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Refugee exhibition hosted by MU Access funded under Public Service Innovation Fund

An innovative exhibition of photographs by refugees to be co-hosted by Maynooth University Access is among 20 diverse projects to successfully secure funding from this year's call for ideas under the Public Service Innovation Fund.

This year's Public Sector Innovation Fund call saw a total of 279 project proposals received from organisations in all sectors of the Public Service - Civil Service, Defence Forces, Education Sector, Health Sector, Local Government, Justice Sector and Non-Commercial State Agencies.

Maynooth University Access Office in collaboration with Dublin City University, the Irish Refugee Council and Dublin Castle will create the 'We are here, HEAR' project, an outdoor and virtual exhibition of photographs taken by refugees to illustrate barriers they experienced accessing Higher Education, alongside accompanying descriptions.

All awardees were congratulated by competition organisers for 'Our Public Service', who stated that it was a significant achievement, as only 7.5% of projects received will be funded.

The 'We are here, HEAR project' will be an open-air touring exhibition of 40 photographs and stories from refugees on the barriers they have experienced in relation to accessing Higher Education in Ireland.

The exhibition will launch in the grounds of Dublin Castle in June/July 2021, on the year before its centenary. It will highlight the dichotomy for people in the protection system in Ireland, who are often without citizenship, by occupying the iconic civic space.

Dublin Castle's community engagement expands beyond the walls of the Castle and reaches out into the community to work with groups who might not otherwise access the Castle's public programme. This project will directly link to schools and community projects through Dublin Castle's education programme.

Following its launch in Dublin Castle, the exhibition will draw on its partner networks to tour the Higher Education Institutions in the MEND (Midlands East North Dublin region) as well as the following purposefully selected locations due to their proximity to Direct Provision centres; Maynooth University; Dublin City University; Athlone Institute of Technology; Dundalk Institute of Technology; Mosney Accommodation Centre; Rosslare Harbour; Dublin docklands.

Exhibition viewers will be able to log their reaction to the exhibition through a QR code, that that can be snapped with a mobile phone to collect responses to provide an ongoing evaluation of the project. Mi:Lab - the Maynooth University Innovation Lab will provide design thinking expertise to the project and we will utilise design thinking strategies, tools and techniques to support project activity, outputs and the evaluation of the exhibition.

The 'We are here, HEAR project' virtual exhibition will also be housed on a website outlining the background to the project, serving to increase public engagement with the project.

The Dublin Castle website will link to the project website, as will Maynooth University, DCU and the Irish Refugee Council websites. Mi: Lab will also provide their expertise in Design Thinking to map out and mine the deep learning of shared knowledge and co-generated insight that will constitute the core elements of the website to ensure user friendliness at all stages. The 'We are here, HEAR project' will also incorporate a Continuous Professional Development Lecture Series for the partner organisations and delivered by refugees with third level qualifications.

Adopting an evidenced-based approach, the lectures will draw on recent MU and DCU research exploring the experiences of refugees and people seeking asylum in accessing Higher Education (Nwanze & Meaney, 2021 in press). This research was completed as part of the College Connect programme, a 3-year project funded by the Higher Education Authority under its Programme for Access to Higher Education - PATH 3.

College Connect, which is led by Maynooth University, supports access and widening participation of groups underrepresented in higher education in the MEND cluster (Midlands, East, and North Dublin region). The cluster is made up of Athlone Institute of Technology, Dublin City University, Dundalk Institute of Technology, and Maynooth University.

The lecture series primarily aims to build staff capacity within Higher Education Institutions in terms of understanding and appreciating the experiences of students who are refugee or seeking asylum.

The goal of the lecture series is to improve the overall experience of the target group in their interactions with Higher Education Institutions and their experience in 3rd level, from pre-application to entry and graduation. The series will be piloted with MU employees in late spring 2021. It is anticipated that the content will be made available to other HEIs later in 2021.

The Public Sector Innovation Fund is based on 'Our Public Service 2020' reform strategy for development and innovation in the Public Service, and incorporates a competition designed to support innovative ideas from public service bodies to promote collaboration and new and better approaches to service delivery.



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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

Editorial

As someone who makes a blood donation at least four times a year, I have done so in the past year when the Irish Blood Transfusion Service clinic has been held in the Glenroyal Hotel in Maynooth. Pre-Covid when the students at Maynooth University are here, I used to avoid the Maynooth clinic because of the large number of people making donations meant that it took longer to get through than in smaller clinics, so I donated in the Irish Blood Transfusion Service clinic in Dublin city centre instead. In the past year donations are by appointment only and the numbers donating have been fewer. June 14th is "World Blood Donor Day" so I thought that I would encourage you donate especially if you have been thinking about it but never made the time to attend the Irish Blood Transfusion Service clinic in Maynooth. I can even tell you that the next donation days in Maynooth are August 3rd to 8th and you can register at www.giveblood.ie. You are making a real difference to someone else when you make a blood donation.

Talking about making a difference to others with Covid restriction having been in place for so long until recently we have not been able to meet family and friends in person. Getting together with friends is normally a tonic for our mental wellbeing. "Best Friends Day" is marked on June 8th so perhaps now is a good time to reach out to people who you have lost contact with as it is most likely that they will welcome your call. I noticed a recent posting on the Maynooth Notice Board Facebook Page when a new resident in Maynooth was talking about loneliness. Reading the post I was not sure of what was the intention but I have to compliment the many respondents who offered support. Remember that if you are feeling lonely please reach out to others as by nature we like the company of others and in Maynooth you will not have to go far to find a good neighbour.

Last month I considered commenting on the now national story about the cuckoo fund buying up the majority of houses in Mullen Park. People looking to find a home in Maynooth are looking for a range of properties and most people looking to buy will have known that cuckoo funds had previously purchased properties in at least two other recently completed residential areas in Maynooth. It was clear last month that the purchase by investment funds of properties intended to increase housing supply was perfectly legal so I could not criticise it. One month on the Government has made changes to the rules which limits this practice for future planning applications. It is a pity that this change does not apply to multi-unit developments as there are people in Maynooth who would like to buy these type of properties as owners. Perhaps the debate on property ownership is not over yet?



I note from the Maynooth Tidy Towns notes on page 15 that they mention the service to tidy towns of their PRO, Richard Farrell. Richard's name is synonymous with tidy towns in Maynooth as a result of his 40 years involvement. He is responsible for getting me involved and I have so many memories of working with Richard as for over 25 years we worked together in preparing the annual National Tidy Towns Competition Application for Maynooth. As readers will know being a tidy towns volunteer in Maynooth is a challenge and Richard's approach has always been to see the best in everyone he met. No matter how bad the litter was or someone damaging tidy towns work he would always say we have to continue the work. Over his 40 years he has won over many volunteers for tidy towns and many more supporters and as he takes a step back from his role as PRO his influence will continue in the incredible work that the tidy town's volunteers carry out week after week.



Paul Croghan - Editor

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 progresses we may be unable to produce the Online version.

Copy date for the next edition of the Maynooth Newsletter will be Monday 21st June 2021



Maynooth Cycling Campaign

Virtual Public Meeting - School Streets/ Zones, Substandard Cycle Maynooth

How do we make it safe for children to walk/cycle to school?
How can active travel improve healthy streets? How do we

attract people out of cars? Join us for a virtual public meeting to explore these questions at 8pm on Thursday 10 June.

To register for Zoom, please email maynoothcycling@gmail.com.

Funding for Sustainable Transport in Kildare

The NTA has released how much it allocated to different local authorities in 2020 and how much they actually spent. Kildare County Council was the local authority which spent the highest proportion of its allocation at 87%. However, this disguises the fact that Kildare's allocation was the lowest of all local authorities in the Greater Dublin Area and Regional Cities.

Local Authority	2020 Allocation €	2020 Spend €	2021 Allocation €	2021 Spend/ Allocation %
Kildare County Council	2,519,864	2,214,122	7,730,000	87.9%
Meath County Council	11,046,843	8,539,636	12,885,000	77.3%
Wicklow County Council	6,644,050	3,877,457	7,616,000	58.4%

Comparable commuting local authorities such as Meath and Wicklow received multiples of what Kildare was allocated which tells its own story.

Kildare Cycle Forum

At the February meeting of Kildare County Council's Strategic Policy Committee (SPC), there was reference to the Kildare Cycle Forum. Maynooth Cycling Campaign described it as dysfunctional and undertook to propose measures to improve its operation. We forwarded our suggestions but in the interim KCC decided to absorb it into a Sustainable Transport Forum. The initial Kildare Cycle Forum was held in February 2014 and in the seven years since then it has had a chequered history. Although cycle forums were intended as an interface between councillors and cyclists, for a number of years there were either no meetings or meetings were held without the presence of any cyclist representatives.

The Chair of Kildare's SPC is also normally the Chair of the Cycle Forum but during the previous council, the Chair had no interest in cycling and stopped attending meetings.

There was even no response to repeated requests for a copy of the Terms of Reference and minutes were circulated months after the meeting, if at all. Maynooth Cycling Campaign regrets the downgrading of cycling in the Council and in particular regrets that it has been downgraded with minimal effort to establish a properly functioning forum. It would have been nice if even on one occasion, a meeting had been organised as it was intended.



Transport Strategic Policy Committee (SPC)

In June 2020, Maynooth Cycling Campaign submitted a number of policy papers to the Chair of the Transport SPC. After prioritising three of them at the February meeting, it had been expected that they would have been discussed and voted in May. However, it was disappointing that one year later, the Chair has still not seen fit to include them for consideration.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign also tried to raise the issue of the number of collisions between pedestrians and cyclists on the Moyglare Road and to lower the speed limits in urban areas following an increase in the number of pedestrian fatalities in 2020, but they too were disallowed.

M6 Maynooth to Leixlip Project – Just One More Lane!

One of the projects included in Ireland 2040, the strategic planning framework, was the widening of the M6 between Maynooth and Leixlip. The addition of more traffic lanes is the standard response of many road designers to congestion. However, at a past meeting of the SPC, it was announced that the Department of Transport was investigating the conversion of the hard shoulder to a dedicated bus lane as has happened elsewhere in Europe.

That new roads attract more traffic is a concept known since the 1950s as “induced demand” and is often summarised with a quote usually attributed to the American urbanist Lewis Mumford: “Building more roads to prevent congestion is like a fat man loosening his belt to prevent obesity.”

In the 21st century, progressive communities realise that they have to make it easy not to drive. They have to provide high quality walking/cycling infrastructure, and cheap and reliable public transport while at the same time discourage driving by roads pricing and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. This is the only way to avoid climate change, congestion, environmental damage and poor health outcomes.

Bikeweek

Bikeweek 2021 will not be taking place in June this year. The Department of Transport has decided to move it to September.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign is a non-party political cycling advocacy group. Further information on the campaign is available on our website. We are affiliated to Cyclist.ie, the Irish Cyclist Advocacy Network and through it to the European Cycling Federation.



Kildare Planning Applications for Maynooth Area

Planning Applications received from 24/04/2021 to 25/05/2021 - Information from Kildare County Council Website

Covid-19: Arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Planning and Development Act 2000 was amended on 29 March 2020 resulting in the extension of certain timelines in the planning process including submission and decision dates. The Online Planning system does NOT take account of the revised dates.

App #	Authority	Applicant Name	Development Address	App Date
21725	Kildare County Council	Patrick Connolly,	65 Silken Vale, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	25/05/2021
21686	Kildare County Council	Tara & Anthony Gibney	1 Beaufield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	19/05/2021
21664	Kildare County Council	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	14/05/2021
21615	Kildare County Council	CRL Recruitment Limited,	Units 2 & 3, Maynooth Mall, Mill Street and Main Street, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	07/05/2021
21610	Kildare County Council	Mary Feely	Straffan Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/05/2021
21613	Kildare County Council	Ciaran Gallagher	Railpark, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	06/05/2021
21597	Kildare County Council	Tara and Anthony Gibney	1 Beaufield Drive, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	04/05/2021
21588	Kildare County Council	Ian Barrett	Toolestown House, Straffan Road(R406), Maynooth, Co. Kildare	30/04/2021
21579	Kildare County Council	Turf Lawn Sales Limited,	Taghadoe, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	28/04/2021

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Younglife Camp August 3rd-6th



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Younglife is a christian based organisation that invites teens to explore christianity in a safe, non-judgemental way.

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Camp will be over 4 days (2 half and 2 full days), featuring games, food, team challenges, clubs, laughter, a camp speaker, surprise events and more!

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Get in touch with Conor McCrory today on:

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Writers' Corner - Short Stories/Articles from our Readers

Aran Quest

The cycling was proving harder than they had expected. John was already feeling the strain on his leg muscles, while Anne was finding it difficult to breathe. Only Donal, their fourteen-year-old son, was impatient with the slow pace forced on them by the long uphill road; he raced ahead on his bicycle, occasionally circling around to wait for them, his T-shirt vivid white against the grey walls. After the "Aran Flyer" from Rossaveal docked at Kilronan they had hired their sturdy 'bone-breakers' with the intention of travelling the five or so miles to Dún Aengus, the great Iron Age fortress on the edge of a 300-foot high sea cliff. Since the July weather was so hot John had removed his jacket outside the village and given it to Anne, whose bike had a front basket. She had folded it up with her own cardigan and placed them as shading over the sandwiches and orange drinks.

As they pedalled doggedly on John recalled the Halloween weekend he and his college pals had cycled out to Carraroe with the intention of getting a lift to Aran on a hooker, one of the sailing boats that carried turf and other cargo to the island. There had been five of 'The Scoffing Shantalleers', as they called themselves, when they started out from Galway but faced with a road winding its way further and further into the rugged bleakness of Connemara, three of the group had lost heart, leaving only Bill and himself to complete the journey well after nightfall.

