					
323	Leixlip	Lucan Village - Chapelizod Bypass - Heuston Station - Custom House	Merrion Sq	Peak Only					
324	Barnhall RFC	Leixlip - Lucan Village - Chapelizod Bypass - Heuston Station - Custom House	Merrion Sq	Peak Only					
325	Maynooth	Leixlip - Lucan Bypass - Chapelizod Bypass - Heuston Station - Custom House	Merrion Sq	Peak Only					
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328	Celbridge	Lucan Bypass - Chapelizod Bypass - Heuston Station - Custom House - Merrion Sq - Ballsbridge - St Vincent's Hospital	UCD	Peak Only					

Midday frequency shown in table. Services may be more frequent in peak hours. Less frequent at weekends/evenings.

Maynooth Fire Station

Kildare County Council are in the final stages of purchasing a new site for the Fire station to be sited adjacent to Lidl on the Straffan Road. The cost of the site represents a considerable investment by the local authority in the provision of fire services in the north of the county.

Fire station construction is supported by the Fire Services Capital Programme delivered via the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management (NDFEM) located in the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

With the purchase of the new site Kildare County Council are now in a position, if we were to be included in a new Capital programme, to progress a new fire station project quickly. The Fire Station in Maynooth not only provides fire cover to the town but also to a number of the adjacent population centres including Kilcock, Straffan and Celbridge as well as the rural hinterland.

The industry in the area is varied and includes commercial premises, industrial premises, hotels, nursing homes and a residential college (NUIM)

Maynooth Fire Station, like all of the Kildare stations is a retained or "on-call" station. This means that the staff live and work in their local community and respond to the station on the activation of their alerters. Firefighters are required to attend their station within 10 minutes of the activation of their alerters. The NDFEM has set a national target of 5 minutes for fire engine responses from retained stations. The current station is located at the end of Leinster Street adjacent to the Maynooth MD Area office. Leinster Street is accessed from a very busy junction in a town that is regularly heavily congested with traffic. When driving to the station firefighters are required to observe the normal rules of the road like other drivers.

The current location of the fire station is not optimal. There is only one access road to and from the station (the incorporation of an emergency access route into the recent Blueway Project has assisted with access). Deliveries at the end of Leinster Street opposite the Garda Station often reduce the roadway to one lane. The location of the train station means that there is a lot of pedestrian usage of the roadway. Planning permission for student accommodation along Leinster Street will also have a negative impact on access to the fire station once construction starts.

The station building itself is not optimal. While there have been upgrades over the years the roof level of the station is too low and will not accommodate a modern fire engine.

Maynooth is a busy station. The call numbers for the station since 2014 are detailed in the table below:

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Call Numbers	226	281	319	278	322

It is important that Maynooth is on the next Capital programme otherwise we will have to wait a further five years before we can make progress.



Maynooth University Town Football Club Results



Recent results are proving favourable with all teams holding their own against some top-class opposition.

L.S.L Senior Division: Town 4 - Crumlin Utd. 0 Reigning champions Crumlin came, saw but failed to conquer. Producing some of their best football of the season Town were always in command and dealt as severe blow to Crumlin's hopes of retaining their title. Having lost two cup semi-finals to the same opposition last season Town had a point to prove. Revenge was sweet as Town swept their fancied opponents aside with a display of sheer class. Jackson Ryan and Cillian Duffy helped themselves to two goals apiece. Duffy was unlucky not to complete his hat trick when smashing his free kick against the crossbar.

There were many stars in this five star performance.

L.S.L Lanagan Cup: Town 1 - Kilnamanagh 1 (A.E.T) The dreaded penalty shoot-out was our undoing in this closely fought cup tie. Our Saturday string performed admirably and had a number of chances to win the game in normal time. Extra time failed to produce a winner and so penalty kicks came into play.

