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Due to the current restrictions in place to combat the spread of the COVID-19 Virus we are unable to print & deliver the normal edition of the Maynooth Newsletter. The hope going forward is to produce this Online Version to keep people informed. All the community of Maynooth are invited to submit relevant content to: office@maynoothcep.com as we progress through these extraordinary times. If we mind ourselves and each other we will get through this and come out the other side a stronger community & country. Please bear in mind as the situation progress we may be unable to produce the Online version.

Maynooth Home Support Group

A new group has been formed in Maynooth to help members of the community that are in self isolation or vulnerable. The group called Maynooth Home Support is an initiative by Naoise Ó Cearúil & Anne Birchall.

The group has amassed over 100 volunteers to date and the support of many local businesses such as the Glenroyal Hotel and Taxy.

The initiative has buy in from local pharmacies and supermarkets. Volunteers will pick up prescriptions and/or groceries and drop them at the front of people's homes. The group is abiding by all HSE instructions in regards to hand hygiene, sanitisation and social distancing. We would appreciate it if you could spread the word and the poster attached so people are aware of supports available to them.

People can call Naoise on (086) 728 0050 or Anne on (085) 158 2660 or email maynoothcommunityhelp@gmail.com

Maynooth Home support

If you are unable to leave your home due to being immunocompromised or for other reasons, there are volunteers locally willing to help bring supplies to you.



You can contact
Naoise on (086) 728 0050
Anne on (085) 158 2660

maynoothcommunityhelp@gmail.com

The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) is leading our public health response to COVID-19 and a National Action Plan was published on 16th March, setting out a whole-of-society response and mobilisation of resources across Government and society to fight the spread of the virus. This Community Response Action Plan supports the National Action Plan and is focussed on our initial response in supporting a community response to COVID-19.



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We have produced a Communications Pack for community and voluntary groups and members of the public and we would appreciate if you distribute this information across your networks, to members of your group, neighbours, friends and recipients of your service.

In line with the request above from the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) the Maynooth Newsletter has published the National Action Plan on Page 21 to 26



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If you are concerned for yourself or a neighbour, please contact your local Garda station. Contact details for all Garda stations are on the Garda website www.garda.ie or in any phonebook. Gardaí are hiring additional vehicles to assist those who may be in need of help with for example, collection of medical prescriptions, attend hospital appointments or other mobility supports.
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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

It is difficult to know what to write when nothing is happening. By the time you read this everything will have changed again, hopefully for the better. I can only say to our Senior Citizens that we have not gone away and you can call me or any committee member at any time. When all this passes, and it will, we will look forward to your company at the club once again. Of course the way to ensure this happens for us all, is to obey the HSE guidelines.

Our older and vulnerable people are precious to us and indeed to everyone else, if the response to our call for volunteers is anything to go by. So please don't be afraid to ask for help, it's the right thing to do. See the Maynooth Home Support contact numbers and email on the front page.

I have always known and experienced the support this community has to offer and now everyone else knows as well. I would like to thank Anne, Naoise and all volunteers who came together to assist the most vulnerable in our society.

A special word of thanks to our frontline workers, Health Care, shop, supermarkets, delivery people and cleaners who put our lives before their own. I would hope that when the dust settles and the Coronavirus becomes a distant memory, we will remember the people who held it all together, they deserve our respect.

We can all play our part, just remember : Hand Hygiene, Coughing Etiquette and Social Distance. Stay Safe.

Josephine Moore.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee
087 9002296



Maynooth University Town Football Club



Like all sports our activities have been greatly curtailed by the Coronavirus. Whilst this is regrettable it is the best course of action to take and we must all play our part in the effort to curtail such an affliction and stay safe.

F.A.I. Intermediate Cup 1/4 Final.

Malahide Utd 2 - Town 0

Our love affair with this cup came to an end in the wet and windy seaside town of Malahide. The defection of Dylan Kavanagh during the pre-match warm up required a reshuffle in personnel. It was even Steven in the opening minutes but a loose Town clearance was volleyed to the net in the 20th minute. Town failed to clear a corner just before halftime and the ball was scrambled over the line to go two down.

The Town fared better in the 2nd half against the wind and rain but were unable to break down a stubborn home defence.

Leinster Senior League - Major Division Saturday

Town 1 - Bluebell Utd 5

A disappointing performance by the Town in this easy defeat by table toppers Bluebell Utd. A Dean Barrett goal to level at 1 - 1 was the only redeeming feature in an uncharacteristic lack lustre display.

Leinster Senior League - Senior Division Sunday

Killester/Donnycarney 1 - Town 2

A hard fought win here in a close encounter. Despite going behind early in the game the Town never panicked and ran out deserved winners. A Shane Fagan penalty save gave the Town a lift and goals from Conor Foley and Jackson Ryan gave us three valuable points.

With a curtailed list of results due to the lack of fixtures we sincerely hope that everything gets back on track sooner rather than later. In the meantime we should stay safe and look after each other.

We extend our condolences to the family of the late Gerard (Gerry) McTernan on their recent sad loss. Gerry was a valued member of Maynooth Town F.C. for many years. He helped to bring many honours to the Club as a player, mentor and also in an administrative capacity. He now joins many former Club members in that great Stadium in the sky.

Please note that ALL of Maynooth Town F.C. facilities have been closed for the duration of the current crisis.

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Letters to the Editor

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Mission Statement

The Maynooth Newsletter is a community focused publication available free to the people of Maynooth. It plays an important role in gathering together, recording and distributing community based news. We encourage all groups and individuals in the community to submit material to let us know about their activities and any upcoming events. The Newsletter exists for your enjoyment and we hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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

- In the case of errors of fact we will publish corrections when we become aware of such.
- In the case of unwittingly or unfairly impugning the reputation of any person we hereby offer that person the right to reply.

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

Copy date for receipt of articles is published in the Newsletter. We must stress that material submitted after the copy date cannot be accepted.

Maynooth Newsletter Archives

The management and staff of the Maynooth Community Employment Project started a project in March 2011 to acquire and digitise all available issues of the Maynooth Newsletter dating back to 1975. These back issues along with current issues are available by following the archive link on our webpage - www.maynoothcep.com.

The Newsletter Archive can be viewed and searched in pdf format. In addition, there exists the capability to be able to search an entire year. Please be aware the single files associated with the year are larger and will take a little longer to load. The Archive provides an important historical footprint of the Town and records the community profile of Maynooth from the mid-seventies to the present day. We hope you enjoy using it and that it brings back memories of people, places and times and that it equally provides an interesting insight to the development of the town and university for newly arrived members of our community.

Editorial Board - Maynooth Newsletter



Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Tuesday 21st April 2020

Editorial

With the grass growing at a pace and new buds on the trees, nature reminds us that it recovers every spring from the ravages of winter. We need to take this message of recovery as the outcome that we will have when we beat COVID - 19. I had an old boss at work who often reminded me that nothing is forever as we know it and that even nature evolves. To respond our normal ways of living have needed to be changed and almost everyone in our community has had to make some adjustments in the past month that at the turn of the new decade at the beginning of this year could not have been foreseen. The "Maynooth Newsletter" like many other publications is not issuing a printed version for April 2020 which is the first time in the thirty five years of production that this has happened.

Reading the on-line version will bring you close to our on-line archive which is well worth a view if you are at home and have time to view it. I would particularly recommend it to newer residents who are not from the area and have come to make Maynooth your home. It is an invaluable social record of the development of Maynooth.

I want to acknowledge that there are readers who have temporarily lost their jobs because of the current public health crisis, but it is worth remembering that Maynooth is a thriving town and with the supports that are available it is likely that businesses will return to normal when this is over. If anything it is likely that at the end of this we will have a Christmas type rush with pent up demand. For business owners, the vibrant commercial activity that is Maynooth needs you to get back up and running when the time is right and I know as a community we appreciate the services and social outlets literally on our doorsteps.

On my own day job I have been lucky that I could continue to work from home. I know that many others are doing likewise with limited interruption to their ability to work. Who would have thought that such circumstances could be so effective and there is no doubt that this opportunity to reduce daily commuting will be given up with regret. Talking to my own colleagues via Webex everyday has been very effective as has meetings arranged via Microsoft Teams and I even attended a lecture via Zoom. From talking with other people using these technologies the discussion has quickly moved to the benefits for family life. We may well have moved from the position of living for work to working to live in that family life has improved. People have commented to me about the fact that the new working options has made them think about their personal priorities.

The potential to spend more time with their children during the week, to be there when they come home from school now seems a realistic situation. However it is evident that some broadband speeds are poor in Maynooth. While writing this article I checked my broadband speed a number of times and the highest result that I got was 39.1 mbps. We need greater investment in broadband in Maynooth and we must not be left behind when the National Broadband Plan rolls out improvements across Ireland.

Maynooth was one of the first places to have a community based support initiative to the disruption caused by the circumstances associated with COVID -19. The "Maynooth Home Support" initiative quickly gained momentum and has made a real difference. Led by two people who have immense energy and social conscience meant that people came on board quickly to give to their support. Working with existing long-standing support groups they tapped into existing awareness of need. I know that many others were involved but I want to call out Naoise Ó Cearúil and Anne Birchall for leading this valuable community initiative. Also using the Maynooth Notice Boards Facebook page Anne also kept the wider community aware of the information that they needed to know and specific to Maynooth. Well done to everyone involved.

There are some lessons that can be learned from the sudden emergence of a pandemic such as COVID-19 and the restrictions that need to be applied. One of the things that I never appreciated was my garden. Like many others lucky enough to have gardens I have recently spent much more time in my garden and now have plans to make it a nicer place to be. The more recent residential developments in Maynooth have limited private garden space. Perhaps this trend should be reversed as like many other things many of us never appreciate the value of private open space until we need it. However the priority for all of us is to help beat COVID -19 so stay safe and well and look after each other. There are different opinions on when things will be back to normal – but maybe a new better normal is ahead.

Paul Croghan
Editor



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Tony Smith Memorial Walk

Hi everyone,

After a meeting of the Labour party in Maynooth, members felt that after 40 years the walk has run its course, and decided not to organise any further walks.

I would like to personally thank everyone who took part and got sponsors. A special thank you to Mrs. Ellie Leavy who did a good few walks and got a great amount of sponsors and as a result made a good sum in support of Maynooth Senior Citizens. Thanks to Chairperson Josie Moore and her Committee who contributed to the walk this last 40 years and previous chairpersons before Josie.

To Emmett Stagg, Dave Moynan and all the Labour Party members in Maynooth who took part and got sponsors and to my family who did the walks and contributed towards getting sponsors and actually sponsored me in the walks.

Yours truly

Kathleen Owens
Old Greenfield

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Tidy Towns

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Gold Medal Winner 2019

Maynooth Tidy Towns held their first meeting on 5th March and the following officers were elected.

John Kavanagh, Chair, Vinnie Mulready, Vice chair, Mary Molloy, Secretary, Mary Connolly, Minutes Secretary, Mary Jennings, Treasurer, and Richard Farrell PRO.

Michael Kenny also joined the Maynooth Tidy Towns committee.

WEEE Ireland collection for 21st March in Maynooth has been cancelled. A new date will be arranged in the future.

All Maynooth Tidy Towns Clean-Up meetings have been postponed until further notice. In the meantime look after yourselves & each other.