What had given him the incentive to accomplish that feat? Was it the desire to hear Irish used as a living language by people whose way of life had won the admiration of Pearse and Synge or was it because Eithne, a pre-med student whose father was a doctor, had turned down his invitation to Seapoint ballroom? Probably both motives had played their part. Back then he was in madcap flight from the reality that he wasn't cut out to be an accountant. When he should have been studying a Commerce textbook his friends would find him reading Ó Conaire's Deoraíocht or borrowing money to see an Irish play in the Taibhdhearc. No wonder that Eithne had caught the whiff of failure off him!

Not that the trip to Carraroe hadn't been worth making. Once they had found accommodation in a guesthouse, Bill and he had walked to a pub, Tigh Chathain, where men in homespun clothes with weather-reddened faces under peaked caps were conversing in rich, guttural Irish – the sort of Gaelic peasants Joyce's Stephen Daedalus professed to fear. Over foaming pints they had gotten into conversation with an Aran islander. What an experience that had been, actually talking to somebody who had little or no English, somebody who might have stepped directly out of one of Liam O'Flaherty's stories! The islander had promised to bring them to Inishmore in his hooker early the following morning but during the night a gale had blown up.

When they walked to the mist-shrouded quay soon after daybreak a scene of desolation met them: seaweed and driftwood washed up on the pier, a broken currach lying facedown on pebbles, a cormorant perched forlorn on a rock. There was no sign of the hooker. A local fisherman told them that there would be no more sailings that year. John had known then the feeling expressed by Pádraig De Brún, the college president, in Valparaiso, his poem about a ship that had sailed without him to a wonderful faraway place. It was some consolation to spend the rest of that weekend in Carraroe but they had failed in their primary objective, to reach Aran, which waited out there beyond Galway Bay like a magical island – or like the degree he might never get.

"I can't keep this up!" Anne's voice brought him back to the present. By now, obeying the pointing hand on the statue of a spear-armed Celtic warrior, they were halfway up the laneway leading to Dún Eochla, having decided to investigate it before visiting Dún Aengus. She dismounted and he followed suit. Below them the island spread out in all its rugged splendour, stonewalled yellow-green fields curving down to the pale blue expanse of Galway Bay. "Give me the camera," he said. "I'll have to photograph that." "Don't you have it?" Her voice betrayed her alarm. "No," He looked at her in dismay. "I must have left it down when I took off my jacket. Oh, what an idiot I am!" She did not reproach him but stood there like a little girl who had lost her doll. He knew that her father had given her the camera as a birthday present when she was a teenager in

London. She had worshipped her father, who had died before she had sat her A-levels. What were the chances of a valuable item like that not being stolen by the first person that chanced along? He would have to look for it at once.

Donal agreed to accompany him and together they sped like demons back the way they had come. A thousand thoughts raced through John's head: the time he had told Anne she was like a beautiful seabird that had landed on the shore of Ireland; their giving their children Celtic names and sending them to the Gaeltacht in summer; her attempt to learn Irish herself; his disappointment that Aran was no longer the place he had once seen through green-tinted glasses – Why, except for two old fellows they had passed earlier, he hadn't heard anybody speaking Irish and the supermarket in the village didn't even have bilingual signs, let alone ones in Gaelic. Television and tourism had eroded the island's once unique culture, replacing it with Anglophone commercialism. What were the chances of finding a camera in such a place?

When they reached the wall against which he had rested his bike while removing his jacket there was no sign of the camera.

"Dad, why don't you ask over there?" Donal indicated the Heritage Park.

To John's delight the woman in the heritage centre had the camera. She explained that some teenagers had left it in. No, they wouldn't want a reward: it was just what anybody would do.

"I'm not so certain about that," John remarked, then after asking her to be sure to thank the children on his behalf he began to enquire in Irish about the Anglicisation of the island. She told him that while the language was in decline in the more built-up parts it was still in everyday use in remoter districts such as Gort na gCapall. It would, she agreed, be a pity if it died out completely but then the young people were more interested in "Home and Away" than in "Ros na Rún".

Once they were outside Donal kidded him about going native.

"You'll be going native yourself next summer," he told him.

"No I won't, Dad," he said. "You can send me to the Gaeltacht if you like but don't expect me to start speaking Irish. It's all right for you; you're a gaeilgeoir."

On the slow, hard cycle back to Dún Eochla John thought about Donal's attitude to what was, after all, the country's first official language. His generation seemed unaware that Pearse had fought for "an Ireland not free merely but Gaelic as well" – though maybe he was being a bit unfair to today's youth. Despite his own love of Irish, he hadn't fallen for any of the girls he had met at the Hangar in Galway or at dances in Carraroe. Maybe at heart he was a snob, turning up his nose at homespun Connemara manners while chasing after girls like Eithne? In the end when it came to marrying he had put grace and refinement ahead of proficiency in Irish, though he still expected the people of the Gaeltacht to show more loyalty.

Anne was overjoyed when she saw the camera, examining it thoroughly to make sure nothing had been broken.

"I thought I'd never set eyes on it again," she confessed. "Where did you find it?"

When she had heard all the details she exclaimed, "Oh, John, you should have insisted on giving those teenagers a reward. They really were so honest."

"It would only offend them," he said. "The old decency is still alive here – or should that be the old flaithiúlacht?"

"Does that mean 'generosity'?" she said.

"Very good!" he applauded. "You'll master the language yet."

"Why don't we have our sandwiches now?" Donal broke in. "I'm starving."

"Fine," he agreed, "but first I want to take some photos. Maybe you and your mam could stand over there just to add interest to the foreground."

"You know I don't like having my photo taken," Donal protested.

"It will be a record of your first trip to Aran," John told him. "When you're my age I guarantee you'll look back on this day with nostalgia, especially after you've seen Dún Aengus."

By P.G.Nerney

Gaelic Farewell

Banucht lath, a Gaelic blessing
that people murmur when they part,
mo vanucht lath, I'll leave you guessing
its meaning in your lonely heart.

Oh, close your eyes while I am going,
your lovely eyes my courage break
now that the winds of night are blowing
in desolation o'er the lake.

Our hearts were mingled so together

through all the years we leave behind
their image sways like sprigs of heather
in careless, sun-drenched rapture twined.

But now wherever fortune leads us
will strangers form a heedless throng
and strangers too at home succeed us
within this valley of our song.

I will not leave you, love, forever,
perhaps some day before you know
you'll see me like the joyful river
come stumbling down to Derrylow.

Banucht lath, the dew is falling;
mo vanucht lath, it's time to go:
the minawn aerach* long is calling
his lonely song o'er Derrylow.

*airy kid, the snipe, so-called because during
courtship flights
it makes a bleating sound with two vibrating tail
feathers.

By Colin Scott

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Know Your Rights has been compiled by Citizens Information Service
which provides a free and confidential service to the public.
Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the
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HSE service disruption

Many HSE services and appointments are suspended because of a cyber attack on HSE IT systems. Cancelled appointments will be rescheduled as soon as possible. People can check for updates on affected services on the HSE website.

COVID-19 vaccination

Pregnant women and people aged between 45 and 49 years can now register for a vaccine appointment. Pregnant women need to contact their obstetrician, midwife or GP to register. People aged between 45 and 49 can register online or phone the COVID-19 Helpline on 1850 24 1850.

Mandatory hotel quarantine

The list of designated countries has been amended for mandatory hotel quarantine.

You must pre-pay for your stay in your designated quarantine hotel. If you are unable to pay, Irish embassies and consulates can arrange deferral of charges. This is available in exceptional circumstances. After you arrive in Ireland you can request an exemption from charges from the Minister for Health on financial grounds.

PUP

The DSP are asking employers to notify them of people who refuse to go back to work by emailing C19employerreports@welfare.ie. The DSP will follow up with the workers concerned. You are no longer eligible for PUP if you left work to care for a child due to school or childcare closures.

Carer's payments

A carer cannot provide less than 35 hours per week of care over 5-7 days to be considered a full-time carer and qualify for Carer's Allowance.

The DSP has removed their reference to the weekly limit of 18.5 hours 'work outside the home' for the Carer's Support Grant. The limit is now described as 18.5 hours in employment or self-employment.

Public Services Card

You can now renew your Public Services Card online.

Summer Education Programme

A Summer Education Programme will run in 2021 for children in DEIS schools and children with special needs. The Department will publish further details of the programme. From 24 May, application forms for the home-based programme for post-primary children with complex needs (pdf) will be available in schools.

Special needs assistants

The introduction of the front-loaded allocation model for special needs assistants for students in mainstream classes in primary and post-primary schools is deferred to the 2022-2023 school year.

Consultation on the General Scheme of the Consumer Rights Bill 2021

DETE has published the draft General Scheme of the Consumer Rights Bill 2021. The Bill proposes to consolidate and modernise existing consumer protection legislation and to strengthen rules for consumers, including:

- New rights for digital content contracts
- New rights for contracts for the supply of services currently subject to much less statutory regulation than the sale of goods
- A 'black list' of contract terms that are always unfair
- New enforcement powers for the CCPC to ensure rights are upheld
- A public consultation on the General Scheme is open until 30 June 2021.

Updated Work Safely Protocol

The Work Safely Protocol has been updated with new guidance on vaccinations, use of antigen testing in the workplace and updated guidance on ventilation and at-risk workers.

TWSS and employers paying employees' 2020 income tax and USC liability

Revenue is facilitating employers who want to pay the 2020 income tax and USC liabilities of their employees, where the liability arose from the TWSS. Employers have until the end of September 2021 to make the payments on behalf of their employees.

Moratorium on electricity and gas disconnections to end

The COVID-19 moratorium on disconnection of utilities will end on 31 May 2021.

Driving licences

NDLS centres are open to all customers since 17 May 2021. If you have a Public Services Card or MyGovID, you can make an appointment to attend an NDLS centre online.

New rules to allow asylum seekers to open bank accounts

AIB, Bank of Ireland, Permanent TSB, KBC and Ulster Bank have adopted a coordinated approach to make it easier for people seeking international protection to open bank accounts. Under the new system, asylum seekers wishing to open an account will be able to provide alternative documentation to prove their identity or where they live if necessary.

Measures to prevent investment funds from bulk buying homes

Cabinet has agreed new measures to stop the bulk purchase of houses. These include changes to planning laws which would see up to 50% of houses and duplexes in new developments ring-fenced for owner-occupiers. Stamp duty on block purchases of ten or more houses and duplexes has increased from 1% to 10%.

Companies virtual general meetings

The Companies (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Covid-19) Act 2020 has been extended until 31 December 2021. This means that all companies, including owners management companies, can continue to hold their general meetings online.

UPCOMING

Announcement on resumption of travel

The Irish Times reports that a comprehensive statement from Government is expected next week on the EU COVID-19 Certificate (also known as the 'digital green certificate'), including information on resumption of travel, aviation, sports, entertainment and the future of mandatory quarantine.

Social welfare changes in June 2021

From 2 June for Disability Allowance and 4 June for Blind Pension, the earnings disregard will increase by €20, from €120 to €140 per week.

From June, the Carer's Support Grant will increase by €150, from €1,700 to €1,850.

On 21 June, applications for Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance will open. The closing date for applications is 30 September.

Leaving Certificate 2021

Leaving Certificate written exams will begin on 9 June 2021.

New legislation for criminal trials

Legislation providing for the introduction of preliminary trial hearings in criminal trials has been passed by the Oireachtas. The Criminal Procedure Bill is intended to streamline the operation of criminal trials and reduce delays.

COVID-19 business supports

Phase 2 of the Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID (SBASC) will open for applications shortly with a closing date of 21 July. Businesses can apply for a second payment of €4,000 if they continue to be eligible.

Birth Information and Tracing Bill

Draft Heads and General Scheme of the Birth Information and Tracing Bill (pdf) has been published.

Nursing Home Support Scheme

The Government is proposing to amend legislation to change the treatment of farm and business assets in the financial assessment of applicants for the Nursing Home Support Scheme. The Bill will extend the availability of the 3-year cap to relevant family-owned and operated farm and/or business assets. A family successor must commit to working the farm or business within the first 3 years of the applicant's time in care.

HISTORIC MOMENTS

I was more than a little afraid the night that President Kennedy challenged the Russians in their effort to site nuclear missiles in Cuba. I was in Louvain at the time and somehow felt more exposed than if I had been at home in Ireland. They were a tense few hours, or indeed days!

I am wondering now if there was anymore danger during those hours and days than there was during the last four years with a lunatic in charge of the world's biggest arsenal of nuclear weapons? The world has been lucky!

There have been many such nerve-wracking incidents in my lifetime. Born just before World War 2 broke out I remember the rationbooks, the extra sugar for beetgrowers, the preciousness of tea. I was standing idly by when my father asked Paddy the Postman if there was any sign of the war being over! Strangely, I do not remember the answer.

I was worried when the U2 was shot down; the suppression of the Hungarian Rising and the rector of my boarding school announcing that Budapest had been razed."Budapest is no more", he stated in his voice which never lacked authority. Before that there was the Korean war and the 38th parallel. There was Cardinal Minzinti, whom we prayed for each night at the family rosary.

Thinking of all these moments as being frightening for the world too, why not focus for a moment on the positive, the uplifting moments. And there were many. There were the miners rescued from various collapsed mines; there was the election of Mikhail Gorbachev; there was the Fall of the Berlin Wall, the Good Friday Agreement and many more of equally happy memory.

All these are empirical happenings. They were seen and experienced by many. But is that all there is? I think not! For me the objects of our faith are just as certain, if not more so. I'll just concentrate on one. And that one is the Annunciation. The Annunciation was when God took on himself our human form and began to live among us showing us what it is really like to be human. Christians celebrate that Titanic event on the 25th March. What date it actually occurred on I'll leave it to the scripture scholars to enlighten us.

But to me it was the Greatest moment in the history of the world!

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The Management & Team at the Glenroyal Hotel are looking forward to welcoming back our guests on June 2nd 2021.