Kilnamagh proved to be better marksmen and sealed the tie on a 4-2 score line

L.S.L Senior Division: Bangor G.G. F.C. 4 - Town 3
Town began slowly but settled down and had the better of the exchanges for long periods. In the 23rd minute Town were awarded an indirect free kick in the Bangor penalty area. Cillian Duffy cleverly rolled the ball to Daragh Deegan who smashed it to the back of the net. A defensive error in the 38th minute provided Bangor with the equaliser, Darragh Deegan was sent off moments later

following a clash with the Bangor centre half who dramatically went to ground clutching his face.' On the restart Bangor quickly took over against the ten men and swept into a 4-1 lead. Town battled manfully and Cillian Duffy reduced the deficit with a trademark freekick. Town were inspired by this and the ten men threw everything at Bangor. Sven Briansumba gave Town great hope when scoring from close range shortly after but time ran out with Town still on the offensive.

A gallant effort in the face of great adversity.

L.S.L. Div. 3 Sat: Town 3 - Ballymun Utd. 2

Town were good value for this hard fought win in which the result was in doubt for long periods. Goals by Francis Ilunga, Dave Folan and Dean Barrett ensured that the points stayed at home.

L.S.L. Senior Division: Cherry Orchard 2 - Town 2

This was a game where Town did not produce their usual free flowing football. A heavy pitch contributed to the game being played at a slow pace. Town led at the break by a headed goal by Conor Dunne from a Cillian Duffy free-kick. At the restart, Town broke from the tip off and a superb cross by Dylan Kavanagh was slotted home by Conor Foley. Midway through the half a hotly disputed penalty was converted by Orchard. Worse was to follow when a Town defender turned the ball into his own net. Town defence had to batten down the hatched to hold out for a point.

L.S.L. Major Div. Sat: Crumlin Utd. 1 - Town 1

Town had to fight hard to share the points against a very resolute home-side. Crumlin tried to out muscle a Town side who were not for pushing over.

Crumlin took the lead in the 25th minute and looked as if they might take over. Town upped their game in the 2nd half and were rewarded in the 55th minute when Dave Folan coolly slotted home a penalty. Try as Town might they were unable to grab the winner.

L.S.L. Div. 3 Sun: Ayrfield Utd. 1 - Town 2

This was a result that can be attributed to hard work and a never say never attitude. Never flinching in the force of some strong pressure Town battled gamely to hold out for a deserved win.

FAI Intermediate Cup 3rd Round Cobh Wanders FC 1 - Town ?3

Town's love affair with the Intermediate Cup and Cork continues. The early morning trip to the seaside town of Cobh proved un-daunting for Town who had to pull out all the stops to achieve victory. Played on a pitch that was deemed un-playable the day before, this Saturday game just passed the test. In the 36th minute Cobh took the lead against the run of play. This awakened Town from their slumber.

Following a good run and cross by Cillian Duffy, Dylan Kavanagh was on hand to finish in the 42nd minute. Three minutes later good play down Town's right saw Sven Biansumba slot home from an acute angle. The tie was settled in the 80th minute. Good work by Danny Burke provided the opening for Muhannad Bhukativa.

A solid team performance which qualifies us for next season's F.A.I. Senior Cup Preliminary round for the 3rd season in a row.

Thanks to Brady's Bar & Lounge for their match sponsorship, Dave and the crew in Brady's Restaurant for a hearty pre-travel breakfast, Barton's Transport and genial driver Joe Fahy for transport and a safe return journey.

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Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil - Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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Ó Cearúil calls for accountability in Irish Water

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has called for accountability from Irish Water after two boil water notices were declared over the past number of weeks, effecting Maynooth. Irish Water gave an in camera presentation to councillors from Maynooth, Celbridge and Leixlip about the issues around the Leixlip Water Treatment Plant.

At that meeting Cllr. Ó Cearúil criticised the fact that the meeting was not being held in public and that the public deserved to hear what Irish Water had to say. He continued by criticising their use of the term, "customers" when speaking about the public. He stated that, "You are serving the public, not customers. If we were customers we'd have an option, if we were customers you would be in front of the courts over the poor standard of water and the distress you have caused to so many people."

He also questioned the Council as to why water tankers were not deployed to help with the situation, particularly to the most vulnerable in our community. The Council replied by saying that the advice from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was that water from tankers needs to be boiled as well as people might bring canisters that are not sanitised, Ó Cearúil said that this was an insult to people that they would essentially bring dirty canisters to collect water. Naoise has called on Irish Water to come before a meeting of Kildare County Council to answer questions in public and has submitted a motion to this effect.