Richard Farrell
PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns
Facebook or Twitter



Maynooth University honours Laura Madden with President's Medal

MU pays tribute to Irish woman whose bravery helped ignite global #MeToo movement

Maynooth, Ireland: 6 March 2020: Maynooth University last night awarded Laura Madden the President's Medal at a special event to mark International Women's Day. President of Maynooth University, Professor Philip Nolan, paid tribute to Ms Madden for bravely coming forward to speak of her personal trauma despite the threat of retribution.

Originally from Monaghan, Ms Madden was one of the first women to speak on the record to New York Times reporters Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey about the sexual predation of Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. The bravery of the women who told their stories triggered an avalanche of public testimonies under the hashtag #MeToo, spawning a wider global movement.

Accepting the President's Medal, Ms Madden said:

"I am so honoured to be invited to Maynooth University to receive this award. It's been an immensely difficult journey over the years and to finally be able to share my experience and feel the collective support of women and men from all walks of life has been transformative.

"Something I have learnt since going public with my story is that you cannot fix a problem you cannot see. By shining a light on the collective experiences of women, a global reckoning has begun. I'm so grateful to Maynooth University and Professor Philip Nolan for giving me a platform alongside these amazing women, Professor Linda Connolly and Professor Anne O'Brien, and for being so dedicated to keeping a difficult subject in the spotlight."

"Maynooth University is extremely proud to award the 2020 President's Medal to Laura Madden," said Maynooth University President, Prof Philip

Nolan. "Ms Madden is an extraordinary woman who bravely decided to speak about her trauma despite facing a tremendous headwind of pressure, power, and potential retribution. Her display of courage helped shed light on industries in which overwhelming imbalances of power are exploited to perpetrate and cover up acts of violence. She, along with other women who came forward, ignited a broader global movement, inspiring women around the world to publicly share their stories under the hashtag #MeToo.

"At Maynooth University, human rights, equality and justice are at the core of our research, our curriculum, and our ethos as an institution. We are grateful to Laura Madden for accepting this award and sharing the insights from her lived experience with our community, and are pleased to be able honour her."

As part of this special International Women's Day event at Maynooth University, RTÉ broadcaster Audrey Carville hosted a panel discussion with Ms Madden, Professor Linda Connolly, Director of Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI) who is a leading scholar on women's experiences with trauma in Irish history, and Dr Anne O'Brien from the Department of Media Studies at Maynooth University and author of *Women, Inequality and Media Work*.



Photo left to right: Prof Linda Connolly, RTÉ broadcaster Audrey Carville, Laura Madden, President of Maynooth University, Prof Philip Nolan and Dr Anne O'Brien.

Maynooth University Media Statement 24 March, 2020:

Following recent government decisions, and the additional stress that the uncertainty has caused for some students, MU is now taking the decision not to resume face-to-face teaching this semester. Remote teaching will continue until the end of the semester. Exams will be replaced with equivalent remote assessments.

University operations and research will continue, although with many staff working from home. MU residences remain open. Students who wish to stay until the end of their lease are welcome to do so. Students who decide to vacate their university accommodation will have their rent refunded. The previous policy being circulated reflected the University's standard policy prior to the Covid-19 outbreak.

The University is extremely proud of its students, teaching and professional staff who have worked under enormous pressure and with very short notice to deliver teaching and support functions remotely, as well as essential on-campus functions.

All up-to-date information can be found:

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/coronavirus>

HOW TO MAKE A CHOCOLATE EASTER EGG

- Break your chocolate into rough chunks, then finely chop into small pieces – the finer the better!
- Half-fill a small pan with water and bring to a gentle simmer over a low heat. Rest a heatproof bowl on top, add the chopped chocolate to the bowl, then allow to melt, stirring occasionally
- Using oven gloves, remove the bowl from the heat and leave to cool to 35°C. Check the temperature with a cooking thermometer
- Spoon the chocolate into your mould, one tablespoon at a time, tilting the mould so the chocolate covers the surface. Don't worry if you make a mess! Tip any excess chocolate back into the bowl.
- Allow the chocolate to cool slightly, then using a butter knife, scrape around the rim of the mould to get a clean edge.
- Lay out some greaseproof paper and place the mould flat-side-down on top for 15 minutes, or until the chocolate has completely set.
- Meanwhile, repeat steps 4 to 6 with the second mould.
- Once the chocolate has set, repeat the process a few times until you've built up a layer of chocolate around ½cm thick
- Put both moulds in the fridge for a further 10 minutes to allow the chocolate to set completely.
- To remove your eggs from their moulds, squeeze the casing gently, working your way around the edge (the warmth from your hands will help).
- Brush the remaining melted chocolate around the rim of each of the chocolate egg halves, then gently press them together so they stick in place. Leave for a few minutes until the chocolate sets, then it's ready!



A homemade treat like this is a super-cute present for friends and family. If you're feeling creative, why not jazz it up with icing, ribbon or more melted chocolate?

Source: jamieoliver.com



Smaointe

I was surprised at the reaction of the many people, young and not so young, who, when interviewed on TV, took so enthusiastically to the dancing priest. "More power to him", they said. "If there were more like him the Church would be a better place. What wrong is he doing? Don't some priests play golf and we don't criticise them? Aren't they entitled to their time off and relaxation? Why should we be so stuffy when a priest spends his spare time in competitive dancing?"

Well, if "stuffy" is the correct adjective then I am stuffy for it jars with me to listen to a homily by a priest on Sunday morning in church and in the evening watch him dancing on television. If asked what he was doing I could not imagine him saying truthfully that he was "about my Father's business". Neither do I want him to be a comedian telling me jokes as part of his homily. I want him – and her, when the time comes – to take seriously the work of Jesus and remind me of the many ways and occasions that he championed the furthering of his Father's reign in the world with his almost unbelievable compassion and forgiveness. Yes, he was at the marriage feast of Cana – if there ever was such a marriage feast – but he appears to me to have been extremely detached from the merrymaking. Surely he had noticed just as much as Mary that the wine had run out but didn't see that it had anything to do with him.

By the way, applause in the church makes me uneasy also. As an old priest I knew about 60 years ago used to ask on similar occasions, with his little fetching stammer, "who, who's being worshipped?"

Aguisín:

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Gabriel Martin.

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Everything you need to know about making a Will in Ireland

Here's a very sobering fact –only 30% of Irish people have a Will.

This is bad news. Not having a Will puts your loved ones at risk and also leaves an awful mess for your family to clean up after your passing. It doesn't do you any favours either as your wishes may not be considered if you die without a Will.

We understand that people shy away from dealing with topics relating to death, but we consider a Will to be a document for a living person and we encourage people to take the same approach.

The reasons are simple.

Creating a Will allows you to:

Express your wishes – without a Will your estate will be divided according to intestacy laws and not what you desire.

Provide for those you chose.

Protect your children.

Lessen inheritance tax.

Reduce the chance of your estate being contested.

Regardless of the size of your estate, creating a Will can be a simple process when you work with a solicitor who specialises in Wills, Probates and Estate Management. In this post, we cover everything you need to know about making a Will.

What is a Will?

A Will is a legal document that lets you express how you want your property, assets and keepsakes to be shared on your death.

The person writing the Will is called the "testator" or "testatrix".

You can make as many Wills as you like throughout your life but the only one that will be valid on your death will be the most recent one you made prior to your death. All Wills you created before this one will not have any legal standing. In Ireland, for a Will to be valid, you must:

Be over 18 years old or else married (or married in the past).

Be of a sound mind.

The Will must be in writing.

You must sign the Will in front of at least two witnesses.

You must sign your Will at the end of the document.

What should a Will contain?

Although there isn't one standard Will template in Ireland, a last Will and testament should contain these ten basic elements:

Your name and address.

A clause to revoke (cancel) all your previous Wills.

The names of your executors (executors are people you trust and appoint to work with your solicitor to carry out your wishes).

A list of your money and goods and the people you want to inherit these items.

A list of your property (or properties) and the beneficiaries you leave it to (you may also include instructions for the house to be sold and the money to be shared among your heirs).

A clause to deal with any property or item not mentioned in your Will (this is called a residuary clause).

The date. Your signature. The signatures of your two witnesses.

An attestation clause (this clause says that your Will has been created in a manner that meets the legal requirements).

What is the difference between a legacy and a devise in a Will?

Legal language in a Will often speaks of a legacy or devise.

A legacy is a piece of personal property, like a piece of jewellery, which you want to leave to a loved one. A devise is a real property that you want to leave to a loved one.

There are also different types of legacies:

A general legacy – this is a gift you can leave that will come out of your estate once all your debts are paid, any tax you owe is settled and all your specific legacies are taken into account

A specific legacy – a specific gift you want to leave to someone, such as a vehicle.

A demonstrative legacy – a combination of both a general and specific legacy.

A conditional legacy – this legacy has a condition that goes with it and the heir has to fulfil that condition to receive the gift.

An abated legacy – this happens when there is not enough in your estate to cover your debts and liabilities.

An adeemed legacy – if you give away an item that you have listed in your Will during your lifetime, the legacy is considered adeemed.

A charitable legacy – you must clearly identify the charity you wish your legacy to go to.

Avoid these mistakes when making a Will

Marriage revokes a Will but divorce doesn't – if you get divorced and your beneficiaries change make sure you create a new Will. Don't forget any Wills you may have created in other countries – a revocation clause revokes all your previous Wills, your foreign Wills will be revoked too and this may not be what you want. Keep your Will safe – if your Will is destroyed it will cause a problem. Good ideas to include in your Will.

Name more than one executor. Don't name an alternative executor as this causes confusion (say "I appoint Catherine and James" rather than "I appoint Catherine or James")

Use a solicitor to draft your Will. If there are young children named in your estate, it is advisable to:

Appoint trustees and guardians.

Establish a trust out of your estate.

Provide additional powers for your executors and trustees.

What happens if one of your beneficiaries dies before you?

The need for a solicitor to write your Will with you becomes clear when you think of all the different scenarios that could arise. Professional advice pays great dividends in protecting your wishes no matter how circumstances might change from when you wrote your Will to when your Will comes into play.

Doctrine of lapse gives us a perfect example of this possibility. If one of your beneficiaries passes away before you do, the legacy you left to that person will be treated as though you died intestate (without a Will) unless you have included a residuary clause in the Will.

There are exceptions to this rule and they include the following:

Gifts left to children.

Gifts left to fulfil a legal or moral duty.

Gifts left on trust for someone else.

A Will that accounts for the possibility of a beneficiary predeceasing you. Whether your estate is large or small, creating a Will helps you plan what happens to your possessions and how your finances and property can take care of your family on your passing. Don't be one of the 70% of Irish people who don't have a Will.