Arkle Bar & Restaurant to reopen for outdoor dining on June 7th 2021



Noa Spa has reopened for bespoke spa treatments on May 10th 2021



Glenroyal Leisure Club to reopen to members only on June 7th 2021



Shoda Market Café to reopen for outdoor dining on June 7th 2021

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Tips to Stay Safe Shopping online

Online shopping is big business these days, with more and more consumers across the world turning to the world wide web to purchase good. The world wide web has made shopping an altogether more pleasant, cost-effective and user-friendly experience. However, buying online has its risks. Here are five top tips to stay safe and secure.

Stick with trusted brands that have a strong reputation

Sticking with popular brands is as good as any advice when shopping online. Not only do you know what you're getting by way of quality and price, but you also feel more confident that these well-established names have in place robust security measures. However, be careful, as fraudsters often create fake and professional looking websites to lure in unsuspecting victims.

Use credit cards and secure payment services instead of debit cards

As a general rule, credit cards, in comparison to debit cards, offer consumers additional protection when shopping online. The main advantage of the latter is that a credit card account is in no way linked to whatever funds you actually own. And that's not all – there are other benefits too. "Unlike debit cards, credit cards may have a limit on the monetary amount you will be responsible for paying if your information is stolen and used by someone else," explains Stay Safe Online, a National Cyber Security Initiative.

Likewise, using secure online payment services, like that offered by PayPal, are advisable. The advantage with these providers is that they act as a kind of middle man, whereby you deliver payment to them – i.e. PayPal – and they then pass this onto the retailer. Your bank details always remain unseen.

Look for the "https" URL and the padlock symbol

HTTPS, which was developed by Netscape, is an online safety protocol that encrypts information so that data can be kept private and protected. In most cases, the text in the URL is preceded by a padlock symbol (if this is missing, the website should be treated with caution). The 'S' in HTTPS, incidentally, stands for secure. Websites that use HTTPS cause data sent between the site and your web browser to be encrypted through the use of TLS (Transport Layer Security). That means that any information, such as your credit card details, can't be intercepted in plaintext form by an external attacker. Note that using HTTPS does not say anything about the reputability of the site receiving the data, however.

Be wary of dodgy offers that are too good to be true

We have all come across a legitimately unbelievable offer and jumped on it with enthusiasm, glad to have been afforded the opportunity to purchase something at a fraction of its true cost.

But that is rare. The old adage of "if it's too good to be true,

then it probably is" should inform how you shop online – caution is required because there are plenty of scams looking to hook you in with tempting offers. In some cases, the perpetrators are looking to simply infect your device.

Opt for your mobile phone network over public Wi-Fi

Public Wi-Fi is unquestionably something we as consumers now expect. From shops to cafes to restaurants, being able to access the internet with little or no cost is in tune with our connected way of living. However, when it comes to buying online, all the convenience that comes with public Wi-Fi can be overshadowed by the many risks that are associated with this service. You'd be surprised at how insecure many hotspots actually are and how easy they are to attack.

There are ample solutions to resolving the vulnerabilities associated with public Wi-Fi, but, in general, when out and about, opt to use data provided by your network provider when going online.

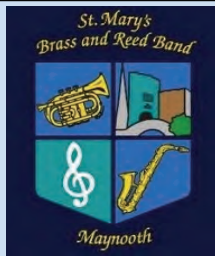


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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

90th Anniversary Calendar

now on Sale



This year marks the 90th Anniversary of the reforming of the Band in 1931 and to celebrate the occasion we have produced a Souvenir Calendar which chronicles, in both text and photographs, the progress of the Band over the 90 years. It also includes a snapshot of events between the founding of the Band in 1796 and 1920 when it suffered a setback due to the War of Independence.

We are sure that the calendar will bring back memories to so many of the past members who appear in the photos, especially those who no longer live in Maynooth. We have taken those into account by providing a mail order opportunity to purchase one as a souvenir of their time with the Band if they email their contact details to calendarsales90@gmail.com and we will make sure that it gets to them.

The Band would like to take this opportunity to announce the recent appointment of our Parish Priest Fr. Frank McEvoy as their Honorary President to succeed the late Michael Dempsey. Since his arrival in the Parish Fr. Frank has taken a great interest in the Band, particularly around the Annual Mass for Deceased Members, and he was delighted and honoured to accept the nomination. He joins another Parish Priest Fr. Fergus O'Higgins who was also President in the 1970s.

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Beware of Scam Phone Calls

Every day fraudsters and scammers come up with new ways to steal money and information from unsuspecting people. Scams can be very elaborate and it can be easy for even the savviest of people to be taken in by them. Following are some common scams to be aware of and how to recognise and avoid them.

A pervasive scam revolves around the claim that your computer is infected with a virus. Someone rings and says that your computer has been hacked and malicious software has been loaded onto your computer. They offer to help for a fee or they ask for information to so that they can access your computer. They often end up with people's credit card information, personal information that can be used for identity theft purposes, or both. Legitimate technology companies will not ring you out of the blue. If you have any concerns about your computer, ask someone you know and trust to look at it or hire an established tech-support company to investigate the issues.

Other common scams involve claims that you have won a prize, lottery or free holiday. The fraudsters will then charge a fee or "tax" before releasing the prize. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Be suspicious of anyone who cold calls you and asks for personal information or money. Don't give out personal details over the phone. If you are unsure if someone is legitimate, take down their name and contact information. Independently verify the information either online, in person, or by ringing the number that is listed on your bank or credit card statements. Legitimate callers should not pressure you or make you afraid. Genuine people and organisations will understand why you are being cautious.

If you do end falling prey to a scammer, don't hesitate to contact your local Garda Station. You may also want to ring the Crime Victims Helpline for someone to talk to. The Crime Victims Helpline provides non-judgemental listening and support at Freephone 116 006.

They can also be reached by email at info@crimevictimshelpline.ie



Royal Canal Notes

June 2021

Education ~~ Heritage ~~ Recreation

LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions have been partly lifted which hopefully will mean increased usage of our waterway and its environs. This is most welcome and people are encouraged to enjoy the canal along its entire length



From the archives: Camlin Falls Longford c.1905 where the Royal meets the Shannon. © NLI Lawrence

ROYAL CANAL SAFETY

We in the Royal Canal Amenity Group, promote as one of our priority's safety on the canal. As a result of a recent complaint, from two senior citizens we again exhort all users to think safety. In this case the couple, who were enjoying a walk along the canal, were overtaken by a number of bicycles at speed and without warning almost sending them headlong into the canal. This type of conduct is totally unacceptable and more so where senior citizens are concerned. There is no difficulty in sounding your bell or calling out to let people know you are coming.

Waterways Ireland has banned the use of electric scooters along the canal yet some people still choose to use such equipment adjacent to the waterway.

These scooters can achieve up to thirty miles an hour which is unnecessary, unsafe and unwise in a leisure area. Bicycles (for leisure purposes only) should be used in a manner respectable to and considerate of other users.

The Canal cannot and must not be used for racing cycle time trials, speed trials and such.



FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO READ

A reminder that elsewhere in this publication you can read the fourth and final part of an article on life before and during the construction of the Royal Canal. Written by Peter Clarke, author and long serving member of the Royal Canal Amenity Group. He has also written a booklet on walks on the canal which is currently available on our website www.royalcanal.ie at the very reasonable cost of €10.00 postage included.

Next month will see the first part of a new article on 'the canal by canoe' subject to author's permission

ROYAL CANAL WALKS

At last! Some good news on this front, the easing of pandemic restrictions means that once again walks may be resumed on the Canal. While it is unlikely that the annual Ashtown – Castleknock midsummer walk will go ahead in June it is hoped that a socially distanced walk (SDW) can take place at a later juncture. One has been pencilled in for September, with times and venue to be announced. Hopefully all will be coordinated and details available for one of the next issues. So, polish up the hiking shoes/boots and be prepared.



Royal Canal Hill of Down, Co. Meath © FitsFoto Maynooth

CANAL NOT SUITABLE FOR SWIMMING

As we enter the Summer months a timely reminder that the Canal is not suitable for swimming in. It is against 'Waterways' bye laws to swim in the canal and could also cause health issues. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Before the Banks of the Royal Canal

By Peter Clarke (Final Part)

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A four part article serialised in the Royal Canal Newsletter issues 32, 33, 34 and 37

In this article Peter describes the trials and tribulations prior to and during construction off the Royal Canal.

Although the ultimate destination of the canal from its inception was Tarmonbarry, from as early as 1807 several other lines were suggested and surveys carried out on them. The Company itself put forward a plan in 1807 that the navigation should end at Lough Ree instead of Tarmonbarry. John Rennie had surveyed a line to Rooskey and a line to Ardagh had also been surveyed. In 1809 John Killaly carried out a major survey for the Directors General. His instruction was to try to continue the canal in the most northerly direction feasible. By this line he proposed to terminate the canal at Coolnahay and begin his new line by branching off at Thomastown and continuing towards Castlepollard, Finac and Purtanure and carrying on towards Lough Allen. The canal was to further branch at Purtanure and run towards Lough Erne. The total cost of this network of canals would have cost £520,000. To enable the canal to enter the Shannon at Tarmonbarry he planned a branch from Farthaman, a distance of 101/2 miles, at a cost of £83,600.

The cost of this network of canals was beyond the financial resources of both the Directors General and the Royal Canal Co. While contemporary sources suggested that a northerly direction would be of greater advantage to the canal, it is unlikely that this proposed route would have provided more trade than its present route. An accurate description of the country and the potential trade on the proposed line was made by Arthur Richard Neville for the Company on the 18th June 1810.

Very little of Neville's survey was in favour of running a canal through this part of the country. He described the surrounding countryside as poor, hilly and containing a lot of bog. Little or no crops were grown and roads were in a poor condition. In his opinion there were few local advantages, there was a low population, the housing and the people were poor. Neville also reported on the extension from Coolnahay to Tarmonbarry which was surveyed by Richard Evans when he was the Company engineer and laid out at a later stage by J. Alex Jones with some alterations. The line was to proceed from Coolnahay to Balnacarrig (Ballynacargy).

Here it was expected that a new linen industry would soon be in operation. Many new houses had been built in the area ready for occupation by the workforce. From here the line was to proceed to near Jinnelick flour mills and across the river Inney to the village of Tishinny and on to the town of Ballymahon; from Ballymahon on to the villages of Kenagh, Killashee and on to Clondra where it was to enter the River. Camlin.

The length of this line was 24 miles. Neville saw no difficulties with construction in this particular area. In comparison with the northern line, it passed through an area of good tillage, which produced wheat, oats, potatoes, also some flax. The houses were of a better quality, indicating a more prosperous population. There were fewer bogs and these were of a much smaller size. Eventually this was the approximate route decided upon.

The Grand Canal Company Object to the Completion of the Line

Between 1810 and 1813 no construction work was carried out on the line. The reason for the stoppage, apart from the ever-present financial difficulties, was several parliamentary investigations into the Company's affairs. These investigations were the result of a dispute between the Company and the Grand Canal Company when it became public knowledge that they planned to divert the line a mile to the south of Terlicken and continue on to Ballymahon. This had been agreed between the Company and the Directors General, the cost was also agreed at £1 06,638.1.3. The Grand Canal Company had petitioned the Directors General, complaining that the Royal Canal had from the beginning been an injury to them and an encroachment on their monopoly.

Now with this extension to Ballymahon, bringing the line still closer, and the reduced tolls being operated they feared a further loss of business. Although it was not practical and only considered briefly by the Royal Canal Company, the Grand Canal Directors' biggest fear was that the Royal Canal would not continue on to Tarmonbarry from Ballymahon but enter the River Inney and terminate in Lough Ree, leaving a distance of only ten miles from Athlone. The Directors General felt that no such injury existed, the canals still being twenty miles apart. They rejected the Grand Canal's complaints, but on appeal to the Lord Lieutenant, the Grand Canal Co. had the decision to grant the money overruled and successfully halted the Ballymahon line.

As a result of this situation the Royal Canal Company had to appeal to Parliament in an effort to carry on building the line but they were unsuccessful. After an investigation by a House of Commons Committee it was recommended that the Company be dissolved and a new one formed of its creditors. The entire work was handed over to the Directors General who were to complete the canal to the Shannon.

Directors General Complete the Line.

With the new Company in position no time was lost in organising the resumption of work. John Killaly had carried out a survey on the proposed line from Coolnahay to Tarmonbarry early in 1813. He had followed closely the line laid out by Evans and Jones in this direction. From Coolnahay to 1.5 miles beyond Ballynacargy he followed the same course, but by inclining to the north from Rathkelet and crossing the River Inney at the Ford of Driminure he avoided a long embankment over the Blackwater and a considerable length of deep sinking through Ballymoyleary Bog, and several large embankments from here to Terlicken. Apart from the financial saving, this part of the line to Ballymahon was one mile shorter. His proposal from here to the Shannon was again similar to what was already laid out, but by moving the position of the locks and entering the Shannon through the Camlin River he saved the expense of an aqueduct.

The Jones/Evans line would have taken 10 years to complete at a cost of £340,525.15.11, with the alterations, Killaly proposed to complete it in four years, at a cost of £198,110.5.4. Killaly laid out his new line on 9th November 1813 and a contract was signed with the firm of Heary, Mullins and McMahon for work to commence on 27th May 1814 and completed by 1st March 1817. Killaly had overall responsibility for the new works and reported directly to the Directors General. Unlike his predecessor, Killaly had a well-structured team of engineers and supervisors working under him. Two resident engineers were appointed, J. Alex Jones and Mr. Whitehead and six overseers, Charles Tarrant, Edward Cooke, John Killinger, Joseph Burke, William Musgrave and Hugh O'Neill. Jones and Whitehead were respon-sible for the works from Coolnahay to the Shannon. The supervision of the work was further increased when on July 29th, 1814 six assistant supervisors were appointed at £2 per week. One of those appointed was Michael Sparks who had succeeded Richard Evans as resident engineer on the canal after his death in 1801.