Bus Connects - What it means for Maynooth

Please make sure to go to www.busconnect.ie for a full break down and to submit your feedback but below are some key points to take away.

- 2 Buses going to Dublin City Centre at Peak times (commuters)
- 1 Bus every 30 minutes to Dublin City Centre outside peak times
- 1 Bus every 30 minutes to Tallaght from Moyglare Hall outside peak times

Moyglare Road Bus W8 is not proposed to be Dublin Bus, no tender has been publicised for this route yet which could mean a long delay. We've been waiting nearly two decades for a bus to Moyglare and unless there are submissions it could take longer. This route is destined for Tallaght via Celbridge and CityWest. If you feel that this route should go to Dublin City Centre, make sure to make a submission.

Ó Cearúil pushes for public consultation on the Celbridge Road.

Cllr. Naoise Ó Cearúil has called for a public consultation (part 8) to take place for the Celbridge Road. There are drawings already to improve safety on the road for all of the pedestrians, particularly children attending Gaelscoil UÍ Fhiaich and Maynooth Educate Together. Naoise tried to progress the part 8 in April this year but was opposed by other councillors. He is hoping that there will be some progress on the discussions as the road is treacherous and there are constant fears over an accident there.

Calls for local co-operation between Maynooth University and the Town

Naoise has proposed that Maynooth University are invited to a meeting with local councillors to discuss ways to work together on local issues. The University works with KCC on large projects but Naoise has called for more work on local issues. This would include how to deal with traffic, anti-social behaviour, shared events and much more.

Naoise continues to push for safety checks at Meadowbrook Link Road

At last month's council meeting Naoise asked what has the council done to improve the safety of the Meadowbrook link road. The council responded that a road safety audit stage 3 is being carried out on it. There has already been a traffic sign removed to improve visibility of lights. Ó Cearúil impressed upon them that they really need to look at the use of different arrows, "There are many reckless drivers out there but I believe that the vast majority of people breaking lights at the junction are doing so unbeknownst to them. It's not normal that there are so many people breaking lights there. They're clearly not working as they should be."

Maynooth

St Patrick's Day Parade

35th Annual Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade 2020

It's time to start preparing once again for Maynooth's biggest event, the St. Patrick's Day Parade! This is the 35th Annual parade and we are extremely excited for what's in store.

The Committee have been meeting over the past few months to start preparations and we are planning on the biggest parade to date. We are very excited about 2020's parade and we hope you are too.

We can reveal that the Theme for 2019 is... "Climate & Me". The world as we know it is changing drastically due to climate change and that includes our community. We are fortunate to have climate action groups in the town and academics that are experts on the subject.

For floats please consider recycling material, using chants calling for climate action and pull inspiration from the Global Climate Strikes around the world and in Maynooth on Fridays.

Application forms can be emailed to maynoothparade@gmail.com or can be posted/dropped into the Maynooth Newsletter office beside the Post Office.

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade committee work on a voluntary basis and we are constantly on the lookout for new volunteers and if you have some spare time to assist, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to help or if you have any queries, please email us or call (086) 728 0050.

Naoise Ó Cearúil (Chair) Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Committee.



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St Patrick's Day Parade



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Application Form 2020

This Year's Theme: "Climate &Me"

Closing Date for Entries: 5pm Monday 9th March 2020

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All vehicles entering must have a	float, preferably a live	e band with tra	ditional, rock or pop	music.
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Applications with entry fee to be sent to: c/o Unit 5, Carton Retail Park,

Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Best Portrayal of Irish Culture

(Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Perpetual Trophy)

Best Band

Organised by:

Environmental Awareness

Best School Float

Best Portrayal of

Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Committee Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade Committee E-mail: maynoothparade@gmail.com Naoise Ó Cearúil (Chair) Mobile - 086-7280050