Above is for information purpose only, please contact your solicitor for further information

Source: www.aclsolicitors.ie

Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 20/02/2020 to 25/3/2020 Information from Kildare County Council Website

App Num	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
20293	Kildare County Council	Keith and Kathryn Troy	11 Parklands Close, Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	20/03/2020
20266	Kildare County Council	Mason Homes Limited	Castlepark, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	13/03/2020
20255	Kildare County Council	Trustees of St. Patrick's College Maynooth	St. Patrick's College, Parson Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	12/03/2020
20245	Kildare County Council	Gourmet Frites (Ireland) Ltd., T/a Bram's Gourmet Frites	Circle K, Carton Hall Service Station, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 V489.	11/03/2020
20251	Kildare County Council	Terri Shiel	20 Parklands Grove, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	11/03/2020
20240	Kildare County Council	Denise Travers	Fallmore Villa, Newtown Grove, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 Y2F7	10/03/2020
20213	Kildare County Council	Terri Shiel,	20 Parklands Grove, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/03/2020
20215	Kildare County Council	Jim and Helen O'Hara,	1 Leinster Wood South, Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	04/03/2020
20211	Kildare County Council	Carton Veterinary Clinic Limited,	Units 5 & 6, Carton Shopping Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	03/03/2020
20198	Kildare County Council	Gourmet Fries (Ireland) Ltd. t/a Bram's Gourmet Fries,	Circle K Carton Hall Service Station, Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare W23 V489.	28/02/2020
20187	Kildare County Council	Ian Stewart-Mills	1 College Green, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23 N7P8	27/02/2020

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Please note that the Maynooth Community Employment Project has closed till further notice. This will mean that Maintenance Services in the Harbour Area and Maynooth Town Football Club facilities will cease until further notice. The Project's office in Carton Retail Park is also closed. Only key staff will providing essential services for limited hours .

Manhattan (Winter 1960/'61)

Manmade forest
proudly set
Beside the Atlantic
High buildings
Impatient of
The earthbound lot
Of brick and stone
Huddled in defiance
Buttressing
Each other's growth
Above the clouds
A plain of light
Below the fickle weather
Unleashing in the winter
Gloom its fluid might

Lest these aspiring giants
Out-top its tyranny
Night with iridescent leaves
Among the shadows
The crystalline array
Of mingled gleams
Transforming glass and
steel
While river-pent
Ubiquitous impulse
Of swarming life
Swift disconnected joy
And dazzling fantasy
Invade these serried towers
Urging them in graven
flight
Until their bosoms find
A primal solitude

Come stranger
Share this cell of light
Remote above
The strident street
And we will scan
The old inheritance
As stunted brushwood
Massed beneath
Unbodied beings
Mid steel-wrought boughs
Which bear no verdure
Transcending Earth's
Time-tarnished glories
Secure in this
Triumphant hieroglyph
Of changeless grandeur

Colin Scott



Royal Canal Amenity Group

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Royal Canal Notes

NOVEL-CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

As with most other organisations the Pandemic is having an adverse effect on our plans. The annual tour which was to take place along the Royal Canal and include a cruise on the Shannon has had to be deferred along with the A.G.M. which normally takes place in April.

The harbour fun day scheduled for June will, in all probabilities, not go ahead either. It is essential, at this time, with increased canal-side use to emphasise some basic rules:

- ◆ Social distancing as outlined by the H.S.E. is absolutely necessary along the canal.
- ◆ Social distancing also applies to Anglers fishing along the canal.
- ◆ Those feeding the swans and ducks must also observe social distancing rules.
- ◆ Cyclists should be mindful that there are more pedestrians walking on the canal at this time and extend normal courtesies.
- ◆ As always keep pets on a lead.
- ◆ Children should always be supervised along the waterway and water safety rules adhered to.
- ◆ Should you notice anything out of sync' as you walk along the canal do not hesitate to get in contact with us at chairman@royalcanal.ie or via the website: www.royalcanal.ie



Newly appointed president Mr Noel Spaine doing a radio interview (prior to social distancing).

WORLD CANAL CONFERENCE.

This Conference, hosted by Inland Waterways International, is due to take place in September. The venue is Leipzig in the Western Saxony area of Germany. Whether it will go ahead as planned, in the current situation, is as yet unclear.

Theme

The theme of the conference in 2020 is "Reshaping landscapes – waterways in transition" Transformation is the key topic. The conference will shed light from different perspectives on the transformation process in Central Germany from a lignite mining region to a diverse and liveable water landscape in its uniqueness. This will be discussed and deepened in the following sub-sections:

- ◆ Structural change and transformation.
- ◆ Ecology and nature.
- ◆ Urban and regional development.
- ◆ Culture and landscape.
- ◆ Tourism, economy, sociology.
- ◆ Technology and information systems.
- ◆ International networking with Eastern Europe and South America (model regions).
- ◆ E-Mobility on water.



Leipzig city view



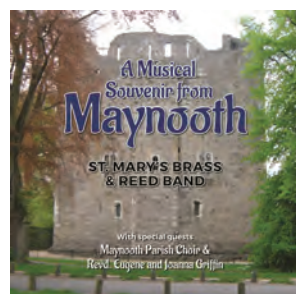
Leipzig War Memorial



The Sound of Silence

These are tough times indeed and St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band in Maynooth is no exception. Monday night rehearsals have been cancelled until it's safe to resume, our planned Church Concert on 5th April has also been a casualty but hopefully that can be rescheduled to a suitable later date. One of our big events of the year, our joint Concert with a Band from West Michigan USA on 1st July is, not now happening as the band have postponed their trip until next year.

We hope to go ahead with the concert with an alternative guest band in any event if things are back to normal by then. Of course there is always a chance that towns may reschedule their St. Patrick's Day Parades on an agreed Nationwide date during the year. Monday nights without a rehearsal for a long period seems really strange and the last time this happened was when all of the Band's instruments, uniforms and music were lost in a fire in the Town Hall in the Square in the 1920's. However the Band came back from that setback and we know the same will apply in this case and the good news coming from this is that people have been making contact asking to join the Band or learn to play an instrument which is a good omen. We are always happy to talk to anyone like that through [stmarysbandmaynooth](https://www.stmarysbandmaynooth.com) Facebook or by calling 087 2537 906



Maynooth 10k/5k Postponed to 18th October 2020

In line with government guidelines on COVID-19, Maynooth 10k/5k has been postponed. The new date is Sunday 18th October 2020. This is a provisional date and will be confirmed after the current restrictions are lifted. It is one week before the Dublin City Marathon and would serve as a nice preparation run.



Publication of the 10k Times will be scheduled with the new race date.

For those who have already entered we offer three options:

1. Your ticket automatically allows entry on the new date
2. If the new date doesn't suit, then your entry is valid for the 2021 event
3. A refund - Please contact <https://www.popupraces.ie> to manage your booking.



Cllr. Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour News

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Speeding Issue in Railpark Estate

Cllr Feeney submitted a motion to the Municipal District Meeting on March 6th as follows: that the Council review the speeding issue at Railpark Estate, Maynooth which continues to be used as an inappropriate shortcut/rat run for motorists and is putting the safety of the residents at risk.

Cllr Feeney stated that this has been an on-going issue because Railpark has an entrance in from the Celbridge Road and exit out onto Straffan Road and with the increased traffic congestion and pressures, many more motorists are using this estate as a shortcut down by Pike Bridge to avoid the main street and traffic.

The Council responded to Cllr Feeney's motion stating that it is currently carrying out a County Speed Limit Review. This is the legal process for the adoption of speed limits and as part of this process Rail Park is being considered as a 30kph Slow Zone, otherwise known as Jakes Law. The Council also added that the Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department of the Council is aiming to have the County Speed Limit Review adopted in Quarter 4, 2020. Once the elected members adopt the County Speed Limit Review, the legal process is then completed and clears the way for the 30kph Slow Zone sign to be erected in Rail Park Estate. The erection of Jakes Law signage in Rail Park Estate along with other residential locations in Kildare will form part of a signage works contract, planned to be implemented in Quarter 1, 2021, subject to funding being available.

Cllr Feeney welcomed the information from the Council that the Municipal District Office undertook a speed survey in 2019 which indicated the 85-percentile speed of 48km/hr. The option of installing ramps or chicanes has been investigated but no suitable locations were identified. Cllr Feeney suggested that speed controls on the lines of what is in place in Parklands Estate could be considered. This narrows down a section of the road so that only one car can pass at that section. Another consideration is to close down one of the entrances. Finally, the area engineer is going to meet with the Residents' Association and Cllr Feeney to see what might work best.

Safety Issue at Intersection of Carton Avenue and Carton Demesne

Cllr Feeney requested that the Council consider providing a pedestrian crossing or enhanced warning signage for motorists at the entrance to Carton Demesne from Carton Avenue in the interest of the safety of the increasing number of pedestrian and cyclists who use this amenity. The Council has referred the matter to the Technical Assessment Advisory Group (TAAG).

Vacant Houses in Maynooth

Cllr Feeney requested the Council to provide an update on the current vacant houses in Maynooth and the proposed timelines for their occupation. The Council responded stating that a vacant house report is provided to members, which provides information on the vacant houses in the

municipal District. Cllr Feeney stated that the important matter were the timelines given the current demand. The Council confirmed that the three units in Maynooth will be available for tenancy by the end of April 2020.

Bad Bend on Dunboyne Road

Cllr Feeney welcomed the progress report presented at the March 6th meeting which confirmed that the drainage maintenance works have been carried out and the flooding has been alleviated. Cllr Feeney had submitted a motion on this matter at the November 2019 meeting.

Educate Together Deputation

The Educate Together Maynooth students attended the March meeting and presented great ideas for their school and town. Well done to all. Maith sibh! The future is bright for up and coming leaders.

COVID-19

Cllr Feeney has offered support for our community. If anyone needs assistance-a lift to the doctor or pharmacy, some shopping or just a phone call-please get in touch. It is a difficult time and we need to play our part and pull together. Stay safe everyone.

Continuing to support you in these difficult times.

Call or text me on 087 2381962.

Stay safe.

Councillor Angela Feeney, Maynooth-Clane

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN NOTES

April 2020



COVID-19

The COVID-19 virus has changed life in Ireland with each day apparently bring bad news and with the worst still to come. Maynooth Cycling Campaigns supports the call by the government and medical experts and urge people not to give publicity to those who spread false news. We hope that the Maynooth community heeds the advice about self-isolation, social distancing and stay safe. And don't forget WASH YOUR HANDS often.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign AGM

Maynooth Cycling Campaign had planned to hold an AGM in April. Regrettably, this has had to be postponed.

Kildare County Council – Transportation Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

The good news is that Kildare County Council has finally arranged the first meeting of the Transportation SPC since February 2019 for 26th March. The bad news is that due to the COVID-19, the meeting has been postponed and it is not known when it will meet.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Fatalities

A recent report by the RSA confirmed what we already knew - that the much vaunted reduction in road fatalities applied only to people in cars and that pedestrian and cyclist fatalities were rising instead of decreasing. In fact, not only are pedestrian and cyclist fatalities rising in Ireland, the figures over the last 10 years are the worst in Europe.

It has been reported that last year Helsinki has had no road fatalities for the first time since the 1960s, down from an average of 20-30 per year in the 1990s. In Oslo there were no pedestrian or cyclist deaths and no children under 16 died in traffic crashes in the entire country. They achieved this by reducing the number of cars through

traffic management, reducing speed limits, increased car parking and replacing car parking with cycle lanes.