One of the major problems encountered during the construction of the extension was' malicious damage to the line. This problem was first encountered in 1811 in the Moyvalley area of Westmeath. The problem then was a fear of a potato scarcity which was indirectly caused by the canal. Robert Peel, Chief Secretary of Ireland, in a letter to the canal Directors, said that he had laid before the Lord Lieutenant a letter he received from the Company together with four notices they had enclosed, one addressed to the Company and three to boat owners, threatening that if potatoes were brought on the canal from the country to the Dublin market, the banks of the canal would be cut again and the boats sunk or burnt.

In an effort to quell these outrages the Company sent circular letters to several magistrates and clergymen throughout Counties Kildare, Meath and Westmeath informing them of the difficulties being encountered. They also offered rewards for any information that might lead to the prevention of these outrages. The offering of a reward had been effective the previous year when similar threats were received. Threats were sent only to boatmen who carried potatoes and none were received by the Grand Canal Company or its boatmen. The threats came from local inhabitants along the route of the canal who in general thought that all the potatoes in the area would be sent to Dublin, leaving them starving. Vast quantities were being sent to the Dublin market by farmers with reasonable access to the canal. The reason the Royal Canal was chosen instead of the Grand was because of the low toll rate. It cost ½d per ton on the Royal Canal compared with 1½d per ton on the Grand Canal. It was possible to transport potatoes at 1.8d per ton from Mullingar to Dublin, this amount being less than it cost farmers living within a five-mile radius of the city to transport the same quantity.

Harsh measures were adopted in County Westmeath to deal with offenders who were caught interfering with the canal of boats. Under the chairmanship of Gustavies Rochford the Westmeath committee gentlemen set up a subscription to gather money to offer as a reward for information leading to the apprehension of those caught damaging the canal. At a meeting held in October 1812 a resolution was passed and posted in the surrounding districts of Mullingar, Kinnegad, Castlepollard, Kilbeggan, Moate, Athlone and Castletowndelvin. Any person who willfully or maliciously "beat down, undermine, damage, or destroy bridges, lock wire, sluice, aqueduct. Floodgate, towing path, bank, reservoir, etc. shall be transported for seven years or be fined, whipped or imprisoned, according to the direction of the court". These measures did curtail the vandalism for a while in this area but by July 1814 Heary, Mullins and Mc Mahon, the contractors, reported to the Directors General "that a spirit of riot and combination had manifested itself to an alarming degree".

On the night of July 25th, forty men armed with guns, swords and pistols attacked the canal. Carts belonging to the Company were burned and broken to pieces. The contractors found it difficult to continue with the work and it became necessary to post troops along the banks to protect the canal and the workmen. While some engineering difficulties did arise during the construction these were competently handled by Killaly and the entire extension was completed to the Shannon on time, by 26th May 1817.

***This booklet is available from the Royal Canal Amenity Group website www.royalcanal.ie very reasonably priced at €10.00 postage included.**

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Cllr. Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour News

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The Mullen Park Housing Development

This long awaited development finally went on sale in September 2020 and the 174 houses were marketed as 'superb family homes'. Phase 1, 34 houses were sold on the open market. However, Cllr Feeney was contacted in April by some of people on the waiting list for phases 2, 3 and 4 who were enraged because they had just been informed that a foreign investment company had bought all of the remaining houses, 80% of the estate. In addition, discussions had taken place with Kildare County Council, facilitated by the Housing Agency, Tuath with the developer of Mullen Park, to acquire those units for social housing. However, in April, the Council confirmed that the developer informed Tuath that he was engaged with another party with regard to the acquisition of the housing development. As a result, Tuath



advised the Council that, regrettably, they were not in a position to complete the acquisition. This was hugely disappointing, particularly given the amount of time assigned to this project by the Council, the Housing Agency and Tuath and the number of people on the Council social housing list. These properties are being bought in bulk to then be rented out for profit. Cllr Feeney immediately wrote to Minister Daragh O'Brien asking how, at a time of a huge housing supply issue, can these 'cuckoo funds' be allowed to buy 80% of a new development and she asked why there are no restrictions on foreign residential real estate investors buying in Ireland.

Cllr Feeney was invited to speak on the issue on RTE's 'The Week in Politics' and Virgin Media's news and 'The Tonight Show' as well as KFM Radio which featured it when she brought it to their attention. Cllr Feeney communicated the shock in our community that this could be allowed to happen as well as the sense of disappointment and hopelessness for future homeowners. She called on the government to address this situation immediately especially at a time when we have a national housing crisis.



Visit to Maynooth by Alan Kelly T.D. Leader of the Labour Party

Cllr Feeney was delighted to welcome Alan Kelly, the Labour Party leader to Maynooth on May 13th to hear first hand the concerns of local residents and meet the people working in our community. Alan met some childcare educators and providers who explained the current challenges facing parents and providers, Alan also visited Mullen Park and shared Cllr Feeney's concerns for future home owners, he vouched his support by making concrete proposals to the government to resolve it. On his walk around the town he had the opportunity to talk to local business owners and residents within COVID guidelines and Alan promised to be back when he can hopefully enter premises and meet more people.



Planning Matters

Planning Application 21370 at Parson Street Update: 40 further information requests from Kildare County Council, to be submitted by the developer within 6 months. Request to reduce proposed 9 storey block to 7 storeys, revised proposal for protected former Rectory building, mobility management plan, public transport impact study, flooding and overlooking balconies are just some of the 40 items. Read the full report here by entering planning file number 21370: <http://webgeo.kildarecoco.ie/planningenquiry>

Meadowbrook Taking In Charge

Cllr Feeney and Cllr Hamilton had a joint motion calling on the Council to outline a phased approach to the upgrade on the Meadowbrook Estate with the aim of creating an approach that can be funded in manageable pieces across multiple years through central funds, LPT, government permeability and active transport funding and other relevant sources. The Council replied stating that the Development Control Engineer has met on site with the Parks Department, which has provided an undertaking to carry out a Tree Inspection Report. This report will then form the basis of agreement as to which trees will need to be removed and which will require pruning. The tree works will then be costed. The Development Control Engineer has also sought prices for remedial works required below ground to the storm lines and is awaiting prices for same. The above ground defects have recently been costed in the region of €428,973.25. This figure includes an estimate of €50,507.50 for tree removal/pruning. When agreement has been reached between the Development Control Section/Park Section and Municipal District Office as to which trees are to be removed/pruned a report will be submitted to the members for their consideration. It was agreed that given the scale of the work to be done, large

tranches of funding 100k by 5 years are required. It is welcome to see an initial allocation of 50K to be used to assess and manage trees and related issues in the estate and that the Council team visited the estate for an overview of issues. We have a precedent as an MD when Chambers Park Kilcock was in a similar situation and we can use this as a template to address this long awaited issue in Meadowbrook.

Retrofitting Programme for Council Houses

At the April Plenary Council meeting we were informed that Kildare County Council is receiving funding in 2021 under both the Midlands Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme (MEERP) and the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Programme (EERP) to retrofit our social housing stock. The council received €3.3m in funding under MEERP and have identified between 80-100 housing units across four developments to be retrofitted in four phases commencing in May as follows:

- Phase 1 Beechgrove, Rathangan
- Phase 2 Ashbrook, Derrinturn
- Phase 3 Bishopsland (Farrincooley and Dunmurry Rise), Kildare
- Phase 4 St Evins Park, Monasterevin

In addition, the council have received €1,488,786 in funding for 2021 under EERP and have compiled a work programme for 55 units across three developments which are separate to the developments to be retrofitted under MEERP [Loughnamona, Leixlip; Clonmullion, Athy; Cill Corbain, Naas]. Three demonstration units have been completed to date in Ashbrook, Derrinturn with a further 16 units being prepared for tender. That will conclude the retrofit programme in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District for 2021. The retrofitting of further units within the municipal district will be considered when a call for proposals is requested in 2022. We also learned that the Council did not seek funding under the National Home Retrofit Scheme, as there was limited interest in that scheme from the local authority sector, with ultimately no local authorities progressing applications mainly arising from by the roll out of the EERP by the DHLGH. A number of staff have been assigned to both the MEERP and EERP on a part-time basis and consideration is being given to what additional resources may be required to deliver both programmes. The Council also added that there is no indication at this time of the likely funding over the next 5 years. So, Cllr Feeney, at the May MD, asked in the interest of fairness, that all council houses or those that are the oldest estates be included in the retrofitting programme. The Council accepted the point and agreed to have a look at the age of stock in Maynooth and at Cllr Feeney's suggestion.

Housing Transfer Applications

Cllr Feeney asked the Council to provide the number of housing transfer applications for medical reasons, received and completed in the municipal district in the past five years. The Council replied stating that they do not collate yearly records under categories, which would provide the response that has been requested. They confirmed that they currently have 13 transfer applicants in the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District area of which 5 transfer applications were received for the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District during the period 2020/2021 to date. Prior to 2020, they do not have the applications broken down into yearly figures and do not have a record of the number of allocations to transfer applicants during that time. Cllr Feeney expressed her dissatisfaction with this and added that this is an on-going issue and the subject of huge stress to those families in this predicament. Cllr Feeney will pursue this further.

Cllr Feeney Fáilte Ireland Strand 2 Outdoor Dining Funding

Cllr Feeney asked the Council to inform the members if Maynooth, as the first purple flag town in the county, will be included in the application for Strand 2 of the funding initiative to facilitate outdoor dining. The Council replied stating that Fáilte Ireland has announced funding for outdoor dining, with the focus of the scheme to provide a level of financial support to tourism and hospitality businesses, in Kildare's town centres, to purchase or upgrade equipment to provide additional outdoor seating and, therefore, increase their outdoor dining capacity for the summer of 2021. This scheme will financially assist and support independent tourism and hospitality business owners to create outdoor dining experiences in a regulated and accessible manner. Funding under the scheme is only available to existing businesses under Strand 1 with funding being available to Local Authorities under Strand 2. The scheme is open to attractions, hotels, restaurants, cafes, public houses or other tourism and hospitality business establishments where food is sold for consumption on the premises. Where a business wants to use public footpaths/space the business must apply for a Section 254 licence, and in this regard 8 no. S254 licences have been for Maynooth with 2 no. applications currently being assessed. As the Public Realm Team are already progressing plans for parklets in Maynooth, cross departmental consideration, including collaboration with the Municipal District Engineer will have to be given to additional appropriate locations, over and above those being funded through the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and those being funded by the recently announced Fáilte Ireland scheme for businesses (Strand 1) as outlined above.

Cllr Feeney responded asking specifically about Strand 2 and the Director of Services confirmed that KCC has already secured funding for parklets in Maynooth and elsewhere in county. The Council will match funding to where it is required and where space allows. The Council is trying to react to an evolving situation and by all working together, businesses, Purple Flag and other community groups to address issues as they arise. Public procurement has to be complied with.

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Cllr. Angela Feeney Maynooth Labour News (Cont.)



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The Council take comments on board and added that there is another scheme, Urban Animation Scheme which provides for further enhancements such as a stage or performance space.

Funding Opportunities

1. The Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2021 is now open for Expressions of Interest from interested groups including voluntary and community groups and also for the first time, proposals that support a number of businesses will be considered. An Expression of Interest must be submitted prior to making an application for funding. The 2021 Scheme will prioritise tackling vacancy in towns and villages, remote working and supporting town centre living. Other projects which will be welcomed include regeneration projects that support active and vibrant town or village centres, upgrading shop fronts and street facades, and green spaces and parks, etc. For the 2021 Scheme, the minimum grant which is available is €20,000. The maximum level of grant funding available is being raised to €500,000 in respect of one application. A maximum of €250,000 will apply in respect of 2 applications and €100,000 in respect of 4 applications. Expressions of Interest can be submitted from today 14th May to 28th May 2021, with completed forms to be emailed to angough@kildarecoco.ie in the Strategic Projects and Public Realm Team.

Information here:

<https://kildare.ie/.../2021TownandVillageRenewalSchemeLa.../>

was invited to speak on the issue on

2. Covid-19 Stability Fund: The COVID-19 Stability Fund 2021 is open to all Community and Voluntary organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises providing certain critical services to the most at need in our society. Closing date for applications: 27th May 2021

<https://www.pobal.ie/pro.../covid-19-cv-stability-fund-2021/>

3. Community Enhancement Programme:

The 2021 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) will provide small grants designed to assist in the re-opening of facilities such as community centres, men's and women's sheds, parish halls and youth centres. The grants will range from a few hundred euro up to €10,000, however, exceptions will be made depending on the application.

The funding is to help groups and clubs get back on their feet and may be used to carry

out necessary renovations and repairs or to purchase equipment such as tables and chairs, tools and signage, laptops and printers, lawnmowers, canopies, training equipment and so on.

<https://www.gov.ie/.../df30e-ministers-humphreys-and.../>

Dublin Bus Response to Cllr Feeney's query

Dublin Bus response to Cllr Feeney's query regarding their plans to extend their service in Maynooth:

Dear Councillor Feeney

The New Dublin Area Bus Network which is being implemented as part of the BusConnects Dublin Programme, provides for a new orbital route (W6) between Maynooth and Tallaght. The new route will terminate adjacent to the new secondary school campus on Moyglare Road. Subject to the availability of funding, the NTA plans to implement this service in 2022. In light of this, the NTA has no current plans to extend Routes 66 and 67 in the short term.

The new bus network does not propose express services operating from Cluain Aoibhinn on the Newtown / Rathcoffey Road. However, Route 139, operated by JJ Kavanagh under a public service contract with the NTA, does operate along this corridor.