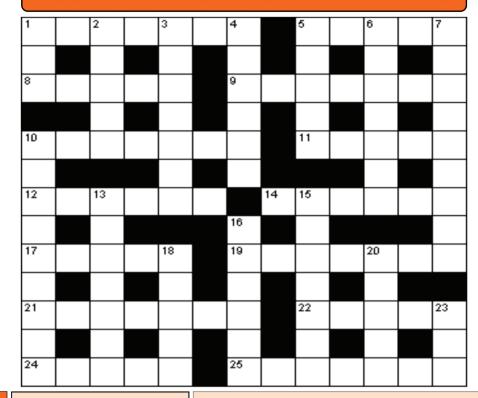
Clues Across

Across

- 1. Assortment (7)
- 5. Group of insects (5)
- 8. Large herbivorous mammal (5)
- 9. Pagan (7)
- 10. Unfeigned (7)
- 11. Ledge (5)
- 12. Lifted (6)
- 14. Appraise (6)
- 17. Notions (5)
- 19. Fruit (7)
- 21. Direction (7)
- 22. Taut or rigid (5)
- 24. Days of the month (5)
- 25. Embroiled (7)



December 2019 Crossword - No. 486



Clues Down

Down

- 1. Chart (3)
- 2. Inert gas (5)
- 3. Dissimilar (7)
- 4. Reverberated (6)
- 5. Photos (5)
- 6. Attain (7)
- 7. Public declaration (9)
- 10. Decorated food (9)
- 13. Imprecise (7)
- 15. Abridge (7)
- 16. Captured (6)
- 18. Secret agents (5)
- 20. Invalidate (5)
- 23. Conclusion (3)



Solutions to Crossword No. 485

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Special Prize Book Voucher

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

> The Maynooth Bookshop 68 Main Street, Maynooth

Entries in before: Tuesday 21st January 2020

Name:	 	
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Phone:	

Winner of Crossword No. 485

Patricia Brennan Rockfield Rise Maynooth

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

<u>Collect prize from</u>

The Maynooth Bookshop 68 Main Street, Maynooth

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

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

Sudoku Challenge 2019

Entries must arrive to Newsletter Office before: Tuesday 21st January 2020

Congratulations to Last Month's Winner:

Brenda Boylan Parklands Sq. Maynooth

Collect prize from Newsletter Office

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

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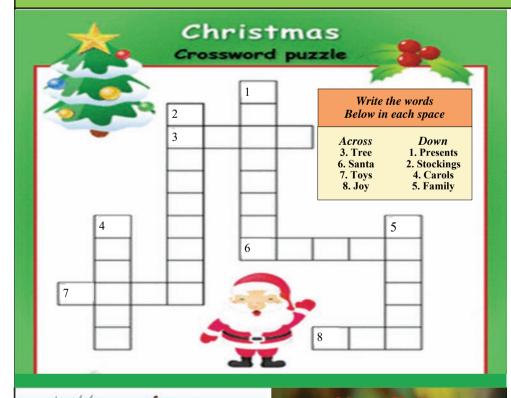
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Last Month's Winner: Lauren Sheehan Straffan Road Maynooth

Prize of a Free Family Meal for Colouring Competition can be collected at:
Maynooth Newsletter Office Unit 5, Tesco Shopping Centre.

Entries must arrive before Tuesday 21st January 2020

Junior Puzzle Corner



You'll need: Googly eyes Small red pom poms Brown pipe cleaners Candy canes Glue

Glue
Wrap the pipe cleaner around your

finger and then bend them into shape. Bend a bunch of the pipe cleaners around little fingers also. Parents give a hand with the gluing (maybe you might want to use Super Glue), children will love working with the pom poms and googly eyes.

Candy Cane Reindeer

Those googly eyes are a pain to pick up off the table! These guys are so fun, and so easy to make!

They'd make great little Christmas ornaments for the tree!

Or you can give them out as party favours or classroom gifts.



Or, if you're like us, you can just do them as a fun craft with the kids. These candy cane reindeer are so easy to make! All you need are simple craft materials and you'll be all set! Make them for the Christmas tree, or as treats to send to school, or just as a fun craft with the kids. They're really simple, and next to impossible to mess up!



Amber Tree Bistro Mill Street Maynooth

2 Course Lunch €21.50 12.30pm-3.30pm

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3 Course Dinner €30 3.30pm-7.00m



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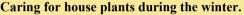


"The gardening season officially begins on January 1st, and ends on December 31st."