Utrecht Planning Car-Free District for 12,000 People

Utrecht is planning to construct the Netherlands' first high density car-free residential district for more than 12,00 people, making it one of the largest in the world. The district of 6,000 homes is expected to be serviced by some 20,000 bikes. It will not be completely car free. There will be 1,800 parking spaces nearby – about 1 in 3 of the residences will have access to parking but the cost will be deliberately high to discourage use. The closest alternative parking will be 3km away. There will also be some 300 shared cars for the use of residents. Once more, the Netherlands shows the way to sustainable development which Maynooth needs if we are to reduce CO2 emissions and thus mitigate the effects of climate change.

Deputation from Maynooth Educate Together Addresses Local Councillors

A deputation of students from Maynooth Educate Together recently addressed local councillors and suggested solutions to some of the problems afflicting the town. One of the issues raised was the number of traffic lights which they were reported as describing as "useless". It is good to consult with young people as they bring a different perspective to a problem than adults. However, they have overlooked the benefits of traffic lights which are provided to assist people who walk and cycle. Roundabouts and zebra crossings have their place but vulnerable road users need drivers to observe the Rules of the Road. Unfortunately, driver do not always do so.

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.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Citizens Information Centre, Dublin Road, Maynooth
Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service
which provides a free and confidential service to the public.
Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the
Citizens Information Phone Service - 0761 07 4000 or Lo-call 1890777121



You should discuss your options with your travel agent.

Question

I booked and paid for a package holiday in January. I have just learned that the hotel has been quarantined due to coronavirus. I'm hoping the travel agent will find another hotel, but what will happen to my booking if the holiday is cancelled? Or what happens if they do find a new hotel but I decide to not to travel?

Answer

This is an anxious time for people travelling overseas. You should monitor and follow the advice of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFA). You can do this using the DFA's Travelwise app or you can phone DFA's dedicated phone line on (01) 613 1733 for the latest travel advice.

Check with your travel agent that your holiday is a 'package holiday'. A traditional package holiday (also called a pre-arranged travel package) is advertised and sold as a whole and must last for more than 24 hours or include an overnight stay. It also must be made up of at least 2 of the following:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- Car rental
- Other tourist services – for example, tours, excursions, guides or tickets for concerts or theme parks

If you want to cancel

Under the EU Directive on Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements, you have the right to cancel your booking for free, before the start of the holiday, in the event of unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. This includes disease or serious conditions at the destination. If DFA advises against travelling because of the coronavirus, you can cancel your package holiday and get a full refund.

If the travel agent has to cancel the package

Even if DFA has not restricted travel to your destination, you still have rights if your travel agent cancels or makes a significant change to your package holiday. For example, changing your hotel from the one you originally booked with the package would be a significant change that alters a term of the contract. The travel agent can cancel a package holiday because of factors beyond their control but you are still entitled to:

- A replacement holiday of equivalent or superior quality
- A lower grade holiday, with a reimbursement of the difference in price
- A full refund within 14 days

Returning to live in Ireland with a de facto partner

Question

My son has lived in the US for the past 10 years. He is planning to come back to Ireland in a few months. He is in a long-term relationship. His partner wants to move to Ireland with him, and hopefully find work here. She is American, and they have heard that she can't stay in Ireland unless they are married. Is this true? What do they have to do before they come?

Answer

Your son's partner may be able to live and work in Ireland as the de facto partner of an Irish citizen (your son). However, to do so she needs permission from Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) – formerly called the Irish Immigration and Naturalisation Service, or INIS.

Your son's partner will need to show that she and your son have been living together for at least 2 years, and have a mutual commitment to a shared life together to be considered as being in a de facto partnership with an Irish citizen. De facto partnership is the term used to describe a relationship that is like marriage or civil partnership in practice, but not in law.

Once these criteria are met, your son's partner can begin the process of applying for permission to live and work in Ireland as follows:

Get de facto preclearance: Before your son's partner can travel to Ireland, she must be granted de facto preclearance. To apply she must complete the preclearance application form (pdf) and submit it with all the supporting documentation listed on the form. She must pay a non-refundable application fee of €100, and wait outside of Ireland while her application is processed.

Get a decision: If her application is approved, she will get a preclearance letter which is valid for 6 months. She must travel to Ireland during this period. If her application is refused, she will receive a letter explaining the reasons why. She can appeal this decision by responding to the refusal letter with extra supporting documents if required.

Prepare for border control: As a citizen of the US, your son's partner can travel to Ireland without a visa. However, she will need to go through immigration control on arrival. She should tell the immigration officer at the airport or point of entry that she plans to apply for residency in Ireland based on her de facto partnership status, and provide her preclearance letter as evidence of this. If she is permitted to enter Ireland, the immigration officer will imprint a landing stamp on her passport stipulating the permitted length of her stay (up to 90 days).

Get residency permission: If she is granted residency permission, she will then receive a 'Stamp 4' in her passport which will allow her to live and work in Ireland for the length of time stated on the stamp.

Register with Immigration: Your son's partner must register in person with an Immigration Registration Office and apply for residency permission to live and work in Ireland as soon as possible after arriving in the country. She will need to provide evidence of her preclearance permission, her original passport, your son's original passport, proof of their joint address in

Ireland, and a registration fee of €300.

Public health information

Our document **COVID-19 (coronavirus)** covers updates on health, education, travel, employment and income supports.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) gives extensive health advice and information on coronavirus including:

How to protect yourself and others

If you have been in an affected area

At-risk groups and coronavirus

Coronavirus and pregnancy

Self-isolation and limited social interaction

The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) has **information on coronavirus for health professionals and for non-health settings** including education. You can **download a HSE poster (pdf)** on the facts about coronavirus for display in public offices.

The Department of Education and Skills has information about **Talking to children and young people about COVID-19 (pdf)** and **advice for schools on the Department's website**.

Social Welfare

The rules for Illness Benefit and Supplementary Welfare Allowance will be changed to help prevent the transmission of coronavirus. These changes require legislation which is expected shortly. When the legislation is completed, workers will be entitled to any arrears due from 9 March when the new payment rates begin.

The changes are:

Waiting days: You will not have to wait 6 days before you can apply for Illness Benefit, if you are medically required to self-isolate or diagnosed with COVID-19.

Rate of payment: The personal rate of Illness Benefit will increase from €203 to €305 per week for up to 2 weeks if you are medically required to self-isolate, or for the duration of your medically-certified absence from work with a COVID-19 diagnosis. The new **enhanced Illness Benefit rate** will be effective from 9 March and workers will be entitled to a refund of any arrears due from this date.

Waive PRSI or means test: The normal social insurance requirements for Illness Benefit will be waived or the means test for **Supplementary Welfare Allowance** will be removed, if you are medically required to self-isolate or diagnosed with COVID-19.

If you have coronavirus symptoms or you have been medically required to self-isolate, you should not visit an Intreo Centre or local Social Welfare Branch Office. The DEASP has provided information about **how to apply for Illness Benefit if you are affected by COVID-19** or you can call 1890 800 024 or (01) 248 1398. You can find further **information for employees and employers and income supports on gov.ie**.

Special arrangements for collection of DEASP payments from post office

An Post has announced special arrangements for people unable to collect their social welfare payments at the post office. Customers can nominate a person, called a Temporary Agent, to collect their payment on their behalf. The recipient must download and complete a **Temporary Agent form (pdf)**. The form is also available from the post office.

Telephone support line for older people

ALONE has launched a national **COVID-19 telephone support line for older people** on 0818 222 024 to provide advice, reassurance and outreach. The service is available Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm. It is intended to complement the clinical advice and information from the HSE.

Travel advice

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has **up-to-date information on more than 200 countries** for anyone planning to travel in the near future. People travelling or living overseas can register their contact details on **Citizens' Registration**, which allows the DFA to make contact and provide assistance in the event of an unforeseen crisis or family emergency. This is only available for travel outside the Common Travel Area (Ireland and the UK).

Ryanair passengers

Ryanair passengers can check online to see **if their flight has been cancelled or re-scheduled** due to the coronavirus. Where a flight has been cancelled, passengers have the option to request a refund of their cancelled flight, rebook or re-route their journey and avail of reasonable care, as applicable.

Postage stamp price rise

From 19 March 2020, the **price of a standard domestic stamp will increase** from €1 to €1.10 and a standard international stamp from €1.70 to €1.80.

Commemorative grant scheme

A grant scheme has been launched to **support commemorative events related to mother and child institutions and county homes**. Funding of €50,000 is available for the scheme in 2020 and organisations can apply for up to €2,500 per event to support their commemorative activities.

St Patrick's Day Parades

2007:2019

Taking a Stroll Down Memory Lane

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2007



Maynooth Scouts

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008



St Mary's Brass & Reed Band

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2009



Colm O'Cearuil, Fr. Liam Rigney P.P., Aine Brady (guest Speaker), Emmet Stagg, Bernard Durkan, (Tom McMullon keeping the peace)

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2010



Thornton's Recycling

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2011



Nell Mescal, Aoife Mescal, Sean Mescal & Donnacha Mescal

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2012



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2013



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2014



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2015



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2018



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2016



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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

Never known to fail - P.B.

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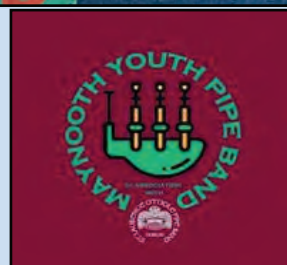
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CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

With the recent outbreak of COVID-19, we have robust plans in place, and the continuity of our service to members is hugely important to us. We are continuously reviewing how we can support members and what actions we need to take as the situation with the coronavirus outbreak unfolds. We have the wellbeing of our colleagues and best interests of our members at the front of mind. People helping people is at the core of what we do, and we will continue to support you through this hard time.



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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Scandal in Saint Ciaran's

When Fr Eoin became Dean of Discipline in St Ciaran's Diocesan College, after serving in that capacity in a posh English boarding school, he introduced a new dispensation that was, by and large, progressive. Before his time discipline had been enforced by merciless use of the cane, but Fr Eoin replaced corporal punishment with a system of fines. A boy caught munching a sweet cake with his pals after lights-out in the dormitory, or engaging in a pillow fight, might have to fork out two shillings. If the offence involved a more serious infraction such as smoking in the back jacks, or giving a rival a black eye, the fine might be raised to half a crown or even five shillings – a fortune in most students' cash-strapped circumstances. Still, it was better than a flogging.

Another string to the Dean's bow was psychological domination: just by moving in close, locking eyes and speaking in a low, even voice suggesting controlled violence, he could reduce a suspect to a state bordering on paralysis. Colin could vividly remember quailing during one such interrogation – talk of a rabbit being mesmerized by a stoat! Still, everything considered, Fr Eoin was a progressive, even-handed man, but something occurred which was to show him in a different light, a throwback to the Victorian era, and, horror of horrors, it was that old bugbear of boarding schools, the carry-on that got Adam and Eve expelled from Eden.

At this point let me sketch in the background. Most students if their thoughts turned to girls, tended like Don Quixote to worship their lady loves from afar. The objects of their amatory yearnings were the day pupils and boarders of the rather exclusive Convent of the Sacred Heart situated on the far side of the town. They caught glimpses of those enchanting creatures on rare occasions such as a Sunday afternoon out town, when fleeting glances might be exchanged in Woolworth's, a High Mass in the cathedral, where the entire ceremony was spent contemplating a classical profile and, supreme opportunity, a visit to the convent for its annual production of some light opera such as 'Maritana'. After one of these visits Fr Eoin was incensed when the Reverend Mother sent a letter congratulating him on the boys' good behaviour. 'What did she expect of us?' he sniffed. Little did he know!