Yours sincerely

Oireachtas Liaison

Meetings attended since last Newsletter

May 6th at 2:00 pm Strategic Policy Committee on Transportation, Roads and Emergency Services (online)

May 6th at 8:00 pm Community Crèche Action Group (online)

May 7th at 10:00 am MD Council meeting (online)

May 7th at 9:00 am Joint Policing Committee (online)

May 7th at 1:30 pm KCC Strategic Projects (online)

May 10th at 7:00 pm Maynooth Community Council (online)

May 18th at 2:30 pm KWETB Audit and Risk Committee (online)

May 19th at 3:00 pm Speed Limit Review (online)

May 20th at 9:30 am County Development Plan workshop (online)

May 25th at 9:30 am County Development Plan workshop (online)

May 25th at 4:00 pm KWETB Board (online)

May 31st at 3:00 pm Council Plenary (online)



Gold Medal
Winner 2019

We would like to say a few words about Richard Farrell and his lone tenure of 40 plus years as a servant to Maynooth Tidy Towns as PRO.

Richard together with his wife Mary entered Maynooth in the Tidy Towns Competition every year and slowly but surely gathered up the points to secure us our first Tidy Towns Bronze Medal in 2013. We won silver in 2014 and were nominated for the best kept town in Ireland, which we won at an event in the Titanic Centre in Belfast. It was all uphill after that. Richard took great pride in our winnings as it was always a struggle securing finance for projects. Many of you will remember when Richard and Mary went door to door to our businesses looking for funding.

Richard and Mary organized many events including the Tidiest Estates Competition. The Annual volunteers night out.

Richard built up a relationship with Intel and was instrumental in securing €10,000 back in 2015 for the Big Belly Compactors that you see on Main Street. Other funding followed for the Information Board that you see in the Square. Richard was also a member of the PPN, Public Participation Network.

Richard was instrumental in producing The Maynooth Calendar in 2015 which was sold in Maynooth Book Shop. Since 2015 we have won silver and 4 gold medals for Maynooth. Richard always made himself available doing the paperwork in recent years and was really well liked by all the volunteers.

Today we thank you for all your hard work, enjoy your retirement with your family and



friends and when restrictions have lifted we might have a retirement party or some such meet up in celebration of all your community work for Maynooth.

We would like to express condolences to the family of John Gillick, Rockfield. John was a member of our Sunday morning crew for many years back in the noughties. Rest in Peace John.

Our meet ups are continuing since May 15th with lots of tasks completed in the Council Car Park and The Square with help from Ted Robinson and his crew from the Glenroyal Hotel. Minister Heather Humphreys launched The Virtual 2021 Tidy Towns Competition so that should keep us busy thinking about the application.

Below: Photos of Richard in years gone by.



We are not looking for new members at the moment due to restrictions but you can follow us on Twitter and Facebook for up-dates on our activities or phone us at 0873153189

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE



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Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats) raises the issue of Cuckoo funds at Leaders Questions in the Dail.

If I told the Taoiseach that cuckoo funds have been betting on this Government to the tune of €53 million every week this year, he would probably say I am being overdramatic. It is true, however. Despite its claims of ignorance about the activities of these cuckoo funds, the Government is up to its neck in it. Last year, GillenMarkets, a financial advisory firm based in Dublin, published a note to its wealthy investors which stated:

The current high level house prices and rents in Ireland's residential property market have been driven in a significant way by the Government's housing policy with favourable policies attracting institutional investors such as IRES REIT into the market. Their gradual move into the market has contributed to higher house prices and thus higher rents. [It continues] ... Overall the current housing policy has benefited both institutions and developers at the expense of individual buyers. The potential risk for institutions such as IRES comes from a potential change in Government policy.

The cuckoo funds do not really care about our housing crisis. They only care about their bottom line. They view the complete absence of affordable homes as a major incentive to invest here. Worse, they view the lack of affordable homes as a deliberate Government policy.

The assessment by GillenMarkets of the Government's policy is pretty damning stuff. The Government, however, is not unaware of it. Last June, The Times, Ireland edition, published a lengthy article about this and contacted the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for a comment. Regrettably, the Department did not seem interested.

Rents in Ireland increased by 62% between 2010 and 2020. At the same time, the average rent across the European Union increased by 15%. Is it any wonder that institutional investors are looking to Ireland? Rents in Dublin are more than 30% higher than they were at the peak of the Celtic tiger. That does not come as a surprise to those who have been struggling to pay those rents. It has not come as a surprise to those who have been trying to save for a mortgage because they know that renting is not sustainable in the long term with what is happening.

It is not that we only have a supply side crisis; we have an affordability crisis. It is central to the problem. All the evidence is that the best method of delivering affordability is the interventionist approach. This is the one the global funds fear. We saw this with the Ó Cualann model. However, that is not being delivered to scale which is needed. The key reason the Government decided to act now is because Mullen Park was a catalyst for change. Such sales will not be tolerated any longer.

The Government is committed to making changes regarding houses in housing estates---- *What about apartments? Are they not people's homes too? What about affordability?* How is it factored into the Government's model? Why are the funds favourable towards a policy that they claim lacks an interventionist approach which is what they fear?

Micheál Martin (Taoiseach, Department of An Taoiseach; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail)

What we have now in housing policy is an interventionist approach in terms of the State's role in social housing and the Minister's affordability legislation. These provide for a range of schemes where the State is getting directly involved in building affordable housing, not just social housing. It is through a range of supports, either through the serviced sites fund, the shared equity scheme or others, that the State is actually intervening to provide. The cost-rental scheme is there too which, again, is State intervention. I have already referenced the massive social housing side.

The Ministers will deal with the issues which have arisen in respect of investment funds. They were brought in in 2013 to bring investment to get apartment blocks built in high-density areas in cities. Those are the origins of this. From our perspective in the past ten months, the Cabinet committee on housing has met on a number of occasions. The entire focus has been around affordability. We have dealt with the social housing allocation and the budget was quite transformative in terms of the €3.3 billion allocated.

That marks an interventionist approach from the Government. The issue, however, is that we are not building enough houses. There is an issue in terms of development finance for house building. That is the other side of the equation on which we need to work in terms of making sure that the cost of borrowing in respect of housing projects is at a level that makes projects viable. For example, the Government is looking at how we can get greater development in brownfield sites in cities which makes sense from the perspective of climate change and developing compact cities in terms of public transport, services and so forth.

A comprehensive approach is being taken. For example, the urban regeneration fund of €1.2 billion is designed to underpin greater residential development in our cities and in large urban areas. The bulk of the investment from the State is going towards that. We will deal with the issues which have arisen whereby we do not want the investment funds crowding out first-time buyers or moving into suburban housing estates. A combination of measures will be taken. The Ministers are working through that now and will come back to the Government on it.

The Deputy should be in no doubt that the Government is the biggest player in housing market in terms of investment and intervention. We need more supply, however.

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats)

If there was not a pandemic, there would be boots on the streets with people protesting. A whole generation has simply had enough and is not going to take that kind of response. I acknowledge a lot of money is being spent by the Government on our behalf. However, we must look at what it is spent on, such as long leases for 25 years. Dublin City Council is in the market for 1,000 units just since the Covid crisis commenced. After the 25 years of the lease, the council will have no asset at the end but top dollar will have been paid. We have been told by a council official that these investors are greedier and they want more but are easier to deal with.

We are talking about affordability. Cost-rental with a profit tagged on to it is the opposite of what is intended. I remember in 2014 in the Dáil raising the issue of the housing assistance payment and saying that, if it was not accompanied by significant house building, it would become the dominant payment and suck up a huge amount of funds. It is exactly the same with long leasing.

I do not see affordability in the Taoiseach's plans. I do not understand what the Taoiseach thinks affordability is.

Micheál Martin (Taoiseach, Department of An Taoiseach; Cork South Central, Fianna Fail)

There is a project developing in Cork on the Boherboy Road, from which the Deputy will get a strong sense of what that affordability is in terms of the range of prices, which are really affordable.

The Government is ten months in office. Without question, it has taken a significant interventionist approach in the provision of housing, both social and affordable, along with the necessary accompanying infrastructure to deal with it. The preference is direct build. The Minister made announcements and set targets around budget time. However, Covid impacted on these because we have lost so much time through restrictions while construction was closed down for three to four months. The target at the commencement of the year, prior to the Covid restrictions, was 12,750 social homes, of which 9,500 will be direct build. Leasing will be a small part of that. There has been a 36% reduction in family homelessness, for example, which does not get mentioned in the debate here.

That is because of direct intervention in the market. There has been a 19% overall reduction in homelessness. Progress has been made but we need to make a hell of a lot more.

<https://www.kildarestreet.com/debates/?id=2021-05-05a.46&s=mullen+park#g85>

Catherine Murphy (Kildare North, Social Democrats)

I also raise the role of the international investment funds in displacing individuals and families from purchasing a home. Last week, the example occurred in Maynooth, in Mullen Park housing estate, which is well under construction at this stage. I started getting calls and emails late last week from constituents on this. Each one of them had signed up with an estate agent expressing an interest in purchasing a home. They would have been watching the development as it was progressing. They would have been looking forward to the day when they would have been contacted and asked to pay a deposit on a house. Those hopes were dashed last week when the auctioneers sent them an email to say that Round Hill Capital would be buying the rest of the estate. The developer had no shortage of buyers. Individuals wished to purchase, as did Kildare County Council and Tuath Housing association. However, they were all dumped in favour of Round Hill Capital. The same company also purchased 112 family homes in Bay Meadows, Hollystown and 297 apartments in Northwood, Dublin. They will now come on the market at extortionate rents. Round Hill Capital claims to have €1 billion to spend on residential property in Ireland. It is just one of dozens of investors competing for this limited supply of housing. Since 2018, nearly €4 billion has been invested by global funds in the Irish residential market. In 2019, international funds bought a staggering 95% of the apartments that were constructed that year. How are ordinary buyers, who scrimp and save for a mortgage, supposed to compete with this?

There is no mystery as to why these funds are outbidding ordinary buyers because they are being advantaged by the State. As has been said, they pay no stamp duty, no capital gains tax and no corporation tax. I listened to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage yesterday talk about not doing anything radical. He was concerned about unintended consequences. It begs the question: is what happened in Maynooth an unintended consequence? It is not just that estate in Maynooth; another estate in Maynooth went the same way some months ago.

There is a skewed ideology at play here. The Taoiseach must tell us when there will be a change in this. It cannot be put off until the budget. If we need to, every one of us can sit over a weekend or overnight to pass legislation to stop this. It is not just that they are buying these estates, but we will find that the State will be on the other side with long leases over 25 years where they will be leased, refurbished and returned to the developer at the end of it.



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Written reply to Parliamentary Question No. 236 on 28 April from Hugh Creegan, Deputy Chief Executive, National Transport Authority (NTA) dated 4th May 2021

Dear Deputy

I am writing to you concerning the matter you raised in Parliamentary Question No. 236 on 28 April last to the Minister for Transport, which has been referred to the National Transport Authority (NTA) for reply.

The DART+ Programme, which is in development, will provide frequent, modern, electrified services to Drogheda on the Northern Line (DART+ Coastal North), Hazelhatch - Celbridge on the Kildare Line (DART+ South West), Maynooth and M3 Parkway on the Maynooth/Sligo Line (DART+ West), while improving DART services on the South-East Line as far south as Greystones (DART+ Coastal South).

During 2020, Iarnród Éireann undertook a public consultation for the DART+ West project, which included the location of a proposed depot for train maintenance and stabling to the west of Maynooth and south of the rail line and canal. The feedback from the public consultation is being used to inform the design process for the development of a preferred option. The design process includes further consideration of the options for the proposed depot.

Following completion of this further design process, Iarnród Éireann will undertake a second public consultation on the updated preferred option. This second public consultation, which is expected to commence within the next two months, will be widely publicised in advance to communities along the route and their public representatives.

Maynooth Local Area Plan

Cllr Aidan Farrelly had sought an update from Kildare County Council regarding the development of the Maynooth Local Area Plan, and received the following response; The members will be aware that the review of the Maynooth LAP is on the Forward Planning Team's current work programme. Background research for the preparation of the Maynooth LAP, specifically the preparation of a Transport Strategy in accordance with the requirements of RPO 8.6 of the RSES for the Eastern Midlands Region in addition to the Social Infrastructure Audit and Infrastructure Assessment in accordance with Appendix 3 of the National Planning Framework. On completion of the first draft of the

Transport Strategy for Maynooth a programme and timeline for the review will be presented to the Clane-Maynooth Municipal District Committee. It should be noted that the current public health restrictions may inhibit the assessment and recording of accurate traffic, pedestrian, and cycle movements. Cllr Farrelly has also been working on issues in Maynooth including seeking an increase in litter services to serve the community.

Cllr Farrelly initially raised concerns about Mullen Park, and received the following response when he included it on the agenda for the May Municipal District Meeting; In the period 2019-2020 the Housing Agency facilitated negotiations with the developer of Mullen Park to acquire units for social housing. In 2020 Tuath Housing Association received support from the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage to deliver 142 units in the development, this number included the Part V units. In April 2021, Tuath advised the council that the developer was engaged with another party with regard to the acquisition of the housing development. As a result, Tuath have advised the council that they are not now in a position to complete the acquisition. As things stand Part V units only will be delivered in this development.

Aidan Farrelly, Councillor, Clane Local Electoral Area, Kildare County Council

Additional information re the access to Carton Demense

I spoke with a manager today in Carton House, who confirmed the following; Whilst Carton House is a private estate, it always remains open to the public through vehicular access on the Dunboyne Rd. Due to the level of activity on the site in recent weeks in preparation for the reopening, Carton House made the decision to close the pedestrian access points during the day, but they said they open them every evening somewhere between 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

The other vehicular gate is due to open next week when the Hotel etc. reopens. I queried if cars are being restricted from parking on site to walk, and the manager confirmed that this can happen at weekends due to capacity issues but that Monday-Friday, this isn't the case. The Manager confirmed to me that there are no plans whatsoever to restrict pedestrian access, or introduce a permit for walkers etc.