Go Green with your Christmas Tree the use of evergreens to decorate homes dates back to pagan times, when they were considered to be a symbol of eternal life. They were used as decoration during the winter solstice, a celebration of light and rebirth. This year, consider purchasing a

living Christmas Tree for your home. They really aren't that much more expensive than a cut tree. This is an excellent way to improve your landscape, and at the same time, save a tree. Before bringing a living tree into the house, water it thoroughly. Living Christmas Trees should not be kept in the house for any longer than 10 days. Acclimatise the tree to being outdoors again for a month.

- Start off with the tree in a sheltered area with some natural light a porch, conservatory or garage and gradually move the tree down the garden to a more exposed area.
- If you have a very large garden and want to plant your tree in a lawn, choose a location in full sun, as this will ensure an even shape to your tree.
- Then dig a square hole, one spade deep. Cultivate the soil, paying attention to creating good drainage.
- Fill the hole and plant the tree on the resulting mound, making sure that the root collar is at ground level, not below this will improve the tree's chances of survival.
- Keep an area up to 1m (3.5ft) around the tree completely weed free mulch with bark. If planted in the lawn, this area should be up to 2m (6.6ft) around the tree.



House plants need varying amounts of water and fertilizer at different times of the year.



They need the most during summer when light levels are high and days are long. They need the least during the short days of winter. The primary reason for this is light. Light fuels plant growth. More light allows more growth, which results in a greater demand for water and nutrients. When light is limited, the need for water and nutrients decreases dramatically. Therefore, it becomes easy to overwater and over fertilize during the winter months. Excess water and

fertilizer can kill a plant by damaging the root system.

Overwatering can suffocate roots by eliminating oxygen, and excess fertilizer can burn roots. It is never wise to water on a set schedule. Rather, allow the potting soil to tell you when watering is needed.

Check to see if the soil is a moist 1-inch deep by inserting your finger into the potting mix. Don't water unless the mix is dry. Another method of determining when to water is the weight of the pot. Use the former method to determine how light the pot should be before watering.

Another common mistake homeowners make with houseplants is fertilizing during the winter in order to perk plants up. This is the exact opposite of what should be done. Remember it is a lack of light that gives plants the doldrums, not a lack of fertilizer. Therefore, it is best not to fertilize at all during the middle of winter (December-January)

# Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs.

If you potted up some bulbs, such as hyacinths, daffodils or tulips, last September for

winter forcing, keep an eye on them. Make sure they remain moist, and in the dark until they have established their root systems.

It is possible that they have already filled their containers with roots and that the new top growth has begun.

If this is so, bring them into the house and set them in a cool room, in indirect light.

After a week or so, move them into bright light, and watch them grow.



Remember our feathered friends during the winter

Wishing you a warm, merry flower-brightened Christmas Day with family and friends...and the promise of good things to come in 2020





# Quick Christmas Pudding

### Ingredients:

- \* 50g / 2oz Self Raising Flour
- \* 125g / 4oz Brown Sugar
- \* 125g / 4oz Margarine
- \* 2 Eggs
- 1 teaspoon Cinnamon
- \* 1 packet (375g) Fruit Mix
- \* 1 tub (100g) Cherries
- \* 125g / 4oz Breadcrumbs
- 300ml / 1/2 pint Stout

#### Method:

- 1. Beat margarine and sugar together, add the eggs and mix well.
- 2. Stir in the flour and cinnamon, next add the fruit and cherries.
- 3. Finally, add the breadcrumbs and stout, stir well.
- 4. Cover and allow to stand overnight.
- 5. Next day, transfer to a greased 1 litre / 2 pint pudding bowl. Steam for 6 Hours.