Well, there you have the background, priests and nuns anxious to hold the line against an imagined wave of teenage sexuality threatening their ordered, celibate world. Meanwhile, the students of St Ciaran's had their own battles with the same elemental force. Many of them were enrolled as Children of Mary and knew they must constantly be on guard against the promptings of the flesh. In particular, they should never sully a girl's chastity with their lustful attentions. Apparently untroubled by these concerns, some girls, whenever they chanced upon them, threw them coy glances, while the boys diverted themselves with football, handball, and swimming and took evening strolls down the Long Walk, discussing sport stars, horse races, midnight feasts, dormitory raids and what they would like to do to certain prefects.

These walks weren't especially popular, being indulged in mainly by seniors, especially if the evenings were chilly. Then an observer might have detected a dramatic change: after tea more and more students were heading down past the National School, towards the fairground. A closer inspection would have revealed a line of boys pressed against the high fairground wall, gazing spellbound at something taking place on the other side. No, it wasn't a fight or the setting up of a tent for Duffy's Circus or the arrival of some rare species of wildlife – though that is getting closer to the mark. You've probably guessed it. A group of Sacred Heart daygirls had taken to playing camogie on the fairgreen, apparently oblivious to the row of eager male eyes following their every twist and turn.

Things went on like this for a few days, with the braver boys calling out advice to the athletes and goodbyes when they had finished their game. It wasn't long till some of the girls began to approach the wall to return the goodbyes and in this superheated atmosphere friendships burgeoned. The National School was located at the side of the fairground, so the girls used its back yard to put on their gear. One evening Tommy, a devil-may-care Fifth Year, crossed the wall separating the Long Walk from the yard. Moved by the herd instinct, the rest of the boys immediately followed. The result was predictable. Soon the air was filled with the thrilling screams of damsels as they fled from ardent swains or

pretended to resist their snatched kisses.

It was a joyous affair, more like a rugby scrum than a bacchanalia, 'though, since there was a shortage of girls, most of the fellows, including Colin, went empty handed. Nevertheless, they were all involved, if only as hangers-on.

There was no repeat of that evening's madness: either the girls sensed the risk of unleashing all that pent-up male passion or the fellows realized that crossing the wall was punishable by expulsion. Not that the tide of love ebbed: names, addresses and telephone numbers were exchanged and countless long-distance romances were launched. These were often conducted through entries in autograph books. Dayboys arrived with these exotic books, in which the boarders then wrote impassioned ditties, such as:

*The devil sends a naughty wind
To blow your skirt sky high
But god is just and sends the dust
To blind the bad man's eye.*

Before long, more and more liaisons were formed as girls fixed friends up with sidekicks of their true loves, and vice versa. Just to show how tenuous these affairs could be, a daygirl Colin had never met – let's call her Jenny – decided that she was in love with him. In due course her autograph book was sent in with a dayboy and handed over. Now Colin was in a fix – it would be two years before Cupid's first arrow, bearing the image of a Sacred Heart boarder, struck home – but he couldn't be ungallant. Fancying himself as an artist, he drew on one rose-tinted page a fellow racing across an ocean, on which a star rested, and underneath he added the caption: 'To follow knowledge like a sinking star' – not exactly a declaration of undying passion! Then the prankster in Colin took over. On another page he sketched a student raiding a cupboard to illustrate the song in 'The Merchant of Venice' about fancy or love, 'Tell me where is fancy bred...?' He signed this entry Johannes filius Glynorum. The rather feeble joke here rested on the fact that his classmate John McGlynn was a studious, musical young man who would rather pay La Donna è Mobile on the violin than write to a giddy female. 'O tempora, o mores!' as their classics teacher, Fr Sean, would have said.

Things might have sailed along in this pleasant way if Concepta Harney, a Sacred Heart daygirl, hadn't decided to phone the college and ask for Tommy Ryan, her chosen Romeo. By a stroke of ill fortune, Fr Eoin took the call. 'This is Tommy,' he purred. Concepta immediately began to unburden her heart and Fr Eoin let her gabble on. When she had revealed enough to incriminate herself, he sprung the trap. In the tones of a grand inquisitor he said coolly, 'This is the Dean of Discipline, St Ciaran's College, Miss Harney, and if you're not up here within the hour, I shall report you to Reverend Mother.'

Poor Concepta nearly dropped dead but there was no escape. Like a scarlet woman she dragged herself up from the public phone box in Church Street to the Dean's office, where he browbeat her into revealing everything she knew about the illicit romances. Armed with this information, he then summoned other daygirls for interrogation and, with the diligence of a Torquemada, compiled a dossier that included love letters and autograph books, as well as the names of almost every student who had communicated, either verbally or in writing, with the convent Jezebels. Now he was ready to root this canker out of the student body. Forewarned by alarming updates from the dayboys, Colin and his friends awaited their turn before the inquisitor, knowing that a few flowery declarations in a letter, never mind that physical-contact episode in the schoolyard would be enough to incriminate them.

Day after day, students were summoned to Fr Eoin's room to give a full account of their misdeeds. Gloom descended on the college as even 'hard chaw' seniors emerged from these encounters holding back their tears. Like a virulent plague, fear spread to those who hadn't yet been questioned. They told one another in hushed voices that Fr Eoin wouldn't rest till everyone who had so much as written to a girl would be chucked out of college, and in the early Fifties to be expelled by 'the holy priests' was tantamount to being branded for life. Colin consoled himself with the thought that he hadn't even written to Jenny, let alone spoken to her. Events were to show how naive he was. One afternoon Fr Eoin entered Colin's classroom carrying a small bundle of letters and autograph books. As each of these was read out, the culprit had to stand up and admit

responsibility. He read the caption about the sinking star and Colin duly confessed that the entry was his. Then he was reading out the caption about the 'fancy bred' 'Master McGlynn, are you responsible for that piece of questionable wit?' 'No, father.' John spoke in his most emphatic voice. 'Do you know who wrote it?' 'No, Father.' 'I believe you,' Fr Eoin said. 'And do you think that someone acting without your knowledge should have signed your name?' 'No, Father,' John conceded. 'Now will the boy who appended Master McGlynn's signature please stand up.' Fr Eoin's inquisitorial eye swept the room. Reluctantly, Colin got to his feet. 'Master Scott, are you aware that by forging Master McGlynn's name in this book you have exposed him to the risk of expulsion?' 'No, Father,' Colin mumbled. 'Well, you have, Master Scott, and you didn't have the decency or moral courage to sign your own name. Master McGlynn, it would have surprised me if a boy like you had indulged in this kind of behaviour. In this school we have, thank God, upright, conscientious students who willingly observe the rules – and then we have the five per cent. By Jingoos, Master Scott, you'll be hearing more about this. **Sit down!**'

Now Colin was for it. Beyond drawing the two sketches in Jenny's book and forging John's name, it was only a matter of time till his involvement in the shameful carry-on at the schoolyard was discovered. When that happened he would be sent home in disgrace. His parents would be mortified. Imagine being expelled for assaulting convent girls! They would never forgive him.

With inexorable progress the storm clouds built up, darkening the sky and shutting out hope. As Fr Eoin accumulated more and more evidence, it seemed certain that those rotten apples that threatened the soundness of the entire barrel would be removed and tossed on the rubbish heap. There was only one slender chance: nobody yet knew how the President would react.

At this point let it be noted that, unlike Fr Eoin, the President, Fr Paul, a.k.a. 'Badger', was a disciplinarian of the old school variety, who on one occasion had thrashed Colin almost senseless with his bare hands – but we won't go into that! Suffice it to say that Badger believed that knowledge, especially of the Irish language, should be firmly ash-planted in the mind! When the students trooped into the chapel for Sunday mass, those who were under investigation waited apprehensively for his sermon. What was to be said would seal their fates.

Having read the gospel, Badger turned to address his charges from the altar steps. He stood there, keen-eyed and powerful, like a bald eagle surveying a flock of nervous pigeons. Then he spoke: '*Fuair mé na litreacha seo inné... agus léigh me iad... ach ní bhfuair mé aon droch rud iontu.*' (I got these letters yesterday... and I read them... but I didn't find any bad thing in them.) It took a few moments for the full impact of his words to sink in. Here was the President undermining the very foundation of the Dean's inquisitorial campaign. Of course those under investigation might still suffer the consequences of having broken college rules, but they weren't going to be expelled. You could almost feel the wave of relief: it was as if condemned prisoners had been given a reprieve.

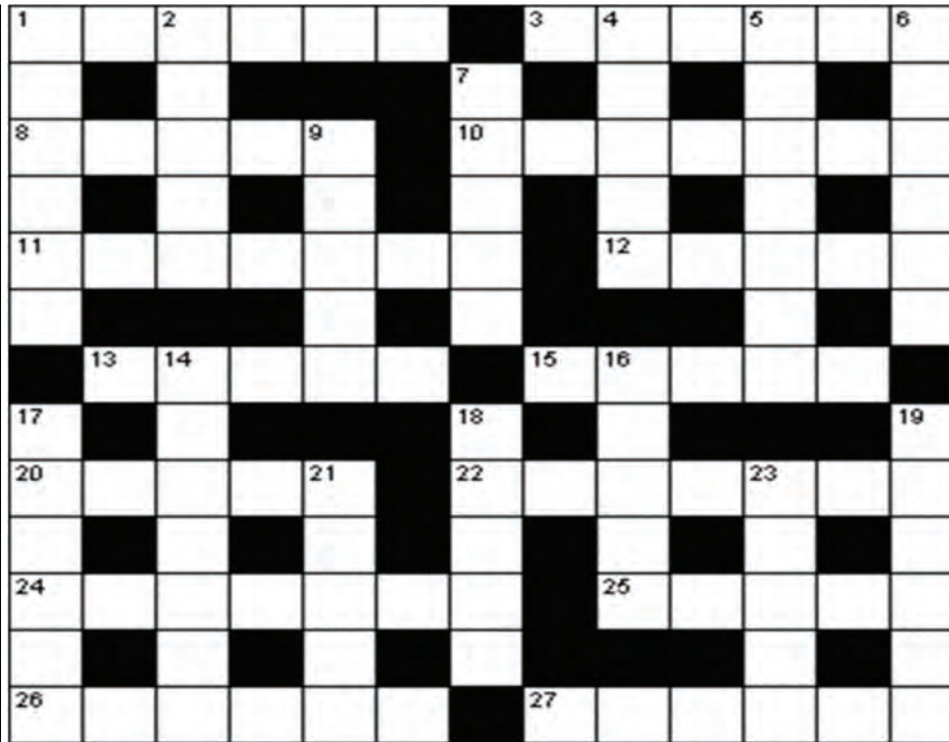
In the ensuing days and weeks most of the students quickly forgot their ordeal. Romances between college boys and Sacred Heart girls continued to bloom like flowers in springtime but, in general, they were conducted much more discretely.

Years later, a lay teacher revealed how Fr Eoin's campaign had been sabotaged during a meeting in Badger's office by the robust laughter of one of his fellow priests, but, understandably, this layman has left no written account of what transpired. As an adult, Colin came to see Fr Eoin as no less a victim than those adolescents he interrogated. He was the product of a puritanical Ireland that equated sex with evil and in his own conscientious way he strove to shield his charges from that evil. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.* (May his soul be on God's right hand.