Aidan Farrelly, Councillor, Clane Local Electoral Area, Kildare County Council

Hope you are keeping safe and well We are working to support you through COVID



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Honest Politics, Strong Economy, Fair Society

Zero Waste Maynooth is back!!! We are delighted to announce that we will host our **Ladies Clothes Swap Shop** at the outdoor Rathcoffey Cottage Market on **Saturday 5th June from 10am to 2pm.**

I think we all could do with a bit of fun right now and this Swap Shop has so many benefits:

- Get to swap clothes for something new to you.
- Save clothes from sitting in the wardrobe and getting no love.
- Make sure no clothes go to landfill – we love anything about a circular economy.
- It is free, no cash needed.
- Chat to local people who like to swap too.
- And most of all it is like a big high five to Mother Earth – swapping clothes when you can instead of buying new clothes is really a big thing to help your sustainable lifestyle.



The Swap Shop is on rails, outside at the market. So even if you don't want to swap this time, you can check it out for next time. Until our monthly events start back in Maynooth we are just thrilled that the lovely folk at Rathcoffey have invited us to their market, the first Saturday of each month at the Rathcoffey GAA grounds (under current covid guidelines).

Ok, so now for some of the reason that the fashion industry isn't really so green. Information from <https://www.fashionrevolution.org/>

- 95% of discarded clothes can be recycled or upcycled.
- It takes 2720 liters of water to make a t-shirt. That is the same amount of water we drink over a 3 year period.
- 1/3 of the carbon footprint of clothes comes from the way we care for them
- The dyeing and finishing phase of textiles production can require as much as 200 tonnes of water for every tonne of textiles produced
- Paying sweatshop workers in apparel supply chain a living wage would result in only a small price increase (typically 2-7%) for consumers.

How does this Swap Shop work?

- Pick up to **3 items** of good condition ladies clothes from your wardrobe
- Items must be in **good condition** – think is it the quality of an item you would like to receive.
- Have a look at the items available on the day and **swap**.
- If you don't see anything that takes your fancy, we can give you a **token to swap the next time**.
- **Keep the conversation going** – tell your friends about the swap and show off your new to you finds!

Zero Waste Maynooth is a voluntary group based in Maynooth. Our aim is to live a low waste life where we can – we totally get that life is busy and demanding. Small changes do make a difference. We would love to see you at the swap and have a chat.

www.zerowastemaynooth.ie & we are on Facebook



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June Fest

June Fest is a community and family-orientated festival run by the non-profit organisation, White Lily Events, in Newbridge each year during the month of June. The Festival has been running since 2012 and celebrates its 10th 'birthday' this year. The Festival grew out of the Bealtaine festival that had been held in Newbridge in the years prior to 2012. Each year the festival grew in stature and in the range and number of events it encompassed – peaking at some 100 events in 2019.



June Fest celebrates and promotes music, arts, culture, nature, sports, heritage, history, and other associated and related activities by hosting events in Newbridge and the surrounding area. June Fest strives to bring our community the best in Art, Theatre, Music and Family Entertainment. It provides a platform for community groups and local creatives, such as the Kildare Art Collective, to showcase their work and talent.

Commitment to community and individual wellbeing is a core principle

underpinning the Festival, as is a belief that everyone has the right to create, to engage with, enjoy and participate in the arts.

Over the years, June Fest has featured such luminaries as: Christy Moore, Andy Irvine, Donal Lunny, Luka Bloom, Wallis Bird, Damien Dempsey, Mundy, Jinx Lennon, Sive and A Lazarus Soul.

The festival attracts audiences from Newbridge, Kildare generally and neighbouring counties. Collaboration with local community groups is key to the success of the festival. Regular festival highlights include: Yarn Bomb in the Liffey Linear Park, Bands on The Bank, Musical Gigs, Art and Writing competitions, Exhibitions, Family Fun Day, History/Heritage Seminars, Solstice on The Liffey.

While in normal times most festival activities are live, during COVID many activities are online or socially distanced to comply with public health advice. June Fest greatly appreciates the support of its sponsors. It especially wishes to acknowledge the grant aid received over the years from Kildare County Council. This assistance has been critical to the success of the Festival.

Visit: www.junefest.ie for more information

Two events in the 1790s with unlikely connections

Looking at historical events for the month of June I was struck by two main events which took place in the first week in the 1790s which had a Maynooth connection and which were interconnected in themselves. These were the Royal Assent by George III for the establishment of the Royal College of St. Patrick on the 6th June 1795 and the death of Lord Edward Fitzgerald who died in Newgate Prison Dublin on the 4th June 1798.

The origin of how St. Patrick's College came about has been widely researched and publicised. In brief there were a number of factors that came together that saw its establishment. We can go back to the American Revolution and the thoughts expressed by Thomas Paine in his famous publication *The Rights of Man* which advocated that all men are equal by nature and before the law and were entitled to Liberty, Property, Equality and Security. Ideas that subsequently informed the political upheaval culminating in the French Revolution (1789-1799).

Before the French Revolution there were 348 Irish scholars and 17 masters in various colleges in France of which 180 scholars were in Paris in the College des Lombards and Community Rue Cheval Vert. The remaining students were in Nantes, Bordeaux, Douay, Toulouse and Lisle. The total number of Irish students on the continent was 478 students and 27 masters.

One of the arguments put forward for the establishment of the College by Irish bishops and other supporters was that Irish scholars would pick up these revolutionary ideas and bring them to Ireland. They pointed out that Irish scholars "might be contaminated by the contagion of sedition and infidelity"... and thus become "the means of introducing into this country the pernicious maxims of a licentious philosophy"

After the French Revolution it was also the case that foreign colleges had nearly all been closed, especially those in France, another factor which added to the case for the establishment of the



Thomas Paine 1737-1809



**William Robert
2nd Duke of Leinster (1749-1820)**



**Stoyte House, from Maynooth College
its Centenary History (1895)
by Rev. John Healy**

college. There was a strong anti clericalism aspect to the French Revolution.

After much debate royal assent was granted on 5th June 1795 by George III. The first meeting of the 21 Trustees took place on 24th June 1795 with one item agreed — "That notices be published in the Newspapers that the Trustees will receive proposals for lands and buildings, in the vicinity of Dublin for the new Seminary, and that applications for that purpose be made to Mr. Strange, Dr. Troy or Dr. Hussey". A considerable number of proposals were examined. The Trustees chose Maynooth as the most suitable. The 2nd Duke of Leinster was influential in this decision and the house of his steward John Stoyte was acquired along with some acreage. The first ordinations took place on 6th June 1800.

Lord Edward Fitzgerald, the son of the 1st Duke of Leinster, and brother to the 2nd Duke, had taken part in the American Revolution on the British side and later supported the ideals espoused by the *Rights of Man*. He had been to Paris, met Thomas Paine and became a friend follower of Wolfe Tone. Tone was inspired by the writings of Thomas Paine and wanted to form an organization for political change, one that was "A brotherhood uniting all Irishmen, high and low, catholic and protestant" So it was that the Society of the United Irishmen was established and the ill fated 1798 rebellion came about. Lord Edward Fitzgerald, a member of the organization was shot and wounded, captured and imprisoned. He did not receive medical help and died of his wound in Newgate Prison on 4th June 1798.

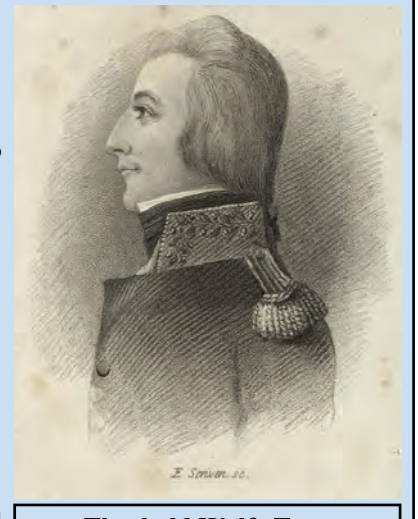
In exploring the links between the June dates in 1790s in this narrative, there is a certain irony. The establishment of St. Patrick's College at Maynooth was in part due to fear of revolutionary ideas being brought back by Irish students from the continent, and the person who actively brought back those revolutionary ideas and acted on them was an aristocrat, whose brother, the 2nd Duke of Leinster FitzGerald who country house was Carton, helped to found the Catholic seminary at Maynooth in 1795.

Susan Durack

Sources: Maynooth College its centenary history by Rev. John Healy (1895).
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**Lord Edward Fitzgerald
1763-1798**



**Theobald Wolfe Tone
1763-1798**



**Two men apprehending Lord Edward
Fitzgerald at gunpoint.**

Maynooth University ranked 1st in Ireland for Reducing Inequalities by THE Global Impact rankings 2021



Maynooth University (MU) has been ranked as Ireland's leading university and in the top 5% of universities globally (at number 32 out of 669 institutions) for its research on social inequalities, policies on discrimination and commitment to recruiting staff and students from under-represented groups (SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities). MU is in the top #201-300 universities in the world as ranked by THE University Impact Rankings 2021, which capture universities' impact on society based on their success in delivering the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Over 1,000 institutions from 98 countries participated globally.

Recognising MU's commitment to progressing gender equality, MU was placed 2nd in Ireland and 60th globally for SDG 5 - Gender Equality. This reflects our research on the study of gender equality, policies on gender equality and commitment to recruiting and promoting women. MU is joint first in Ireland for Quality Education (SDG 4) and ranked #101-200 globally for our contribution to early years and lifelong learning, pedagogy research and our commitment to inclusive education.

The UN 17 SDGs aim to achieve a better and a more sustainable future for all by 2030. The goals address global changes including poverty, inequality, climate, environmental

degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice.

THE University Impact Rankings cover how an institution embodies the SDGs in their internal practices, policies and procedures, "outreach" in society, and also their research activities.

Find out more at <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/opinion/new-way-defining-excellence-higher-education>

Full results at: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/impact/2021/overall>

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Summary of the findings:

SDG10 Reduced Inequalities ranked 32nd out of 669 Institutions (overall score of 80.4%), 1st in Ireland;

SDG5 Gender Equality ranked 60th out of 776 Institutions (overall score of 67.7%), 2nd in Ireland;

SDG4 Quality Education ranked 101-200 out of 966 Institutions (overall score of 68.5%), =1st in Ireland. Overall for THE University Impact MU ranked 201-300 out of 1,115 institutions (overall score of 72.1%).



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CONFIRMATION OF ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR MAYNOOTH GIRLS SCHOOL

I recently received confirmation that Maynooth Girls' School has been approved additional funding under the Additional Accommodation Scheme as follows:
Accommodation Approved 2020: 2x Mainstream classroom, 3x SET room, reconfiguration to create Early Intervention Unit.
Additional Accommodation 2021: 2x Mainstream Classrooms

The Minister of Education has confirmed to me that this additional accommodation has been approved and this much needed extra capacity is very welcome for Maynooth Girls' School. I will continue to engage with the Minister of Education to ensure the extra capacity of our schools here in Kildare North remains a priority.

€7 Billion Investment Announced for Leixlip Intel Site

Great news for North Kildare as Intel commits to a €7 billion investment to the Leixlip site, which will create 1,600 high tech jobs and consolidate their presence in Ireland. I have met with Ireland Head, Eamonn Sinnott, on several occasions both onsite in Leixlip and in Leinster House and worked closely with the firm as Technology Spokesperson in the last Dáil. The ramifications go beyond the plant itself and into the secondary economy with so many suppliers, employees and local spending being boosted.

These investments are hotly contested by many sites and competing locations globally

and to secure this for North Kildare is a huge boost of confidence in the local area, the local Chamber of Commerce, the knowledge base, local supporting services and in Ireland's research and technology strategy over many years.

Justice Committee- Survivor's Testimony

Recently the Justice Committee discussed victim testimony in trials of rape and sexual assault. Arising from the Belfast rape trial a few years ago, following a focus on the ordeals of the victims in having to give evidence again and in some cases being subject to very traumatic questioning, the Law in Northern Ireland was changed regarding how such trials are conducted. We have seen similar happen in various trials here and I felt it was important that our committee review procedures in this area. A series of expert witnesses from groups like the Bar Council, the National Council for Women, One in Four and other groups offered valuable insight. While it is essential that criminal procedures follow the centuries old rule of presuming innocence of an accused person, ways must be found to establish the facts without re-traumatising victims of abuse.

Clinic and Office Arrangements

My office is currently operating on a remote basis due to the current restrictions. However you can continue to contact me by email or social media with any urgent matters that arise. I am dealing with many cases as per usual, but you will understand that I am prioritising those situations arising from the Covid19 outbreak.

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Ready to refresh your home? Tips for a sustainable Spring Clean

It's proven that spring cleaning can help you feel more organised, satisfied and less stressed. Here's how to do it in an environmentally-friendly way

Nothing says spring quite like flinging open the windows, letting fresh air in and doing a thorough deep clean. Don't write this off as an old-fashioned tradition — it's a great opportunity to clear your space, declutter and ensure the products you use in the home aren't toxic to you, your family or the environment.



Environmentally-friendly products

A good place to start is knowing what cleaning products to use. Purchasing non-toxic products is an excellent way to help the environment. You may not realise it, but all those cleaning products that are washed down the kitchen sink will end up in nature, so it is best to limit the amount of chemicals you use. Non-toxic products can be found in any supermarket.

Alternatively, if you want to create your own cleaning products at home you can find lots of recipes online. Simple ingredients like baking soda, vinegar or lemon juice can be used in different ways as great alternatives to stain removers and cleaning products. Likewise, instead of using an endless amount of kitchen roll, try using old pieces of fabric or towels on your surfaces. This helps reduce the amount of paper waste in your home and you will get extra use out of old materials that will most likely never be used again.

