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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 and in Dublin.



Please see below Blog by Dr. Lorna Gold



**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 Tubridy 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](http://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!**  
**Lorna**

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.

- €810,950 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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### LAUNCH OF MAYNOOTH 10K / 5K SUNDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 2019



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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.popupraces.ie).**





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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](http://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

The logo for the Maynooth Newsletter features a large, stylized blue letter 'M' on the left. To the right of the 'M', the word 'Maynooth' is written in a blue serif font, and below it, the word 'Newsletter' is written in a blue sans-serif font.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 and of course we have an hour less in bed on the 30<sup>th</sup> March as the clock goes forward on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

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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

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 traffic lights at The Square is now complete."*

*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 community.*

*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 Services expects work on this section of the ring road to begin shortly as Planning Permission has been granted recently. The 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 dogs. If the members are agreeable this can be erected at both ends of Carton Avenue."*

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 cover."*

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 Welcomes 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 be welcomed.

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 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 Gaelcholaiste 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 Gaelcholaiste 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 coming weeks.

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 children. The applicants for Patronage of the new Maynooth 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 Kildare.

### 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 overseas.

Welcoming the Minister's response, Mr. Stagg stated that the new owner intends to rebrand the substantial site, extending over 195 acres, 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 - Stagg

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 review.

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 Burns.

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



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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

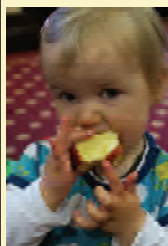


[www.earthbabyfair.ie](http://www.earthbabyfair.ie)

Tuesday 19th February 2019 -The Earth Baby Fair, Ireland's 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 .



### 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](http://www.earthbabyfair.ie)

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### THE MIRACLE PRAYER

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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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## 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.



### Public Meeting

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Speakers from the national  
Green Party, Trócaire,  
Maynooth Works and  
FutureFit will discuss  
solutions for transport,  
town planning, energy,  
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### Date set for New Bus Services for Maynooth and Leixlip Commuters says O'Rourke.

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.

"Starting 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 be 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 €3.6 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 €528,832 has been spent. Of the €528,832 only €57,827 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 most?"

"Historically LEADER has been extremely successful in revitalising rural areas but the roll-out 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 on display, some up to sixteen cent in the difference."

"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.

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%."

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 Fáil 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 Síochána 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 Minister 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

*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](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) and from the*  
*Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121*



## Lost passports

### Question

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?

### Answer

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](http://www.polio.ie) | [info@ppsg.ie](mailto: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  
Caring for our environment



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 Biodiversity 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.

**Richard Farrell**  
**PRO Maynooth**  
**Tidy Towns**



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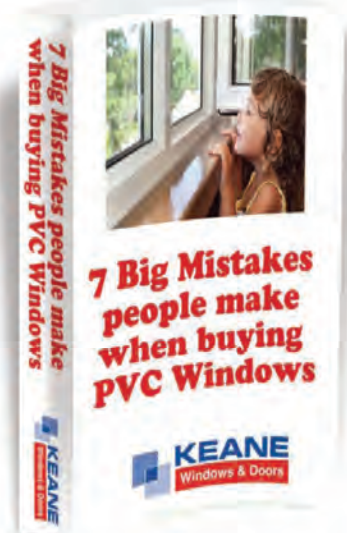
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### MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY TOWN F.C.

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

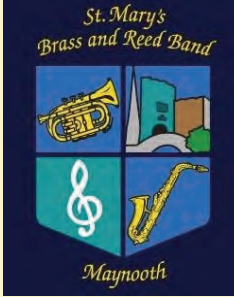


Saturday March 9th - Athy Golf Club  
Saturday April 6th - Grange Castle G.C.  
May 17th/18th - Weekend Away to Athlone staying n the Prince of Wales hotel and playing New Forest and Glasson G. C.  
Friday 21st June - Killeen Golf Club  
Saturday 20th July - Coolattin Golf Club ( Captains Day )  
Saturday 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>

The second strike for climate action will take place in Maynooth Square on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The first event took place on February 8<sup>th</sup> 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!*





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## 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:

Demonstrators: 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

#### September 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,  
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## 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 contrast, 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
- ¼ 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.



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



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## SPRING FORWARD



**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





## Cllr Naoise Ó Cearúil - Maynooth Fianna Fáil Notes

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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 everyone;

"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 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 now lay out his pitch to Fianna Fáil members, starting off at the Ard Fheis in Citywest this weekend.

### Protest and Petition for Garda Station organised by Naoise

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 area.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Cairtriona, the Church of Ireland and Educate Together.