# Easy Mince Pies

# Ingredients:

- 350g/12oz Plain Flour
- \* 225g/8oz Butter (room temperature)
- \* 125g/4oz Caster Sugar
- \* 1 jar Mincemeat
- \* 1 small Egg (beaten) optional for brushing
- \* Icing Sugar for dusting

# Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°C/Gas 6.Lightly grease 2 bun trays.
- 2. Place flour into a large mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, then mix in the sugar.
- 3. Bring the mixture together to form a ball! Do not add any liquid, keep bringing the dough together and it will form a ball.
- 4. Press small walnut sized pieces of pastry into each section of two patty tins. Put a teaspoon of the mincemeat into the centre.
- 5. Take slightly smaller pieces of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies.
- 6. Top pies with the lids, pressing the edges together to seal you do not need to seal them with milk, egg or water as they will stick on their own. If liked they may be brushed with the beaten egg.
- 7. Bake for about 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire tray.

# Mulled Wine

# Ingredients:

- \* 2 large oranges
- \* 3 pints of water (48 fluid ounces)
- \* 8oz granulated sugar
- \* 2-3 cinnamon sticks
- \* 10 cloves
- \* 2 bottles of good red wine
- \* 1 apple, sliced and cored
- \* 1 orange, deseeded and sliced

# Method:

- 1. Slice 2 oranges and place in a saucepan with 3 pints of water, granulated sugar, cinnamon sticks and cloves. Heat gently until the sugar is dissolved. Then bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes.
- 2. Strain the syrup. (The syrup can be prepared in advance and left to sit in the fridge for a day or two.) Return the syrup to the pan, bring to the boil, add 2 bottles of red wine, add the apple and the sliced orange into the mixture and serve.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas!!!







# FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON CHRISTMAS MOVIES SEASON





There are many traditions associated with the festive period. Not least among them is the annual *Naughty or Nice* Christmas Movies season at the *Light House Cinema* in Dublin. There is always cinematic gems on offer to get one in the Christmas spirit. This year is no exception with movies aplenty to look forward to, and even some classics being screened for the first time. It's an ideal opportunity to gather with family or friends for some yuletide screen fun in the weeks leading up to Christmas.



# **MEET ME IN ST LOUIS (1944)**

Judy Garland was at the height of her screen powers when she filmed this classic MGM musical in the mid 1940s. *Meet Me in St Louis* is a slice of Americana at its best, a sentimental loveletter to old-world values in the face of external threats. The film is based on author Sally Benson's series of *New Yorker* stories about a middle-class family living in St Louis and looking forward to the following year's State Fair of 1904. A possible uprooting to New York threatens the equilibrium of the tight-knit Smith family.

Meet Me in St Louis was produced during the closing years of the Second World War. As such, it reflects the uncertainty and hope of that period. The movie is ravishing to look at, as sepia, tinted hues transform into bursts of glorious technicolour. Garland's famous Trolley Song exemplifies that wonderfully, and is justly recognised as a spectacular highlight of the film.

The supporting cast for the movie is nigh on perfect. Leon Ames is fabulous as the blunt but devoted Edwardian head of family. Child star, Margaret O'Brien is simply marvellous as Judy Garland's younger sister. She vents her anger with change in various destructive ways. The young actress was indeed extraordinary for her ability to exude heartbreak so convincingly on screen. Directed with great flair by Vincente Minnelli (Garland's future husband and father of Liza), *Meet Me In St Louis* is picture-postcard perfect.



Above all, the great Judy Garland was never more poignant or dazzling on screen. She brings great emotional resonance to evergreen classics like *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. *Meet Me in St Louis* is a beautiful, heartfelt family film for all ages and the perfect Christmas movie. Don't miss the chance to see it for the first time on the big screen this holiday season.

### **LOYE ACTUALLY (2003)**

Love Actually announces its "love is all around us" theme with a montage of embraces at the arrivals area of Heathrow airport, and this classic Christmas movie will be everywhere you look this year. Apart from making up the seasonal fare at the Light House Cinema, the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre will hold a Love Actually live concert with full orchestra in early December.

Written and directed by Richard Curtis of *Four Weddings and a Funeral* fame, this crowd-pleaser and sentimental ode to love has proved more popular with audiences than critics. Love might indeed be all around us, but it's also a tad complicated as depicted by the various storylines on show.

The star-studded *Love Actually* charts the lives of several couples dealing with the vagaries of love (broken, mended or ignited hearts), in a series of loosely interconnected tales set during Christmas time in London. While most of the characters are related in some way, their storylines are self-contained. We skip from one to another with the film's popular soundtrack emphasising every emotion. Inevitably, some stories work better than others.