Help avoid allergens

When dusting your home, remember to dust your air vents too. This will help reduce the amount of pollen and bacteria in your home. It will also help reduce exposure to allergens for your family especially in the upcoming months when the weather starts to improve. Even simple tactics like remembering to clean from the ceiling down makes a difference. That way, it forces debris downwards and you won't have to re-dust or re-clean areas as you go.

Embrace your dishwasher

Your dishwasher isn't just for your plates and cups! You can give lots of items a thorough deep clean quite easily. Children's toys made of hard plastics such as building blocks, kitchen tools like scrubbing brushes and bathroom accessories will be like new after a run through the dishwasher, and it will save you having to scrub pieces by hand. Looking after all of your possessions well will mean you have to replace them less often.

Mend rather than replace

Think twice about making a new purchase, and see if you can mend or repair a broken or damaged item in your home. We have gotten out of the habit of looking after our belongings, but taking time to care for them will extend their lifespan, saving us money and reducing waste. Get to know your local cobbler who can help ensure your shoes last longer, find a seamstress who can sort out dodgy hems, or try learning to sew yourself.

Give up clothes for good campaign

Donating clothes to charities is one of the best ways to help achieve a sustainable spring clean.

Source: irishcountrymagazine.ie/ready-to-refresh-your-home-tips-for-a-sustainable-spring-clean/

How to make your own Eco-Friendly Cleaning Products at home



The Stain Remover

Whether you have stains on your carpet, your walls, or your clothes, you'll know that they can be a real hassle. Washing them with normal eco-friendly detergent normally makes them a little less visible, but most people's trained eagle-eyes can still see it — and nobody wants that. One of the best natural stain removers can be made using just a few ingredients, including baking soda, white vinegar, and water. All you have to do is cover the stain with baking soda to begin with, and then fill half of a spray bottle with vinegar and then fill the rest of the bottle with water. Spray the solution over the stain, and let it work its magic for around three hours. Then, simply wipe away.

The Ultimate all purpose Cleaner

If you want an eco-friendly cleaning product that will do everything, then you definitely need this all-purpose cleaner in your life. There's no need to head to the store to pick up nasty chemicals because everything you could possibly need to bring this cleaner to life is probably already in your kitchen. For this cleaning recipe you'll need; one part white vinegar, one part water, the rind of a lemon, and a few rosemary sprigs. If you can, try and infuse this whole solution in a spray bottle for a week before using, as this will make it even more effective in cleaning everything from your kitchen worktops to the sticky smudges on your walls.

The Glass Cleaner

There's nothing more irritating than trying to look out of your window to see smudgy finger marks, bird dirt, or watermarks from the last time you attempted to clean them. What you might not realise is that one of the best glass cleaners you can make is totally eco-friendly, which means that you can stay away from the unnatural products on offer in the shop. To make this cleaning solution, simply mix two cups of water with ½ cup of white or cider vinegar, ¼ cup rubbing alcohol (70% concentration is best), and then an essential oil of your choice to make it smell delicious. Then, spray it onto the windows and wipe down with a soft cloth.

Disinfectant Wipes

Sometimes you don't need to make a full solution of cleaning products to clean the little niggles you have in your house, so why not make some disinfectant wipes instead? You can use these around your house or even to disinfect your own hands — and they're pretty easy to make. The best thing about this cleaning recipe is the fact that you can cater them to your own tastes by adding the essential oil you love the smell of most into the mix.

When you've chosen, you'll then need to dig out a cup of water, ¼ cup of white vinegar, 8 drops of tea tree oil, 8 drops of eucalyptus oil, 8 drops of lemon oil, and empty container, and 15-20 squares of cloth, which can be made from dish rags, old T-shirts, or other old material. All you have to do is pour the solution over the cloth, and voila!

If you're tired of smelling the nasty scent of chemicals and want to embrace a more eco-friendly and natural lifestyle, then your cleaning doesn't have to suffer. These eco-friendly cleaning products can be made at home, and they're super easy to perfect.

Source: earthunearthed.com/make-eco-friendly-cleaning-products/



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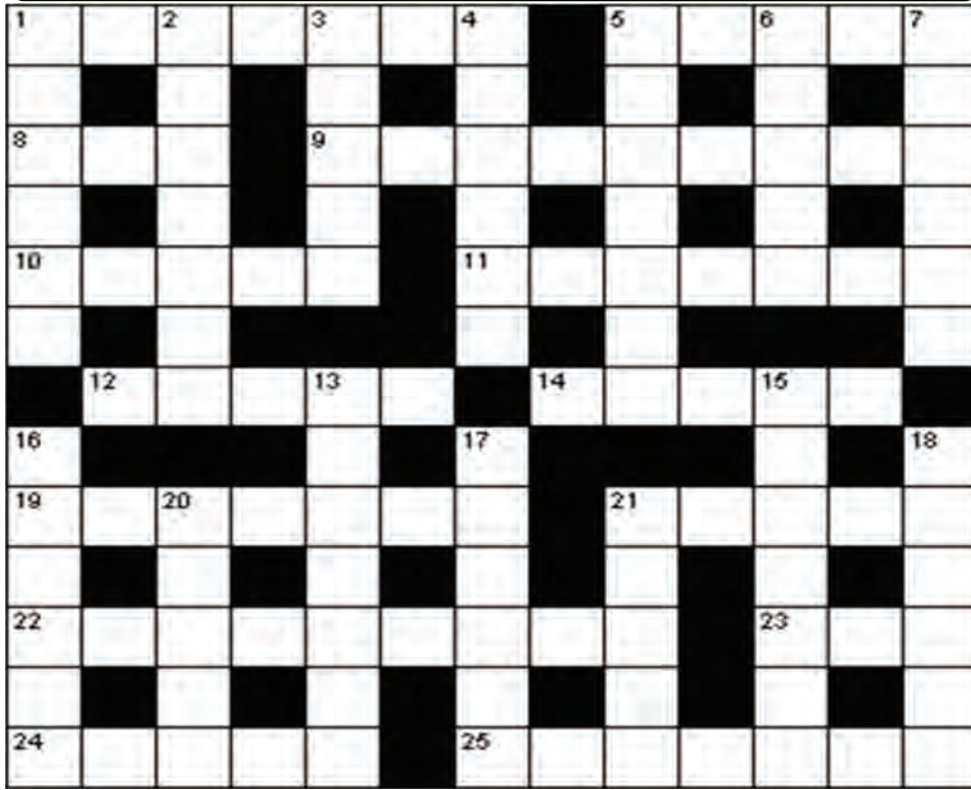
Hairdresser Required

Maynooth Community Care Unit requires a hairdresser to be available to residents one day per week (9.30-16.30).

The applicant is asked to provide details of charges. There are male and female residents in MCCU. Wash, cut and blow dry are the most common requests. I welcome informal enquiries.

Máire O'Keeffe, Director of Nursing,
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June 2021 Crossword - No. 502



Clues Across

1. Meteorological conditions (7)
5. Accolade (5)
8. Conclusion (30)
9. Submersible warship (9)
10. Task (5)
11. Alphabetic character (7)
12. Guide (5)
14. Square root of forty-nine (5)
19. Tableland (7)
21. Hoard (5)
22. Disregarded (9)
23. Small vegetable (3)
24. Happening (5)
25. Sincere (7)

Clues Down

1. Twist (6)
2. Gruelling (7)
3. Overly eager speed (5)
4. Burrowing mammal (6)
5. Greed (7)
6. Exculpation (5)
7. Resides (6)
13. Component (7)
15. Fugitive (7)
16. Parazoan (6)
17. Chelonian reptile (6)
18. Leave (6)
20. Slant (5)
21. Aromatic wood (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 501

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Sudoku Challenge

Super Difficult

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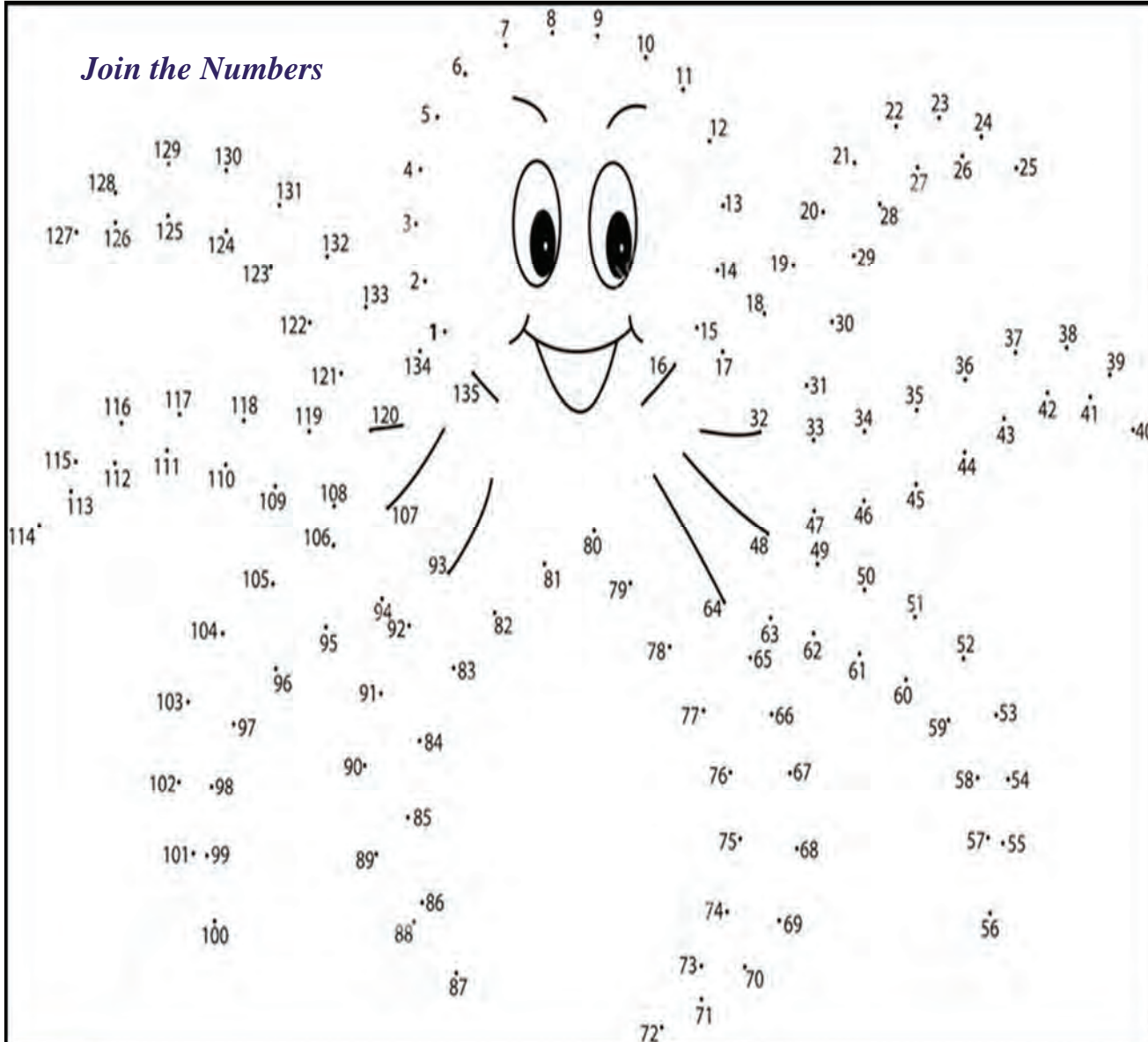


Children's Colouring

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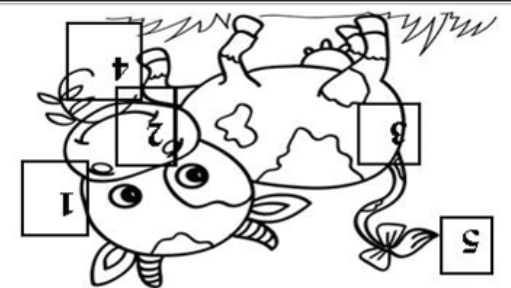
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CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION CELEBRATING CRUINNIÚ NA nÓg SPONSORED BY MAYNOOTH CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP

In celebration of **Cruinniú na nÓg** on 12th June, The **Maynooth Newletter** in conjunction with **Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group** invite children up to the age of 12 to draw and design a butterfly composition. These are some basic butterfly shapes to help with the drawing and we include a page to give you an idea of their range of shapes and colours. Your artworks must include at least one butterfly. Put your imagination to work and have fun.

You can use whatever medium you like, crayons, colouring pencils, paints, markers, pastels or make a collage. A4 size. Send scanned images to: office@maynoothcep.com, before 20th July. Please include your name, age and contact details.

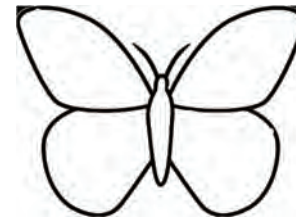
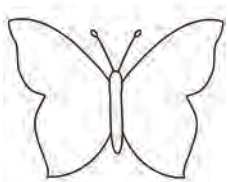
There will be 3 prizes and selected images will be included in the next month's Newsletter. Alternatively you can drop in your entry to the Newsletter Office.

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A day of free creativity for children and young people

Ireland is the first and *only* country in the world to have a national day of free creativity for children and young people under 18. **Cruinniú na nÓg** is a flagship initiative of the Creative Ireland Programme's Creative Youth Plan to enable the creative potential of children and young people. The inaugural **Cruinniú na nÓg** took place on 23rd June 2018 and for the past number of years, including under exceptional circumstances in 2020, young people and families have come together to enjoy, a wide range of activities including workshops and tutorials to recitals and reading in every city, town and village across the country. Delivering in partnership with the 31 Local Authorities and supported by RTÉ, you are invited to participate in a programme of fun, free, creative activities; from graffiti art workshops to stop-motion animation, to coding and architecture workshops!