An Foras Pátrúnachta are an Irish language patron based in Maynooth business campus, they are the patron for most 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 bhailte le Gaeilge sa tír"*

### 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



- 1 ltr beef or lamb stock
- 900g potatoes, peeled and cut into 1cm slices
- Large knob of butter
- Fresh flat leaf parsley and thyme, to serve



#### 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



### Cycling for All

Maynooth Cycling Campaign has joined the *Cycling for All* campaign in 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 *#Allocate4Cycling* 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/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 *Cycling for All*.

### Carton Avenue

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.*



## ~ Have Fun While Advertising Your Organisation ~ Maynooth 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**

Name of Business/Group:

Address:

Contact e-mail:

Contact Person:

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? Yes ☐ No ☐

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

**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*

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

1	Best Commercial Float	Trophy	2	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:

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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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#### Work Matters at the Library:

#### Support for Business & Employment

**Maynooth Community Library provide support to agencies, small**

**business, entrepreneurs, students and job-seekers. As a core service we provide the following:**

- Meeting Space [pre-booking essential]
- Free Wifi and access to PCs
- Free access to VisionNet and Mintel online resources
- Access to our library catalogue at [www.kildare.ie/library](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> March, all day**

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

#### Library Events

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Brendan 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'.

**Booking Required**

#### eEmergency eServices Clinic

**First Wednesday of every month begins 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Tablet not agreeing with you? Need to resuscitate your reading habits? Did you know you can access free audio books, eBooks, magazines and online training courses with your library card? Schedule a consultation with our eServices \*Doctor to learn how to access our eServices on your own device. \*not a qualified medical practitioner **Booking essential.**

#### Irish Showbands

**Presented by Pat McGee**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 in-class. Experience is helpful though not essential.

**Booking required**

#### Children's Events

##### Family Friendly Board Game mornings

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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.**

#### Make a rocket Art & Craft

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm– 3.30pm 5- 8 year olds**

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### FitLine

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### Make Time

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 like-minded makers to work on your latest project and swap tips over tea.

**No booking required.**

#### Maynooth Women's Group

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> March, 6:15pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March Screening 5pm Discussion 7pm**

All are welcome to come watch the film on March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

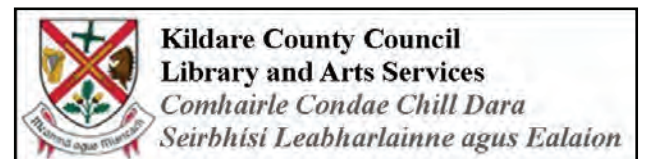
#### Helpful Hints for Avoiding Fines at Maynooth Community Library

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

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**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 zoo.

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 unpaved, 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 open-plan, 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 young 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



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some of the biggest Irish artists including Bono, Sinéad 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, gruppá 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](http://www.ccemhaighnuad.com) and Facebook & Twitter (CCEMhaighNuad).