P.G. Nerney

Clues Across**April 2020 Crossword - No. 489****Clues Down**

1. Bicycle for two (6)
3. Legal (6)
8. Metal bar (5)
10. Voter (7)
11. Choices (7)
12. Stingless male bee (5)
13. Ire (5)
15. Accumulate (5)
20. Entice (5)
22. Recess (7)
24. Let go (7)
25. Automaton (5)
26. Riding seat (6)
27. Repented (6)



1. Sartor (6)
2. Evening (5)
4. Make better (5)
5. Asinine (7)
6. Food store (6)
7. Laconic (5)
9. Fish (5)
14. Wandered (7)
16. Type of musical scale (5)
17. Begins (6)
18. Bet (5)
19. Combined (6)
21. Path (5)
23. Relating to a city (5)


**Solutions to Crossword
No. 488**

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Happy Easter



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Junior Puzzle Corner

Easter Word Search



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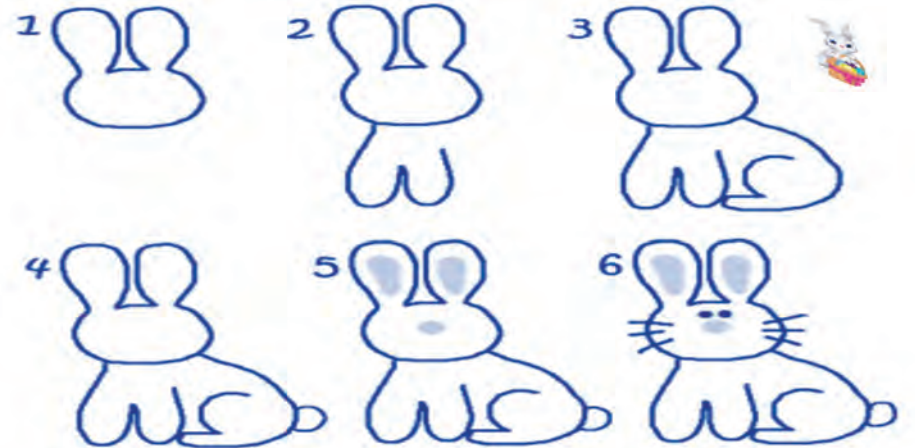
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SPRING
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CHOCOLATE
PEEPS



Draw your own Bunny



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

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



April in the Garden



April gardening season perks you up and uplifts you for the summer. To enjoy your garden for the whole season it's important to do certain April gardening tasks. What are they?

Clean the Garden

Once you are through removing weeds, winter mulches, and debris, you can start digging and preparing your garden for planting. Assuming that the soil is not too wet and difficult to work on.

Lawn Edging

After cleaning up your garden and doing your first lawn maintenance, you need to do some edging. This allows you to clearly divide the flower beds, the lawn, and



the garden. Beyond aesthetics, edging also separates the soil, mulch, and rocks.

Time to Prep Your Soil

If you don't have compost or manure, apply a slow-release fertilizer. Just make sure not to use traditional synthetic lawn fertilizers for your garden.



Get Rid of Garden Pests

Snails, slugs, and aphids usually hide and hibernate in the crowns of perennial plants throughout the winter.



These garden bugs come out in the warm weather to wreak havoc on your plants during spring and summer.

If you look closer, you could also find white vine weevil larvae in your compost heap. These larvae would feed on the roots of your plants.

Be sure to treat your plants for vine weevils as well.

Plant Spring Annuals

Time to plant spring flower seedlings and young plants that you planted in March.

If you've not sown seeds yet, start them now: Petunias, zinnias, marigolds, purple coneflowers and any other seasonal flowers you fancy in your flowerbeds. It might seem like some work now, but you will definitely enjoy their blooming sight in summer.

Check your flower beds; you may find the need to add more perennials as well. It's also a time to plant your container garden. Think about nice container flower combinations.



Set Up a Compost Area

This does not need to be complicated. You can dig a sizeable hole; build a crate like structure, some woodworking involves. You can also buy a simple compost bin.



Check out these [DIY compost bin ideas](#) for help.

Throw in a mixture of anything organic including grass clippings, paper, vegetable peelings and leaves.

Turn the compost once or twice in a month using a rake to keep the compost heap aerated.

Time to Grow Vegetables

There are many warm-season vegetables that you might also consider planting this April for the summer harvest. Some of these crops are cucumbers, tomatoes, okra, beans, eggplants, cantaloupe, peppers, and melons, just to name a few.

You should also plant cooler season vegetable like radish, carrots, peas, and lettuce.

This is also the season to begin planting your favourite annual herbs.



Trees and Shrubs

Prune your trees and deciduous shrubs and remove any dead and sickly looking leaves or branches. This stimulates new plant growth and spring flowering. Be sure to fertilize and also mulch your trees and shrubs. Add the organic mulch in a circle surrounding the plant rather than layering it on the trunk. This will not only provide the plants with the nutrients they need for optimum growth, but it will also conserve moisture and encourage strong hardy drought-resistant roots.

If you want to add any tree or shrub to your garden, now is the time to do it.

Fertilize and Reseed Your Lawn

Apply slow-release fertilizer on your lawn this early spring. As the name suggests, 'slow-release' means the fertilizer that is slowly released into the soil over a long period.

After fertilizing, reseed all patches of dead or damaged grass in your lawn and water well.

The new seeds will require sufficient moisture for optimum growth.



**God Made Rainy Days So Gardeners
Could Get Housework Done**

Easy Victoria Sandwich

Ingredients:

- 4 free-range eggs
- 225g/ caster sugar, plus a little extra for dusting the finished cake
- 225g/8 oz. self-raising flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 225g/8 oz. butter at room temperature, plus a little extra to grease the tins

To serve

Good quality strawberry or raspberry jam

Whipped double cream (optional)

Let's Cook



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Grease and line two 20cm/8in sandwich tins. Use a piece of baking paper to rub a piece of butter around the inside of the tins until the sides and base are lightly coated, then line the bottom with a circle of baking paper.
2. Break the eggs into a large mixing bowl, then add the sugar, flour, baking powder and butter.
3. Mix together until well combined with an electric hand mixer (you can also use a wooden spoon), but be careful not to overmix. Put a damp cloth under your bowl when you are mixing to stop it moving around. The finished mixture should fall off a spoon easily.
4. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins. Use a spatula to remove all of the mixture from the bowl and gently smooth the surface of the cakes.
5. Bake the cakes on the middle shelf of the oven for 25 minutes. Check them after 20 minutes. The cakes are done when they're golden-brown and coming away from the edge of the tins. Press them gently to check—they should be springy to the touch. Set aside to cool in their tins for 5 minutes. Run a palette or rounded butter knife around the inside edge of the tins and carefully turn the cakes out onto a cooling rack.
6. To assemble the cake, place one cake upside down onto a plate and spread it with plenty of jam. Spread on the whipped cream if using. Top with the second cake, top side up. Sprinkle over the caster sugar.

Gingerbread Loaf

Ingredients:

- 175g unsalted butter
- 200g caster sugar
- 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 250ml milk
- 250g plain flour
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 180/Gas 4. Grease and flour a 20x10cm loaf tin.
2. In a small saucepan combine the butter, sugar, golden syrup and milk. Bring to the boil, then remove from heat and set aside. Sieve the flour, bicarbonate of soda, ginger and allspice into a large bowl. Stir in the boiled mixture until just blended. Pour the batter into the prepared tin.
3. Turn down the oven to 160C/Gas 2 1/2 and bake for 1 hour or until the top of the loaf springs back when lightly touched.

Plain/Fruit Scones

Makes 15 7.5cm(3 inch) scones

Ingredients:

- 900g plain white flour
- 175g(6oz) cold butter
- 3 free range eggs
- Pinch of salt
- 50g(1/4 cup) caster sugar
- 3 heaped tsp baking powder
- 450mls(2 cups) approx. milk to mix
- Egg wash (whisk 1 egg with a pinch of salt.)
- Fruit/Sultanas



Method

1. Preheat oven to 250C/450F
2. Sieve the dry ingredients into a large wide bowl. (add fruit at this stage)
3. Cut butter into small pieces and rub into the flour mixture to resemble crumbs.
4. Whisk together the eggs and milk, add to the dry ingredients to form a soft dough.
5. Turn onto a floured board. Do not knead, just shape enough to make round.
6. Roll out to 2.5cm,(1 in) thick. Cut into round 'cakes' 2.5x5 cm (1 in x 2 in) and put onto a baking sheet. Brush the tops with egg wash.
7. Bake in a hot oven 240C/475F/Gas 9 for 10-12 minutes, until risen and nicely browned.

Enjoy



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EASTER MOVIES TRIVIA/FACTS



BEN HUR (1959)

This phenomenally successful biblical epic was one of the greatest movies of the 1950s. **Ben Hur** was nominated for 12 Oscars and won an unprecedented 11 awards. As of 2020, only **Titanic** (1997) and **The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King** in 2004 have matched the film's record of Academy wins.

The movie was banned in China under the regime of Mao Zedong for containing 'propaganda of superstitious beliefs, namely Christianity'.



Several urban legends/myths exist regarding the spectacular chariot sequence in the movie, which featured the muscular, toga-clad Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd in mortal combat. Amazingly, Irish actor, Boyd performed all but two of his own stunts.

One urban myth claims that a stuntman died during filming and another states that a red Ferrari can be clearly seen during the chariot race. The book **Movie Mistakes** claims this is untrue. Heston stated that a third urban myth claims he wore a wristwatch during the filming of the chariot race. The actor debunked it saying he actually 'wore leather bracers up to the elbow'.

One notable change in **Ben Hur** involved the opening titles. Concerned that a roaring *Leo the Lion* (the MGM mascot) would create the wrong mood for the sacred nativity scene, the director, William Wyler, received permission to replace the traditional logo with one in which *Leo the Lion* is muted.

The Greatest Story Ever Told (1965)



Director, George Stevens, picked the late Swedish actor, Max von Sydow to play Jesus in **The Greatest Story Ever Told**. A regular in Ingmar Bergman's films, Von Sydow had never starred in an English language movie up to this point. Stevens wanted an unknown actor to portray the iconic role of Jesus, in order to make him that more believable and convincing to the public. Not tainted by Hollywood associations.

However, **The Greatest Story Ever Told** was certainly not bereft of well-known, starry actors (Angela Lansbury, Sidney Poitier, Shelley Winters) in cameo roles. In fact, the most jarring and bizarre appearance in the movie was John Wayne as the Roman centurion. Wayne's infamous mouthing of the words 'Truly, this man was the Son of God' in his broad American accent wasn't exactly the best casting decision. But when was the Hollywood of yesteryear ever concerned with being authentic or accurate on the big screen!

Easter Parade (1948)



Gene Kelly was the original choice for the male lead in **Easter Parade** but when he broke his ankle in a volleyball game, the elegant Fred Astaire stepped in to save the day. Similar misfortune befell Kelly's regular screen dancing partner, Cyd Charisse, when ligament injuries prevented her from taking a role in the movie. Vivacious Ann Miller was an excellent replacement for the injured Charisse.