The acting by a strong cast positively sparkles. There are many



highlights. Grant's charming Blair-like Prime Minister getting his dance groove on through the corridors of 10 Downing Street is a real rib-tickler. While his character's romance with his secretary, played by former *EastEnders* star, Martine McCutcheon is both funny and endearing. Puppy love is represented by an 11-year old boy (adorable Thomas Sangster), who is helped through the tricky path of young love by his recently widowed father (Liam Neeson). Curtis regular, Colin Firth also turns up in *Love Actually* as a diffident writer finding consolation for his love woes with his Portuguese maid in a series of farcical exchanges.

Amongst the light-heartedness, there is also heartbreak; both Emma Thompson and Laura Linney pull at the heartstrings in their respective roles. The marvellous Bill Nighy almost steals the entire film in his hilarious turn as an aging foul-mouthed, rocker, hoping to make a comeback with a cover version of *Wet Wet Wet's* hit song *Love is All Around*. His self-deprecating brand of humour is a joy to behold.

Love Actually's schmaltz factor registers high on the



saccharine scale; for some it will feel like sugar-overload. However, a lot of the film's pleasure is in the playing. The whole cast is expert in the art of deflection. They frequently undercut Curtis's blatantly sentimental message with deadpan understatement. Ultimately, the sheer entertainment value and feel-good factor of the film will win over the most cynical of viewers. If you're looking for a movie to get you in to the festive mood, *Love Actually* is actually essential Christmas viewing!

#### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946)

No Christmas would be complete without *It's a Wonderful Life*. Although with its dark undertones, Frank Capra's bitter-sweet fantasy-drama *m*ight not seem, on paper, the most ideal of Christmas movies. Nonetheless, this classic has taken on legendary status for decades now. In fact, it's one of the most beloved movies ever made, frequently topping the polls of the greatest Christmas films of all time.

Screen legend James Stewart plays George Bailey. A man down

on his luck, who abandons his own hopes and dreams to help others, and is driven to the brink of suicide in the process. The distraught Bailey, on the verge of hysteria was tailor-made for Stewart. The actor had just returned from real-life service in **WW2** and was possibly dealing with some PTSD issues of his own, at the time. Stewart's previously boyish looks became edgier, and his roles increasingly reflected that change in his movies of the 40s and 50s. Playing a disillusioned, broken man who sees no point in living, Stewart gives a powerful performance that audiences implicitly understood at the time, and which continues to resonate in modern times.



Frank Capra's hugely populist cinema concerned itself with supporting the underdog, the little man fighting the system and entrenched greed. Humanity, decency, hope and redemption were his trademark themes. The term 'Capraesque' can be used to describe his style of filmmaking.

It's a Wonderful Life is shot in glorious black and white. Capra's use of light and darkness in the cinematography of the movie is remarkable. The performances of the supporting cast are uniformly excellent. Donna Reed fills the role of Stewart's wife with heart, warmth and presence. Henry Travers's iconic role as Clarence the inept angel, in search of his wings, is clever and highly amusing.

Frank Capra's enduring and inventive masterpiece is a brilliant combination of mood and tone on screen. *It's a Wonderful Life* is heart-warming, dark, funny, heart-breaking and joyful all at the same time. It is above all the triumph of the human spirit in the face of adversity. That makes it both the perfect Capra and Christmas movie.



The Light House season also includes screenings of Christmas favourites like the uproarious National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation. It features a fantastic comedic turn from Chevy Chase as the permanently beleaguered husband and father facing the Christmas from hell. Home Alone will give you the chance to revisit the Macaulay Culkin classic which sees him outwitting Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern's dumb criminals. The wonderful Muppet Christmas Carol gathers all the familiar puppet characters to re-enact the classic Dickensian story, with Michael Caine at his Bah Humbug best as Scrooge. The tunes are catchy and the muppets bring plenty of zany fun to the proceedings.



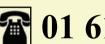


Wishing a very **Happy Christmas** and a Peaceful New Year to you all !!



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