Harvest
It's a great time of year for gardeners who put the work into their vegetable gardens earlier on. You can now harvest your lettuce, other salads, strawberries and early potatoes, and literally enjoy the fresh and tasty fruits of your labour!



Weed Control
Extra light and warmth boosts all plant growth, including weeds, so keep on top of them with regular weeding. This will prolong the desired plant growth and prevent weeds getting out of hand, which can easily happen in June. Make sure to hoe your borders to keep them tidy too.

Irrigation
It's easy to forget to water your garden beds, hanging baskets and potted plants in rainy Ireland, but June can often bring long spells of dry weather. You may need to give the soil a light dampening every few days.

Lawn Care
You should be mowing once a week this month. With the grass in such a strong growing phase, it is also an ideal time to feed it to ensure lush green growth with no bare patches and moss.

Plant
Plant your summer bedding plants and unless there is heavy rain, make sure to regularly water them. A liquid feed will ensure they get off to a good start, and keep a close eye on them for any snails or slugs, which can destroy them.



Here are some more planting jobs that can be completed in June:
Repot house plants.

Plant seeds of annual flowers, e.g. nasturtiums
Plant vegetables, e.g. beans, tomatoes, lettuce, peas, cabbage, peppers, cucumbers and carrots
Plant pots and baskets with **petunias, begonias** and **busy lizzie**.



Stake & Prune
The growth spurt might leave some of your taller plants a bit floppy; stake them to keep them from wilting. Prune your shrubs as they go out of flower. Thin out vegetable plants, pinching out any side-shoots. Similarly with roses, tie in the new shoots of climbing roses.

Spray Roses
Spray roses regularly to protect them against insects and diseases - like blackspot.

Tomatoes
If you are growing tomatoes, these are the evenings when you will be in your greenhouse or tunnel taking care of them. Firstly, you will need to support each plant so that it can bear the weight of the fruit as it grows. You can do this by rigging up a string system. Check YouTube for tutorial videos on how to do it. You also need to regularly pinch out the side shoots growing between the main stem and the leaf joints of your plants. If you don't pinch these out you will have a plant which is putting all its energy into producing lots of foliage, not succulent fruits. Wait until each plant has developed four good 'trusses' of blossom. Then start to pinch out any shoots which grow between the main leaf joints and stem, all the way along from top to bottom. Remove by pinching developing shoots between your thumb and forefinger and they should break off easily. If you miss any side shoots and they develop into bigger leaf stems, you can still pinch these out and use them for cuttings to grow new plants.



Broad Beans and Peas
If you haven't already done this in late May, pinch off the growing tips of your broad bean plants now to prevent Blackfly. Also pay attention to bean canes and make sure your peas and runner beans are well supported as they grow.



Weeds
Every month is weed month from now till the end of the season! Get out there with your bare hands or the hoe to remove weeds as they grow. As the growing season progresses, this could be a daily job depending on how big your patch is.

There's a lot of gardening work to be done in June! Don't forget to find some time to enjoy this month in the garden, when all is in bloom and the weather is at its best. Lie back in a comfy recliner, host a BBQ, stop and smell the roses.

Healthy Summer Recipes

Crispy Paprika Chicken with Tomatoes & Lentils

Ingredients
2 chicken breasts
½ tsp smoked paprika
½ lemon, zested and juiced
1½ tbsp cold-pressed rapeseed oil
1 garlic clove
1 tsp fennel seeds
Fennel bulb, sliced
400g can cherry tomatoes
1 tbsp sherry vinegar
200g pouch puy lentils
100g watercress
2 tbsp natural yogurt
Handful of dill, leaves picked



- Method**
- Put the chicken breasts between two sheets of baking parchment and, using a rolling pin, roll to a 1cm thickness. Rub with the paprika, lemon zest, ½ tbsp oil, salt and pepper. Cover and set aside while you start the lentils.
 - Heat the remaining oil in a pan and add the garlic, fennel seeds and fennel slices with a pinch of salt. Cook for 5 mins until starting to soften, then tip in the tomatoes, vinegar and lentils. Turn down the heat and leave to bubble away.
 - Heat another non-stick frying pan over a high heat, add the chicken breasts and cook for 7 mins, turning halfway, until golden brown and cooked through. Add the watercress to the lentils and stir to wilt, then squeeze in the lemon juice.
 - Slice the chicken then serve it alongside the lentils with a dollop of yogurt and dill

Garden Salmon Salad
Prep: 15 mins No cooking
Choose a lighter lunch with this easy, no-cook salmon salad packed with courgettes, peas, pea shoots and radishes. It's healthy and takes just 15 minutes to prepare.

Ingredients
2 Courgettes
100g fresh shelled peas
8 Radishes, halved
3 tbsp Rapeseed Oil
1 large Lemon zested and juiced
2 tbsp fat-free natural yogurt
75g pea shoots
4 poached Salmon Fillets, skin removed and flaked into large chunks
2 tbsp mixed seeds
1/2 small bunch dill, fronds picked.



- Method**
- Cut the courgettes into long thin strips using a peeler, and discard the soft, seeded core. Toss the courgette ribbons, peas and radishes together in a large bowl. Whisk the oil, lemon zest and juice, and yogurt together, then toss with the veg.
 - Put the pea shoots, dressed veg and large flakes of salmon on a large platter. Finish with a good grinding of black pepper, and scatter over the mixed seeds and dill to serve.

Miso Broccoli, Egg & Quinoa Salad
Prep: 5 mins Cook: 15 mins
Pack a lunch that will power you through the afternoon with this healthy miso and lime-dressed salad with broccoli, peas, boiled egg and radishes. It's tasty and full of goodness

Ingredients
100g thin-stemmed Broccoli Spears
1 medium egg
2 tsp white miso paste
1 Lime, juiced
125g cooked Quinoa
70g frozen Peas, defrosted
3 Radishes, thinly sliced
½ tbsp sesame seeds



- Method**
- Bring a pan of water to the boil. Add the broccoli and cook for 3 mins, then lift out with a slotted spoon and leave to cool. Lower the egg into the water and gently simmer for 6 mins. Drain and set in a bowl of cold water to cool.
 - Whisk the miso and lime juice in a small bowl, then toss with the quinoa, peas, radishes and cooked broccoli. Tip the salad into your lunchbox or an airtight container. Peel the egg, slice in half and arrange on top of the quinoa, then sprinkle with the sesame seeds.

Enjoy



FILM/DVD MONTHLY BY BERNIE CLAXTON

Who Will Be The Next Bond ?



This year, James Bond fans will see the end of Daniel Craig's spectacular journey as Ian Fleming's super-spy on the big screen in the upcoming **No Time to Die**. The 25th Bond movie is currently set for release in UK cinemas on 12th November. The film (directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga) was originally scheduled to be released in April, but was pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Daniel Craig has played the iconic British spy in five movies starting with the explosive **Casino Royale** back in 2006. The race for the James Bond role has been heating up in the past few years. The speculation about who will replace the most successful Bond actor (since Sean Connery) has been rife since 2015, when Craig joked he would rather "slash his wrists" than perform in another Bond film.



It's a much sought after role that many will covet, but few get to call their own. With Daniel Craig sending his tuxedo to the cleaners for good after Bond 25, a number of actors have hinted they would be willing to take on the Bond mantel. From Tom Hardy and Idris Elba to Regé-Jean Page and Cillian Murphy, there's a long list of actors being touted to play the world's most famous martini-loving spy.

Tom Hardy

English actor Tom Hardy has been a serious contender with bookies to take over from Craig in the Bond role since last year. The gritty 43-year-old English actor, known for his roles in **Venom**, **The Dark Knight** and **The Revenant**, previously spoke about those Bond rumours commenting: "You know, there's a saying amongst us in the fraternity of acting,.... that if you talk about it you're automatically out of the race. So I can't possibly comment on that one."

Hardy has garnered acting kudos for films like **The Revenant** and **Mad Max** and has a rugged handsomeness, not unlike Craig. He often plays the villain, but can be suave and charming as well. The actor certainly has a wide range of acting experience under his belt that would equip him well as Bond. No stranger to action movies, Hardy's has the kickass dynamism that this action-orientated role requires. However, Hardy's success in DC's **Venom** franchise might tie him up for the next couple of years.



Regé-Jean Page

While Tom Hardy has been the odds on favourite to take over as 007 for some time, newcomer Regé-Jean Page is hot on his heels. The **Bridgerton** heartthrob set pulses racing when he first appeared as the Duke of Hastings in the Netflix period romp. Page's chances of bagging the

role of Bond skyrocketed after it was announced he would appear in the upcoming thriller **The Gray Man**, with Bond girl Ana de Armas. When the 31-year-old breakout actor was asked by Jimmy Fallon about the Bond rumours, he said: "If you're a Brit and you do something of any kind of renown, that people regard well, then people start saying the 'B' word. It's like a merit badge." Much to the disappointment of his many fans, Regé-Jean will not be returning for a second season of the hugely popular **Bridgerton** series. This has further added grist to the rumour mill surrounding the actor and the Bond role. Watch this space.

Henry Cavill



Of course Henry Cavill's name (currently in negotiations to star in a revival of 1980s adventure movie, **Highlander**) would pop up in discussions for the Bond role. The 37-year-old charismatic star of **The Witcher** already auditioned for James Bond in his 20s. Cavill was apparently really close to winning the iconic role in **Casino Royale**, on the strength of his impressive work in **The Tudors**. While he lost out to Craig eventually, Henry Cavill has continued to express interest in playing the role. In an interview last year, he commented: "I would absolutely jump at the opportunity. At this stage, it's all up in the air. We'll see what happens. But yes, I would love to play Bond, it would be very, very exciting." As comfortable in a sharp suit as in a red cape, Cavill could also show off the secret-agent skills he acquired from his role in **The Man From U.N.C.L.E.**

Richard Madden



Scottish actor Richard Madden (best known for playing Robb Stark in **Game Of Thrones**) has been a bookies favourite to usurp Craig's Bond crown for some time now. His role in BBC's **Bodyguard**, in particular, impressed critics and created buzz around his Bond potential. Madden is considered to be a serious contender for the role after impressing the film's executive producer Barbara Broccoli. The actor previously said: "I love the movies. I've read all the books." But he also said, echoing Tom Hardy, "If you talk about it, you'll curse it."

If successful, Richard Madden would be only the second Scottish actor to don the famous tuxedo. The 34 year-old star previously told **GQ Magazine**: "I'm more than flattered to be mentioned, for people to consider putting me in that role... It's a really brilliant thing to be in." But Madden also told **Vogue** that he would be willing to play second fiddle to a female Bond. "If it was an interesting part, a Bond boy would be an interesting dynamic."

Idris Elba

The London-born actor has been one of the most talked-about potential replacements for Craig in recent years. Idris Elba is renowned for his role in BBC's **Luther**, as well as an actor who's worked in many films. A contender that's hotly debated as next in line for a franchise martini. Ladbroke's has said: "It looks like the name's going to be Elba; Idris Elba", with people seemingly convinced the actor will get the nod to replace Daniel Craig as Bond. Back in 2018, Elba got fans' hearts racing when he posted a selfie, with the caption: "My name's Elba, Idris Elba."

The star has addressed the rumours, saying he does not want to be a "token black" Bond. Elba stated: "I think it's more about, 'We just want to have a black guy play James Bond' rather than, Idris Elba, the actor, play James Bond." Idris Elba is no stranger to action and stunts after his high-octane role in **Luther**, so he would be more than capable should the opportunity arise to play the super-spy.



Sam Heughan

Sam Heughan is now one of the favourites to be the next James Bond. Although he's not as well known as his competitors, he has built up a reputation as a sought after actor. Heughan is best known for his role as a Scottish Highlander in the popular TV series **Outlander**. Sometimes, all you need to do is put on a tuxedo, and people will start saying you're the next James Bond. And that's exactly what happened to Sam Heughan, after he played a 007-like character in the comedy thriller, **The Spy Who Dumped Me**. The **Outlander** star has previously said he would like to bring Bond home to Scotland for the first time since Sean Connery.



"Who doesn't want to see another Scottish Bond!" enthused the 41 year-old actor. After **British GQ** hailed Heughan as a good choice for the next Bond, Sam took to Twitter to express his gratitude: "Thank you Moneypenny." Movie star Vin Diesel has even backed Sam Heughan to be the next 007 after working alongside him on the comic book action movie **Bloodshot** last year. Heughan's most recent starring role as a Special Forces operator in Sky Movies' **SAS: Red Notice** has been regarded by his fans as a trial run for the Bond role. However, the actor faces stiff competition in the 007 stakes.

Other Actors in the Running

Cillian Murphy is a fan favourite for his role in hugely popular TV series **Peaky Blinders**. The acclaimed Irish actor said he is honoured by speculation that he could become the next James Bond. The 44-year-old told **GQ**: "It's incredibly flattering to be in that conversation", though Murphy also reckoned it was time for a female Bond to helm the spy franchise.

There were lots of rumours that **Night Manager** star **Tom Hiddleston**, would be the next Bond after a reported meeting with Bond producer Barbara Broccoli a few years ago. However, in 2016 he told fans that "your guess is as good as mine, to be honest." Hiddleston has stated in the past that he is a huge fan of Bond, and that he would embrace the extraordinary opportunity (should the occasion arise) to play this iconic role.

ANSWERS TO MAY OSCARS SPECIAL QUIZ

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| 1 d) | 2 b) | 3 a) | 4 b) |
| 5 Bridge on the River Kwai | | | |
| 6 c) | 7 b) & d) | 8 d) | |
| 9 Gloria Swanson: Sunset Boulevard | | | |
| 10 c) | 11 d) | 12 c) | |
| 13 d) | 14 a) | 15 c) | |
| 16 Philip Seymour Hoffman | | | |
| 17 b) | 18 a) | | |

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