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<b>Community Library</b>	<b>Maynooth Multiple Births</b>	<b>Bridge Club</b>
<p><b>Opening Times</b>  <b>Mondays &amp; Fridays 2pm to 5pm</b>  <b>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 1pm to 8pm</b>  <b>Wednesday 9.30am to 1pm</b>  <b>&amp; 2pm to 5pm</b>  <b>Sat 9.30am to 1pm</b></p>	<p>Maynooth Multiple Births playgroup (twins triplets or more) meets the last Thursday of the month in Leixlip library between 10 &amp; 12 noon. This is a great opportunity to meet parents just like you.  For further details email:  maynoothmultiplebirthclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with purpose-built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at <a href="http://maynoothbridgeclub.com">maynoothbridgeclub.com</a>.  Contact Katherine Cooney  086 8205910</p>
<b>I.C.A.</b>	<b>MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP</b>	<b>Arthritis Ireland</b>
<p>Monthly meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the month at 8.00pm in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.  Crafts every Monday night at 8.00pm.  New members welcome</p>	<p>Maynooth Local History Group Meets  Last Thursday of each Month in  The Glenroyal Hotel  New Members Welcome  Contact: MCEP Office for more details  (Unit 5 Tesco's Carton Retail Park)</p>	<p>Arthritis Ireland Walking Group  (Maynooth)  <b>Meeting Mondays</b>  <b>12-2pm in the Maynooth Community Space</b></p>
<b>University of Third Age (U3A)</b>	<b>Maynooth Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b>	<b>Maynooth Men's Sheds</b>
<p>We meet on Fridays between 11am &amp; 1pm in Maynooth Community Space Tesco SC</p> <p>Activities vary to include social, cultural &amp; educational interests of group &amp; new members.  New members welcome  Drop in for a cuppa &amp; chat if interested  Contact Mary: 0861662910 or Lena: 0876717062</p>	<p><b>Every Thursday from</b>  <b>9.30am to 11.30am</b>  <b>Maynooth Community Space Unit</b>  <b>11/12 Tesco SC</b>  <b>Carton Park, Maynooth</b></p>	<p>Weekly meetings take place every Wednesday at 11am  at the Maynooth Lodge Fisheries  Dunboyne Road Maynooth.  For further details contact  John Fleming - 087 2041334</p>
<b>Maynooth Tidy Towns</b>	<b>St Joseph's young Priests Society</b>	<b>Maynooth Community Church</b>
<p><b>Volunteers required to help with this work.</b>  <b>Contact Number</b>  <b>087 3153189</b>  <b>Meet every Saturday</b>  <b>at 10.00am in the Square</b></p>	<p>St. Joseph's young Priest's Society meet monthly on the second last Wednesday between 8pm and 9pm in Parish Centre, Maynooth.  For further information contact Bernadette at 6286288 or Lena at 01 6285128.</p>	<p><b>1st Floor Manor Mills</b>  <b>(entrance next to Chill)</b>  <b>Service times every Sunday morning</b>  <b>from 10.30am</b>  <b><a href="http://www.maynoothcc.org">www.maynoothcc.org</a></b>  <b>Everyone most welcome</b></p>
<b>Maynooth Senior Citizens</b>	<b>DIARY ENTRIES</b>	<b>ST MARY'S BRASS &amp; REED BAND</b>
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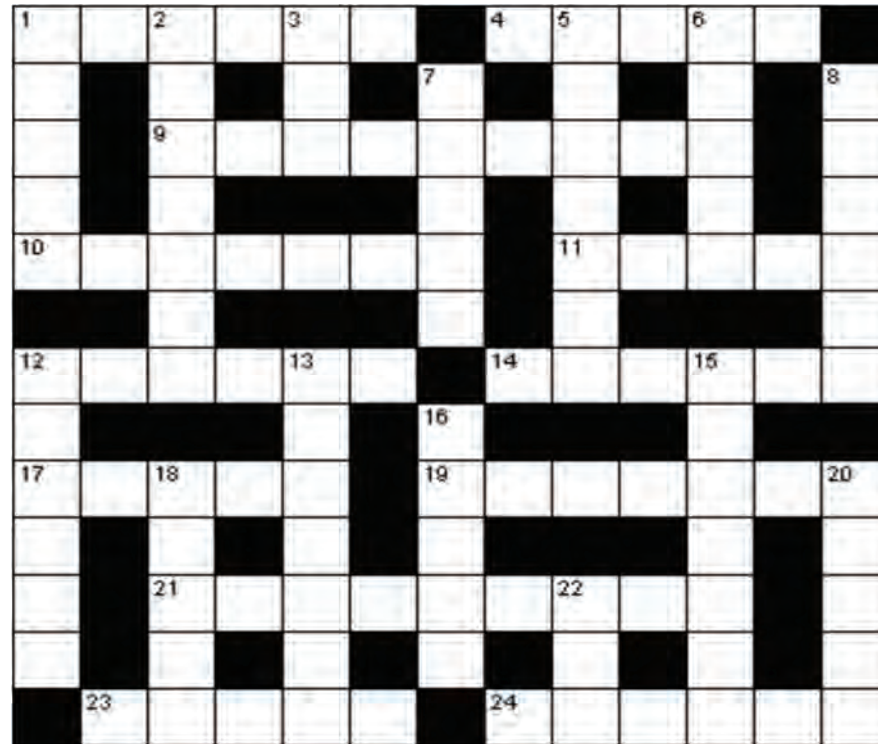


## Clues Across

- 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)



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# Your Garden in March

Spring 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 bone.



### Plant bare root roses.

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.

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## 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



### St. Patrick's Day Quiz

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 Oscar-winning 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  
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### 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 into account;

- 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 adequate answer.

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:

#### 1.The Bridge

Remove the existing bridge and replace it with a 2 metre-wide 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.

#### 2.The Y Path

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.

#### 3.Planting

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 erect:

- a graphic of a bicycle with an x across it.
- a graphic that cyclists dismount.
- a graphic that Carton Avenue is a pedestrian route.

We are available to meet in order to discuss any of the above.

**Thank You for your time.**

**Kind Regards,**

**Gerry Quinn**

**Chairperson, Carton Avenue Preservation Society**