Astaire's main romantic interest in the movie was screen legend, Judy Garland. She had never met Fred Astaire prior to the making of **Easter Parade**. Although a big studio star, Garland was still shy in the presence of the older, stylish actor.



The shedding feathered gown worn by Judy Garland, in one dancing sequence was an inside joke reference to Astaire's regular screen partner, Ginger Rogers. In the classic movie **Top Hat**, an ostrich feather broke loose from Rogers' elaborate gown and floated in mid air around Astaire's face.

The dye from the feather on Garland's hat in the *Fella with an Umbrella* number ran all over her face and jacket, so they coated it with Vaseline. Consequently, the feather looks different in two different shots in the movie. **Easter Parade** boasted the distinction of being the

second occasion that a male co-star says to Judy Garland 'Why didn't you tell me I was in love with you?'. Gene Kelly had the prior honour of romancing Garland with the same words in the musical **For Me and My Gal** in 1942.

The Last Temptation of Christ (1988)

Director Martin Scorsese had wanted to make a film on the story of Jesus ever since his childhood. He sat on the script of **The Last Temptation of Christ** for five years, fearing public reaction to the controversial nature of his take on the Jesus story.

Universal Pictures agreed to produce the movie only if Scorsese followed it up with a commercial film. The director delivered the goods with one of his most successful movies of the 1990s, **Cape Fear**.

Martin Scorsese banned smoking from the set of **The Last Temptation of Christ**. Two reasons accounted for this: Scorsese's asthmatic condition and he wanted to avoid any photos being taken of the actors in his biblical movie smoking. It didn't help matters that his lead actor, Willem Dafoe, was a chain smoker.

At one stage in the filming, Dafoe could not see for three days. He had been given too many eye drops to dilate the pupils of his eyes in bright sunlight, in order to achieve a superhuman effect. That's dedication to your art!

St Patrick's Day Movie Quiz Answers

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| 1. b) | 9. c) |
| 2. c) | 10. c) |
| 3. b) | 11. c) |
| 4. c) | 12. d) |
| 5. d) | 13. b) |
| 6. b) | 14. b) |
| 7. b) | 15. c) |
| 8. Alan Rickman | 16. c) |

17. In the Name of The Father

18. b)
19. a)



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ADVICE ON THE RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

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COVID-19 Information on Community Support

There has been a huge outpouring of support from the public wanting to help the most vulnerable members of our communities. While this is fantastic to see, it is important to remember that good volunteer management practice is particularly important during crisis situations.

Volunteer Ireland and the network of Volunteer Centres (VCs) and Volunteering Information Services (VISs) can provide expert guidance and support to organisations recruiting and managing volunteers in response to COVID-19.

To find contact details for your local Volunteer Centre or Volunteer Information Service, visit Volunteer Ireland

Volunteer Ireland are developing guidelines for groups wishing to recruit volunteers and are developing practical volunteering role templates aimed at supporting group who need to recruit volunteers in relation to COVID-19. These will be available here in the coming days: <https://www.volunteer.ie>.

When recruiting Volunteers you need to consider:

- ☐ Volunteering should be done in a safe way so that neither volunteers nor those in need are put at risk
- ☐ Are any of potential volunteers in the “at risk” categories that would put themselves or others at risk?
- ☐ Screening and placing volunteers in an appropriate and suitable role
- ☐ Safeguarding and risk assessment
- ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Garda-vetting
- ☐ Support and day to day volunteer management (a volunteer manager may need to support volunteers, this person themselves could be a volunteer)

Information on Community Support

What the organisation needs to do:

- ☐ The Volunteer organisation should draft volunteer role descriptions for new roles– contact your local Volunteer Centre if you want help with this.
- ☐ Where it is a new role, the National Vetting Bureau will advise if it is a role that requires vetting. You should develop a volunteer role description in line with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012.
- ☐ If your organisation is not already registered with the National Vetting Bureau, and requires vetting for a volunteer role, the first thing you need to do is contact the National Vetting Bureau to register with them.
<https://vetting.garda.ie/RegisteredOrganisation/HowToApply>

Other important facts:

- ☐ Arrangements are in place with the National Vetting Bureau to fast-track volunteer applications in response to COVID-19.
- For more information please visit <https://vetting.garda.ie/>

Garda Vetting Invitation Form (NVB1) with the ref COVID-19 clearly marked on the External Ref section will be given priority.

- ☐ Support will also be available through the DRCD email helpline to assist smaller Community & Voluntary groups with their queries and refer them on to appropriate sources of support. This dedicated email address is - c&vsupports@drcd.gov.ie

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Government Action Plan To Support The Community Response

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Introduction

Communities in Ireland have a tremendous ability to rally round and help each other in times of crisis. We have seen it time and again over the years – whether with storms and floods, or economic disasters, our communities are always there for each other.

Now, more than ever, we need to tap into that vibrant community spirit we have here in Ireland and work together to overcome the enormous challenge facing our country. In particular, people need to look out for their elderly or vulnerable neighbours, while being mindful at all times of the HSE guidelines on social distancing. It is very important that social contact is maintained with people who are isolated in their homes at this time, even if it's only by way of a friendly phone call.

Already in the past week we have seen a spontaneous groundswell of community activity, with various local groups from sporting clubs to residents associations - and also concerned individuals – leading local initiatives to support vulnerable and socially isolated people in their locality. This is a heartening and very welcome development.

However, there is also a need for Government to provide a central framework within which the community response can be delivered, so that it is sustainable over the longer term and to ensure that as many vulnerable people as possible receive the support they need at this very challenging time.

The National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE) is leading our public health response to COVID-19 and as part of the Government's co-ordinated response, a National Action Plan was published on 16th March, setting out a whole-of-society response and the mobilisation of resources across Government and society to fight the spread of this virus.

Within this context and the framework of the NPHE Sub-group on Vulnerable People, the Department of Rural and Community Development is leading the whole of Government effort to encourage and facilitate a community response to COVID-19 that will help us to protect our older and vulnerable neighbours and keep them safe, well and supported during the coming weeks.

This Action Plan, which has been put together in partnership with the Department of Health, other Government Departments, State Agencies, Local Authorities, Local Development Companies and our extensive network of community and voluntary organisations, sets out three key actions for initial focus in supporting a community response to COVID-19. Along with this Action Plan, a Communications Pack for members of the public will be widely distributed, including through our networks, to every community and voluntary organisation in the country.

This pack will contain advice and guidance on:

How can I volunteer?

Sensible volunteering – Dos and Don'ts

Advice for local community groups – how can we get volunteers?

Advice for vulnerable people who need supports

How to guard against fraud and generate trust

Information leaflet for distribution to communities – “You, Your Community and Covid-19” – encouraging people to look out for vulnerable neighbours.

Three Key Actions

The Department of Rural and Community Development has identified three key actions for immediate priority. We will put the required funding and resources in place immediately and will be working with our partners to implement the measures on the ground as quickly as possible. Work in this regard has already commenced.

Encourage and facilitate volunteering – in partnership with Volunteer Ireland, 22 Volunteer Centres and 7 Volunteer Information Services, supported by Local Development Companies

Provide community supports for older people – in partnership with ALONE

Establish a helpdesk facility for local community groups – in partnership with the 31 Public Participation Networks nationwide

Further details in relation to each of the three key actions are set out on the following pages. Further initiatives are in development and will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

Action 1 - Encourage and facilitate volunteering

We will provide a simple and easy means for those who wish to volunteer to register their interest and we will match them with the service providers in their community that need additional help.

Volunteer Ireland and the network of 22 Volunteer Centres together manage the national volunteering database (I-VOL). With a presence in 19 counties in Ireland, they are uniquely placed to mobilise local volunteers and organisations to reach the most vulnerable members of our society during this time of crisis. At the end of February 2020, there were almost 100,000 volunteers and 9,000 organisations on the I-VOL database – these numbers have increased by over 2,000 in the past week, as volunteers sign up to help with COVID-19 efforts nationwide.

The Department of Rural and Community Development will provide additional resources to Volunteer Ireland and the Volunteer Centres to enable them to significantly increase their levels of activity over the coming weeks in response to Covid-19. Resources will also be provided to the Volunteer Information Services supported by Local Development Companies in areas not currently served by Volunteer Centres. The core focus will be on volunteer recruitment – communications aimed at raising awareness of the need for volunteers through social media and recruiting and screening volunteers for local organisations and statutory services who are supporting vulnerable people in the community. The Department of Rural and Community Development is also working with the Garda Vetting Bureau to ensure that volunteer roles that are specifically linked with the COVID-19 plan can be quickly reviewed and, where vetting is deemed necessary, fast-tracked through the process.

Volunteer Ireland will also support organisations who are experiencing an increased demand for their services and need to recruit volunteers quickly. They will prioritise support for organisations dealing directly with the crisis including ALONE, Civil Defence and the Red Cross.

Each Volunteer Centre is an independent organisation and each has varying levels of resources. While not all Volunteer Centres will be in a position to manage large scale informal

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volunteering operations, all can play a part in communicating on agreed and helpful messaging and promoting the most vital volunteer roles. Larger Volunteer Centres, such as those in Dublin and other urban areas, will be able to mobilise significant numbers through promotion, recruitment and screening. This will take some of the most time intensive tasks - such as writing job descriptions and selecting volunteers - away from organisations who are busy on the front line.

This work has already commenced – for example, local volunteers recruited by the South Dublin Volunteer Centres are already assisting the HSE at the new community testing centre in Tallaght.

Clear concise information will be provided to the public on where and how to register their interest in volunteering.

Action 2 - Provide community supports for older people

We will enhance information, advisory and other supports for older people at home, including through telephone helpline support for those who do not access online information. ALONE is a voluntary organisation that works in partnership with Government and State agencies to support and empower older people to age at home. They help individuals and their families work with other organisations to improve the lives of older people. They work with all older people, including those who are lonely, isolated, frail or ill, homeless, living in poverty, or are facing other difficulties. ALONE supports them through these challenges.

ALONE's Visitation Support & Befriending Service provides regular visits to an older person from a volunteer who provides one-to-one companionship and practical support. Volunteers can support with practical tasks and provide information on local activities and relevant initiatives. All volunteers are trained, Garda vetted and receive support from ALONE staff.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, a telephone support line with expanded hours (8am-8pm) has been launched for all older people and their families to contact if they would like any advice, reassurance or additional support. From these calls, ALONE is offering reassurance and guidance as instructed by the HSE and offering follow up support including a daily support telephone call, support with practical tasks such as grocery and medication distribution, ensuring they have fuel and are not feeling socially isolated during this time. All older people who call this support line can be linked in with ALONE support staff who can address any additional needs through telephone or in-person assessment.

With funding from Government, ALONE is deploying additional staff and volunteers to coordinate and deliver on the anticipated increased demand for its service. It aims to recruit an additional 1,500 volunteers over the next few weeks and is working with Volunteer Ireland to achieve this. Additional staff will be recruited by ALONE across Ireland to manage the new volunteer cohort.

With these enhanced supports in place, ALONE will be in a position offer additional practical supports for those affected by Covid-19 to all community and health sector services, many of which already refer clients to ALONE e.g. hospital discharge teams, Public Health Nurses, Social Workers, Frailty intervention therapy teams, Integrated care pathways for older people, Meals on wheels services, medication and grocery distribution etc.

Action 3 - Establish a helpdesk facility for local community groups

We will ensure that local community groups have direct access to the information they need in managing through the challenges ahead.

The Department of Rural and Community Development provides support to the overall community and voluntary sector through its funding programmes and grants and through its support for the Public Participation Networks in each Local Authority area. PPNs are networks of local community and voluntary groups and their purpose is to provide a mechanism for community engagement at local level. Over 16,000 local organisations are members of their PPN, representing a very valuable and extensive network for reaching into communities.

In recent weeks it has become evident that community and voluntary groups who are preparing for the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak are concerned about a number of issues, including an increased demand for their services, an anticipated reduction in the number of volunteers (due to the volunteers being themselves at risk, ill or self-isolating) and continued access to their usual supply chains. Many smaller locally based groups, who are entirely volunteer-led, will find this particularly challenging.

The Department is putting in place a dedicated email Helpdesk to assist smaller community groups with their queries and refer them on to appropriate sources of support, including other similar organisations within the wider network. The service will provide email access to dedicated trained staff who will endeavour to address issues as they arise. As the queries come in, FAQ information will be developed and posted on the Government website.

The dedicated email address c&vsupports@drcd.gov.ie will go live on 20 March 2020.

Conclusion

Supporting our Community and Voluntary Sector

In delivering for our communities, the Government works closely with organisations throughout the community and voluntary sector. It is recognised that the sector will itself be challenged as it seeks to contribute to the national effort at this time. The unprecedented circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 crisis will require the re-prioritisation and re-direction of activities, new contingency arrangements to maintain and support critical services, and new flexibilities in the use, re-prioritisation and reassignment of resources in the sector. Government is committed to working closely with the sector in managing through these challenges over the coming period. These new pressures and requirements will need to be factored into future review and evaluation of programme delivery targets and performance delivery agreements already in place for 2020.

Our communities are our greatest resource. The Government is committed to facilitating and supporting the volunteer spirit that is alive in our communities during this period of unprecedented challenge for our country. The mobilisation of community and voluntary groups and the engagement of volunteers will play a crucial part in ensuring that the most vulnerable among us are supported and that people living in the community can continue to have their needs met in the event that their usual sources of support become unavailable. This Action Plan is part of the broader Government response to COVID-19. While a whole of Government coordinated approach is the backbone to planning for and managing the effects of any emergency, solutions are ultimately implemented at a community level. Through the measures in this Action Plan, the Department of Rural and Community Development will continue to play its role in fostering the links that bring communities together. Strengthening our community links will help to improve our preparedness and responsiveness in this time of national emergency. When we act together as a community, we can overcome even the most daunting of challenges.

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How to Protect Against Fraud and Generate Trust

Unfortunately, there are a number of people and groups who will use the COVID-19 outbreak as an opportunity to take advantage of people and commit fraud. Here is some advice on how to protect yourself.

For people receiving help from volunteers

The following tips should help you protect yourself from such criminal practices.

- ♦ Do not answer the door to someone you don't know unless you feel comfortable doing so.
- ♦ Do not let someone into your house unless you know them or you are expecting them
- ♦ Do not give your bank details or your credit/debit card to anyone you do not trust. You may be asked for the details by text, by email, over the phone or in person, do not reply.
- ♦ If someone calls to the door from an organisation to provide support, ask to see their identification. If you are still unsure, ring the organisation directly but verify the phone number independently rather than using the number on the card they hand you. Close and lock the door on the caller as you make the enquiry.
- ♦ If someone offering help is not with an organisation that you know and you are not comfortable with this, don't worry. A genuine volunteer will respect that you are being careful.
- ♦ You can contact a recognised helpline or support service like Alone on 0818 222 024 or Seniorline on 1800 80 45 91 if you need support.
- ♦ Do not buy 'testing kits' or other testing materials from any source. Medical tests will be provided free of charge by the HSE if they are required.
- ♦ If any caller makes you uncomfortable ask them to leave. Tell the caller you will contact the company directly.
- ♦ Have the number of a trusted relative, friend or neighbour to hand in case you need to call someone.
- ♦ If you suspect that someone is trying to commit fraud, contact your local Garda station (not 999/112).

For volunteers

- ♦ Vulnerable people may have heard of such criminal practices and may be concerned if they are contacted by a stranger. If you are volunteering to help people in your community who you do not know, please be aware of this anxiety.
- ♦ These tips should help reassure people that you are a genuine volunteer.
- ♦ Don't contact someone you have never spoken to before (unless you are working through a voluntary organisation). Calls from strangers can be distressing to older and vulnerable people. Consider dropping a note through the letterbox with your name and phone number to let them know you are there to help. You could also make contact through someone the person already knows and trusts.
- ♦ Don't call to a vulnerable person's door unannounced – it could cause undue stress and worry for the person.
- ♦ If someone has asked you to help them, do not enter their home unless absolutely necessary. If you are dropping off shopping or a prescription for someone, simply call and let them know that you are at their door. Please follow the social distancing guidelines.
- ♦ If you call to someone's door, do not take offence if they wish to see identification and call the organisation to verify that you are a genuine volunteer. They are protecting themselves, and this should be respected.
- ♦ If you suspect that someone is trying to commit fraud, contact your local Garda station (not 999/112).

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Advice for Vulnerable People

DO's

- ♦ - DO remember that help and advice is only a phone-call away.
- ♦ - DO make yourself aware of contact numbers for vital services and keep these numbers handy.
- ♦ - DO keep in touch with neighbours.
- ♦ - DO ask to see identification if a stranger calls to the door. If in doubt, call the organisation they claim to represent for verification.
- ♦ - DO remember to practice social distancing, keeping a space of two metres between you and other people.
- ♦ - DO follow HSE guidelines around hand washing, sneezing and coughing into your arm or a tissue.

DON'TS

- ♦ - DON'T answer the door to someone you don't know unless you feel comfortable doing so.
- ♦ - DON'T shake hands with anyone that might come to the door.
- ♦ - DON'T let someone into your home unless you know them or it is absolutely necessary.
- ♦ - DON'T give ANY personal details including your bank details or your credit/debit card to anyone you don't trust – whether in person or over the phone.
- ♦ - DON'T interact with other vulnerable members of your community if you have any symptoms of illness.
- ♦ - DON'T be alarmed by false information on social media – stick to HSE advice.

How can I Volunteer in response to COVID-19?

1. For people who wish to volunteer

Are you well enough to volunteer? The main priority is your safety and limiting the spread of the coronavirus. You are encouraged to continue to adhere to the latest HSE instructions on how best to avoid COVID-19. If you are feeling unwell or in one of the at-risk categories please prioritise your own wellbeing and do not put yourself forward to volunteer.

I want to volunteer but I don't want to put myself or anyone else at risk.

If you are volunteering with an organisation, make sure that they have proper procedures and safeguards in place to protect you in your role, including a named supervisor you can go to. Don't be afraid to ask about this upfront and before taking on any role.

If you are well enough to volunteer.

If you are well enough to volunteer, there are two main ways in which you can do so:

- ♦ Contact your local Volunteer Centre or register on the national volunteering database – I-VOL - which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Full contact details for all Volunteer Centres in Ireland are available on www.volunteer.ie.
- ♦ By volunteering informally in your own community – for example by helping those in an at-risk category with their shopping or by collecting their prescriptions etc.

If you are volunteering more informally, at a local level, follow HSE instructions on how to avoid the spread of COVID-19. It is important not to put any vulnerable people at risk. Further information on the simple steps you can take is available on www.volunteer.ie or www.gov.ie/drcd

2. For organisations who wish to recruit volunteers

Organisations that are registered with their local Volunteer Centre can advertise volunteer roles through the Centre and also through the national database I-VOL. You should contact your local Volunteer Centre to let them know the role is in response to COVID-19 and they will prioritise promotion of this role. If the role requires Garda vetting, they will also prioritise this.

If you are not registered with your local Volunteer Centre, you can register by contacting them directly. Once registered, you can then advertise your roles on the national I-VOL database.

3. New Helpdesk to assist Community and Voluntary Groups

The Department of Rural and Community Development has set up a dedicated email help desk for community and voluntary groups. This will provide accurate and timely information for these groups as they respond to the COVID-19 situation. It is particularly directed at community and voluntary groups operating at the smaller, local level. Full details are available at www.drcd.gov.ie

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Safety should be your number one priority and make sure you have the safeguards in place to protect you while you carry out your role. Please follow the guidelines on the HSE website or if in doubt ask at your local volunteer centre. Some simple steps to sensible volunteering:

- ♦ Only volunteer if you are well enough to do so .
- ♦ Do not volunteer if you have travelled outside Ireland in the last 14 days.
- ♦ Always follow the HSE guidelines for hand washing, sneezing/coughing and practice social distancing.
- ♦ Do not call to a vulnerable person's door unannounced. Please consider dropping a note in their letterbox with a name and number for them to contact.

If you are asked to help, take these steps to limit contact:

- ♦ Do not enter a home unless absolutely necessary
- ♦ Dropping off shopping/prescription etc. can be left at the door and simply call to let them know
- ♦ Remember to keep social distancing in mind, always keep a space of two meters apart between you and the person.

If you are volunteering for a vulnerable person with an underlying condition please remember their immune systems may be weakened, making it harder to fight infections.

Please follow the key messages from the HSE:

- ♦ Wash hands thoroughly and as often as possible
- ♦ Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- ♦ Practice social distancing and coordinate with others to limit the number of visits
- ♦ Refill their prescriptions and make sure that they have over the counter medicines and supplies for example, tissues and thermometer.

Receiving assistance

Safety should be your number one priority and if you are in need of help please contact a trusted source or neighbour. Please remember:

- ♦ Do not answer the door to someone you don't know.
- ♦ Do not shake hands with anyone.
- ♦ Do not let anyone into your home unless it is absolutely necessary.
- ♦ Do not give your bank details to anyone that you do not know or trust.
- ♦ Always ask for identification if someone calls to your door from an organisation, if in doubt call the organisation to verify details.
- ♦ If you are offered help and are not comfortable please contact the Garda Síochána on 999 or a recognised helpline if you need support.

If you are vulnerable person with an underlying condition and receiving assistance, please follow the key messages from the HSE:

- ♦ Wash hands thoroughly and as often as possible;
- ♦ Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces;
- ♦ Have prescriptions filled and over the counter medicines supplies;
- ♦ Do not allow more than two visitors at a time.

Revenue to operate Employer COVID-19 Refund Scheme on behalf of DEASP

Revenue has worked closely with the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) in relation to the special support payment of €203 per week being made to employees who have been temporarily laid off as a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Revenue has provided an option for employers to make this payment to their employees through the normal payroll process and amounts paid to employees will be refunded to the employer's bank account, in general, on a 'next day' basis.

Details of the scheme are available on the Revenue website at:

www.revenue.ie/en/news/articles/employer-covid-19-refund-scheme.aspx.

DEASP has asked Revenue to highlight that employees without dependents are encouraged not to apply for Jobseeker's benefits unless their employer is not in a position to operate this scheme. Also, those with adult or child dependents should claim the standard jobseeker payment by applying to the DEASP at: www.welfare.ie.

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus.html>



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